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Tied for second

Salt Spring Island's representatives in the Stuart Channel Little League, Major Division, are the Salt Spring Log Sort team coached by Pat Akerman. Tied for second place in the division, Log Sort has five wins and 4 losses following a two-game sweep against Chemainus Rotary Saturday in Ganges. The team won handily by beating Chemainus 14-12 in the first game and 18-5 in the second. Above, Mark Nordine of Log Sort steals

home plate as Chemainus catcher makes the tag without the ball which lies next to him on the ground. Below, Mark Nordine and Colin Walde, right, seem happy with two wins for the day as they congratulate each other. The next game for the team is scheduled for June 17 when they meet Chemainus Legion at the Little League diamond in Ganges. Two games will be played, at 10:30 am and 1 pm.



No service reduction despite budget cut at Lady Minto

Despite government cuts in funding, the board of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital will keep all beds and services at present levels for the coming year.

Operating budget of the islands hospital has been cut from last year's \$2,042,742 to \$1,868,824, or a reduction of \$173,918.

Decision of the board of management to maintain existing services is likely to create a deficit of \$130,000, board chairman Ivan Mouat told *Driftwood* this week.

In 1982 to 1983 the hospital closed 10 beds when its funding allocation was set at \$1,935,228. Some services were also curtailed.

Hospital board representatives will meet with the ministry this month to discuss the budget, said Mouat.

The board is making progress

towards the expansion of facilities of the hospital.

START PLANNING?

On May 16 board members, accompanied by Dr. Hugh Borsman, chief of staff, administrator Malcolm Pinteau and Diane Horovatin, assistant administrator, patient care, addressed the Hospital and Health Planning Commission of the Capital Regional District.

Chairman Mouat asked Betty Kennedy, chairman of the commission, to approve the hospital's project brief. Approval would see the commencement of planning for an expanded, 125-bed facility. The expanded hospital would use much of the existing hospital.

While it is not expected that all 125 beds would be needed until the turn of the century, planning should

reflect the long-term needs for the next 20 years, says Mouat.

At that meeting a plaque was presented to Mrs. Iola Brookbanks in token of her four years' service as the commission member representing Lady Minto.

Fernwood funding approved

The provincial government has approved funding for new classrooms at Fernwood School on Salt Spring Island.

School board chairman Charles Hingston said Monday that local MLA and Finance Minister Hugh Curtis had called him with the news earlier the same day.

The long-awaited approval means the release of \$186,000 to build two new classrooms.

Hingston said he hoped the new rooms would be ready by September.

Nanaimo group seeks lease at Galiano

A Nanaimo-based group known as Wilderness Intelligence Leisure Development Society (WILD) has applied for a lease to build an outdoor recreational facility at Galiano Island.

The application is for a long-term lease of waterfront Crown land, district lot 60, on the east side of the island. Pebble Beach, currently used by residents as a swimming beach, is located within the property.

WILD's proposal calls for the construction of a 108-square-metre lodge with facilities for outdoor recreation including swimming, fishing, hiking and boating. A heliport is also included in the plans.

The lot contains approximately 150 acres.

Islands Trust spokesman Thomas Ovanin told *Driftwood* Tuesday that one of the Trust's chief questions about the proposal is whether it will be a commercial operation. The land is currently zoned for public recreation.

The lease application has been referred to the Trust by the ministry of lands. The Galiano advisory planning commission is trying to arrange a meeting with WILD to discuss the development.

The proposal will likely be discussed at the next meeting of the Galiano Trust Committee scheduled for July 20.

A spokesman for WILD could not be reached for comment.

No sprinkler system, committee decides

Resodding the soccer field at Portlock Park on Salt Spring will require 2,200 yards of grass, the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission learned recently.

The centre position of the field does not drain very well and soccer activity has killed the grass. The commission had called for tenders to replace the grass and three bids were received.

No decision on the bids has yet been made.

When the proposal to resod the field was made, a suggestion was made that a sprinkler system be installed to water the field. But upon subsequent investigation, potential problems with the system were uncovered. Other areas which have

a sprinkler system in place have experienced such problems as the sprinklers plugging with dirt.

Phil Hume, of the parks committee of the commission, said the committee had decided not to pursue the suggestion for a sprinkler system. When the new sod is in place, a hose will be hooked to the current water supply and the field will be watered that way.

While the field is being dug up to replace the dead grass, the drainage system will be checked to determine why it is not working for the centre portion of the field.

If work commences by July 15, Hume said, the field could be ready for the beginning of the fall soccer season.

Fatality first in two years

A traffic accident claimed the life of a Surrey man on Salt Spring Island last Thursday.

John Douglas Ross, 44, lost control of his Ford pickup near the intersection of Lower Ganges and Booth Canal Roads. The truck veered off the roadside bank and struck a tree. Ross was rushed to Lady Minto Hospital but died before treatment could be rendered.

Traffic analysts from RCMP headquarters in Victoria are checking details of the accident and the coroner will hold either an inquiry or an inquest.

The fatal accident was the first in the Gulf Islands since 1982. In that year a cyclist was killed on Galiano Island and a young man lost his life in a two-car collision at Fernwood on Salt Spring.

Wrong name

A story in *Driftwood* last week about the proposed rock concert at Walker Hook carried the wrong name for an organizer.

Reg Young is the organizer of the event along with Charles Byron. Reg Taylor has nothing to do with it.

Committee responds to concerns by fisheries over park changes

Letters continue to flow between the Centennial Park committee on Salt Spring and the federal fisheries department in Vancouver.

Jonathan Yardley recently sent a letter of reply to the area manager for the small craft harbours branch, Gary Norberg. Yardley was answering some of the concerns the fisheries people had about proposed improvements to Centennial Park.

The committee had suggested moving the boat launching ramp but fisheries officials felt it should stay.

Yardley replied by pointing out that the pedestrian walkway along the shore would terminate at either side of the ramp. The Ganges committee also felt that the location of the ramp in the area was inappropriate. There is "little provision for off-street boat/trailer parking," Yardley noted.

The park committee is looking at other sites for the ramp and will keep in touch with Norberg about any findings, Yardley wrote.

As to proposed changes in the parking facilities, Yardley pointed out that under the committee's recommendation to limit parking to

each side of the park and eliminate the street-side lot, spaces could be increased and 26 more vehicles could have access to parking than is now the case.

Access to the head of the floats, a worry of Norberg's could be achieved for service vehicles only, Yardley noted. Ambulances and staff vehicles would have parking spaces marked.

On two other points, Yardley indicated that the park committee could be flexible with their plans. The wharfinger's office was to be moved to the floats but the fisheries officials wanted it to remain where it is with a clear view down the harbour.

Yardley wrote that the office could be moved and yet retain a view of the harbour. "This would not affect the intent of the overall plan," he indicated.

The public showers were another flexible point. The plans for the park called for showers to be installed where the coast guard office is located. Yardley wrote that the committee would fit the showers into the plans at the location which the fisheries officials found appropriate.

The breakwater was the main point of difference between the two groups.

Initial plans called for removal of some of the breakwater near the boat basin. The park committee changed its plans and called for the breakwater to be moved down the harbour to touch Grace Island.

Yardley explained: "Two reasons were used in recommending the relocation of the breakwater to connect to Grace Island. First, to ensure that adequate flushing action is created through the pass between Grace Point and Grace Island to clean the float area.

"Secondly, to provide the opportunity for future float expansion."

The fisheries officials had objected to moving the breakwater due to the cost involved but the park committee pointed out that the current wharf space is being used almost to capacity and expansion will be needed. They argue that moving the breakwater will have to be part of any expansion plans and could be accomplished now rather than later.

The letter from Yardley was to let the fisheries officials know what the plans for the area entailed.

Yardley closed the letter by noting "...you (Norberg) mention that some problems of conflict exist between our proposal and the objectives of the operation of Ganges Harbour.

"It would be most appreciated if you could let us know what these objectives are so that our proposal can take heed and respect them."

The park improvement committee had taken a look at some of the recommendations and objections of the fisheries officials and amended the design of the park to accommodate them. Yardley sent a copy of the redesigned proposals to Norberg for information and comments.

Two will get help

Two programs being operated at the Community Centre will receive financial help from the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

The commission agreed recently to give \$560 to the Achievement Centre to pay for an exercise program for handicapped adults. The centre had asked for \$800 to run the exercise classes. But a tight budget for the commission meant a reduced amount being given.

The teen program at the Community Centre also needs money. The commission had been asked to contribute \$1,800 to run the program. It helps about 20 teens on Salt Spring who do not fit into

other such programs.

The commission was told that the Community Society was unable to fund the program because the ministry of human resources was being very careful about how money was being spent. The teen program did not fit into any category which the ministry could fund.

