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## Canucks visit carnival

Salt Spring Elementary School carnival was held last Friday and the highlight of the day had to be the arrival of three of the Vancouver Canucks hockey team. Gary Lupul, Mark Kirkan and Ron Delorme visited the carnival to sign autographs and donate hockey sticks to the cause. Above left, Gary

Lupul (with white hat) is surrounded by a swarm of fans. Inside activities included a wet sponge throw in which the victims were the well-loved teachers of Salt Spring Elementary. A bull's eye directed at David Stacey, above, was captured by the camera. More photos, Page 14.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

## Borsman censured by committee

The cracks in the Ganges Citizens' Committee widened this week when a motion of censure against Salt Spring regional director Hugh Borsman was approved.

The motion took Borsman to task for comments he had made at a recent meeting of the CRD board when the Sewer Alternatives Committee minority report was being discussed.

Mike Hayes, representing the Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association, introduced the motion to censure Borsman for "actions detrimental to the work of the committee."

It was seconded by Bev Unger, Islands Trust representative on the committee. She had earlier introduced a motion calling on

Borsman to resign but the motion lapsed when no one would second it.

At the CRD meeting, Borsman had explained that some members of the Ganges Citizens' Committee had become frustrated with the lack of progress being made on the sewer project.

He told the board that the committee should be either terminated or suspended.

"The more discussion goes on, the more harmful it is to the community," he had said. "So, I want to see something decisively done."

Hayes explained that he was not putting the motion forward lightly. He did not want to impugn Borsman's character or motives. The motion was an attempt, he said,

to end the "backroom politics" which would see the end of the Ganges Citizens' Committee.

Paul Layard, representing Greenwoods, said the motion of censure should be against the entire committee. He referred to the 56 pages of minutes from a previous meeting and said the committee had become nothing but a debating society.

Ron McQuiggan, school board representative, told the committee that discussion of the censure motion was typical of what goes on at the meetings. He said that some people at the table did not like each other very much.

The school board, he said, was only interested in a solution to the sewage problem. When the committee had approved its eight motions calling on the CRD to resume action on the sewer, there could have been a public meeting, he said.

"Censures and things like that are repugnant to me," he said, and added that not enough members of the committee seemed committed to a solution. He warned the committee that if the motion was approved, he would walk out and urge the school board to reconsider its position in favour of the committee's work.

When the motion eventually passed, both McQuiggan and Borsman left the meeting.

Supporting the motion were committee chairman Arvid Chalmers, Andy Orkin, Sharon McCollough and Ray Hill, all of the Sewer Alternatives Committee. Unger and Hayes also voted for it.

Voting against the motion were McQuiggan, Layard and Jack King who was representing Pioneer Village.

Chalmers said that the CRD

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## Equipment purchases worth \$60,000

By the time all the money is spent, Lady Minto Hospital will have close to \$60,000 in new equipment.

The hospital will be spending close to \$20,835 on various items while the Auxiliary to Lady Minto will be paying for \$39,000 worth of equipment.

The auxiliary will purchase a cardiac monitor defibrillator for \$12,000, a century tub for \$12,000, a shower stall for \$7,000 as well as specially designed geriatric chairs for \$10,000.

The hospital will be buying cardiac education equipment for \$3,135 and an operating room cautery machine for \$7,000. The board of management has also set \$7,500 aside for purchase of a

computer to help streamline procedures in the business office.

In addition, \$3,200 will be spent on an intravenous pump.

The defibrillator allows stimulation to the heart of a patient suffering cardiac arrest while monitoring the heart beat. The century tub comes equipped with a hydraulic chair-lift which is capable of lowering and raising a patient into and out of the water.

The intravenous pump will be used to regulate intravenous solutions and can control several intravenous injections at one time. It also comes equipped with an alarm system if the solution is not right.

## Centennial Park lease problem under discussion

The lease problem at Centennial Park in Ganges is being sorted out and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce may be the leaseholder again.

The issue is being discussed by officials of the Capital Region and the ministry of lands, parks and housing.

Hugh Borsman, CRD director for Salt Spring, told a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission recently that the lands, parks and housing officials are not willing to lease the park directly to the Chamber of Commerce. They are, however, willing to lease the park to the CRD which in turn would sub-lease it to the island organization.

The commission decided to maintain the park until the lease situation is sorted out, but not become directly involved.

Jonathan Oldroyd sent a letter to the commission explaining the position of the Chamber of Commerce.

He said the chamber would take the lease, either directly from the ministry or through the CRD. They are willing to handle upkeep of the park as well as "improve the site over the long term."

He listed several advantages to the chamber if the CRD held the

lease. One was the "availability of large grants" from the CRD to help pay the costs of redevelopment.

The Parks and Recreation Commission could channel funds from the CRD to help pay for maintenance. A third advantage outlined by Oldroyd would be a tax "if necessary, for a short period in order to offset redevelopment costs."

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## Heinekey elected

George Heinekey of Salt Spring Island has been elected a director of Island Savings Credit Union.

Results of the balloting, done by mail, were announced at the credit union's annual meeting in Duncan April 30.

Heinekey will serve for one year. Current president Calvin Fee of Duncan was returned as a director for a three-year term, as was incumbent Andre LaPorte of Victoria. Newcomer Sheila Service of Lake Cowichan was also named to serve three years.

# Borsman censured

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board, from what Borsman was telling them, could be getting a different view of the work of the committee.

"If we are going to have a solution to this problem," he said, "it's going to have to come from this committee."

Hill agreed that the problems should be resolved at the committee level. The conflicting views coming from different members of the committee were hurting its work, he said.

The representatives of the Ganges Centre Association and Lady Minto Hospital were not at the meeting. John Crofton, who represented the property owners group, had resigned and Hayes was allowed two votes at the meeting.

When the board of management of Lady Minto met April 25, Iola Brookbanks, who had been the representative of Lady Minto on the Ganges committee, resigned from the sewer committee.

The board of management passed the following motion: "That the chairman advise our regional director that we are withdrawing from the Ganges Citizens' Committee, and further that the chairman be instructed to approach the main users of the proposed

sewer with the view to having the main users request the CRD to proceed forthwith with the construction of the sewer system, with marine outfall, and with a feasible costing formula."

Similarly, the Ganges Centre Association submitted a letter to CRD chairman Shirley Wilde advising her that the business group was withdrawing representation from the Citizens' Committee.

The letter noted in part: "It is the opinion of the Ganges Centre Association that the support of any initiative or investigation involving the further expenditure of public funds would be unjustified and irresponsible."

They did not lock the door, however, and offered to participate in any productive actions which would resolve "this urgent and distressing community problem."



Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

## Maypole revival

One of the features of this Saturday's Fernwood Extravaganza will be the revival of the Maypole Dance by youngsters of Fernwood School. Seen rehearsing is Rita Phillips, one of the children taking part in the traditional dance scheduled for 11:45 am at the Farmers' Institute grounds where

the day-long fair will be held. In preparation for the dance, Marcia Jeanne, local craftsperson, visited the school to show children how to prepare fresh flower garlands for the day. Kate Campbell shows her garland to Jeanne as Kelly Regen, centre, and Danica Dafoe, rear, look on.

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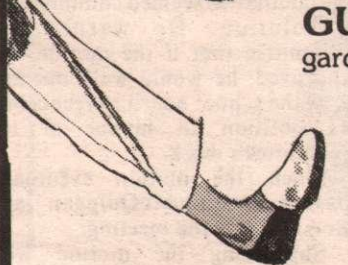
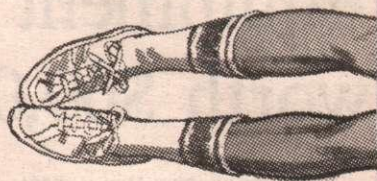
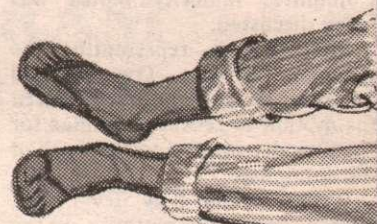
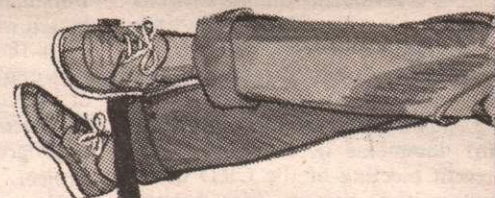
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by richards

*In a manner of speaking*

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*No blood in the islands*

It makes your blood run cold, but there'll be no blood-letting this year. The Canadian Red Cross will not be coming to the islands to collect blood, reports Peter Bingham. It seems that the ratio between quantity of blood collected and the cost of collection don't warrant the trip in times of restraint.

There's nothing stopping any donor from stopping off in Victoria to give blood and carry on with other chores in the city.

*What was the rest?*

Two old songs, probably from the music halls of the 1920's in Britain are haunting me. I only know part of the songs, but what I know is too brief to identify. Does this ring a bell?

*Up in our balloon, boys, up in our balloon.*

*Father kicked me out of bed because there wasn't room;*

*The wind blew the candle out, the dog ate the doormat,*

*Up in our balloon, boys, up in our balloon....*

And the other:

*When you broke the organ and you put the blame on me*

*Father gave me two black eyes and Mother made it three!*

*A long police service*

Bert Dillabough had something to be proud of when he looked back on a lifetime with the police. He was in uniform for 33 years before retiring to live on Salt Spring Island in 1967. He enjoyed his retirement on the island right up to the end of his life. Bert Dillabough joined the British Columbia Police in 1934 and was still with the provincial force when it was absorbed into the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1950. He was an enthusiastic member of the B.C. Police Veterans' Association. One of his vivid memories of an active life in the police was forming part of the mounted troop at the Ballantyne Pier in Vancouver during the longshoremen's strike.

