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Two seek licence from CRTC for FM station in islands

Two Salt Spring Island residents intend to apply for a licence to start an FM radio station in the Gulf Islands.

Driftwood wins national competition

Gulf Islands Driftwood has been awarded first place in a national newspaper competition.

The Canadian Community Newspapers Association (CCNA) announced last week that *Driftwood* had been named best all round newspaper in the Tabloid Class 3 category, which includes papers with 3,500 to 4,999 circulation.

Driftwood won two other awards in the same competition, placing first for best editorial page and second for best front page.

It is the fourth time the paper has won an award in the national competition. *Driftwood* won honourable mentions for best all round paper in 1969 and 1977 and the award for best editorial page in 1982.

Last year *Driftwood* was named best all round paper in its class in a provincial competition.

The awards will be presented at the CCNA annual convention in Penticton in July.

Alan White, of switched-off pirate station TNFM (see separate story), and Mike Cherry, of Gulf Islands Broadcasting and Productions Ltd., are each applying for a licence from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

The two worked together setting up TNFM last November but went their separate ways after about three months.

Cherry told *Driftwood* Monday that he felt his chances of getting a licence were good, although the first few years would be "rough". He had hoped to wait for more growth in the island's commercial base before going ahead with the project but said he was forced to begin now because of White's plans to proceed.

Cherry said it could take more than three years for the CRTC to

reach a decision on the applications.

His station, with a call sign of CKGI, would be modelled after CISQ in Squamish. Broadcasting time would be 6 am to midnight and the programming format would be designed for listeners aged 35-50 who, Cherry feels, will be his largest audience.

He said he was prepared to go beyond the 30% Canadian content requirement by broadcasting the music of local artists for at least 10% of the time.

Cherry, who currently works as a janitor at Gulf Islands Secondary School, has a degree from the Columbia Broadcasting Institute and four years of on-air time on radio and television.

He estimated the cost of establishing a radio station, in ballpark figures, at \$30,000.

King of Spain named honorary president

The Galiano Historical and Cultural Society has a new honorary President, King Juan Carlos of Spain.

When the king visited Canada last March he met society President Edrie Holloway and treasurer Jack Kendrick to discuss a petition from the society asking for his patronage.

Holloway has received a letter from Antonio Elias, Spanish

ambassador to Canada, to confirm that the king has granted the request.

The society, with membership throughout Canada and the U.S., plans to build a replica of the Spanish ship *Sutil*, which circumnavigated Vancouver Island in 1792. The ship was commanded by Dionisio Alcala Galiano.



Empowerment '84 conference held

Empowerment '84, a conference for women sponsored by the Gulf Islands Women's Place, was held on Friday and Saturday at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill.

Everyone attending ate well, thanks to two women in photo, Debbie Nova, left, and Barb Slater. More photos on Page 18.

Photo by Barb Woodley

Visitors' guide published

The Beautiful Islands, published annually by *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, appears as an insert in this issue.

The 44-page visitors' guide to the Gulf Islands appears in three sections this year due to the increased use of colour. The guide will be distributed free throughout

the summer in the islands and in tourist information centres in Sidney, Victoria and Seattle. Arrangements are being made to have it distributed in Vancouver.

Also appearing in this week's paper is a four-page schedule of events for Sea Capers, which begins Friday.

PEACE EDUCATION

Teaching children how to deal with conflict

BY BILL WEBSTER

Peace education could be used in schools but the first problem to overcome is the growing misunderstanding about the matter, Gordon Sloan told the Gulf Islands School Board recently.

Sloan headed a committee of parents who researched peace education being taught in other jurisdictions. Peace education, he said, would not be a single subject devoted to the politics of the issue but could be used as part of the current curriculum to teach children how to deal with conflict.

When the idea was explained to the school trustees, they declined to act on the recommendation, but will wait until the community expresses opinions on the matter before making a decision.

Sloan told the school trustees that under the proposal each school library would have a solid body of resource material which teachers could use. The ideals of

peace education could then be incorporated into current subjects.

At the primary level, children would be taught how to handle and resolve conflicts. The children would not be taught about war but about dealing with conflict such as would arise in the school yard between two children.

They would learn about co-operation through such projects as planning class activities. Peace education could form part of such subjects as art, history, science or mathematics.

Tools such as co-operation, communications, consultation and critical thinking would be used to show the children differences between cultures as a way to eliminate prejudice.

From that would come an understanding of the equality of men and women as well as respect for other individuals.

In the higher elementary grades, the

children would learn more about resolving conflicts in a peaceful manner. The task for the teacher would be to ensure that what is taught in school does not conflict with the viewpoint of parents.

Children would be taught how to deal with their feelings about fear. They would learn how to deal with fears in ways which are not counterproductive.

Again, peace education could be introduced as part of the current subjects and through classroom activities and discussions, the students would learn about the legitimacy of all viewpoints.

At this level, classroom discussions could centre on international conflicts such as the arms race. The teacher would have to judge whether the children were able to deal positively with such talks.

At the secondary level, peace education could become more practical. Students would learn about local issues in politics as well as politics at the senior government

levels.

The stress would be on development of problem solving skills both by the individual and by groups. The students would also be guided towards forming and expressing responsible opinions.

An accepted definition of peace is stated as: peace is not only the absence of war and armed conflict but is also linked with the ideas of equality, freedom and justice.

While discussions at the higher grade levels may centre on such topics as the arms race, peace education would not be a presentation of one-sided facts. The efforts would be aimed at helping students understand the sources of conflict in communities as well as in the world.

Children would be taught to think critically and imaginatively as well as how to develop analytical skills. They would engage in problem solving and be guided to development of self-confidence.

Reuse, repair, recycle, says Gilbert

Trust looks at garbage disposal

Salt Spring residents should "reuse, repair and recycle to reduce our garbage," says Nick Gilbert of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

At a recent meeting of the committee, Gilbert gave a report about concerns over the island garbage dump being located in a watershed zone.