In September, the commission will be in a position to fund the program for four months. During that time, the program will be monitored and if it appears to be successful, the commission will make provisions to include it in the budget for 1985.

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Use of same name angers Sooke grocer

There was some confusion among grocery shoppers in Ganges last week after a Sooke store placed a two-page advertisement in Driftwood.

And confusion is what Sooke Village Market owner Bruce Logan wanted when he placed the advertisement. Logan told Driftwood Monday that the Ganges Village Market, which he described as "a Large company," is "trading on our name."

The Large family owned the now bankrupt K & R companies and now holds the lease on the Ganges Village Market building.

Logan said that when the companies operating the K & R store went into receivership, he had attempted to buy the Ganges store.

But, he said, "the Larges knew we were bidding on it and they kept upping the bid."

The Larges eventually got an extension on the lease.

"When all the dust had settled," said Logan, "they put Village Market on their sign."

He claimed the move was intentional and was designed to trade on the name of the Sooke store.

However, it is causing problems for salesmen, who are confusing the two stores.

Logan said at least two shoppers from the Gulf Islands were in his store last week after seeing the ad.

Sooke is about a 1½-hour drive from the Swartz Bay ferry terminal.



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- 9:30 am Swartz Bay to Village Bay
- 11:05 am Village Bay to Swartz Bay
- 11:55 am Saturna to Swartz Bay

Please note that the first scheduled departure for vehicles and passengers from Swartz Bay to Otter Bay will therefore be M.V. "Mayne Queen" from Swartz Bay at 9:30 am.

Saturna traffic to Swartz Bay, normally transported at 11:55 am, can use the earlier 6:40 am sailing of the M.V. "Mayne Queen".

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by richards

Shake car well

Instructions on a bottle of car cleaning compound: Wash the car, shake thoroughly and apply sparingly. I shook the car so vigorously that all the drops were shaken off.

Did they take root?

I wanted to go back to Bibury for so many years. And when the change came two years ago I didn't even bother. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, I was in charge of a squad planting privet. We were detailed to place a hedge around the commanding officer's office. As good soldiers, that's just what we did. I always figured I'd like to go back, so many years later, and see whether the hedge has reached Hampton Court proportions. But now I know. Because if that hedge was like any hedge I ever planted it was probably dead two weeks after we put it there.

Down to the sea in pots

In the good old days our forebears enjoyed a trip down the garden as nature sounded its call. The exercise was beneficial and in inclement times the weather made sure that the trip was brief. In such days and nights the chamber pot was a necessity. It rested quietly on a stand or under the bed. It was so much a part of the vocabulary that even today the word "chamber" connotes the pot itself, rather than the room it served. The British navy was well acquainted with the utensil. I was presented with a facsimile of a page in the Canadian Scottish regimental magazine, The Brazier. Among the items mentioned was the Royal Navy's system of mentioning the humble chamber pot. It was the height of specialization. This excerpt from the Admiralty Stores List was published in Britain's New Statesman and Nation more than 35 years ago:

Pots, chamber, plain.

Pots, chamber, with Admiralty monogram in blue, for hospital use.

Pots, chamber, fluted, with Royal Cipher in gold: for Flag Officers only.

Pots, chamber, round, rubber, for lunatics.

The last item is published in accordance with the original, but it sounds more New Statesmanish than Admiralty.

How stupid can they get?

You wouldn't think anyone could be that stupid. But last week there were two cars off the road while the air conditioners were fixed up. Why would anyone leave a car to be air conditioned and sit by a fire until the car was ready? I don't want to take a swing at anyone, but I reckon they need their heads examined. And I really don't like to say that because one of them was me.

Prizes could be merchandize

Governments have problems in figuring themselves out. Take the feds, for example. Here's the post office looking for more business by going into the retail trade. Eight post offices have been set up as mail order houses and will accept orders for their list of commodities to be delivered by mail. It's an experiment. If it works, I suppose the Canada Post Office will be, primarily, a retail store and, secondarily, a mail delivering agency. But, at the same time the federal government sports pool is suffering from a lack of outlets for its ticket sales. Where is the post office now? Is it too busy selling watches and corn flakes and chain oil to have time to sell pool tickets? They might even pay the pool prizes in Post Office merchandize.

Be thankful it's raining!

I like the story in a Manitoba newspaper. At Boissevin two men were reshingling a roof. Obviously it wasn't raining like it does in British Columbia. One man was cautious. Before he climbed on the roof to remove old shingles he threw up a rope which was tied to the bumper of his pickup truck. The rope came over the ridge and down the other side to the deshingler. He carried on a conversation with his companion on the ground and went on with his work. His companion agreed that some supplies were needed. He jumped into the pickup and hare-tailed it into the town. Up went the rope and the man at the end of it. Over the ridge went the rope and the trailing owner. Down the roof came man and rope and television antenna. By the time he was coming down the slope he was in a higher gear and soared over the scaffold without incident. He hit the deck and bounced before the driver was aware that he was pulling a trailer. And even after that experience, the deshingler was suffering a few bruises. So let's not knock the rain: at least it makes sure we don't get involved in shingling roofs!

Eight-member board chosen by economic development society

The Island Future Economic Development Society met Monday and chose an eight-member board of directors.

The directors will guide the society in the formation of a corporation to further the goal of creating business and employment on the island. The board will serve until the first annual general meeting in August.

Members of the board of directors will be Gail Secor, Rich Atwood, Paul Minvielle, Mike Reynolds, David Fewings, Helga Williams, Virginia Newman and Fred Struve.

The first meeting of that group will take place June 13 in the Community Centre at 7:30 pm. The meeting will decide various executive positions and is open to the public.

The idea sprung from a conference held in Mahon Hall earlier this year to talk about ways of creating employment and business which fit into the island lifestyle. A series of subsequent meetings refined the idea until the society was formed.

A constitution for the society has been drawn up and the first order of business for the new board of directors will be to look at the terms of reference outlined in that constitution to ensure they meet the desired objectives.

The business which the corporation will aid must be "economically sound and human in scale."

Paul Minvielle, who chaired the committee which set up the society, said, "In the main, we want things which won't wreck this island."

Beth Hill questioned why the Outer Islands were not included. Minvielle said the Outer Islands had been considered but the thrust was to put the society in place first.

Ron Pither came to the meeting from Mayne Island. He has been part of the process since the conference.

The Gulf Islands are interdependent, he told the meeting, and some means should be found to include the Outer Islands in the society. He suggested that the board of directors be composed of proportional representation for each of the

islands.

The meeting passed a resolution instructing the new board of directors to look at ways of changing the constitution to allow inclusion of the Outer Islands.

Membership in the society is open to any resident of Salt Spring Island and costs \$1 plus the purchase of a share in the development corporation. Each share carries a price tag of \$10 and there is no limit to the number of shares any individual can hold.

Anyone with an idea for creating a business should contact the society. While the proposed development corporation will assist

in financing such a business, at least half of the money required to start should be available.

To date, reported Marg Simons, the society has a bank account of \$218.

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JUNE 6: Nuclear Disarmament meeting, 7:30, Peace Centre.

- new steering committee
- discussion on peace caravan
- Hiroshima Day activities
- long range directions

A decision based on influence of the Peace Movement & church in Holland has been made by the Dutch Government. Holland will not decide whether to deploy cruise missiles until Nov., 1985 and their decision will rest on success or failure of disarmament meetings between USSR & USA. They'll decide then how many missiles to deploy.

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A day in history

As the leaders of nations and the veterans of the free world's armed forces gather in Normandy this week a chapter of modern history is being replayed. We are hearing the echoes of the guns of half the world when they were fired in anger and in horror at the manner in which the German forces were strangling Europe.

One of the greatest military achievements in modern history was the storming of the beaches of Normandy on June the Sixth, 1944. It was not simply the fire power of one force levelled against that of another. Not all the thousands of ships and men; not all the weaponry; not all the naval guns and air force attacks could have dented the armoured shell of occupied Europe had it not been for the courage and the skill and the determination of the men who took part.

The beaches were far from defenceless and the invading troops were walking into a nightmare of enemy fire from machines set up to combat just such an invasion.

The event was a nightmare. It was a taste of hell. And it was a credit to the men who took part.

Forty years later we can look back on history and shrug off the accomplishments of courageous men, but we can't shrug off, even now, four decades later, the misery and the suffering and the torture and the murder of millions by the Hitlerian forces.

Yet the event goes even deeper than that. June 6, 1944, brought the blow struck for freedom of enslaved Europe. It was, equally, the striking of the blow that would protect the remainder of the world from falling prey to the evil designs of the German dictator.

Today, when the elementary virtues of courage and honour and loyalty are derided, it might be well for all of us, at this time, to consider that had there been no courage, no honour, no loyalty on that morning 40 years ago, there might well have been, today, no longer a free nation on earth.