*Nothing like the real thing*

After cleaning a car for more than 50 years (not the same car, alas!) I'm not sold on plastic leather. In a fit of false confidence I swapped from a chamois leather to a plastic sheet. It doesn't work. I've always cleaned my car since wartime garage proprietor at Sidney, Tom Gurton, told me that nobody had to drive a new car but neither did anyone have to drive a dirty one. On the island it's a bigger job than anywhere else I've lived, with mud all winter and dust all summer. There's another good reason for regularly cleaning a car. You get to see each problem with the bodywork long before it gets serious.

*Why not try Australia?*

They've got so many animals in the Australian bush that the government down there is looking to a major reduction in their populations. They've got buffalo, horses, pigs, camels: the whole shooting match. And that's what it may end up, a shooting match. It looks like a beaut for Paul Watson and his apostles to the wolves. They could line up at Melbourne and advise tourists to go back until Australia decided it needed the herds of wild animals. Who knows? They might even find the Australian bush more receptive than the frozen north!

*Furore over a forecast!*

There ain't no truth in polls. It's a funny thing, but you never heard so many CBC commentators challenge the accuracy of opinion polls, en masse, until the other week. When the polls announced that the Liberals were in the lead it was like the end of the world was in sight. Radio and television commentators were falling over the microphone cords in their eagerness to prove the polls all wrong. Only odd thing is that three weeks ago the polls were beyond question. When the next poll is announced and the Conservatives have regained their lead, will there be a national scramble to challenge it? Not on your life! The radio and television programs will be interspersed with gleefully chuckling announcements that the polls are now back where they belong. But, as Bill Webster often quotes John Diefenbaker, "Polls are for dogs!"

*One day I must try it!*

I was in the Legion, reloading at Jeff Fletcher's party on Sunday when he recovered his 20-year-old bottle of hooch. Now, I'm no expert on booze. I just drink it. But I'm not convinced that keeping a bottle for 20 years makes for a better drink. I'll have to try it some time when I feel sure that I'll be around to make the test. But the aspect that seemed to hit quite a few of the guests was the price of the bottle. They weren't arguing the way it had kept or aged. They were jealous as all-get-out of the price tag on the bottle. But I can't remember what a crock set you back in the 60's. All I know for sure is that I'd buy more than a few cases if I could buy them at the 1964 tag.

Pender squadron holds banquet

Over 60 boating enthusiasts congregated at the Legion Hall April 27 for the Pender Island Power Squadron graduation banquet and pledging in of a new executive.

Head table guests were Commander (R) Jack Belanger from Oak Bay Squadron, representing Vancouver Island District Commander and Commander (R) Jim Napper, Assistant District Training Officer.

Jack Belanger officiated for the presentation of boating course certificates and administration of the Squadron pledge to the following 14 graduates: David Apivor, Doris Ackerman, William Ackerman, Peter Baranyk, Ellen Corbett, Stewart Corbett, Morley Eldridge, Bryan Holden, Henry Landry, Jean Little, Tim Melville, Mike Neilson, Wendy Neilson, Philip Roach.

Lily Miles received her endorsement for the advanced course, seamanship power.

Jack Belanger administered the oath of office to the following executive members for the 1984-85 season:

Commander, Peter Hemphill; executive officer, Horst Klein; training officer, John Howell;

secretary, Lily Miles; treasurer, Terry Gardner; assistant training officer, Bill Bastendorf; supply officer, Grant Cameron; public relations officer, Douglas Kenyon; roster, Alf Peart; program chairman, Dora Storrie; port captain, Jack Little.

Completion of the formalities then brought on music and "comic nonsense" on a nautical theme, well provided by Bob Allison (piano), Tom Madden, Gordon Berry and Reg. Jackson. David Apivor was MC for this part of the program which concluded with his solo from

Gilbert and Sullivan—rewritten in a Pender Island boater's style.

Bob Allison and his Clam Diggers entertained with the music for dancing that followed.

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### The annual problem

It was a glorious May weekend. The sky shone under the burnishing sun and islanders and visitors enjoyed the gifts of nature.

Among the many visitors were those on two wheels. Many were careful, responsible citizens. Others were not so careful.

Among adult cyclists there were those who occupied most of the road and whose safety depended entirely on the assumption that no approaching vehicle would be unable to stop before reaching them.

The plea for safe cycling hasn't yet reached all two-wheeled visitors.

Perhaps the message should be sharper and more precise. Perhaps the notices at ferry wharves might be couched in terms such as, "In these islands we don't like inquests. Ride with sense and don't inflict your inquest on us!"

### Good governments, all

In the islands we share the multiplicity of governments with many other parts of this vast land. Although we have no local government we enjoy the benefits of two regional levels of government to compensate.

Looking at the scale, we have the federal government at the head, followed by the provincial government. Both enact regulations controlling us and both extend their benevolent supervision to our very doors. The regional government watches over us like a mother hawk and the Islands Trust is there to protect and preserve us. There are other agencies enacting regulations and ordinances all for our particular benefit.

The majority of islanders have long been aware of this four-reined team which draws us along, through the depressions of the present and into the uncertainties of the future. And the majority of those islanders have long assumed that the regulatory decisions of the four governments and their officers and agents are primarily addressed to our needs and our benefit.

It is saddening to find that the Ottawa government views us as the victims rather than the beneficiaries of its regulations. When the Centennial Park development committee examined the small boat harbour in Ganges the prime concern to this citizens' group was to combat the offensive discharges which are to be found within the harbour and which are trapped by the breakwater. The committee proposed that a break in the breakwater would permit tidal movement to circulate through the dead, still waters of the boat harbour and combat the serious pollution of the sea.

The federal government was not eager to co-operate. The proposals of the committee would cost money in a time when money is not growing on federal trees. But it was the parameters followed by the ministry of fisheries and oceans which proved particularly disappointing. Relocation of the breakwater would be extremely costly, the committee was told.

That might have adequately answered the plea. But the response didn't stop there. It would be of no benefit to harbour users unless future float expansion were to be required. If the project were to benefit harbour users, the government might act. But when the only beneficiaries are the people of the local community, the quality of the harbour water and aesthetics, then the national government steps out of the picture.

Surely, even Ottawa has a nose.

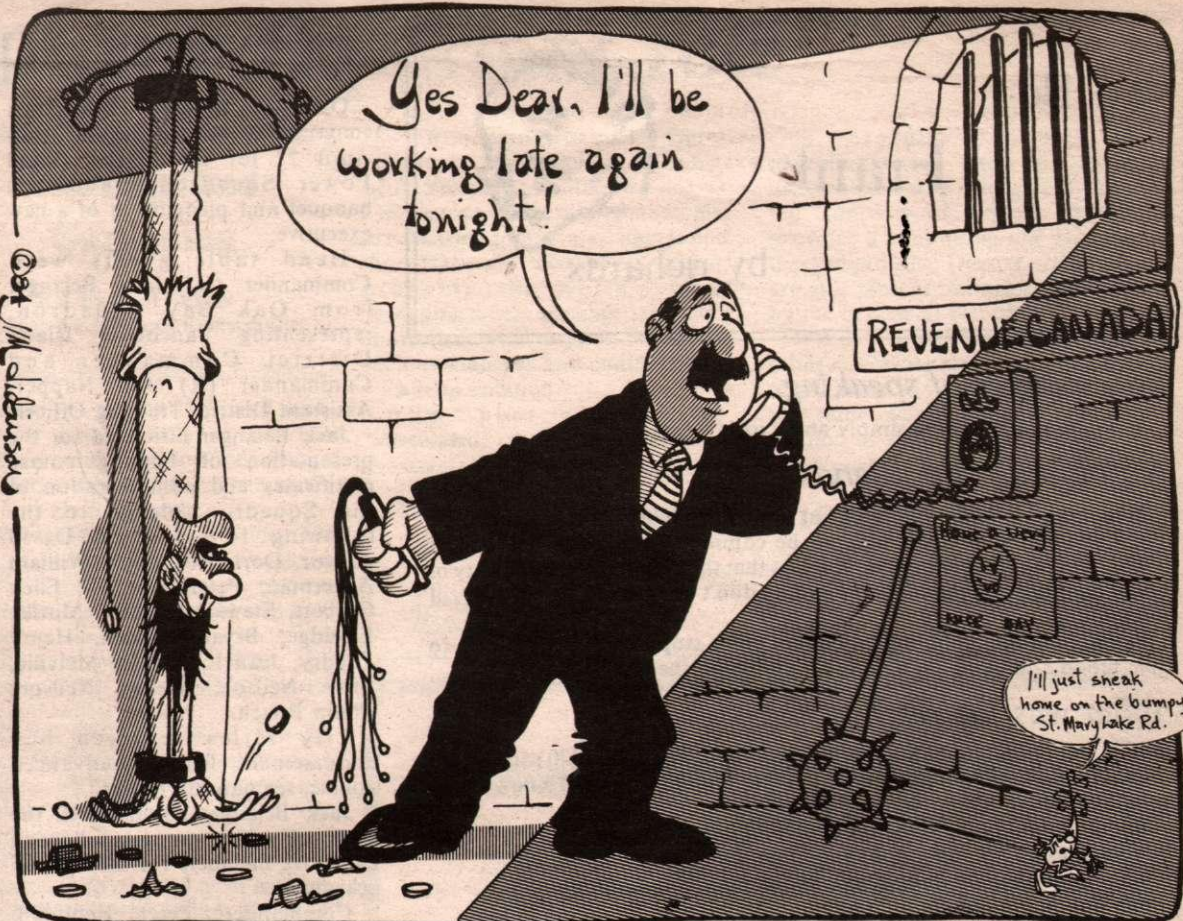
### Keeping prisoners costly

Corrections Canada, the agency responsible for the health and welfare of people incarcerated under the Canadian judicial system, ought to consider reverting to the old style of prisoners' clothing.