Part of his report had been sent to the Advisory Planning Commission for consideration for inclusion in the community plan.

"Dump or landfill shouldn't be located in watershed or recharge areas likely to affect potable water," Gilbert noted in the report, "nor on viable farmland, nor in an area of dense residential use."

"It should be located in an area of suitable geological underlay, not to contaminate ground water."

The committee decided to send a letter expressing concern about the location of the dump to the solid waste committee of the Capital Region.

The Trust Committee is currently looking for land in Ganges and Fulford to be used for garbage recycle depots. If the recycle depots are used for such garbage as tin cans, paper and glass, reasons Gilbert, the dump will not be used as much.

"If we could get land that's central and easy to get to (for a recycle depot), more people would use it," he said.

Islands Trust planner Dave Morris gave a brief history of the dump to the committee.

The dump on Blackburn Road is owned and operated by Norman Twa. He registered the dump with the waste management branch of the ministry of the environment in 1970 and a permit for its use was issued in 1979.

She travelled aboard same ship

A story last week featured two war brides who travelled together on the same ship from England 38 years ago.

Sheila Bland and Rae Palesch both ended up living on Salt Spring Island after travelling to Canada aboard the Cunard liner *Letitia*.

This week *Driftwood* heard from another war bride who travelled aboard the same ship.

Kit Moulton of Fulford Harbour also came to Canada on the *Letitia* 38 years ago, three months before the other two islanders.

She too travelled to Edmonton, where she met husband Art. The couple first came to Salt Spring Island in 1946.

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The land is zoned watershed I and one of the permitted uses in the zone is "public service uses."

In the community plan, public service use is defined as "a use providing for the essential servicing of Salt Spring Island with water, sewer, solid waste disposal...and similar services where such use is established by the (CRD)...."

Morris noted in his report that the CRD is co-holder of the permit from the waste management branch.

"The first zoning bylaw for Salt Spring Island, bylaw 66, was not put into effect until January, 1976. Hence the operation may be non-conforming if not actually in accord with present zoning," Morris concluded.

Gilbert said that personal habits of throwing everything into the

garbage must change. He suggested that citizen action and education were essential in overcoming the problem.

Residents should begin home composting, using home incinerators where possible and using recycle depots, Gilbert said.

Disposal of toxic wastes poses the largest problem. Gilbert told the meeting that there are no facilities in the province set aside for toxic waste disposal. He suggested that people take toxic waste to the nearest office of the ministry of the environment.

The ministry then takes such wastes to Oregon for disposal, he said.

The Trust Committee has been attempting to obtain a report on solid waste management from the CRD, Gilbert said, but so far nothing has been forwarded.

Rain delays tennis court

The rains have stalled construction of the tennis court in Fulford, the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission was told recently.

Phil Hume, of the commission, explained that the ground where the court is to be placed was soggy. The commission had a choice of spending up to \$1,000 to roll the surface of the area to squeeze the

water out or waiting until the rains stop and the area dries by itself.

Whenever the ground can be worked, he explained, more gravel would be added to help keep the area drier in future. Once the contract has been let to build the facility, construction would be completed within four or five days.

The tennis court is being built on land near the Fulford fire hall.

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by richards

Summer all morning

This winter, all summer, the weather has been odd. And this isn't so odd when you figure that the weather is always odd. First thing I learned in British Columbia when I was dodging the odd bomb during WWII was that the weather had never been like it before. But the day, for mine, was last Tuesday, when it didn't rain until the afternoon. But the weatherman took a few days out and we had a bit of summer the last few days.

It's all in the bubble!

It is the ancient relics of the bygone age, like me, who suffer most from the pre-packaging frenzy. Everything comes in plastic. And everything is safe. Like arthritis, for example. You suffer from stiff joints and you can't do what you want to do like you used to do it and you get help. The obliging medical man gives you a prescription to make things easier. And it comes in a bottle that even a baby can't open. It makes them safe for adults that way. Thing they forget is that if a baby can't open the bottle, the odds are that a fellow with arthritis can't open it either. Best way to know is to get a hacksaw and cut off the top of the little bottle. Then you can take them as you want them. The other thing is buying almost anything. Your wife buys nylons? Odds are they come in an impermeable plastic wrapper. Thor with a thunderbolt couldn't move it. Takes less than half an hour to unwrap them and by that time they've finished cocktails and you might as well stay home. Even pork chops come in plastic wraps. But the chops can be opened. Only problem is that they come in fours and sixes and what do two people do with six chops? I have a utility knife, electric drill and a chisel, stacked up with the power saw and all ready to open bubble packs.

Why not Nee-son?

I couldn't knock a Datsun. I had one until the load was too big for it when I was hauling papers around. It never went wrong. But the odd thing about Datsuns is that they changed the emphasis on names and adopted the title of Nissan. It's another odd thing. It's odd that in the automobile business they can change names, invent new names and still sell the same number of automobiles. You'd think that names like Valiant and Monarch would draw the crowds, but they still get changed. But when Nissan becomes the name to remember they spell it Nissan and pronounce it "Nee-son". Why not spell it Nee-son?

Phlox of phlox in the garden

We've got flox of flox. They are great areas of phlox, the phlox that spreads. They are attractive and an asset to the garden. But this year is the first time we have ever seen them and they are everywhere. They are surely well-named.

Byron was there on television

I was watching Ken Byron on television on Sunday. He was marching around the Normandy beaches in uniform, reminiscing about the activities on D-Day. He was Sgt. Major Byron in the incidents shown, but it was shot a decade ago when the 30th anniversary was being celebrated.

Pastry in minutes!

We have a kitchen full of gadgets. We've got the usual electric wizards to cook and to chill and to wash and to dry and all that. But the newest was a food processor. It was intended to make chopping and cutting and the little chores a bit easier for ailing hands. It has not yet actually been used for that kind of thing. The thing it does better than anything else is making pastry. It's the only way I know that can make pastry in 55 seconds. You don't have to be a cook; or a kook! And you can eat it when you've finished!