We may no longer remember these incidents. But history cannot afford to dismiss them.

The loss of a friend

In the years between the end of the Second World War in 1945 and 1960, when he left the political scene for good, the name of George Randolph Pearkes was known throughout two federal ridings here.

General Pearkes was a familiar figure on the hustings and in the House of Commons. He was a familiar figure in the Legion wherever he went and he was a welcome visitor to every kind of public function.

He will be missed.

The rising star of George Pearkes will always be an inspiration to his fellow Canadians. He rose from obscurity to become the Queen's man in Victoria. And he accomplished fame along the route.

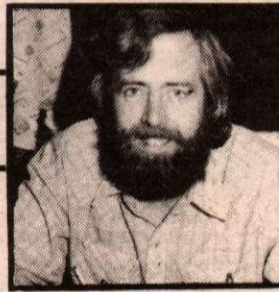
As a soldier he was distinguished for his bravery and persistence. His bravery was the subject of a citation for the Victoria Cross, the ultimate accolade to a soldier in the Commonwealth.

There were others who won that award. But George Pearkes had the happy ability to gain the affection of those around him. When he served in the First War and was recognized for his action under fire, he was serving with men who were delighted to serve under him.

When he came back after two wars to seek a new career in politics he found supporters who would vote for him and work for him because they liked him.

As a soldier he was beloved of his comrades. As a politician he was the friend of his constituents. As the Queen's man he merged the vice-regal dignity with a warm affection for the people of British Columbia. All his fame, all his accomplishments count for nothing in comparison with the affection he enjoyed from his fellow British Columbians.

They buried a friend of ours with full military honours in Monday's state funeral.



Tony Richards

LET ME BEGIN this week by crying the blues for a couple of paragraphs and telling you how built-in safeguards and backup systems can be a complete waste of time, effort and space.

Murphy's Law came into play last week and it was high time it did. After all, everything had gone so well two weeks before when our front-page photo had to be shipped to Vancouver and then to Sooke within 36 hours.

The Maypole dance photo that ran May 16 in process colour was taken the previous Saturday. On Sunday Cedric Barker processed the film and produced a print which was flown to Vancouver Monday morning.

On Tuesday morning, the completed colour separations, addressed to the printing plant in Sooke, were put in the hands of a courier.

Having heard nothing by 3 pm I was getting worried and got on the phone. Half a dozen phone calls and one hour later I located the package. It was in a place due to land in Victoria Harbour in 15 minutes.

The separations were in the hands of the printers by 6 pm, one hour ahead of time.

Last week was a different story.

At 2 pm Tuesday our main typesetter went down with about an hour's worth of typesetting left to be done for Wednesday's paper. After spending an hour trying every trick I knew to get it going, I had to give up.

(Trick no. 1: check the fuses. Five years ago, shortly after we bought the equipment, we spend \$100 to replace a 10-cent fuse. A technician came over from Victoria at \$50 an hour.)

Alternative arrangements were made with a type shop in Langford but meanwhile our 10-year-old backup was dusted off and pressed into service. First of all we had to make sure the photographic paper the machine uses was still going to work, despite its bearing an expiry date of January, 1981. A quick test proved that it would.

The next step was for composing room staffer Anne Lyon to dig out the manual and figure out how the machine worked. (She hadn't touched it in four years).

Before long she was sitting at the keyboard setting type.

But not for long. One by one the indicator lights that tell the operator what the machine is doing began going out.

And then the fuses started to blow.

Our backup machine ground to a halt and we had no choice but to ship everything off to Langford and have it finished there.

At 10 o'clock that night, five hours after deadline,

the paper was put to bed with the aid of a friend at the *Goldstream Gazette*.

The malfunctioning typesetter is back in operation now, a replacement circuit board having been flown in from Vancouver Wednesday afternoon.

And the backup machine? It's up for sale.

SHE SAID THE STORY was a hokey one but she told it anyway. I'll let you decide.

It was about 6½ years ago, Carole Gear told me, that husband Allan spent some time cleaning up their Rainbow Rd. property, burning an old barn and attending to numerous chores around the place. And he lost his wedding band.

They searched everywhere for the fairly large, 14 k gold ring, not certain if it was lost on the property or if it had gone overboard while Al was working his boat.

Finally they gave up and bought another one.

On Sunday night of last week they had a call from Sheila Twa.

Had they lost any jewellery, she inquired. She'd found a wedding band in her tomato patch.

Five years ago, Norman Twa did some cat work for Al Gear and in exchange took away a truck load of sheep manure and barnyard droppings.

The load went on to the Twas' garden, where it was well mixed in with a rototiller.

The missing wedding band, despite being lost in an area where a cat was later working, being shipped across the island in a large truck load of manure and spending five years in a regularly rototilled garden, was returned last week to its owner.

I DONT GENERALLY cut coupons but after checking on the regular price of a room at Victoria's Strathcona Hotel, I thought that was one deal I could not ignore.

The hotel has been running an ad in this paper for some time, offering Gulf Islands residents a room for \$19.95 if they clip out the ad and take it in to town.

Saturday we decided to take the kids in to see *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*. A call to the Strathcona revealed that the regular room price is about \$46.

By 6:30 pm I was checking into the hotel, and I explained where we were from. The fellow at the desk opened his mouth to ask the next question but I already knew what it was. Of course I didn't have a copy of their ad.

And not a copy of the newspaper could I find in the car either.

So much for a cheap trip to town.

Letters to the Editor

School has benefited

Sir,
The teachers and students of Galiano Elementary School want to thank all the parents and other community members who helped to make the School Faire/ Reunion on Saturday, May 19, a success.

The generosity, imagination and team spirit exhibited by all the workers and supporters is appreciated. Our school has benefited socially, spiritually and financially by their efforts.

Again many thanks to all.
ELISABETH BRINSON,
Head Teacher.
May 29, 1984.

Situation a sham

Sir,
In a recent court case, Gambier Island Preservation Society vs. Islands Trust, the Honourable Mr. Justice Meredith concurred with the Trust's argument that they do not have the power to enforce Gambier's bylaws. Unfortunately, his Lordship either misapprehended, or failed to accept, our contention that present activities of the mining company are contrary to the Statutory Objectives of the Islands Trust or to Gambier's zoning bylaws.

Since the inception of the Islands Trust in 1974, at the invitation of the government, many man-years have been spent by volunteers developing Community Plans and bylaws, believing that these laws were enforceable by the Trust, under their mandate, to preserve and protect the islands for the benefit of the residents and of the Province generally. Such is not the case. Now we find, after our court case, that these bylaws are meaningless—they have no validity.

It costs the taxpayers more than \$1 million a year to support the Trust, a powerless body. Is this not an exorbitant amount of money to spend on a bureaucracy which can only give advice, particularly in this time of restraint? Either the Trust should be given the powers to enforce the bylaws, or it should be disbanded. The present situation is a sham.

In his decision, his Lordship stated that "The Province must make the choice." He further pointed out that "There is no doubt that if the project proceeds, it will largely destroy the existing environment of Gambier Island as a recreational resource and with it many of the amenities now enjoyed by the residents and visitors to the island."

Our case rests: is the Crown land on Gambier to be forever withdrawn from planned public use, either through staking or mining, or is the Crown land to be freed for the use and enjoyment of the public?

Will the government make that decision, and if so, when?

In concluding, the Directors of the Society would like to extend sincere thanks to the hundreds of individuals and organizations who stuck with us all these years—your tremendous support and donations kept us going. More than 2,500 members supported the Gambier Island Preservation Society.

ELSPETH J. ARMSTRONG,
Director,
Gambier Island Preservation Society.
June 1, 1984.

Trustee accounting

Sir,
When I ran for election as school trustee part of my platform was accountability. Now, being half way through my one-year term, I would like briefly to account for what, as a Board member, I have been and am doing.

My present role involves my being chairman of the Education and Personnel Committee and of the Vancouver Island Branch Education Committee. I am also on the B.C.S.T.A. provincial Education Committee. Locally I am the Board rep. on the District Special Education Committee and have initiated and am working to develop "Project Excellence".

During the last months I have taken a position in favour of special education co-ordination, a number of safety related issues, and cost-effectiveness in field trips. As well, I have been particularly concerned with the whole question of Secondary School programs and graduation requirements.

I am enjoying the challenge of being an active school trustee. I encourage anyone having concerns regarding any of the above areas or educational issues generally to contact me.

Thank you.
DAVID EYLES,
R.R. 1, Fulford Harbour.
June 1, 1984.