The old pyjama-style striped outfits would come in very handy these days, particularly when guards take prisoners out for lunch.

A four-time convicted killer walked out of a popular downtown Montreal restaurant the other day and never came back. If he'd been wearing a pyjama suit, it's not likely that he would have made it very far.

But on the other hand, what with the high cost of feeding prisoners these days, the cost of changing uniforms might be prohibitive.



## Letters to the Editor

### Alternative is extinction

Sir,

Mr. A.T. Houston, in an article in your newspaper proposes what he calls an "alternative approach for the peace movement" that I want to take comment on (*Driftwood*, April 25).

Mr. Houston is certainly on the ball with his proposal to facilitate youth exchange with countries like the Soviet Union, a marvellous idea which if implemented, will certainly contribute some to world peace.

I fail to see the logic of seeing school programs that deal with realities of the nuclear war issue as "an insidious threat to world peace". Where should children be able to examine reality? Disneyland? Those who commit, according to Mr. Houston, the "irresponsible and even criminal" act of "subjecting young minds... to the horror of possible nuclear annihilation" are precisely the Soviet and, yes, the very paranoid American leaders and their obedient flock of "patriots". Please, Mr. Houston, don't shoot the messenger, the only way to have our children grow without fear is to remove the threat, not to hide their heads in the sand "for their own good".

I remember that when I grew up, with Second World War bombs falling on my town, that no one tried to hide from me the reality of what was happening, including what news we had of the holocaust. I saw, when I was less than 10 years old, some pretty unbelievable horrors and yet, neither I nor anybody that I grew up with "were programmed by fear to go to any length and accept any tyranny to avoid conflict", as Mr. Houston fears will happen to our kids.

Neither I, nor my friends in the Peace Movement will accept any kind of tyranny, Sir. Not the Communist tyranny nor the outdated and obsolete tyrannical military concepts of the greedy and ruthless Capitalism and savage nationalism that are currently practiced in the "Free World".

I am getting the impression that

both Soviet and American superpowers are acting like terrorist states when their mentally sclerotic and insane leaderships perceive a "threat to the National Interest" and that neither can be trusted to remove this threat to our existence except through the massive pressure of moral outrage that some of us, both here and behind the iron curtain are trying to apply. Fortunately, we have a far greater degree of freedom of speech which we should utilize to the best of our ability.

The threat will not be removed until we shift our conceptual framework from a Nationalistic to a Planetary mode. The Bomb may have its use in forcing Humankind to recognize its essential unity and its dependence on the life support systems of the planet Earth, the alternative is extinction, for All.

URI COGAN,  
Fulford Harbour.  
April 26, 1984.

### Leave fawns alone

Sir,

This week, May 6-12, has been named "Be Kind to Animals Week" by the B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

In Victoria, this week is marked by displays and demonstrations by S.P.C.A. Shelter Staff, at the Mayfair Shopping Centre.

Here on Salt Spring, the everyday work of the Auxiliary to the Victoria Branch continues. Calls are answered to all kinds of animal problems, concerning both domesticated and wild animals and birds.

The season is almost here when the fawns are born to the local deer population. We would like to take this opportunity to remind people not to handle or move very young fawns unless there is positive proof of the death of the mother.

During the first two to three weeks of a fawn's life, the young animal has no body scent. Therefore the mother hides it where she considers it will be safe and returns

only a few times each day to feed it.

Her scent would attract predators so she stays well away between feedings. Please do not assume a fawn is abandoned or orphaned because the doe is not in sight.

A fawn raised by man has no future but permanent captivity on a game farm.

If you feel that a young deer is in need of assistance, please call the SPCA.

C.E. WOOLDRIDGE,  
Inspector, S.S.I. SPCA,  
Box 522, Ganges.  
May 7, 1984.

### Let committee do its work

Sir,

"I am confident that we will proceed. In fact the interested parties, that is the major users are organizing to by-pass the committee and will make direct application to the C.R.D., asking them to get on with the job. Now!....The fastest gun in the West!

The last statement is mine. The above is a quote in *Driftwood* May 2, 1984 from the director's report. It is hard to imagine (or is it?) that our Director could have learned so fast the ways of the C.R.D. What right has anyone to by-pass a committee set up to protect the rights of the people? The referendum that was cancelled would have shown just who wanted the Big Sewer discharging into the Harbour.

Instead a committee was set up to decide what was already a fact; The sewer would go in as planned. The Devil take the hind-most. Let it be well known that "Minority" as in report refers to report only and not to "Majority" and "Minority" in a referendum.

Slide it quietly back into its holster Mr. Quick Draw McGraw and let the committee do its work "examining areas included in its terms and reference and as yet not undertaken."

JOHN G. WATSON,  
Ganges.  
May 3, 1984.

## Letters to the Editor

### No clinic this year

Sir,  
I have been informed by the Canadian Red Cross that there will be no blood clinic held this year on Salt Spring Island. This is the first time in the last 14 years that we have not had a blood clinic.

As I have had a number of registered blood donors inquiring about a blood clinic, would you kindly pass on this information.

For registered blood donors and other members of our community; including the graduating class of the Gulf Islands Secondary School, who have always supported our clinic and wish to donate blood, they may do so by calling or visiting the following: Red Cross House, 1046 Fort St., Victoria, B.C. Phone numbers: 382-2213 or 382-4318.

Red Cross House, Victoria, will either have a clinic on the premises or will have the location in the Victoria area where one is being held. We urge you all to contact Red Cross House and give your pint of blood. The need for blood is urgent! The Legion past president's trophy will remain with the Ganges detachment RCMP, the 1983 co-winners with the 1983 graduates, G.I.S.S., until it is competed for, at the next clinic, we hope in 1985.

On behalf of the Red Cross and Salt Spring Island Branch No. 92, the Royal Canadian Legion, our most sincere "thank you" to all members of our community who supported our clinics over the 14 years. Our thanks also to *Driftwood* for all its splendid coverage of our clinics from the very first clinic 14 years ago.

**PETER BINGHAM,**  
Chairman,  
Blood Clinic Committee.  
May 3, 1984.

### Beautiful experience

Sir,  
Last Thursday, Salt Spring Elementary students and a few interested parents, myself among them, gathered in the activity centre to watch a performance of Yarrow Sheehan's play *Yew Moon*. This magical production was given by the recently formed local group Blue Heron Theatre.

During the performance I was reminded yet again of the wealth of creative talent that exists on Salt Spring and was delighted that the children could experience it.

There seems to be a dearth of high-quality theatre for children and the fast sell-out each year of tickets for the Children's Festival is an indication of this. All the more reason why this production should be recognized for what it is—a fantasy which stimulates the imaginations of young and old alike through its enchanting story, costumes, music and dancing.

The characters reflect the natural environment of the west coast. Yew Moon, played by Yarrow Sheehan, is a tree spirit, who wishes to be free to fly, run and swim like her animal friends. There is Blue Heron and

Salmon Friend played by Diane Dickinson, Old Man Osprey, played by Kathy Singbeil, Mud Mirk and Octopus played by Starr Larmour, Ruling Cougar and Roaring Rip Tide played by Jim Dickinson and the Kelp Queen played by Marla Sloan. The prop men are played by Liane Hurtle and Barb Drennan, who also directed the play.

One of the exciting things about this play is that it provides for audience participation. In effect, the children in the audience make the fantasy unfold. At the beginning the Kelp Queen tells them that they are the sea and during the storm scene with Roaring Rip Tide, the blue and green streamers which have been thrown amongst the audience become the waves. The children are called upon from time to time throughout the play to speak the magic words which will make things happen.

The basic design of the set and costumes was done by Barb Drennan, and Diane and Jim Dickinson and Yarrow Sheehan were responsible for executing them. Yarrow also choreographed the dancing. Carol Young was responsible for the music, much of which was of an improvisatory nature. A variety of flutes and percussion instruments were used and each character had a theme.

With the exception of Barb Drennan, who is a graduate of the University of Windsor School of Dramatic Art, none of the cast have previous acting experience. It was also Barb's first time at directing. However, it was the intention of the group to work as professionals work and it was a great learning experience for everyone concerned.

At the end of the play we are left with the message that each life form is very important in the scheme of things and, as Yew Moon discovers, to be happy and free is to feel strong and positive about ourselves. Thank you Yarrow and Blue Heron Theatre for a beautiful experience.  
**LYNNE QUINN,**  
Ganges.  
May 1984.

### Tremendous support

Sir,  
Re: 1984 Heritage Royal Oak Carnival, Salt Spring Elementary School.

Again this year we have received tremendous support from the people of our community and I wish to express sincere thanks on behalf of the students and staff members of Salt Spring Elementary.

The donations and gifts received from local craftspeople and local businesses, as well as the assistance given by many parents and friends, helped to make our Carnival the success it was.

**T. WATSON,**  
Principal.  
May 1984.

### Congratulations

Sir,  
The Community Arts Council would like to extend their congratulations to the Salt Spring Players for their production of *Royal Gambit* for not only presenting an interesting production for the enjoyment of Salt Spring Islanders, but also in winning the Regional Drama Festival and gaining entry into the B.C. Festival of the Arts to be held in Penticton.

To all those taking part we say thank you.  
**LAWRIE NEISH,** president,  
Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.  
May 2, 1984.

## Procedures explained

Sir,  
I was most interested in the article "Service to Whom?" that appeared in the April 11 edition of your newspaper and feel I should take this opportunity to clarify the Insurance Corporation's policy and procedures governing "write-off" situations.

In general terms a damaged vehicle is written off when it is determined that the cost of repairing will exceed its market value. This may not necessarily involve a constructive total loss. For example, in many cases a vehicle with partial damage may be written off when repair parts are not readily available and it is apparent that additional expenses such as U-Drive costs will carry the amount of the claim beyond the vehicle's cash value.