Sewer needs input!

Gregg Low brought me a copy of Reader's Digest. It lists a series of goofs committed by newspapers in the United States. It's all headlines. And the joke's in the headlines. The slips of the pen...and that's a funny thing because when I was being classically educated, that was termed a lapsus linguae just like Julius Caesar would have said it...they include Fried chicken cooked in microwave wins trip; Tester links pygmy defect to shortness; British left waffles on Falkland; Navy finds dead pilots flying with hangovers. But the choice announcement that brought it to my desk was the Flathead Courier's message in bold type, Sewer input sought. And that thing about the Latin for a slip of the tongue reminded me of the gag that was used to teach Latin. Diner in an elegant restaurant orders a cold plate and as the classically educated waiter reaches over, the cold plate slides and lands on the diner's knees. "Terribly sorry, sir", says the waiter, "Just a lapsus linguae!" You know, it was funny in the 1920's!

Pirate FM station is turned off by CRTC

TNFM, Salt Spring's pirate radio station, is off the air.

Alan White began broadcasting at 89.9 on the FM dial last November. The department of communications caught up with him in May and forced him off the air.

He said last week that he realized the officials would catch up to him eventually but "I was hoping they wouldn't."

White said he intends to apply to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for a licence.

When he began last November, he checked other frequencies and chose 89.9 because it offered no interference with other broadcasters in the area. The signal beamed out to the Gulf Islands and was picked up as far away as North Vancouver, White said.

TNFM began broadcasting with a staff of one—White—and sent signals only on weekends. By the time authorities caught up with him, White had a staff of 10 and was on the air seven days a week. Weekend broadcasting was 24 hours per day while during the week, signal times were from 8 pm until dawn.

"It was something I wanted to do and I enjoyed it," he said. "It's something the Gulf Islands can use," he added.

And listeners agreed. White said the two phones to his broadcast location rang constantly. People phoned to offer encouragement and to find out what was going on.

The station started with a wireless microphone, a cablevision signal booster and an ordinary receiving antenna. As time went by, White added more elaborate and high powered equipment.

The programming was primarily oriented to rock music although White had plans to introduce other musical formats covering classics, jazz and dinner music. He used tapes, records and reel-to-reel while on the air.

And then the authorities descended. He said he received a letter which ordered his small operation to quit using the air waves. The letter, he said, offered "nasty alternatives," so he left the air.

He has submitted an application to the CRTC for a regular broadcasting licence and the process will take from 18 to 24 months, he said. He has to prove the need for

such a station as well as his ability to do it.

Another thing which bothers White about working through the CRTC is that it will be "more expensive their way."

He had invested \$4,000 in the original station but the investment had grown to about \$25,000 by the time he was forced off the air.

When asked if he needs help to finance the station, he replied, "Sort of."

But with two years to wait for CRTC approval, he has time to sort out the financing of the project.

And what of the seven months of air time?

"We had lots of fun," he said.

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The logic doesn't stand out

It takes a bit of time to get used to these hard times. It's not as if we were used to hard times and restraint and shortage of employment. It's just started and there are not many British Columbians who take kindly to it all.

Look at the hospital services on the islands. There's the board of Lady Minto Hospital explaining that the provincial government has set the funding for the current year at a figure about \$200,000 short of last year's. And the hospital is supposed to offer facilities for everyone who needs its services.

In a community of youthful industrial workers the set-up would make you wonder why the price is dropped as the customers start walking in. But in the islands, where the age is high and the need for hospital facilities stands above that in most other provincial communities, the logic doesn't stand out.

It's like the ambulance service. Just as the calls go up the staff goes down.

Like the man on the railway track said, it's a heck of a way to run a railway. Some people are thinking the same way over the province and its priorities.

You can't spend money you don't have, but you have to make some pretty close decisions on the way you spend what you do have.

It was hard enough keeping apace in good times. It's a sight worse right now.

A very literate island

It is only 20 years or so since the Salt Spring Island library was housed in Mouat's Store. It appears likely that, given the present rate of growth, the library might well fill a building the size of that store within the next 20 years.

Each year a small number of faithful followers attends the annual meeting of the library to hear the annual report. And each year the report shows increases in almost every phase of the institution's activities.

Last week the story was taken to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee when the spokesman for that library asked for a change in zoning to allow the island unit to expand.