Cycling pamphlet available

Sir,
Re: safer island bicycling.
May I commend you for your consideration of island bicycling safety in your editorial of May 23. This is also an ongoing concern of the Islands Trust. For example, in the past year the Trust has contacted the B.C. Ferry Corp. re: safer disembarkation of bicycles from the ships, and Highways re: road maintenance, signing of hazardous locations, and paved shoulders ("bike lanes") in selected areas.

The education of cyclists is seen to be another important facet of bicycling safety. To that end, the Trust and the Bicycling Association of B.C. have produced a pamphlet which attempts to foster greater awareness of the hazards of island cycling and suggests ways to improve trip preparedness and riding techniques on the islands.

Although primarily geared to visiting bicyclists, *Island Bicycling* may also be of value to island residents. As a result, you may be interested to know that the pamphlet is not only being distributed to bicyclists at the ferry terminals attached to their tickets, but has also been sent to all island schools.

Copies may also be obtained from the Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C., Vancouver.

At the end of this initial year of distribution, the Trust will seek feedback from the two ferry agencies, the island schools, and other interested parties before considering possible revisions and future use of the pamphlet.

Please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned should questions arise.
THOMAS OVANIN,
Research Officer,
Islands Trust,
Victoria, B.C.
May 31, 1984.

'Stealing our rights'

Sir,
If any private homeowner is naive enough to believe that they will only pay \$9.50 a year for the sewage system once it is introduced; they will have a rude awakening come pay up time.

A question to be answered, "Will we have sufficient water for that purpose?"

The present recession seems to be a bad time to undertake such of immense cost? Particularly for senior citizens and the many homeowners that can barely keep their mortgage up. So how can they be expected to shoulder further expenses?

In a difficult time that we are all experiencing all we need is medicare—food and shelter...let rest wait till better time comes to us again.

Why refusing us that honest referendum that was promised to us? As public opinion will make final decision...let's get together before, in a sneaky way, we be stuck in an unfair way. They are stealing our rights and our money also.

Thank you.
ALICE TESTER,
142 Swanson Rd., Ganges.
June 1984.

Enthusiastic response

Sir,
On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Community Society, I would like to thank all those people who gave their time so generously to help us clean up the Community Centre.

Thanks to your enthusiastic response the buildings and grounds look so much better.

KAREN REISS,
Chairperson,
Salt Spring Island
Community Society.
June 3, 1984.

It brought back memories

Sir,
On behalf of the Greenwoods residents, I would like all the lovely Maypole dancers to know how much their performance was enjoyed, and talked about for days afterwards. It brought back long forgotten memories to many residents.

I would also like to thank all the other people involved with bringing us this treat, the moms, the Fernwood school principal, the behind-the-scenes people, etc.

In short, all of you kids and adults, it was great fun, and thank you so much.

JONNA MATTEISING,
Administrator.
Greenwoods.
June 4, 1984.

Personnel change

Sir,
J.A.M. Sandwich Street Players would like to thank *Driftwood* and the Salt Spring Community for the warm welcome we have received upon the island. Our shows are coming together well and we are looking forward to sharing them with the Island at Sea Capers.

Since the *Driftwood* article of two weeks past, our troupe has undergone a personnel change. Our group psychologist, Peter Faris, left us for Alberta to recover his sanity. He has since returned but is still resting. The position which he left vacant has been filled by Keith Adams (actor, songwriter, musician).

We would also like to confirm the fact that Mario Martinelli's political philosophy is to the left of derision but we deny taking our political stance from Mario. We have no political stance what-so-ever; we are completely wishy-washy. Strong and influential politicians always win respect and honour from us, regardless of their politics.

Finally, we want to confirm that as the *Driftwood* article stated, Mario is "the writer" of the troupe in that he is the only member of our troupe who considers himself a writer by trade. However, our shows are all a product of collective creation. With the exception of some songs and poetry, we are all the writers of our material.

MICHAEL AYLWARD,
Manager,
J.A.M. Sandwich Street Players,
Fulford Harbour.
June 4, 1984.



Bill Webster

NDP consigned to opposition

There are occasions when ambitious politicians and lemmings share the same characteristics.

James Thurber related a story of a man who met a group of lemmings on their way to the sea. The man told one of the lemmings that he could never figure out why they gathered together to rush to the sea.

The lemming answered that they could never figure out why humans didn't.

But then again, lemmings have never attended a leadership convention.

We here in Blushing Columbine have recently witnessed just such lemming instincts inherent in politicians.

The Indeeper gathered to choose a fearless leader and settled for third-best.

Half the delegates didn't want one candidate while the other half didn't want the other. They looked about and decided on the third man who they figured wouldn't upset anyone. Including Billie's Bunch.

What the Indeeper have done is consign themselves to the opposition benches for the foreseeable future. Lemmings?

Meanwhile, the Libs of Pierre march to the same drummer.

John Turner wants to be leader. But many are against him.

Jean Chretien wants to be

leader but many are against him as well.

Eugene Whelan?
Lemmings?

Guess who's coming to dinner when the Libs do to themselves what the local Indeeper have done.

Which proves that the Procrastinating Calamities are the real political leaders of this land. They began the process when they settled on High River Joe.

The P.C.'s placed their bets on third-place candidate Joe. They began their glorious march to the sea which ended when Joe managed to blow the prime ministership over the price of a gallon of gas.

More recently, of course, they decided to emulate politicians and not lemmings and picked the right man for the right job.

Brian of B.C. has managed to reverse the rush. The Tories trudge towards more glory while the Libs limp to the waves.

And that's an interesting campaign. The various and sundry would-be leaders are looking closely at what makes Canada sick.

They blame the banks, industry, unions, farmers, fishermen, oil men, women and Ronald McRegen for the mess.

One wonders if lemmings are as myopic?

What the political parties of Canada, with one exception,

haven't yet learned is how to choose a leader. They, the sundry parties, except one, chase all over the landscape trying to pick the Mr. Right. Right?

Wrong.

The parties waste all that effort running about practising their lemming-rush when the answer is easy.

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Maybe lemmings have the answer for politicians after all.

And now for something completely different.

On the slo-pitch field of valour, Deadwood continues to cream the opposition. The team may not look like much, but on the diamond they shine.

So far, Deadwood has played two games. While no one keeps score, the other teams have been run ragged. Deadwood has scored 20 runs in those two games. The other side has only managed to cross the plate 65 times.

Maybe lemmings have the right idea for Deadwood as well.

More Letters to the Editor



Fernwood Grade 3 and 4 students, from left, Robin Clarke, Sheila Thompson, Laura Anderson and Andy Knoth, rear, work on their solar greenhouse.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Greenhouse at school

Sir,
The Grade 3/4 class at Fernwood School is constructing a passive solar greenhouse in their southward facing garden.

Early in April the class was studying a Science unit about light and a few students who were preparing the garden for planting noticed that the garden faced directly south. They also listed a number of problems with their garden area and as one of the solutions, decided to construct a small greenhouse which the other classes could share.

After screening the rocky soil, each student drew scaled drawings of the greenhouse to determine the amount of each material needed. The class raised \$120. Another \$150 in materials was donated by a number of parents and one local business.

In small groups the children did all the construction work. All the classes may start plants and grow vegetables in the cold months. The greenhouse is nearly complete and the Grade 3 and 4 students at Fernwood hope that everyone will be able to visit.

LOA MAINWARING,
Fernwood School.
June 1984.

Fun run June 17

Sir,
Just a reminder to let everyone know that the Second Sea Capers around the lake Fun Run (10 km) is to be held on Sunday, June 17, 1984, at Portlock Park.

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Course: Around St. Mary Lake.
Start and finish: Portlock Park.
Registration: \$5 without a T-shirt, \$7 with a T-shirt.

For further information or registration contact Pat Jacquest, days, 537-5568; evenings, 537-5161 or 537-5262.

We hope everyone will come and join us for this fun run.

See you there!
PAT SPEED, DALE NEILSON,
Salt Spring Steamers.
June 1984.

Problems foreseen

Sir,
When I suggested in a previous article that the mutual exchange of young people might be a possible alternative to the existing peace movement, I hardly expected such a prompt and enthusiastic response. Unfortunately a rock music festival on Salt Spring was not precisely what I had in mind and I fear such an endeavour will not contribute substantially to world, or even local, peace.

Granted the experience we gain in the logistic support of large numbers of the now generation may prove valuable, but I foresee a number of minor problems. The proper accommodation for these young visitors might, in itself, present some difficulties. True, some will find temporary and inexpensive accommodation at the Lady Mintó and the local RCMP facilities, but the large majority will be inclined to settle in our public parks and even suitable private properties.

This will, of course, be a source of entertainment and delight for our regular tourists and some local residents as well. It should do wonders for the island's image as a quiet and peaceful haven in a crowded and noisy world. If previous experiences in gatherings of this kind are to be believed, a goodly number of the horde will not be deterred by our lack of facilities and, under the influence of whatever stimulants they find locally or import for the occasion, will be blissfully unaware of most inconveniences.