With reference to your comment that "the Corporation is out to the extent of the payment less the quite paltry sum that the rusty remains might sell for", I should point out that the sale of salvage realizes approximately \$13,000,000 annually, which is returned to the Autoplan fund. Approximately 95% of the write-offs in our salvage yard are cannibalized for the sale of the useable parts. Only about 5% are considered suitable to rebuild.

When the Corporation pays a total loss the vehicle is "de-registered" from the Claimant's name and registered in the name of the I.C.B.C. Salvage Department. In cases involving a purchaser

wishing to rebuild, on completion of rebuilding it is given a thorough inspection by a recognized Government licensed Mechanic. It is more than just the cursory \$5 "drive through" check that was done by the testing stations; it is a complete inspection.

Then and only then can it be registered to the new owner for resale. In fact there is little doubt that rebuilt vehicles are safer than many of the other cars on the road since the Government abandoned the compulsory testing program.

You will be interested to know that the Insurance Corporation's salvage procedures are currently under study by both the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Office and the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation. In other words, in the eyes of the other two publicly operated insurance companies they have become a "good example".

We trust you will find this information enlightening and that it will alleviate any concern regarding the safety of rebuilt vehicles.

**BLAIR COOPER,**  
Manager, Duncan Claims,  
ICBC.  
May 2, 1984.

### Thank you for giving so much

Sir,  
On behalf of the United Church in Ganges I would like to publicly thank all those who gave so much of their time, talent and money to help the cause of Sam and Lee Evans of Ganges. They are now in Liuli,

Tanzania, reorganizing a technical school.

Free air freight has been authorized by Air Canada, Lufthansa and Air Tanzania to Songea, 120 km from Liuli. A four-wheel-drive vehicle will then move the goods along a route which fords five streams on the last portion of the trip.

Response to a fund-raising "Guess who is coming to dinner", organized by Len and Sheila Bland, was excellent.

For those who were not involved but would like to help, donations will be gratefully received c/o Ganges United Church, Box 330, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. Receipts for donations will be issued.

If anyone has an old, but operating, treadle type sewing machine it will be picked up and delivered to Africa. Woodworking tools would also be appreciated. Please phone me at 537-5903 or the church for pick-up.

**JIM BURFORD,**  
331 Cudmore, Ganges.  
May 6, 1984.

### What's the use

Sir,  
If the recent Gallup poll is valid, it would seem that the Canadian voters—mostly in Ontario and Quebec—are again prepared to keep our country in a mess.

But what else can we expect from Homo Sap.? Another Gallup poll taken some years ago revealed that 68% of the people interviewed believed that UFO's exist!

Ah, what's the use.  
**L.A. YELLOWLEES,**  
R.R. 2, Ganges.  
May 2, 1984.



Bill Webster

## History of a hospital

Is age catching up to the Gulf Isles?

In this Year of Big Brother, Mahon Hall celebrated 80 years of existence while farther up the road, Lady Minto Hospital more than qualifies for senior citizenship with 70 years having passed since the first hospital opened on Salt Spring.

Other edifices in other parts of these islands approach or pass similar landmarks.

And to think that the first non-native settlers arrived just 124 years or so ago.

Why, even the sewer debate on Salt Sprung begins to show gray hair. Was it only 1963 that people started talking for and against a pipe for the village?

My, how time flies when you're having fun.

To prove the point of age, the good folk at Lady Minto are compiling a history of the hospital.

They are combing through the archives at the Stone-Pile-by-the-Harbour in Vic's city to find news of early happenings. The hospital's historical committee, named because they're looking for history, not because they themselves are ancient, welcome any and sundry to put forward information about the hospital.

It all began, Lady Minto's suture palace, back in the early teen years of this century. Doctors of the era treated sick folk in their homes.

Some people, then as now, weren't satisfied with the status quo and sought to change things.

Land was donated on Ganges Hill, money was sought and building supplies were begged.

Lady Minto entered the picture as the wife of Canada's governor-general. She was in the habit of donating money to communities across the land to help them build hospitals. There are, between here and the other pond, several Lady Minto Hospitals.

And so they toiled, these early-century citizens, to put up a hospital in which to put up the sick. And by 1914, they were successful.

Actually, the first incarnation of Lady Minto suture palace on the island was a quick project compared to other efforts of putting things in place since then.

In 1945, the crowded bed spaces in the hospital on the hill proved to some folk that a new edition of the suture palace was needed. Others disagreed.

They talked, cordially of course (how else do Salt Springers discuss their differences?) about the pros and the cons of building anew.

By 1956, the majority of islanders thought the idea of a new hospital was just peachy keen, thank you, and so construction began and Lady Minto rose again in new majesty at the end of Crofton Road.

And so, by 1958, the debate

over whether the island should or shouldn't ended with the opening of the new hospital.

Not content to stop there, the forces that be behind the hospital decided to make space for seniors who needed careful attention.

Don't you know, Premier Wacky Bennett, himself, came to Salt Spring in 1972 to open the extended care wing.

The list of people who have helped make Lady Minto Hospital live and breathe is long and getting longer each passing year.

The Sunshine Guild helped out. The Auxiliary to Lady Minto Hospital has proven to be a gold mine which produces no end of bounty to pay for needed items for the hospital.

Individuals, groups and organizations have chipped in to make things happen in the suture palace.

It will be an interesting story, this look at what's gone on in the corridors of our hospital through the years. From a humble beginning to an equally humble current existence, Lady Minto Hospital has served these isles well.

Humble, you ask?

Why yes, folk. Humble is as humble does. And Lady Minto deserves the accolades for humbly serving the just-folks of the islands. And that isn't such a bad thing, now is it?

# Jungle mentality greatest threat to world peace

BY DOUG MANLY

An open letter to A.T. Houston. I must take exception to some of the perceptions expressed in your article in *Driftwood* April 25, entitled, *Here's An Alternative Approach for Peace Movement*.

You point out that Soviet leaders tend to be paranoid and belligerent; true enough. However, any observer with a shred of objectivity can see that American leaders tend to be just as paranoid and belligerent. We need only look at the McCarthy era, Watergate, Vietnam, and the long record of CIA meddling in the internal affairs of countries such as Nicaragua and Chile to recognize this.

You say that the peace movement is "perhaps the greatest threat to world peace in this decade". Quite the opposite; the competitive, kill or be killed jungle mentality of most of humanity is the greatest threat to world peace.

Through our creation of more and more efficient means of killing our competitors for the limited resources of planet Earth, we have generated sufficient know-how so that most, if not all, of humanity can now live in abundance. War is no longer necessary, and is actually obsolete as a means of solving human problems.

The trouble is that most of us don't know it yet, so we keep fighting. To bring about abundance, we have to have a much higher level of co-operation than we currently have, and we have to retool our weapons of destruction for constructive, life-augmenting purposes. This change cannot take place overnight.

### OFFER, SEEK CO-OPERATION

It would be naive for us to disarm unilaterally, but we must offer and seek co-operation, rather than seeing the Russians as our enemies, for any constructive changes to occur.

You say you are waiting for a "political process" to "relieve the pressures of national priorities, insecurity, overpopulation, political ideology, etc." May I suggest that solutions will not come through political process, which has not put an end to war in the past, but through the wise, co-operative application of life-augmenting technologies along with a shift in human attitudes to where we regard each other as equals instead of enemies to be exploited and trampled upon.

Of course there is much argument as to what is life-augmenting, but if all people seek to help each other

(Russians and Americans), it is safe to say that solutions will appear; whereas if we continue on our present course of manipulation and distrust, conflict will worsen. Overpopulation will not be relieved through politics, but through the unselfish use of technologies to use resources more efficiently to serve more people.

Starvation will not be relieved through politics, but through more equitable distribution of resources. Practically every country has the resources to meet the food needs of its population. (This has been demonstrated in books such as *Food First*).

### HAVE NO SAY

In many Third World countries, however, the majority of people have no say in how their resources are used. As a result, those countries export large amounts of cash crops, such as coffee, to the neglect of the nutritional needs of the majority.

The indigenous majorities of these countries are still bearing the white man's burden; they are (unfortunately) still seen as inferior; even insignificant, as long as they don't step out of line.

They are a convenient slave labour pool for North American and European luxuries; the meager amount of money they receive (often less than \$1,000 per capita per year) is hardly enough to buy the food that they cannot grow for lack of land.

Therein lies much of the pressure that you seek to relieve through political process. Who profits from this situation? Think about who pours money into the coffers of American political parties, and it is apparent why the U.S. government is so quick to throw its weight around in third world countries, under the guise of protecting democracy.

You downplay the danger of a nuclear war by saying that only new weapons are a threat. While older weapons are less accurate (they can't be used to make direct hits on hardened Soviet missile silos, which would be necessary to destroy the missiles), they can still blow up cities, and they will still be used.

With the development of super accurate weapons such as the cruise and MX missiles, we have entered a new and much more dangerous phase of the arms race, in which U.S. strategy seems to be to try and "win" a nuclear war by destroying all the Soviet missiles before they can be used. What other purpose can be served by such accurate weapons, when we already have the means to overkill the Soviet Union.

Anyway, even if we could destroy all of the Soviet missiles without them firing a shot, we would still produce enough radiation to make the earth much less, if at all, habitable. I wouldn't want to live in such a world. In any case, such new

developments in weaponry can only make the Soviets more paranoid, not less.

### DAMNED RIGHT

You say in your article that "it seems absolutely irresponsible and even criminal to subject young minds eight to 12 years of age to the horror of possible nuclear annihilation." You're damned right it is, and that is precisely what the superpowers have subjected the entire post-war generation to.