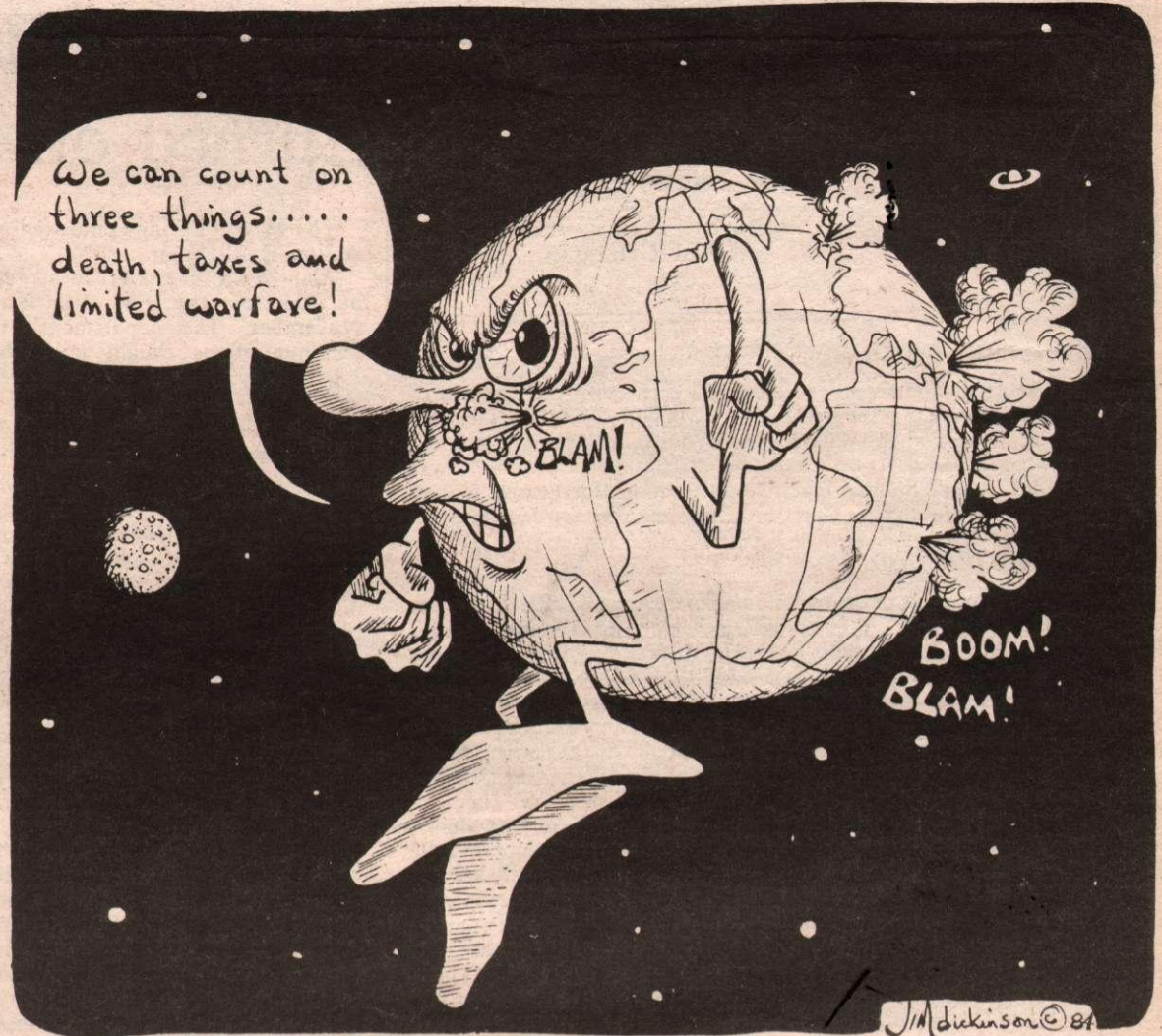
Outlining the increased demands on the library, Ron McQuiggan told the Trust that circulation of books has risen 75% in the past five years. He also noted that the population of the island has risen by 15 or 20% in the same period. There are almost one-third as many books again as were available at the island library five years ago.

The present library was expanded a few years ago at considerable expense. But it is already outgrowing its space and the new zoning asked for will provide the area to include some new facilities.

This request for a zoning that provides for greater expansion than is allowed under its present, residential zoning is an appeal to enable the library to continue serving its territory. One of the few remaining libraries in the province which is independent and untied to regions or other comprehensive areas, Salt Spring Island's depends on volunteer help.

The alarming aspect of the McQuiggan statistics is the realization that when the target maximum population of the island reaches 15,000—and this is expected in the next 20 years—the library, if its present rate of growth were to continue, would be three times its present size.

It looks like a new building program is due about 2004 on this patently very literate island.



Letters to the Editor

Special thanks

Sir,

The organizers of Empowerment '84, A Conference for Women, wish to express our thanks, through your column, to everyone who made the weekend such a success.

Special thanks to the Community Centre; *Driftwood* for a good article; the RCMP and Jehovah's Witnesses for parking facilities; School District 64 for equipment; Status of Women group for films; babysitters; sign makers; clean-up crews; workshop leaders and everyone who participated.

See you all next year.
KAREN REISS, ALISON VIDA-JASON, ANNO DELANEY
c/o G.I. Women's Place,
Box 596, Ganges,
June 1984.

Not completely satisfied

Sir,

The members of RIP-OFF (Residents in Protest of Ferry Fares) are happy, but not completely satisfied to see that the Ministry of Highways has decided to reduce the new \$2 bicycle fare on salt water ferries to \$1, by introducing books of commuter tickets for bicycle users.

We had hoped to see a complete abolishment of the regressive bicycle fare, as bicycles occupy no automobile space and are insignificant in weight. And yet, the new \$1 discount fare for bicycles is still 60% more than the bicycle rate would have been without the unprecedented extra fee for bicycles.

Further we note that the purchasers of single bicycle tickets must still pay the former and ridiculous \$2 fare. This high single

bicycle fare is discriminatory to occasional bicycle users of Highways' ferries, who already contribute to the Highways' budget through taxes. It also discourages and punishes people who would like to travel to and from our islands by bicycle, instead of the heavier, energy and space consuming automobile.

We also note and are disappointed, although not surprised, to see that no reductions were applied to other non-bicycle rates, which have jumped by 67% during a period of one half year previous to January 1984.

Research by our group shows that since 1961, when the Highways Department took over the Gabriola ferry on a subsidized basis, the Canadian Cost of Living Index has risen 269% to 1983. However, from 1961 to Jan. 1, 1984 on the same ferry, automobile rates have risen 300% and passenger rates 313%.

We would also point out that fresh water ferries operating in B.C.'s interior, many in strong Soled ridings, are still operating free of charge. (We would like to stress incidentally, that we are not asking that tolls be charged on these public services). The Ministries' response to this anomaly, when questioned by the Cortes Ratepayers' Association, was that "The inland crossings have always been considered a part of the road system, like bridges, because the road system continued beyond them." And then the Minister said, "the islands are in a different category because connections are not part of a continual road system."

We give full support to the "public service" principle, which is a basic belief that common, essential public services should be funded in an equitable and proportional manner by all "citizens" of B.C., including individual or corporate citizens.