The bikers, of course, may be frustrated by our narrow roads and

the leisurely pace adopted by our more mature local drivers. They are a resourceful lot, however, and will no doubt manage to entertain themselves in other ways. Perhaps when the shouting and the tumult dies, and all we have to remind ourselves of the occasion are the ensuing law suits, the civic minded stalwarts who sponsored this "happening" will consider promoting Salt Spring as a toxic waste disposal site. There is money to be made there as well!

A.T. HOUSTON,
Ganges.
June 1984.

Adverse publicity

Sir,
During recent months Lions Clubs have received some adverse publicity because of unwise investments. Therefore we would like to reassure Salt Spring Islanders that our local mini-bus is owned and operated by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club and is a separate entity from the Easter Seal Buses. Funds collected for mini-bus purchase and operation are used for that specific purpose, none are siphoned off to other uses.

It would be most unfortunate if any individual or group hesitated to support us because of what has transpired elsewhere, for only with continued community backing are we able to carry on this worthwhile service.

Should anyone require further clarification of this matter please feel free to contact any Lions member.

BOB HELE,
Secretary,
Salt Spring Island Lions Club.
June 1, 1984.

Not connected with concert

Sir,
We would like to express through your paper to our friends and neighbours our concern also about the proposed Rock Concert to be held on August 4 and 5 on Walker Hook Road.

It has been estimated according to the advertising being done on the mainland and Vancouver Island a 10,000 gate can be expected. Even at 5,000 each day; and no camping on the site! Your imagination can picture the results.

We have been given the number 537-9298 to call for information regarding this proposed Rock Concert.

Please do not call me, Reg W. Taylor, Walker Hook Road, for calls regarding the Rock Concert. My wife and I are nothing to do with it.

REG. W. TAYLOR,
Walker Hook Road.
June 1, 1984.

Encouraging support

Sir,
Once more, I would like to extend my gratitude to Yvonne Toynbee and Reg Ashwell.

With regard to the rotating exhibit at Pegasus, I would like to announce that as of Saturday, June the second, it will be discontinued.

The reason for this is simply, that the works are now occupying showing time and space already spoken for.

However, in light of the few but deeply felt comments that I have received, I would like to reassure those interested, that their support has been both inspiring and profoundly encouraging. Moreover, should an opportunity arise again, at Pegasus, or elsewhere in Ganges, it will be my greatest pleasure to resume the exhibit for you.

Thank you.
JOSEF CAVENO,
Ganges.
June 1, 1984.

This Week in Recreation

FRIDAY NIGHT RECREATIONAL SLOWPITCH: Dogs vs Soccas, Portlock; Slugs vs Rebs, Little League; Gang Green vs Deadwood, Hydro; Inn Team vs Pharmasavers, Fulford #1; Flounders vs Gooyducks, Fulford #2; Jellyfish BYE.

LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Wed., June 6: Byrons vs Inn, Portlock; Ganges vs Fulford, Little League; Boys vs Driftwood, Fulford. Mon., June 11: Fulford vs Byrons, Portlock; Ganges vs Boys, Little League; Driftwood vs Inn, Fulford. Home team is first named.



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Monitoring done at slack period

BY BILL WEBSTER

Concerns have arisen about the transfer of a full-time ambulance attendant from Salt Spring to Victoria.

The transfer would leave only two full-time ambulance attendants to cover the Gulf Islands. The nine part-time attendants and the two regular attendants could face more work than they could handle.

The difference between the two positions is reflected in the level of training. The regular attendants have a higher level of expertise due to the regular training programs they must go through.

The work load would fall on the part-time attendants. Each of the two full-time attendants would serve a four-hour shift. The part-time attendants are essentially volunteers and although they serve a regular shift, they are not paid until an emergency call is put in.

The Gulf Islands have one of the largest populations of retired and elderly people in Canada, and with the transfer service would be reduced to one half an ambulance at any one time.

If an emergency required the attendants on duty to take a patient to Victoria, the Gulf Islands would be without service if another emergency developed. A standby crew would have to be paged to handle the crisis.

The transfer was based on information culled from the service calls made during the first four months of this year. Even though the number of calls had increased in comparison to past years, the ambulance service in Victoria felt

that three full-time attendants were not warranted for the Gulf Islands.

The winter and early spring months, when the calls were monitored, are not the busy time of year for the ambulance service.

Erling Jorgensen, who is to be transferred to Victoria, has been on Salt Spring for 27 years. He and his wife came here to raise their family in a rural setting.

Jorgensen had been working in contracting before he joined the ambulance service 10 years ago. He

has also been a volunteer with the Salt Spring fire department as well as an auxiliary constable with the Ganges detachment RCMP.

While the transfer follows stipulations of a union agreement, the union is doing what it can to prevent the transfer but does not have much room to operate.

The Victoria ambulance service, last year, had six attendants transferred to Vancouver. This year the Victoria service is asking for four additional attendants.

Police round up animals

Ganges RCMP were kept busy last week rounding up animals.

A horse went wandering around Fulford looking for its owner and the police managed to bring the two together.

Meanwhile, sheep wandered along Beddis and McGill Roads.

They were also taken home.

In another incident, RCMP know where the owner of two peacocks can find the birds. They strolled down Cusheon Lake Road and are waiting to be picked up.

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Depot collects wastes

Twenty-eight ounces of DDT, a gallon of Cygon 4E and five gallons of crop defoliant were among the toxic substances collected at the

Ganges Farmers' Market Saturday by recycle co-ordinator Donna Martin. Martin set up a collection depot for pesticides, herbicides and

other unwanted toxic wastes. The substances collected will be taken to Nanaimo for disposal.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

A salute to Salt Spring

Current participants in the Katimavik program at Salt Spring Island have written a number of letters as a salute to Salt Spring. They are printed here.

I really appreciate the beautiful green scenery that surrounded me and I would also like to thank the people I worked with during my three months here on Salt Spring Island.

PHILIPPE LEDUC

To Salt Spring Elementary Schoolteachers and Students alike.

To the teachers: Thank you for making me feel comfortable at the school. It was the first time I've had teachers as my friends, not my betters but as my equals! And I thank you for making this the best work project in and out Katimavik.

To the students: Thanks for the learning experience of working with young people. I had fun, and you students are the major part of it. I thank you, and I shall see some of you next year! So till then, thank you very much!

GILCHRIST T. McLEOD.

Pour ma part, J'ai bien apprecie mon sejour sur l'ile. C'est un endroit si plaisant ou il fait bon d'y vivre. (quand il me pleut pas Ha! Ha!).

Travaillant au community centre avec les handicapes mentaux, cela

m'a permis d'apprendre plein de choses autant, au pt de vue physique au' humain, tout en adorant ce que je jaisais.

Je tiens a remercier tous les personnes qui m'ont apporte du bon temps a Salt Spring.

Tourlou MICHEL JOHNSON.

Well, for myself, I enjoyed being on Salt Spring for three months. I'm grateful to the people that made it the most pleasant and wonderful: the crew from the coast guard, the two teachers from the kindergarten, Sheila, Maria, and all the women at the community centre.

Special thanks to Jo Logan and Wendy, and surely all the people on the island for their friendliness.

MARTINE PLOUFFE.

To everyone at Salt Spring Elementary School, teachers included. Just one huge thank you for making this rotation the best for me. It was super just working with all of you.

W. E. SMITH
Denturist
537-9611

Mail to Box 1209, Ganges, B.C.

A special thank you to Jane, Judy, Tom, Joe, Barb, Debbie, John, Maria, Jim, Wayne and Myrna.

Also an extra special thank you to Sharon, Brad and Jean.

Have a nice summer and hope to see you all again soon.

SHERRI CHADWICK.

Okay, I'm heading back to Montreal, hard to believe that I did it. Thank you Maiti for your course, and a special thanks to a special person...Bruce.

I'll send energy from Montreal! Merci et Au revoir!

MONICA COMEAU

Film shows practicality of organic gardening

Pesticides are not required for farming and a Salt Spring farmer has a film to prove it.

Paul Minvielle, who farms land on the Fulford-Ganges Road, will show a National Film Board movie, *A Sense of Humus*, at the Community Centre June 12 at 7:30 pm.

The film shows how organic

farming can be accomplished.

Minvielle uses the technique on his farm. He said that many people are of the opinion that if pesticides are not used in farming, the produce will be blemished. Not so, he said.

The film shows that large-scale organic farming is practical.

Charles Alsberg, B.A., N.D.