Whether we admit it or not, fear of nuclear annihilation pervades our entire society. Hiding our heads in the sand does not help us to deal with it. Rather, we must face our fear and search for constructive solutions.

We are already "programmed by fear", which has caused us to numb ourselves and cut off our feelings. This is the greatest tyranny of all, for it robs us of the richness of our lives and prevents us from more deeply knowing and appreciating each other. You suggest that we "instill in our children a pride of country, an appreciation of their freedoms, a respect for others and a resolve to protect their way of life."

I agree with you fully. However, I don't believe that constantly increasing our chances of blowing ourselves up is an effective way to protect our way of life. One modern philosopher has pointed out that "national security is the chief cause of national insecurity". While it may not be the root cause, it certainly seems to exacerbate things.

The more "security" measures we take, the more paranoid everybody becomes of everybody else, to the point that we start believing war is peace. Think about it.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# Proceedings stalled to save face

BY HUGH BORSMAN

### Salt Spring Regional Director

To explain the background of the latest episode in the Ganges sewer saga—may I remind you of the composition of the Citizens Committee.

Four of the representatives were from the four major institutions; four were from the sewer alternates group, two represented the business area, i.e. the Ganges core; two were from the Ratepayer and Tenants Association; one is a member of the Islands Trust, and the final member is the Regional Director.

When the consulting engineer submitted his report in February, his decision being, as you know, that the core area and institutions would require a sewer with discharge to the sea, the above committee moved to accept the decision by a vote of 10-3. A series of resolutions were drafted and presented to the CRD, who also accepted them. This was early March.

At this point there was an audible sigh of relief from the whole island. It looked as though this community could, at last, think of more pleasant things. But the sewer alternate members, who over several years had painted themselves into a corner by their repeated assertions that there were several land disposal options, had, it appeared, to try and save face.

Over the next few months they did everything possible to stall the proceedings. The majority of the committee, unwisely it would appear, allowed this to continue.

Finally in frustration, a frustration shared by almost all of you, the majority (eight at that time) stated that they could see no point in

continuing with the committee. Shortly thereafter the hospital withdrew its representative. John Crofton, who had represented the ratepayers, had already resigned. Both Greenwood's and the school board forwarded resolutions to the CRD saying in effect, get on with it.

Both the representatives from the Ganges core have resigned, and I understand that the representative from the Pioneer Village is withdrawing. I will not attend any more meetings of this remaining committee. So what used to be the minority, is now the majority, and of course firmly in the control of the sewer alternates group.

And, you will note, the resignations are from the ones who live in the area. The remnants of what was once a useful committee are almost entirely those who will have no direct interest in the sewer when it is installed.

Can anyone possibly believe that decisions of this group could have any credibility? Could the community and the CRD possibly leave implementation of a sewer to a

group that has, even to the present, fought against it? And what does the censure motion mean? The motion, mostly of course directed at me as the spokesman at the CRD for the then majority, is also an affront to the members of the former majority, Paul Layard, Iola Brookbanks, Fred Brookbanks, Ron McQuiggan, Dave Mathews, Alec Houston, John Crofton. Its passage was only possible as a result of the breakdown of the Ganges Citizens' Committee.

I said at the time of the election that I would accept the opinion of the committee, whatever it was, and the opinion of those who will pay for the sewer. I have adhered to this promise, and will do everything possible to see that this decision, now made, is carried out.

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## More Letters to the Editor

### Field trips educational

Sir,  
Education is not only found in the classroom. If education is learning, isn't living the most educational experience one could possible gain? Field trips give children a chance to be independent from their parents' protection and to learn to deal with daily life on their own. They are challenged by new experiences and given responsibilities to carry out such as cooking, cleaning, being on time, and preparing dry clothes as in the case of the ski trip.

Out of all the Grade 7 students who went on the ski trip, one-third had never been on skis before. Two of them gave up after the first day. With a little bit of coaching from an adult they were encouraged to keep on trying and could eventually keep up with their peers and even brag about the runs they took. To see those determined faces lit up by the success of being able to make it down a slope was a pleasure. For those that had skied before, the trip was a chance to cope with group living and co-operation.

Field trips help to develop a camaraderie among students that is carried on in the classroom. They are a unifying force that make class time all the more enjoyable when faced with returning after a fun trip, and make learning more pleasant. Education is much more effective if some enjoyment can be derived from it, creating the opportunity to want to learn.

The ski trip was not altogether removed from the classroom, each child having to spend some time writing of his or her day in a journal. They were also expected to keep up with classroom assignments.

I feel very fortunate to have been able to accompany school trips such as the ski trip and the Strathcona trip, since the only way to realize their value is to actually be a part of the experience. Those who condemn field trips as unnecessary and a waste of school time are unjustified in their statements because they obviously never have experienced what unique value they offer.

**MARGARETHA NORDINE,**  
Ganges.  
May 1984.

### Generous service

Sir,  
The Victoria Branch of the SPCA has completed another year of service to the Greater Victoria area. One of their missions is to inform and educate the public on animal welfare issues. At a recent Annual General Meeting of the Branch a resolution was passed to express the appreciation and gratitude of the membership to your paper.

Your publishing of public service announcements and fair reporting of animal welfare matters are a great help in accomplishing the mission of the Branch. These services permit us to serve the public better in these areas.

Thank you again for this generous public service.  
**JOSEPH F. HEALD,**  
Secretary-Manager.  
B.C. S.P.C.A.  
May 1, 1984.

### Why remove fill?

Sir,  
I am very concerned about the fill being taken out of the old school site on Beaver Point Road. I understand that this property is on watershed. So why is the school district allowed to remove any material. There is already a large hole dug on the property and I hear they are planning to remove a lot more material.

If they are allowed to do this they will devalue this property more than they already have. I hope the people of Salt Spring will not stand by and allow this to happen.

**WILLIAM J. JOHNSTONE,**  
Fulford Harbour.  
April 27, 1984.

### Belated praise

Sir,  
May I through your paper offer a belated word of praise to the management and staff of the Trading Post.

The fact that they were able to serve all of us who continued to shop at home during the recent closure of the old K & R is, I feel, most worthy of praise.

When your volume of business almost doubles overnight it can create many problems but they did cope and well.  
**R.W. LAMONT,**  
R.R. 2, Ganges.  
May 1984.

### Employee Week

Sir,  
The staff of the Ganges Post Office would like to extend its thanks and an invitation to the people of Ganges.

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The week of May 14-20 has been proclaimed by Canada Post "Employee Week", during which period we will be offering opportunities to the community to get to know us and our facilities and services better. We invite you to come and talk with us, view the winners of our Student poster contest, take our guided tours (by reservation only please) and see some of what happens on our side of the counter.

After each tour there will be a discussion period with refreshments provided by individual staff members. This is our way of saying thanks to the community for its support.

For reservations and further information contact Judi at 537-2321.  
**FRED, JUDI, RUTH, DAVE,**  
**ANN, VIRGINIA.**  
Ganges Post Office.  
May 3, 1984.

### Ridiculous situation

Following letter to the B.C. Ferry Corporation was submitted for publication.

Re Gulf Island car loadings.

Do you realize that absolutely nothing has occurred with respect to improving the efficiency of the reservation procedures nor the loading procedures of the *Queen of Tsawwassen* on weekends?

The overhead car ramps continue to be 50% underused. The public is still told on any given day that there is no space for car reservations on any weekend this summer when in fact the ship will sail 10% empty on every given weekend, except perhaps the long ones. In addition 40% to 50% of the car reservations will not show up as reserved every weekend consistently!

The public is told to arrive 75 minutes early and wait to see if there will be any "no shows". Of course there are. There always is. As a matter of fact there will be 40% to 50% "no shows" every single weekend. Thus 85 cars and passengers are wasting 40 minutes in a line-up and biting their nails in case they cannot get on the ferry which they have been told is full but in fact is nowhere near full!

Do you know why? I do. Every car owner knows. All the deck crews know. All the ticketing personnel know. If you talk to any one of them they will tell you the system is wrong and that it needs an overhaul. I've talked to them and they congratulate me on my letter of July 29, 1983 and shake their head when I tell them nothing has been done.

With all due respect two things would fill the ferry up and ease the frustration of the public which cannot get a reservation on ferry 10% empty!

1. Charge a car reservation fee, say \$10 and deduct the fee from the ticket at the gate at the time the car buys its boarding ticket. Instantaneously there would be an end to reservation abuse.

2. The overhead ramps are not used presumably because the oversize vehicles get under the ramp and it cannot be let down. But if you lined up all overheight vehicles up in the Marshalling Area of the parking lot before boarding then they would not get under the ramps and 100% of the ramps could be used.

If your answer is that there are too many overheights then I suggest you tell them, "We are booked, sorry," and then fill the ramp with paying regular sized cars. The point is that to permit one or two overheights to preclude the use of 100% of these very expensive modifications is, in the mildest terms, bad management.

The ridiculous situation that now exists with respect to people being forced to make weekend reservations for the entire summer when you, I and they know they have no intention of using them is beyond reason. But they have no alternative. If they do not they cannot later get a reservation so they do and thus your and my ferry sails 40% empty weekend after weekend with respect to the original number of car reservations made and 10% underfilled with respect to car space because the public is told, "We are full for the entire summer, sorry."

A lot of our money was spent on the overhead ramps and it is time they were used.

Surely to goodness there must be one thinking person in charge of the supercargo and the reservations of these ships. If not I suggest you hire one.

**RICHARD NORGAN,**  
Vancouver, B.C.  
April 25, 1984.

### Eleven left

Sir,  
I have been asked by the Ganges Citizens' Committee to bring you up to date on the Committee's status.

Recent reports have suggested that: the Committee has come apart, eight of the members are resigning, our work is finished and so on.