DON NORDIN,
RIP-OFF,
Gabriola Island,
June 5, 1984.

Temporary homes sought

Sir,

For some years now, the Ministry of Human Resources has had only one emergency home on Salt Spring Island: somewhere a child could be placed for a day or more during a family crisis.

After June, there will be a need for one or more such homes on the island.

Human resources would like to compile a list of families willing to accommodate children for short periods (maximum 10 days) during these emergency circumstances, and for longer term placements.

Mr. John Robinson, social worker, will be available on June 14, at an informal potluck dinner on Salt Spring to answer questions interested people may have.

If you think you might have room in your heart and home from time to time, please contact me at the Community Centre (537-9212) or John Robinson at 598-5121 for further information.

WENDY CASE,
Community Worker,
Ganges.

June 11, 1984.

Thanks to instructors

Sir,

On behalf of my students I would like to thank Gaynelle Wallbank, Tom Lobbes, Lee Anderson and Erling Jorgenson of the B.C. Ambulance Service for their generous donation of time and energy while presenting the Basic First Aid course to three of my classes. They are a credit to their profession. Thanks again.
SCOTT BERGSTROME,
Gulf Islands Secondary School,
June 11, 1984.

More Letters to the Editor

Family fest better name

Sir,
We would like to put at ease some of the concerns of the general public of Salt Spring Island about the concert on August 4 and 5 at Walker Hook.

In regards to the letter in last week's paper, we would like to make a few corrections. The estimation that was given is quite incorrect. The advertising is only on Vancouver Island and Salt Spring Island, there is none being done on the mainland.

Also we don't know where the figure of 10,000 came up because the amount of tickets that are available is nowhere near this amount. As far as the camping is concerned, steps are being taken to remedy the situation, so the concerned may rest at ease.

Also we would like to say that the title Rockfest does tend to scare the local people. Just a wrong choice of words. They can't exactly call it a Rockfest when children 12 and under accompanied by parents are let in free. Maybe it should have been Salt Spring Island Family Fest. There is also a local lamb barbecue in the works.

Rest assured that many steps are being taken to make it a fun and enjoyable weekend for everyone.

**REG YOUNG,
CHARLES BYRON,**
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Ministerial safety net?

Sir,
While listening to the radio the other night, I chanced to hear the speech given to the B.C. Medical Association's A.G.M. by Jim Nielsen, our present Minister of Health.

In it, he clearly stated that the Social Credit government sees its responsibility to the province as a solely economic one, concerned only with the funding of services and not with the establishment and monitoring of those services. This is to be done on a self-regulating basis by those being funded, thereby keeping the government's involvement in the lives of the public to a minimum.

This attitude concerns me greatly when I read of the two high school students who were killed and the many who were injured as a result of the self-regulatory approach to standards of safety taken by the Conmac Bus Co., who at the subsequent inquest proved to be using vehicles that were less than mechanically safe.

I find it interesting that when faced with the tragic outcome of the events at Mount Washington, the Minister of Highways immediately fell back on the very regulations that the Social Credit government finds so ideologically distasteful.

He now claims that the bus was "more or less grounded" by the safety standards of the ministry and by so stating, confirming that regulations do indeed have a positive place in our society and without that government involvement our very lives may be at risk.

As it is, those regulations seem only to be called upon as a safety net to save the political life of the Minister of Highways, as evidenced by his continued refusal to enforce

seat belt laws for children under six, even though it is universally recognized that seat belts do save lives. Again his rationale is that such regulating would be an unnecessary intrusion on the people of B.C.

But I wonder whether if, in accepting some government regulation in our lives, we are giving up essential freedoms, or whether we are simply actively acknowledging our collective responsibility and concern for the quality of the lives of all who make up this province with us, even those whose economic and political power may be less than most.

If you were under six, how would you feel?
K. RAHTZ,
Ganges.
June 8, 1984.

It's happened before

Sir,
Dr. Hugh Borsman is on record as saying that nobody will be forced to connect to the Ganges sewer, and further that if one does not join it, one will not have to pay towards its cost.

I cannot help thinking that either he is naive, or he knows very little about municipal financing. History has taught me that not only will everyone be forced to join, — and to pay his share of the cost — but in addition, it will soon be found that there are insufficient people paying—with the result that the compulsory area is increased. This "augments the tax base", to use the phrase commonly employed by the clerks who govern us.

The final stage comes when they find that the pipe-size, chosen in the design stage, is now too small: so they have to dig it all up and put in bigger pipes.

I've seen all this happen before.
Come on, Hugh! Admit the whole plot was a disaster, and start a move to can it right now!
COLIN NICHOLSON,
Box 1087, Ganges.
June 10, 1984.

Beautiful experience

Sir,
Last Saturday night I had the good fortune to be part of the audience at the Community Centre, experiencing *Indian Joe—Ballad of a Two Heart* by Nina Wolf. I felt like part of the "play". As the audience we chanted chants, sang songs, lit candles and received ritual gifts. We were also treated to an inspiring, challenging and very beautiful experience. Nina Wolf's poetry has the power to take your breath away, to stir your emotions, then to confront you face-to-face with reality.

The weaving of music and song is done by Judith Boel. Valerie Risely's precise mime and movement are often startling and sometimes very humorous.

For those who missed it, there will be another opportunity to see Nina Wolf's moving and provocative work at the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road this Thursday, 14 June at 7:30 pm.

I would also like to congratulate and give hugs-of-thanks to the organisers of last weekend's Women's Conference. It was wonderful...so are you...thank you.
YARROW SHEEHAN,
Ganges.
June 10, 1984.

Deaths could be reduced

Sir,
The Salt Spring CPR Society, recently founded and associated with the Greater Victoria CPR Society, would like to openly thank the local Rotary Club for their generous donation that enabled us to purchase three Resuscitation Annie Dolls.