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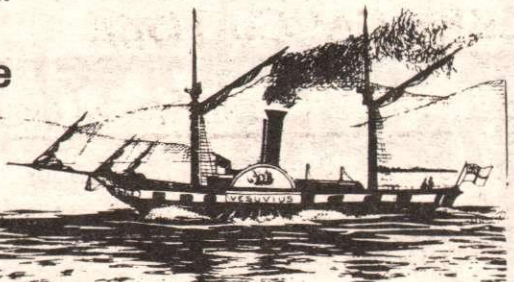
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Women's conference will offer 16 workshops

BY ALISON JASON

Empowerment '84—A Conference for Women sponsored by the Gulf Islands Women's Place, is being held Friday and Saturday at the Community Centre in Ganges. Sixteen workshops will take place featuring 22 local women and 10 guests from off island. A Friday evening event begins the conference and a very full Saturday follows.

From furthest afield is Susan Christian of Bellingham, Washington. As well as being a poet, teacher and art therapist, Susan is known for her "Despair and Empowerment" workshops.

Susan Christian uses painting and writing to facilitate her workshops. At the conference she will address the question: Spirituality and

Political Action—where do they meet?

A panel discussion will follow, moderated by Karen Reiss. Panel members will be Sue Hiscocks, Ann MacDonald, Sheila Reid and Maggie Schubart. The public will be invited to join in the discussion.

The theme of finding and placing one's power will repeat itself in many ways throughout the conference. For those interested in the power of the body to heal, strengthen and express itself, four sessions are available.

Marjorie Ensminger, certified reflexologist, offers a demonstration of how to touch for health. Louise Pothier, chartered physiotherapist, demonstrates global postural re-education, a

subtle alignment technique that restores balance and tone to over or under-used muscles.

Phyllis Coleman, with Karen Childs and Babs O'Brien, demonstrates an advanced and active form of yoga for the limber and courageous. And Yarrow Sheehan, authoress of the successful children's play *Yew Moon—A West Coast Fantasy* will teach a movement class devoted to self-expression for dancers and novices alike.

Other art forms are also represented. Lynne Quinn will give a workshop in the use of voice, an obviously powerful communication tool.

Cathy Ford, Maxine Ladd, and Diana Hayes, members of the League of Canadian Poets, will read from their works and describe the poetic process.

Nina Wolf in collaboration with Judith Boel and Valerie Risely, will perform an original work-in-process version of *Indian Joe—Ballad of a Two-Heart*.

Marie Beaudoin and Phyllis Sinclair will offer embroidery and applique hints to everyone wishing to leave her mark on the guest banner.

Images from the psychic realm often empower or suggest where the individual might locate her power. Judie Lee, recently of Gabriola Island will guide participants in her workshop from the symbols of the tarot deck to their own personal imagery. Naomi Wakan, from Victoria, will discuss how creative power can be tapped through

establishing relationships with dreams.

Three workshops are offered by psychologists and communications experts. Honor Griffith presents *Lightening the Shadow* in which she describes the problem of inertia produced by our projected negativities, and offers solutions to this.

Brenda Percy of Victoria, assisted by friends from the UVic Counselling Centre, teaches a self-help technique she calls Synergetics. It is a peer counselling method which involves groups of individuals working together for each other's benefit.

Finally a panel of therapists, moderated by Alice Friedman, discuss their roles and techniques for assisting women in therapy.

And finally, to return to the political realm, Renata Shearer will give the conference's theme address. Renata will identify the skills necessary for an ordinary woman to

be able to work and be heard in her community to achieve the goals she

and women's groups in communities throughout B.C. She is a former human rights commissioner and is presently co-chairman of Solidarity Coalition.



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For a week they were two young married women among another 1,598. Both were coming to an unknown country and both were expecting a young Canadian to be born on Canadian soil.

It was a week of uncertainty, a week of home-sickness and a week of close contact with strangers. In that week the two became firm friends. So close were they that they wrote to each other desultorily for many months. But they never forgot.

As the years passed Sheila Paton was widowed and remarried in the Alberta capital. And Sheila Palesch adopted the name Rae.

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Nine years ago Rae and laddie Palesch acquired a home on Salt Spring Island.

Two years ago Sheila and her husband, Len Bland, moved into the home they had built on Rourke Road.

Both couples met Ken and Joan Fetherston, of Welbury Drive. It was Joan Fetherston who told Rae Palesch of another war bride on the island. It couldn't be the same Sheila, she convinced herself. It was Joan Fetherston who brought the two together to re-discover their



Driftwood photo by Frank Richards

Two war brides are together after 38 years. Here are Sheila Bland, left, and Rae Palesch after half a lifetime

long sea voyage.

On Sunday the three couples had dinner with Len and Sheila Bland

in their adoptive country. Both are living on Salt Spring Island where they met again.

and won the war again as "D-Day" loomed, laughing their way through memories.

Commission budget approved

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission can spend \$86,380 this year.

The commission has received notice of budget approval from the Capital Region.

Taxpayers of Salt Spring Island will be kicking in \$39,980 based on a one-mill levy to cover part of the costs. They will also contribute part of a further \$38,230 which is a one-mill levy against the electoral area which covers Salt Spring and the other small islands in the area.

The largest payout for the commission will be \$45,500 to cover maintenance of the parks and playing fields. Of that amount, \$9,900 goes to keep Portlock Park in shape while a further \$7,060 goes towards other parks and fields under the commission's jurisdiction.

General maintenance of the parks and fields takes \$28,540.

Other areas of the budget such as the day camp program and the fitness classes generally pay for themselves through user fees.

The day camp program is funded through a \$9,000 grant plus expected user fees of \$4,000. The fitness program has an expected revenue of \$16,000.

Part of the responsibility of the commission is taking care of the community activity centre in the elementary school. The budget calls for taxes and grant to total \$6,320 which goes to pay interest and principal charges in the same amount. Taxpayers of the specified area of Salt Spring Island pay part of that amount.

The commission also allots grants

to island groups to help cover costs. The budget had allocated \$7,300 to the grants program and to date \$6,650 had been given out leaving the commission with \$650 in the account.

The tennis court at Fulford is the major capital expense this year with

\$13,190 set aside to cover costs.

In addition to the tax levies, the commission receives \$70 from the federal government as a grant in lieu of taxes, \$630 in interest income, \$500 as an administration grant from the province and \$6,970 in surplus from previous years.



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Effect on island unknown

Application before the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to move the Vancouver television station CKVU from Channel 13 to Channel 10 could affect Salt Spring Island cablevision subscribers.

The cablevision company carries the French language CBC programs on Channel 10 at the present time and a spokesman for the cablevision company on Tuesday morning was uncertain where the program would go if Channel 10 were allocated to the Vancouver station.

Concern has been expressed in various communities that the proposed change could affect reception of Channel 9, the Public Broadcasting Service in Washington state. Location of the powerful Vancouver transmitter on the adjacent Channel 10 is seen as pushing out the popular public-

subscription program. CKVU has assured viewers that this would not be the case.

Many Islanders have communicated their fears to the CRTC.

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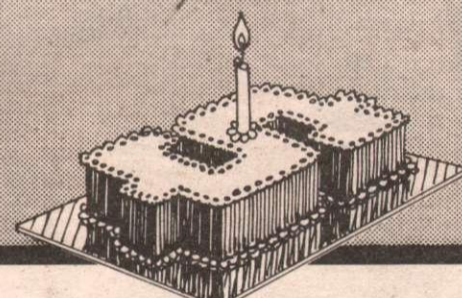
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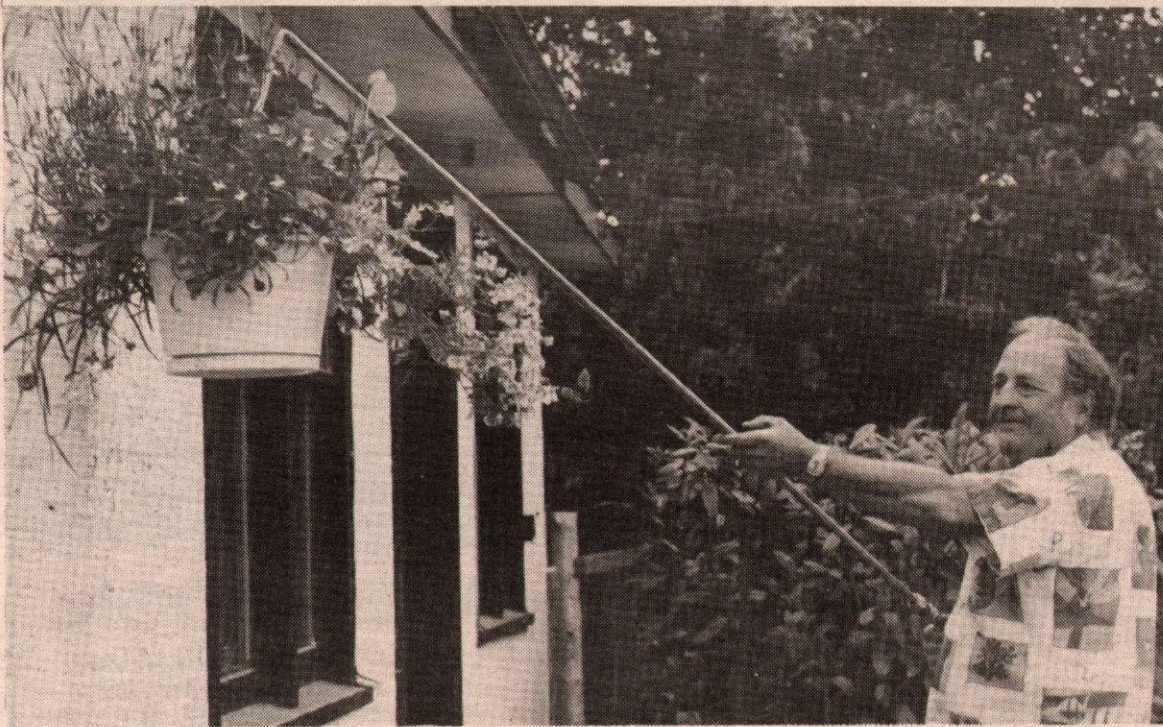
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Tending the baskets