As of May 8, we have received a letter of resignation from the Ganges Centre Association which has two representatives on the Committee. We have been told that Lady Minto Hospital has also resigned but have yet to receive any written confirmation from the Board. Assuming that Lady Minto Hospital has resigned, that leaves 11 representatives out of 14 still on the Committee.

Our Committee was instructed at the CRD meeting of April 25 and also by Mr. Woodward, Inspector of Municipalities, at our meeting of April 26, to continue with our task. Mr. Woodward was even more specific: in addition to offering to meet with the Ganges Citizens' Committee, he stated that one of the reasons for creating the Committee was to ensure that the Regional Board should not interfere in the Island's decision-making process. He also said that the Committee is to seek the maximum amount of community input to help in its decision-making process.

Our Committee will be meeting with Mr. Woodward in the near future to ensure that this process is followed and that our task can be completed.

We hope that this clarifies the situation for your readers.

**ARVID CHALMERS,**  
Chairman,  
Ganges Citizens' Committee.  
May 8, 1984.

### Take care with pesticides

Sir,  
Finally the Federal Minister of Agriculture Hon. Eugene F. Whelan warns farmers in a pamphlet to take special care when handling pesticides, but everybody should pay attention to this:  
... "When working with pesticides, be especially careful around water.

This includes not only ditches and streams, but wells and other sources of drinking water. Keep a pesticide-free zone around all bodies of water and drinking sources. And do not forget about groundwater. Pesticides can leach through the soil into groundwater. The greatest potential for groundwater contamination appears to be from granular insecticides applied on light sandy soils... You should consider using non-chemical means of control wherever possible."

The penetrability of loose shale may be equal to sandy soil. I have witnessed dumping of full and partly emptied containers of pesticides, drums of pentachlorophenol and other highly toxic compounds right on our dump. Heavy rains will leach these poisons down the small creek into Blackburn Lake and from there into Cusheon Lake, our drinking water. I was told that tests revealed no contamination.

What goes into our groundwater and where this is used by unsuspecting consumers, may be far away, nobody can say. Also burning of plastics under 1,200°C creating Dioxin, a poison 100,000 times more toxic than Cyanide has been practised and cannot be controlled, since it is claimed, people would come in and ignite their garbage.

Furthermore I have learned that a third world parasite entered North America and spreads from dumps.

To make the proposed sewer safe, a participant of the sewer workshop suggests to dump the poisons on a land site to avoid later contamination at the outfall. The only site for this would be our dump in the drinking watershed. What a confusion!

In my opinion it is worse than totally unacceptable in the late 20th century to dump all these poisons in a watershed area and it is irresponsible not to stop this practice immediately.

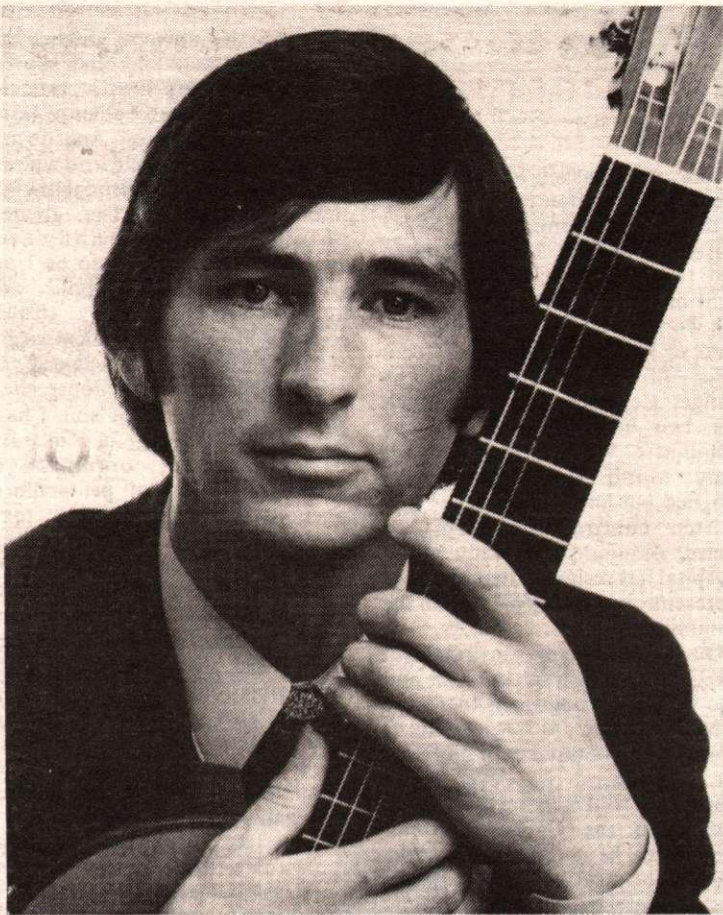
Would all people on this island please try to understand, that opponents of more development without 100% safeguards against man made waste, solid, liquid or gaseous, are not enemies to their fellow men, but try to avoid future hardships and wish to protect our most basic common needs for all of us and our children: clean air, clean water and clean soil.

**EVA TEMMEL,**  
Ganges.  
May 6, 1984.

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Classical guitarist Joseph Thompson

## Classical guitarist will give workshop, concert

Classical guitarist Joseph Thompson will visit Salt Spring Island next week to conduct a workshop with local students and to give a concert.

Thompson will meet with students of Salt Spring Elementary next Thursday and present a historical survey of musical works. A lecture/demonstration format is geared to the age of the students.

Workshop organizer and teacher Debbie Magnusson wants to provide students with a variety of opportunities to listen to live music. And, she notes, since students will have attended Thompson's workshop, they will be able to fully enjoy the concert on Friday at Mahon Hall.

Thompson, who comes from southern Oregon, has been a member of the Southern Oregon State College music faculty since

1978. He has studied with internationally acclaimed musicians Karl Herreshoff and Michael Lorimer. He has a bachelor's degree in music performance.

Friday's program will include Leopold Weiss' baroque *Sonata for Lute in D Minor*, Richard Rodney Bennett's *Impromptus*, along with works of the Spanish composers Manuel de Falla, Enrique Granados and Isaac Albeniz.

Says Magnusson: "Few instruments can match the subtle emotional shadings of classical guitar, and few performers can claim the mastery of Joseph Thompson."

The concert begins at 7:30. Tickets, \$4 for adults and \$2 for students, are available at Salt Spring Elementary or The General Store. Proceeds will go to the school.

## Galiano fair May 19

Spring Fair at the Galiano School is set for May 19 and part of the celebration will be a school reunion.

Mike Hoebel, Galiano School trustee, issued an invitation last week to the other trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board. People who have attended school on Galiano will be returning to the island from many places, he said.

Highlight of the day's events will be a luncheon in the activity centre beginning at 2 pm. Tickets, said Hoebel, cost \$8.

## NDP delegates chosen

When the provincial New Democrats gather in Vancouver to choose a new leader, four Salt Spring Islanders will take part.

The NDP club at Salt Spring picked Irene and Tom Wright, Mike Hayes and Phyllis Sinclair to go to the convention May 18 to 20.

Each of the major candidates, except Bill King, has come to Salt Spring to talk to NDP supporters. To date, Graham Lea, Dave Stupich, Margaret Birrell, David Vickers and Bob Skelly have explained their positions at various meetings.

## Students to give recital

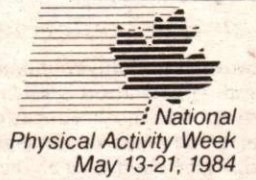
The students of several local music teachers will gather May 19 for a potluck lunch and music sharing.

The event will begin with lunch at 12:30 pm in the lower hall of the Ganges United Church. Informal recital will follow.

Organizer Lynn Quinn says that by attempting to eliminate feelings of fear and pressure which often result in formal settings, a sense of co-operation rather than competition may be felt by participants.

Students taking part will be those of Madge Kimball, Pat Duke, Joan Raeside, Angela Funk, Robyn Cherney, Jean Knight, Dwaine Prosk and Quinn.

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### Students go to work in Ganges

Local businesses and the Gulf Islands Secondary School joined hands recently to offer a job experience program for a number of high school students. Students were required to work in the business community for a week to gain some first-hand experience in holding a full-time job. Co-ordinator was teacher Scott Bergstrom. Some of the students taking part are seen in the photos. From top left, Laura Hynes at Embe Bakery, Jennifer Clark at McColl's Shell station, Nanette Kessler at the Flowers & Wine Shoppe, Inga Mainwaring at the Heritage Boutique and Lyle Brown at the fire department.



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*Jeff Fletcher retires again*

**Birthday party unveils aged bottle**

It was a full house when Jeff Fletcher, of Graham Drive, Ganges, marked his 80th birthday on Sunday. About 80 guests joined him at the Legion Hall in Ganges. He was surrounded by members of his family.

It was not only his 80th birthday. It was also his second retirement party.

Highlight of the afternoon's program was the opening of a 20-year-old bottle of whisky. The bottle was welded into an old switchbox in 1964 when the guest of honour retired from B.C. Hydro.

Two decades ago there was one electrical wiring contractor on Salt Spring Island. Dave Pallot employed three helpers at the time, Joe Guilbault, Kent Villadsen and Art Moulton. The four thought up the idea of a symbolic switchbox and a bottle to be held for 20 years. On Sunday three of the electric whisky box makers were there to officiate. Dave Pallot died several years ago.

Guilbault, who is the only one of the three to stay with electrical contracting, sawed through the last weld while Villadsen and Moulton offered advice. When the box was opened it was presented to the same man who accepted it 20 years ago.

He took a small measure of the contents before setting it aside to be added to the punch. It was the only way he could make sure everyone sampled it, he explained.

The joke was still on Fletcher. Before the afternoon's program was ended he had been presented with yet another bottle of whisky into the same switchbox. There was one

major difference. It may be opened in 10 years. The three welders left the hall for 15 minutes to weld up the box and re-wrap it.