We are hoping to teach as many citizens of the Gulf Islands as possible, the art of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. 60,000 Canadians die each year of heart disease, with 60-70% of these deaths occurring in the community. It is clear, then, that the number of pre-hospital deaths could be reduced if more people were skilled in basic CPR. In our community, which is a widespread one, it is of special importance that our fellow man be a lifesaver.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly, caring community and with a knowledge of CPR we take that "caring" one step further.

We thank the Rotary Club for their donation and with this kind of support we, as a group, will be able to achieve our goal of providing CPR courses to the people of the Gulf Islands.

VICKI WARREN,
Secretary, Salt Spring CPR Society.
June 1984.

Sponsors gave generously

Sir,
We'd like to thank our sponsors, who so generously gave money so that the Brother's Race Team could build another apple box for Sea Capers.

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JAKE AND CY VANDORT,
Ganges.
June 1984.

Attitude is greatest threat

Sir,
The book *Nuclear War, Nuclear Peace* by Leon Wieseltier is another logical book offering some solutions to the world's nuclear dilemma. The author recognizes three fundamental propositions.

First, and most important, nuclear warheads are not weapons, as we normally understand them. No nation can use them to achieve their political desires (for to use them would be a commitment to national suicide); they are unusable to halt a conventional attack (since their use would almost certainly lead to an all-out nuclear war); no nuclear war can be won (despite the confusing noises coming from the Reagan administration).

Second, a limited or controlled nuclear war is a wholly theoretical concept dreamed up by the Pentagon. Experienced military officers of both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. have generally agreed that such a concept is wholly unrealistic—even though presently endorsed by Secretary of Defense Weinberger.

Third, neither side can achieve nuclear superiority, (a thought that makes the Reagan administration acutely uncomfortable). When each side has enough weapons to destroy the other side many times over, the accumulation of more weapons becomes completely meaningless. The present development and deployment of potential first-strike weapons such as the MX, Cruise and Pershing II is completely idiotic, says Wieseltier. The present U.S. and Soviet nuclear arsenals contain over 18,000 strategic weapons, and 35,000 tactical and intermediate weapons.

Scientists are generally agreed that a nuclear winter would result for all the Northern hemisphere if even 500 to 2,000 warheads were used; so a major first strike would be an act of national suicide even if no retaliation occurred.

The writer concludes that our best hope to avoid a nuclear catastrophe is to rely on deterrence which must be accompanied by disarmament. A secure second strike capability, which both sides now have in their submarine missiles, is a necessity as a backup for deterrence. Weapons in themselves will not destroy us, it is the present political attitude that is the greatest threat to lasting peace.

BILL PATERSON,
Galiano Island.
June 1984.



Bill Webster

Truth is so subjective

And so the fun resumes. Where else, one asks wonderingly, but in the Gulf Isles and particularly on Salt Spring does the expression of opinion rank as a crime close to treason?

The controversy continues into its second decade and shows every sign of sticking around for three. A solution is close but...

When, more than a year ago, the Crippled Region decided that the people should decide decisions affecting their lives and pocketbooks, the talk began. And continued.

And continued. More words went into the foggy air of the committee meetings as citizens of the island attempted to find that elusive solution to the question of what to do with what remains after digestion of a good meal takes place.

At first, way back when, the two sides of the debate sparred hesitantly. For the first time, both sides were able to see that none on the other side sprouted horns or flamed at the mouth.

And the talk continued. An engineer was hired to look at the problem. He is very good, this engineer, in finding solutions to seemingly impossible problems.

And so he looked while the talk continued.
By January of this year, he

came to a conclusion which many who know this rock knew many years ago. Some who claim familiarity with the rock could have known the same thing if they had but opened their eyes.

There are, said the engineer, many solutions to the problem but some are more costly than others.

And that is why some people had become upset at the solution proposed by the Crippled Region. Money.

"Any solution can be engineered," said the engineer, "if you are willing to pay for it."

He laid out four options because the land of the island couldn't handle sewage on a large scale. One option—do nothing—was rejected by both sides.

The other three options centred on the use of the long pipe languishing on the floor of Grunges bay.

And the talk continued with a vengeance.

For months, with a possible solution at hand, the Grunges committee talked.

When some tried to move things, the talk became more insistent.

And nothing got done. "Let's hold a public meeting," one side suggested.

"Can't do that," the other side claimed, "not enough information."

And shortly thereafter, the other side went about saying the one side wanted to keep residents in the dark about what was going on.

When the members of the committee finally came to the realization that nothing was happening or about to happen they parted company. But in the usual Salt Spring way.

Some claimed disharmony on the island. They offered veiled insult to character, motivation and personal habits of others and wondered why peace doesn't reign on the rock.

As could be expected, letters came into the local scandal sheet. The letters set out personal opinions about happenings. In some, any resemblance to fact is purely coincidental.

But the letters contain a lot of truth. The only problem with truth is that it is so subjective. Each of us views the world in a different light. Each of us looks on truth in a different manner.

The fact of the matter is that a solution exists. That solution is affordable. That solution won't pollute the shores of Grunges Bay.

Another fact of the matter revolves around another fact. The vocal minority won't accept that solution and the controversy will stretch into its third decade.