Driftwood came out smelling like a rose last week after an early-morning watering of the office's

hanging baskets by Salt Spring resident Maurice Gerwing. Despite having retired last year from his position at the Bank of Montreal, Gerwing remains active in community affairs. He is one of many volunteers who look after the flower baskets in the village.

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		Time of Hospital Meeting
Saturna Island	Community Hall, Thursday, June 21, 1984	1:30 pm
North & South Pender Islands	School Hall, Thursday, June 21, 1984	3:30 pm
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Wednesday, June 27, 1984	8:00 pm
Mayne Island	Medical Centre, Thursday, June 28, 1984	1:00 pm
Galiano Island	Community Hall, Thursday, June 28, 1984	3:30 pm

AGENDA

- To receive the Annual Report.
- To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1984.
- To elect 3 members to the Board of Directors, one member from Saturna Island (Zone 4), one member from Mayne Island (Zone 5) and one member from Salt Spring Island (Zone H2).
- Appointment of Auditor.
- Life membership.
- Any other business that may come from the meeting.

VOTING PRIVILEGES

- All zone members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1 - North Salt Spring Island, Zone 2 - South Salt Spring Island, Zone 3 - North and South Pender Island and Prevost, Zone 4 - Saturna Island and Samuel Island, Zone 5 - Mayne Island, Zone 6 - Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who have made written application for membership in the Society. Applications will be made available prior to the Call to Order of the Annual Meeting. Applications are currently available at Greenwood's office.
- Annual members: Shall be those who have contributed \$1.00 in membership dues to the Society in respect of the membership year which shall extend from the commencement of the Annual Meeting in one year until the commencement of the Annual Meeting in the next year.

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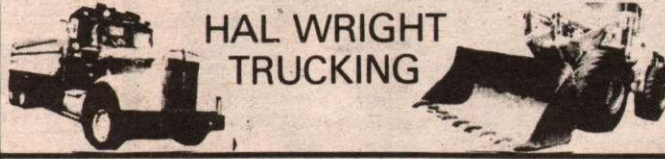
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GALIANO NEWS

Students enjoy beach excursion to Cain Pt.

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Last Thursday a group of Galiano school children enjoyed a beach excursion to study inter-tidal life. Accompanied by teachers Elizabeth Brinson, Steve Nemtin and several adults, with Dr. Tony Kingscote as resource person, they walked from school to the beach at Cain Point at low tide.

Dr. Kingscote gave a brief orientation talk, stressing the importance of conserving animal and plant life by replacing rocks and disturbing the habitat as little as possible. Each child made a collection in a plastic bag and these included hermit crabs, snails, limpets, sculpin, blennies and several different species of seaweed.

They learned that even in the sea, insects assist in the fertilization of non-flowering plants which include kelp, surge-weed and eel-grass.

Rocks were turned over and then replaced carefully as a disturbed habitat may take years to recover. Any holes dug in sand or mud should likewise be refilled else the pile will smother the small creatures of the beach substrata, such as marine worms, crayfish, clams and shrimps.

Students then went from the sand beach to the rocky shore. In the pools they found an amazing number of species including large blennies, starfish, sculpins, limpets, chitons, several types of crab, snails, mussels and barnacles. Cling fish were examined with sucker discs formed by modification of the pectoral fins on the ventral side of the body. With these discs they attach themselves to the underside of rocks—or even to human hands.

Of the bivalves, sand or butterfly clams, little neck and butter clams were seen with only a few of the Japanese oysters, a result of over-harvesting by humans. Oyster shells should be returned to their habitat as the young oysters need old shells on which to develop.

Lunch followed this enthusiastic activity period, after which the pupils began answering questions in activity books and this work was finally completed back at school when reference books from the school library could be consulted.

Senior citizens

Twenty-eight members of the Galiano Branch of the Senior Citizens Association had a fine day to enjoy a ferry ride to Pender Island and then lunch at Bedwell Harbour. Car pools were arranged with a double advantage; those without vehicles were able to see sights not possible on foot, and the individual cost was lessened.

Outdoor fitness

From Sturdies Bay on Saturday morning two local groups, each bent on outdoor activity, caught the ferry to Vancouver. The first group contained 10 adventurous souls who were being conveyed by special bus up the Fraser Canyon to experience three days of river rafting.

Up to the time of writing these intrepid travellers have not returned to Galiano and there is no news of their whereabouts. They left behind on Galiano wives or loved ones (or both!) who were anxious, angry or just plain relieved. (This, of course, is a multiple choice answer for the benefit of those involved.)

Reports from survivors will hopefully be published in next week's issue.

The second party were cyclists bound for Queen Elizabeth Park, starting point for a bicyclathon from there to the Peace Arch at the U.S. border. There they rendezvoused with cyclists from the U.S. and the combined group herd U.S. and the combined group heard speakers from El Salvador describe their experiences and conditions in that unfortunate country.

Incidentally, through their contact with other cyclists the Galiano group, who are Pedallers for Peace, gained considerable support for their projected cycle trip to Ottawa next fall, in addition to the practice run of 70 miles which the outing involved.

Posters and T-shirts with the logo of the Galiano-initiated Pedal for Peace Group will now be distributed by cycling groups in the U.S. as well as Canada.

Clockwise

With the advent of digital clocks

and watches it appears that the dial clock-face will become obsolete. The term clockwise to indicate the direction of circular motion will become anachronistic and incomprehensible to the young, who already favour digital read-outs by a ratio of 20 to one. What word can be substituted when clockwise becomes meaningless?

Perhaps we should revert to the old Viking expression *sunwise*, in use before mechanical clocks were invented. The sun is unlikely to convert its orbit to a digital one. Or how about bathwise, derived from the whirlpool motion of bathwater going down the plug-hole? Unfortunately these might not fit the southern hemisphere.

Perhaps we might use a term more universally fundamental, such as the spin of an electron or the helical structure of a DNA molecule. More appealing to the young would be something galactic such as the rotation of the Milky Way galaxy as seen from *Star Wars*.

Hopefully clockwise will last out our meagre span of remaining years.

Coming events


This Saturday a benefit dance for Pedal for Peace will be held in the South Community Hall beginning at 9 pm. The music will be provided by *Close Quarters*, an off-island band which has previously performed on Galiano to popular acclaim.

A recital is arranged for this Sunday, beginning at 8 pm at the South Community Hall, featuring Vancouver flautist and composer Don Druick in an evening of classical flute music. The repertoire will include works by Couperin, Bach, Marais, and Druick himself. Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Maclure are

paying a short visit to Galiano from June 12-14. There will be an open house on Wednesday evening, June 13, at the home of Basil and Kathlyn Benger on Cain Drive for friends to meet the Maclures prior to their departure for Haiti in August for a four-month relief medical stint.

At the recent annual general meeting of Galiano Peace Group,

Barbara Scoones and Joan Paterson were declared the new chairmen; Georg Plange, vice-chairman; and Ann Hennessy, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting of this group takes place Tuesday, June 12 in the meeting room of the activity centre at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.



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If the room air conditioner is to be installed in a window, the type of window as well as the size of the opening must be considered. Some units are more suitable for sliding or casement windows, while for double-hung windows, the air conditioner must have slide-out panels to enclose any area not occupied by the unit.

Split systems are the most common central system for residential use. The evaporator coil is installed in the plenum of the furnace, the condensing unit is located outdoors, and insulated refrigerant lines connect the two sections. Cooled air is distributed through the same ductwork as is heated air but a two-speed fan (high for cooling, low for heating) is recommended.