Master of ceremonies for the afternoon was Gordon Kelly who

also plans to retire on the island from B.C. Hydro.

At the time of his retirement Fletcher was in charge of B.C. Hydro operations on the island. He was succeeded by Bob Lawson.



Art Moulton, left, and Kent Guilbault unwelds the switchbox Villadsen watch closely as Joe with a hacksaw.

*Driftwood photo by Frank Richards*

**BRIDGE WINNERS**

Gulf Islands Bridge Club champions this year were May Whiten and Margaret Ellison from Mayne Island.

Other winners on April 30 were Lorna and Peter Pentz, Shirley Love and Phyllis Henderson, Joe and Madeline Frantz, Dorothy Sneddon and Irene Hawksworth, Mary Clements and Dorothy Crofton, Don Nemeth and Dawny Scarfe, Gordon Hutton and Fred Struve.

A successful wind-up dinner and bridge was held on Tuesday night with 72 people attending.

Cash prizes were won by the following: May Whiten and Margaret Ellison, Joe and Madeline Frantz, Billie and Norm Zackarias, Dorothy Sneddon and Fred Struve, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop, Gordon Parsons and Bud Keech, Norm and Gordon Best, Dorothy Crofton and Helen Shandro, Mike Testart and Noel Fowles, Bill and Pauline Elliott, Don and Vivian Storr, John and Vera Sarginson, Bunny Jordan and Fred Melhuish, Gordon and Liz Dafoe, Rose and Fred Batchelor, Don Nemeth and Dawny Scarfe.

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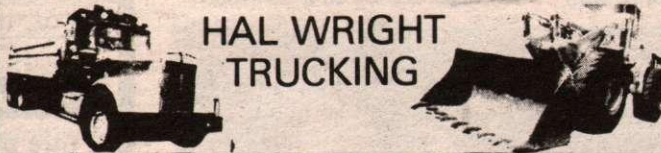
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### Band concert tonight

Gulf Islands Secondary School band will present a concert tonight (Wednesday) at the school gymnasium at 7:30 pm. The concert will feature the Grade 8 and senior concert bands, along with the high school stage band.

Photo by David Reid

### Portable toilets to be installed

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission will install six portable toilets in various locations for the summer.

The first portable has been placed at the little league ball diamond in Ganges for use of softball players.

There will also be a portable potty at beaches on St. Mary, Cusheon, Blackburn and Stowe Lakes. In response to a request from Ian Cornish of Fernwood Store, a portable will also be placed near the dock in Fernwood.

He had written to the commission to request the portable toilet. The wharf, he noted, was used by many

people who would go to the store to ask for use of the washroom.

"Last summer I found people using both our backyard and the beach, a matter which causes me considerable concern," he wrote.

The portables cost the commission \$30 per month rental plus \$30 each time the facility requires a pump-out.

The beach portables will be in place at the end of June.


### Second church damaged

A second church in Fulford has become the target of vandals.

St. Mary's Anglican Church was broken into sometime between April 29 and May 3. The person responsible for the vandalism

sprayed the contents of a fire extinguisher around the interior of the church.

"It was a mess," said a police spokesman. "Somebody on this island doesn't like churches."






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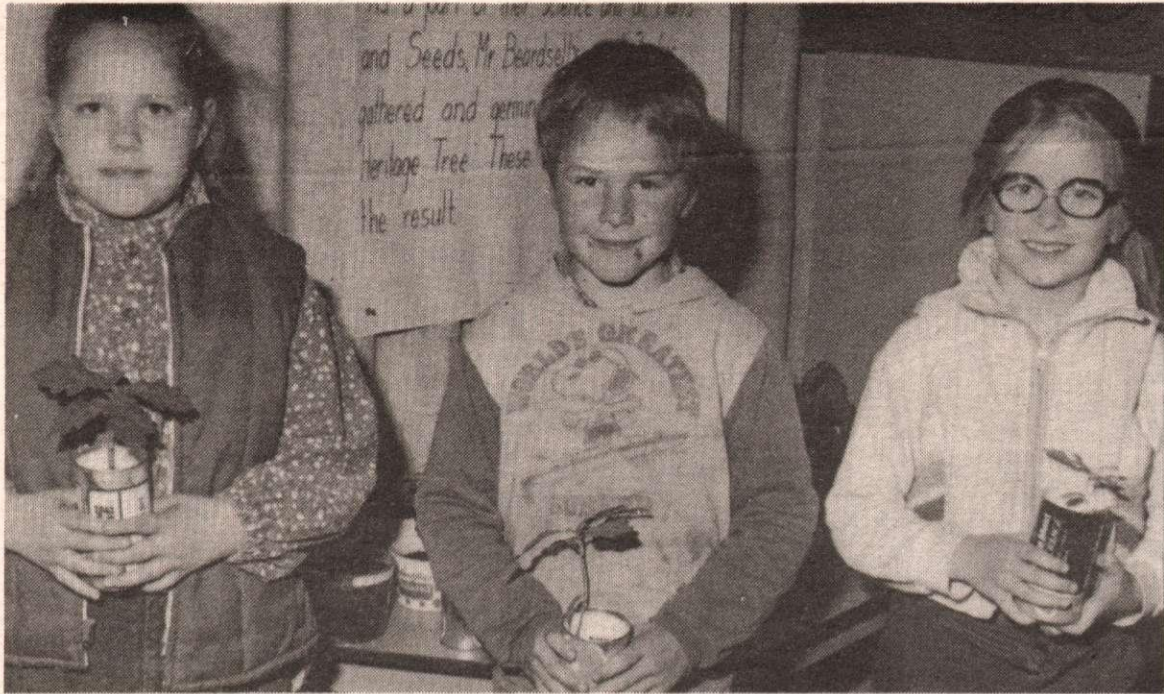
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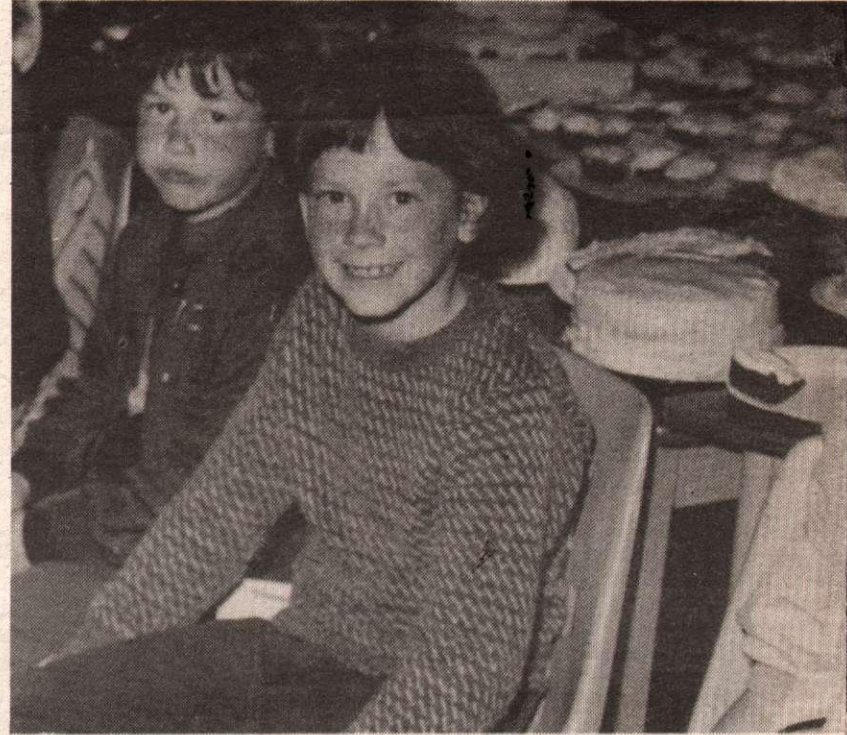
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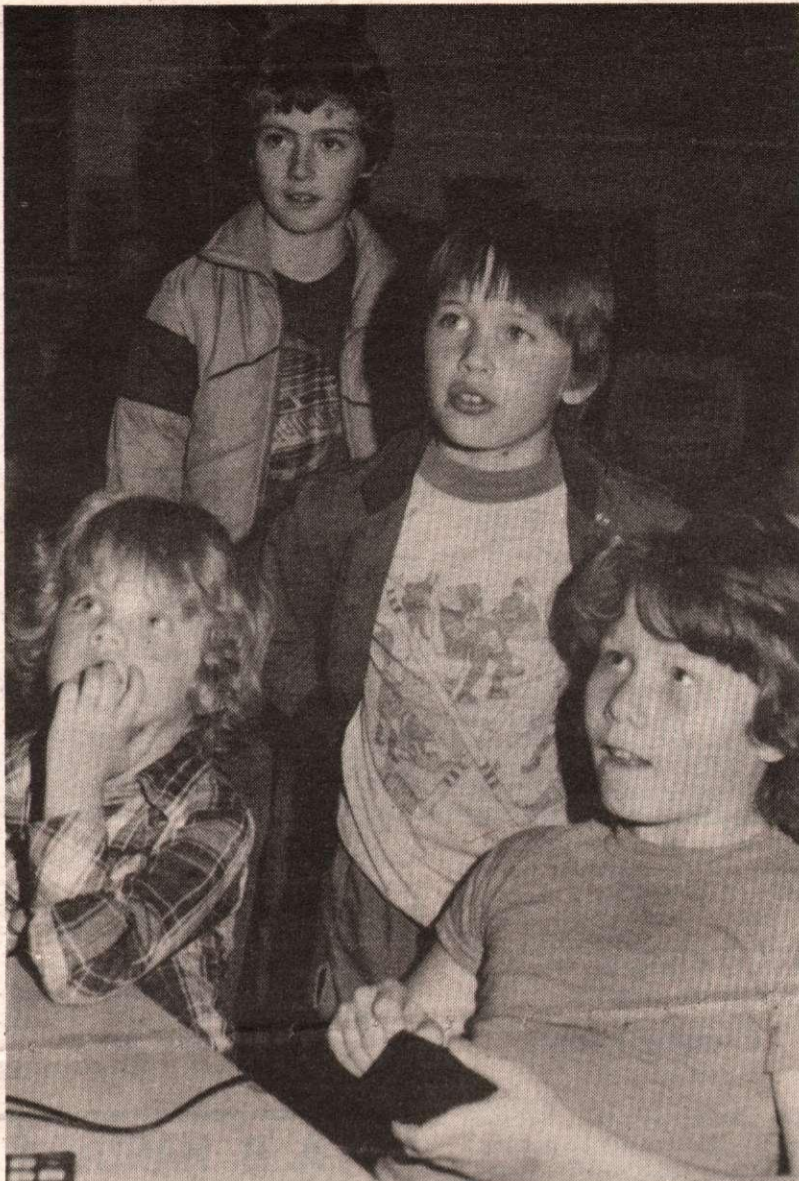
**Heritage Royal**  
 It was named after the Heritage Royal Oak which stands in front of the Salt Spring Elementary School and it was held last Friday. Hundreds attended the annual Salt Spring Elementary School carnival

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raid, centre, and Brian Davies.