More Letters to the Editor

Objections outlined

Sir,
 There is at this time an application by a Nanaimo group called Wilderness Intelligence Leisure Development Society (WILD) to lease District Lot 60, Galiano Island, a 150-acre piece of waterfront Crown Land (A.U.R.E.P.) known as Pebble Beach.
 After reading WILD's proposal, that is available to be read at the Galiano Friday Market, which includes plans for a lodge and facilities for outdoor recreation, courses, tours and a heliport, I have a number of objections. They are as follows:

1. WILD claims that Pebble Beach is "under utilized" although it is consistently well utilized by the Island community and the general public.
2. The WILD proposal originates outside the community, and does not include any substantial community involvement.
3. This proposal restricts community access, and therefore constitutes a form of land enclosure.
4. District Lot 60 (Pebble Beach) is the only public beachfront property north of Montague Harbour Provincial Park. Once alienated, it will not return to public use.
5. Use of the property would be by registration for courses or tours offered by WILD. This suggests a commercial emphasis which is not in keeping with public recreation.
6. The proposed helicopter landing facilities will disturb known eagle nests, otter habitat and seal haul-outs. This is in direct contradiction to their stated goal of wilderness preservation.
7. District Lot 60 is a wilderness stand in the midst of clear-cut logging, and as such should remain undeveloped.
8. Many of WILD's proposals will duplicate existing commercial and community services.
9. No facilities are planned to accommodate increased traffic or parking.
10. The proposed campgrounds, in that they are dependent upon a volunteer fire department and extremely limited road access, constitute a substantial fire hazard.

I urge other residents of Galiano and the other Gulf Islands to make their opinions known by writing to

the following people and expressing their personal views:
 D.W. Berry, District Land Manager, Lands Parks and Housing, 851 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C., V8W 1M1, Hon. Hugh Curtis M.L.A., Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. and Hon. Anthony J. Brummet, Min. of Lands, Parks and Housing, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.
 There is also a petition to Islands Trust that is available at local stores, requesting that the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing reject any proposal for this parcel that would remove the land from community control.
 I urge residents of the Gulf Islands to help save this piece of wilderness for all our enjoyment.
MAGGIE LYON,
 Box 145, Galiano Island.
 June 8, 1984.

'Rescued' by CMRA

Sir,
 On behalf of the Salt Spring Pathfinders and the Fulford Guides we wish to extend a very special thank you to the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary. On Friday, June 8, our canoeing trip to Wallace Island would have been spoiled by high winds and whitecaps. However, the CMRA was on hand to "rescue" us. Cliff Leblanc ferried all 16 girls, two leaders, the luggage, and four canoes over to Panther Point in his sailboat.
 Gordon Ruckle and Terry Owen towed the other three canoes from the fast response boat and then ferried the girls and their luggage from the sailboat to shore on Pebble Beach.
 Sunday afternoon when we broke camp the sea and weather conditions were magnificent. The CMRA was again on standby. They patiently escorted us as the girls paddled their canoes across the channel.
 May we convey our sincerest thanks to Cliff Leblanc, Gordon Ruckle, Terry Owen, Ed Bettiss,

Malcolm Pinteau and Bobby Leidan for their service above and beyond the call of duty. They enabled us to have a safe, fun camp!
ANNE MARSHALL, MARY COOMBES, Guiders.
 Ganges.
 June 1984.

Light at the end

Sir,
 Finally, there is a light at the end of our long disputed sewer pipe. It was with great pleasure that I read Harold Macy's letter (*Driftwood*, May 23) explaining the Comox Valley's solution to sewage disposal. I've always been under the impression that this "state-of-the-art facility" was the idea S.S.A.C. had in mind when it originally banded together.
 I would like to know what became of that plan—is it not economically feasible or is it the shortage of land space that negates it. In my opinion it's a neat idea as it solves the problem of what to do with the present outfall pipe already in place.
GARY GAGNE,
 Box 1372, Ganges.
 May 31, 1984.

Excellent festival

Sir,
 Once again, another excellent Women's Festival—the theme-empowerment—which brings to mind two incidences that happened to us women that day—a car was stuck in the ditch (that happens to men, too)—but six women removed it. And one female (me, to be exact) ran out of gas at Rock Crusher Corner, walked back with it, and actually knew enough to put some gas in the carburetor as well as the tank. Maybe nothing to you younger people but it made me feel good.
 More power to you, ladies of the Community Centre, for a great weekend.
PHYLLIS SINCLAIR,
 Old Divide Rd.,
 Ganges.
 June 1984.

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Ganges needs sewer now

Sir,
 Almost hate having to admit it, but I think my dad is right—Ganges needs a sewer treatment plant now! Everyone who uses or has used the school and the hospital, shops in Ganges or wants to see a limit to the development of the rural areas of Salt Spring for commercial purposes should support the building of the plant. However, it seems that no one wants to pay the piper's tune.
 Septic tanks are no good in that area—as a kid I almost got hepatitis there. Why not build the plant now and review the case in five years? If necessary, build a secondary treatment facility then!
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PETER RAMSEY,
 Victoria.
 June 7, 1984.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Meeting on concert Monday

BY HUGH BORSMAN
Salt Spring Regional Director

This week there are three unrelated items that should be of interest to you. The first concerns the concert planned for August 4 and 5. I first heard about it when the RCMP phoned to express apprehension.

I immediately enquired what possible regulations might exist, and also contacted Kelowna where a somewhat similar event resulted in serious problems. I have just heard from them, so have something to report. Also a great many of you have contacted me to express your concerns.

As a result I asked the organizers of the event if they would meet with any of you that would like to question them, and they have kindly agreed to do so. The meeting will be held at the School Board office on Monday, June 18, at 7:30 pm.

The second matter might appear to be related, but it is coincidental. You may recall that I mentioned the possibility of a bylaw to provide for the abatement and control of objectionable noise for Salt Spring Island. I gave drafts of the bylaw to the Islands Trust and to the Advisory Planning Commission, but if they had any suggestions for revision, I have not heard of them.

Salt Spring Island remains the only electoral area without such a

bylaw, and while that is not sufficient reason for considering one, the bylaw does have some obvious advantages. I will leave a copy or two at the library, and if anyone is interested, please leave some marginal notes regarding additions or deletions. I will then arrange to have a draft published in *Driftwood*.

The final item concerns the Blackburn Road dump, or more euphemistically, the "landfill" operation. Since this facility is on the watershed of Blackburn and Cusheon Lakes, concern is quite properly expressed concerning possible leaching of toxic materials into these bodies of water. The Salt Spring Water Preservation Society wrote to the CRD and myself a week or so ago, asking what could be done about it.