All year-round forced air systems should be controlled by a suitable low voltage thermostat. It should automatically switch the system from cooling to heating and vice versa, and could also permit manual control of cooling, heating, or fan operation only, as desired. Locate the thermostat where it will not be affected by either heat sources or conditioned air.

Since only a properly-sized air conditioner will do its job at peak efficiency, it is important to determine the correct capacity for your needs. You will need to know the size of the area to be air conditioned, whether it gets morning or afternoon sun, whether it's shaded, the number and type of windows, etc. With this information a dealer can help you decide on the proper size of air conditioner.

When you've determined the capacity of unit needed, consider the operating efficiencies of different makes or models with that capacity. Some air conditioners use less energy than others to do the same amount of cooling. The more efficient unit may be more costly initially, but it will save money in the long run. Compare them by checking their EER (Energy Efficient Ratio) numbers. The higher the EER number, the more efficient the unit, and the lower the operating cost.

For energy efficient air conditioning, have your cooling system checked every year. Check air conditioning ducts for leaks. Check, clean and/or change air conditioner filters regularly, and vacuum the outdoor coil.


Try to set your thermostat at a comfortable temperature: more than a 9° C (15° F) difference between outdoor and indoor temperature is uncomfortable, and frequent adjustments add to energy usage and cost. If you are away for most of the day, set your air conditioner to cool less than normal; start it about midday or use a timer.

Air conditioning can free you from the discomforts of another hot, muggy summer. As well as cooling and filtering the air, it can help reduce noise levels and dirt by allowing windows and doors to be kept closed.

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Growth stimulant contained in alfalfa leaves

Just for a change I was going to write this article on the ferry. However, this was not to be since I find people far more interesting than writing. And now I am sitting undistracted in Vancouver and it seems a long distance from our garden and matters such as soil quality, fertility, mulches and the like.

However, there is nevertheless some exciting news about an old and familiar fodder plant which may yet affect out agricultural practices a great deal.

Alfalfa, well known for its nitrogen-fixing ability, its value as high-quality fodder, green manure and mulch, has yet another, and somewhat puzzling interesting effect on crop production.

Since our initial oil crisis more research has been directed towards non-petroleum dependent fertilizers and alfalfa, with its ability to fix as much as 300 lbs. of nitrogen to the acre, was one of the prime candidates as an alternative source for nitrogen.

PUZZLING INCREASE

In experiments conducted at the state university of Michigan, Dr. Ries soon became aware of a most puzzling increase in produce which could not be explained in terms of rate of alfalfa application to the test areas. There was a huge discrepancy between the measured and applied rates of alfalfa and the consequent yield.

The test data showed the less alfalfa applied, the greater the yield. Confirmation of this phenomenon took several more years of

comparative testing with various crops, followed by a few more years of tracking down the cause. Eventually, a fatty acid alcohol, naturally present in the waxy surface of the alfalfa leaf, was isolated as the causative agent.

A STIMULANT

Called triacontanol, it was found to be a growth stimulant rather than a fertilizer. Then several more years of experimentation followed to establish the optimum rate of application. Thus five milligrams of pure triacontanol diluted in 40 or 50 gallons of water and applied to one acre proved to result in the greatest increase in yield.

Later on, similar tests were conducted by the *Organic Gardening* research staff, my source of this information, which confirmed the results and the curious inverse effect as first observed by Dr. Ries.

The Rodale research was carried out with green chopped alfalfa at various rates of application and led to the following results. For tomatoes: 40, 100 and 1,000 lbs. and no alfalfa were applied per acre. The yield of tons per hectare were as follows: 84.715 (40), 70.410 (100), 72.220 (1,000) and 67.236 (none).

For cucumbers at the same rate of alfalfa application (in brackets): 54.767 (40); 53.869 (100); 33.476 (1,000); 34.156 (none).

An application rate of 40 lbs. per acre would amount to about eight ounces per 100 square feet and result in an approximately 30% increase in yield.

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

INDICATION OF POTENTIAL

I do not know of any other means by which so large an increase may be obtained with the application of so little. It is an indication of the potential of the green life which we are just beginning to find out.

Another important aspect of alfalfa greens is its high nitrogen content for the making of compost. Manure is not really necessary for rapid decomposition if alfalfa greens are available. For these two reasons then we will be growing an alfalfa patch as soon as we can get it together. Alfalfa is a perennial and good harvests, up to four per year, can be obtained for at least 10 years without renewing the patch.

Good, well drained soil is required but it need not be large as alfalfa typically grows three to four feet high and a little goes a long way. The pH balance must be slightly alkaline, so dolomite lime is needed for long-term alkaline levels.

For highest nitrogen content the alfalfa should be cut just before it goes to bloom. This can go into the compost pile, a six-inch layer over a

foot of other ingredients mixed with a touch of soil, preferably clay for minerals and for the well-being of the microbiotic life.

Otherwise, use the alfalfa cuttings as a slow-release, fertilizing mulch among the vegetables, which will keep weeds down as well. And finally, till the alfalfa stand under to enrich and condition that patch too,

when it needs to be renewed.

Between the previously mentioned companion planting techniques and the rich potential of alfalfa, and with the rapid, organic soil improvement capabilities of the two, we may just stand at the beginning of a revolution in agriculture and the age of abundance.

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Concert society elects new slate of officers

John Guerin was recently elected president of the Salt Spring Concert Society at this year's annual meeting.

Other officers elected were: Pat Duke, vice-president; Margaret Fisher, secretary; Lawrie Neish, treasurer. Hugh Borsman is the past-president. Directors elected for a two-year term were Ruth Borsman, Margaret Briggs, Margaret Fisher, John Guerin and Ralph Newstead. Directors with one year to serve are Hugh Borsman, Pat Duke, Jean Knight and Lawrie Neish.

Six concerts were presented during the 1983-84 season. They included internationally known ensembles or artists such as the Purcell String Quartet, the Pacific Wind Quintet and Jane Coop,

pianist.

It is planned to have six concerts again for the next season.

A gala variety concert, similar to those held for the last two years, when standing room only was available, will take place September 28. The Derry Dean String Trio will perform October 20; a violin and harp recital will be given by Victor and Rita Costanzi November 25.

Negotiations are pending regarding concerts by the Victoria Brass Quintet and the Orion Choir. Dates for a cello and piano recital by James Hunter and Robin Wood are also being discussed.

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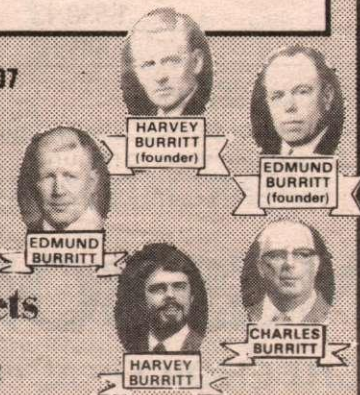
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Meeting Thursday to explain program

A meeting will be held at Ganges by Canada World Youth to explain the program to people interested in offering billets or work projects for the participants.

It will be in the Salt Spring Community Centre Thursday at 7:30 pm.

Graduates at UBC, Simon Fraser

When graduation ceremonies were held at the University of British Columbia at the end of May, three Gulf Islanders were there to collect certificates.

Bonnie Ann Scott, of Galiano Island, was awarded the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Award of Merit as an outstanding student graduating from landscape architecture. She also received \$200 as part of the award.

David James Tara of Fulford Harbour received a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering.

Laurena Dianne Fraser, of Ganges, received a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation.

The Gulf Islanders were part of a convocation where 3,800 students were granted degrees. UBC also awarded seven honorary degrees including one to H.P. Bell-Irving, former lieutenant-governor of the province.

A Salt Spring Islander was among the graduates at Simon Fraser University's spring convocation. Clark Murray Roberts received a Bachelor of Arts.

Daphne Begg, co-ordinator for the Salt Spring contingent, said families which offer billet space to participants will be reimbursed for expenses involved. Billets are needed for 15 persons in the program. Eight come to Canada from Somalia while the remainder are drawn from across Canada.

Begg said the Somalians come from such a different culture that the family billet could be a fascinating experience. The billet commitment would be for two months, she said.

"It's not only room in your house," she explained, "but it's also room in your heart."

The work projects would cover four days each week for the eight weeks the group will be on Salt

Spring. Begg said she is looking for projects involved in community and social services.

The projects could be in health care, the educational system, agriculture, helping the handicapped or other commercial activities.

The participants are interested in learning about how the island works, she said.

The Somalians are drawn from the youth union of that country. It has branches all over the country and its motto is: "If you are not learning—teach. If you are not teaching—learn."

She said the Somalians will be using that approach to find out about Canada.

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