Video games were enjoyed by John Quesnel, right, Matthew Prendergast, Sasha Williams, rear, and Jeremy Bell, front.



n appearance.

### Oak Carnival

for an afternoon of fun and games for everyone. There was something for everyone, from a horse and buggy taxi and Glad's cotton candy to a haunted house and a gymnastics display.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



Tali Hamel, left, and Miranda Swift manage to get an autograph from Gary Lupul.

## More honours for Players

The Salt Spring Players' production of *Royal Gambit* has gathered more honours.

The play has been selected by adjudicator Elizabeth Moulton, of Victoria, as the South Island zone representative for Theatre B.C.'s drama competition at Penticton

later this month.

She also singled out Dawny Scarfe as best actress and Pat Desbottes as best supporting actress. Taylor plays the part of Katarina of Aragon and Desbottes performs as Anna of Cleves in the play.

## Death of former Salt Spring priest

A former Salt Spring Island parish priest, Rev. Francis Sutherland, died in Vancouver on April 24. He had celebrated his 84th birthday the day before his death.

Fr. Sutherland was in charge of the two Salt Spring Island Catholic churches until he retired eight years

ago. A member of the Oblate Fathers, he came to the island from northern Vancouver Island.

The present parish priest, Rev. P.A. Bergin, has been on Salt Spring Island since Rev. Sutherland's retirement.

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## GALIANO NEWS

# Unfamiliar sound is activity centre alarm system

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Last Wednesday morning, May 2, residents in the Whaler Bay area were awakened about 5 am by an unfamiliar sound. The siren or buzzer continued on a steady note so it was not the fire siren or the ambulance attending a call.

Fortunately one person who heard the sound recognized the cause. Chester Williams, the fire chief, as part of his duties had made himself familiar with the alarm system at the new activity centre and the renovated Galiano School. He knew that the sound was the alarm set off by the smoke-detector system at the centre.

Since Chester lives within "spitting distance" of the school he was soon on the scene and could see that the alarm was a false one. His next problem was to turn the alarm off. Eventually he was able to locate a key to the school and get to the panel where he was able to switch off the alarm.

Any resident hearing this noise coming from the school or activity centre is asked to activate the fire phones by dialing 539-2122, and when the call is answered, report it to the first representative of the South Galiano Fire Department who answers the call.

### Public Telephone

Despite the notice in last week's issue of *Driftwood* that the public telephone outside Spanish Hills Store will not be connected for a month, Tony Brooke-Hart reports that the telephone has been in working order for two weeks.

Did Tony use it to call Viv who is now on vacation in Britain? The public phone at Madrona Lodge is still not working.

### Bird News

This is the time of year when bird song is at its musical best. The bird lover may describe the sound as the joyful twittering of our small feathered friends. The cynic thinks that nations are not the only organisms that squabble over territory and that the primary function of most bird song is to ward off intruders, since the food required to raise a brood is limited. A cock bird knows instinctively how much territory he must command if his family is to survive.

Red-wing blackbirds seem to be on the increase, perhaps because suitable habitat is available. Robson's pond is a favoured area for these birds.

White-crowned sparrows are common and their song is enjoyable. Much less common are golden-crowned sparrows, but these have been observed in the field by the Thrift Shop. Townsend's solitaire with its white eye-ring is another infrequent visitor which has

been spotted lately.

Finches, of course, are common and colourful—both the so-called purple finch and the house finch, though both males are the same rosy hue with the females a rather drab brown.

The possessor of the most brilliant plumage is undoubtedly the male hummingbird. They occasionally get trapped in the greenhouse, but if covered with a handkerchief, become calm and sit in the hand where their beautiful scarlet bib can be studied at close quarters.

When they fly off they utter a few friendly chirps which can be construed as thanks. A less happy hummingbird tale is the futile attempt of two kind-hearted Galiano ladies, who tried to revive an ailing hummingbird, unfortunately without success.

### Message to a Dog

Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Gibbs of North End Road on Salt Spring Island gave their Border Collie pup, Mikki, to a family on Galiano. The lady who took the dog drove a white pick-up, has two daughters aged two and six and lives in the Sturdies Bay area. The Gibbs would like to know how Mikki is getting on and ask the new owners to phone them collect at 537-2745.

### Art Show

Willem Breddels of Porlier Pass Rd., as his name indicates, is from Holland. He is a talented painter with a variety of styles, one of which is reminiscent of the great Dutch still-life masters.

He also paints in the more modern realistic manner in oils, gouaches and silk screen. There will be an exhibition of his work on Thursday from 2 to 7 pm in La Berengerie to which the public is cordially invited. His work will continue to be on display during restaurant hours.

Simultaneously with the Faire the Ladies Auxiliary to the Fire Department will be running their annual Fire Sale at the South Galiano Fire Hall from 1 to 4 pm.

### "Spirits" Come Alive

The floor hockey game played on Salt Spring Island last Saturday, between the Salt Spring Islanders and the Galiano Spirits, was a decided pleasure to watch, especially if you were a Galiano fan. The Spirits performed a well executed example of disciplined, positional hockey, the result of their many hours of practice and team structure.

From the opening face-off, Galiano dominated the game. Constant forechecking by forwards Larry "Digger" Baines, Ian Davies

and Rene Besler, backed with consistent point control by defensemen John Silvey and Roddy Wilson, boxed the Islanders in their own end for most of the game.

Solid, stand-up goaltending from the Spirits' Ronnie Wilson thwarted Salt Spring's attempts to narrow the gap in scoring, resulting in a final score of 22-6 for Galiano.

Scoring for the Spirits were Ian Davies with eight goals, Larry Baines with six, John Silvey four, Roddy Wilson three, and Rene Besler with one goal. Galiano's substitute in the game was Tony Head. Responding for the Islanders were Brad Graham, Steve Konig and Rob Messam, each with two goals.

With close to 100 shots on net by the Galiano team, it must be said that without the outstanding performance by the Islanders' netminder, the final score would have been much higher. The next scheduled game between these two teams will be Saturday at the Galiano Activity Centre, beginning at 7 pm.

Anyone interested in an enjoyable evening of floor hockey at its best is most welcome to attend.

### Coming Events

On Saturday the Scottish Country Dancers will be holding a workshop in the North Community Hall. This will be followed by a pot-luck supper and an evening dance. Particulars from Alistair Ross.

On Sunday the rector of St. Margaret's Church, Rev. Leonard Pocock, will introduce a new schedule of Sunday services with Holy Communion at 8 am followed by Praise Sing at 9 am and regular morning service at 10:30 am.

In place of the usual monthly meeting of the Ladies Service Club Monday, members will meet for luncheon at the home of Eva New, overlooking Whaler Bay, at noon.

The Thrift Shop staff will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 16 at 10 am at the home of Jessie Bellhouse.

Fingers are crossed for fine weather on Galiano for the long weekend, for on Saturday, May 19 there will be multiple attractions on Galiano. The school, 90 years old, is combining Spring Faire which begins at noon, with a reunion luncheon for former trustees, teachers and students (the latter over 18 years of age) which is scheduled for 2 pm in the

gymnasium.

Outside the Faire will have a refreshment stall run by the Galiano Brownies selling hot dogs and hot and cold drinks. Inside the school will be bakery goods and a slide show, admission 25c, which evolved from a project on Galiano by Jeffrey Gibbs, a Grade eleven student of Prince of Wales School in Vancouver. Gibbs has become interested in photography through

his travels around Galiano by bicycle or on foot from the home of his aunt, Rosemary Walker. The slides comprise Galiano scenes and people.

Simultaneously with the School Faire the Women's Auxiliary to the South Galiano Fire Department will be running their annual Fire Sale from 1 until 4 pm in and outside the South Fire Hall, opposite Page Drive Senior Citizens housing.

## Sign ends up at school

Although the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has no jurisdiction over the area, it will help to try to keep a beach on St. Mary Lake clean.

Belinda Jones wrote to the commission requesting a general clean-up of the area as well as permission to trim trees. She also wanted a no-dogs-allowed sign posted.

But the beach, which is at a boat-launching ramp just off North End Road, comes under the jurisdiction of the department of highways.

A sign has been posted on the beach reminding users that no animals were allowed. It had been

removed and placed at the front door of Gulf Islands Secondary School, the commission was told.

In past years, the commission has placed a portable toilet near the beach and the members decided to do the same this year. A garbage can will also be put at the beach.

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