The last reported testing of the area by the B.C. Waste Management Branch was in late 1982. Four surface water sites had been examined: a surface seepage above the landfill, a small pond below and immediately adjacent to the landfill, Blackburn creek downstream of the landfill, and Blackburn Lake.

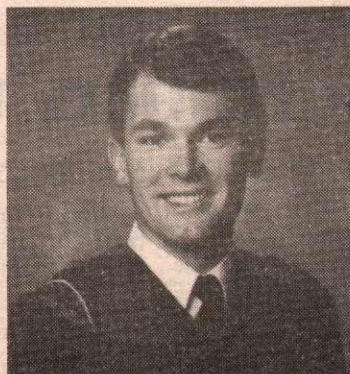
About 30 chemicals, minerals, toxic materials, and E. Coli were tested for and the conclusion was "the landfill was not affecting water

quality adversely, at the time of the survey." I have asked that this survey be updated and will suggest that it be done at least yearly. I have also asked that a CRD engineer periodically inspect the landfill operation, in addition to the health inspector.

Moving the site has of course been suggested, but it is a private operation so this would be difficult even if suitable land could be found elsewhere. Alternatives to this method of disposal of refuse are many, but few are satisfactory unless they are prohibitively expensive. The CRD, which has problems with its own landfill operation at Hartland Road, is continually looking for alternatives. The Water Preservation Society suggested that they would come up with some ideas, and these would be very welcome.

In the meantime the Community Society, which has been conducting a commendable recycling operation, has recently started accepting chemicals and possible toxic materials, for disposal. The recycling depot will, in the next week or so, be mailing instructions to all householders as to how we can, as a community, improve our recycling efforts. In addition a separate receptacle could be left at the landfill for anything considered potentially toxic.

I have suggested that the Water Preservation Society letter to the CRD be referred to the solid waste committee of the Islands Trust and I will assist them in any way possible. In the meantime, could I again commend the Community Society recycling project and ask that you all make an effort to reduce the total volume of waste by recycling. At the very least assure that no potentially toxic materials are deposited in the regular garbage.



Two graduates

Two recent graduates from the University of B.C. were David Tara, left, and Laurena Fraser. Tara, son of Bob and Helen Tara of Fulford Harbour, received a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering. He plans to go for a masters degree, for which he will

study in French. Fraser is the daughter of Mary and Ian Fraser of Salt Spring Island and received her degree in rehabilitation medicine. She will intern at St. Paul's Hospital and the Vancouver Arthritis Society.

IODE members participate in two school assemblies

BY ALMA McQUIGGAN

Members of the H.M.S. Ganges Chapter IODE were privileged recently to participate in the observation of Citizenship Day at Fernwood and Gulf Islands Secondary Schools.

Glenn Woodley, principal of Fernwood School, welcomed us warmly at their assembly. The school choir, led by Jackie Severn and accompanied by Kevin Vine on piano and guitar, sang several songs. In addition the school ukelele band was really impressive with their enthusiasm, expertise and entertainment.

Fred Tessman spoke about citizenship with special reference to new Canadians and children. This emphasis on juvenile citizenship was well illustrated by the presentation by Mr. Woodley to representatives of each grade of diplomas of good citizenship.

Books were presented to the librarian, Mr. Wright, by the IODE for the use of the school.

This was truly a delightful morning.

Later the chapter members were equally well received at the secondary school by its principal, Bob McWhirter.

The school band, directed by Dwaine Prosk, accompanied the singing of the national anthem and also entertained the assembly with several numbers. These were well received. The speaker was Ivan Mouat.

Dorothy Edwards presented the IODE art awards to students Bea Nord-Leth and Vanessa Volkommer; the music award was presented by Chris Searle to band member Alex Hoechsmann, and Isabel Fitch presented the books for the school library.

Later we were treated to an art exhibit and tea was served by girls of the home economics class. Members of this class will also be helping to serve at the IODE Annual Garden Coffee Party on June 20 at Dorothy James' home.

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June the sixth

World remembers the cost of European liberation

From the veteran who lived through the invasion of Europe 40 years ago to the world's leaders of today, everyone was represented in Normandy last week when D-Day and the Second Front were recalled. Prime Minister P.E. Trudeau, Ronald Reagan and the Queen were among the participants to pay tribute to the men and women who died and to the men and women who lived through those days of strife.

A Salt Spring Island D-Day veteran who shuns publicity explained he was in the invasion of Normandy. He served with the Royal Canadian Artillery and went into France on D-Day.

For the first two weeks it was a completely strange experience. Constant noise, unrelenting fighting, blood and death everywhere. For the next two months it was fearsome and a sense of terror stayed with him. And after two months it was old hat and he lived this life he had learned to live.

He is one of the many who lived through the invasion and the Second Front. Many didn't live to recall these events, 40 years after.

On June 6 the forces of Canada, Britain and the United States broke into Germany's side door and by force and tenacity overpowered the defences despite the death toll of storming the beaches.

Douglas Harker, of North Pender Island, wrote of the day in his story of the British Columbia Regiment, *The Dukes*.

GREATEST IN HISTORY

"On June 6 the greatest invasion in history commenced. Fifty-three hundred ships and landing craft were needed to put that invasion force ashore; 12,000 planes to cover its advance. In the first 48 hours 150,000 men and 1,500 tanks were to be landed."

Harker went on to recall that at Dieppe, in an earlier expedition into France, 907 Canadians had been killed and 2,460 wounded or taken prisoner. On D-Day 359 Canadians were killed and 715 were injured.

Harker makes comparisons with an earlier conflict. In the second Battle of Ypres, during the First World War, Canadian casualties had totalled 208 officers and 5,828 men.

The engagement costing the least had gained the most.

Harker and his regiment did not cross the channel until mid-July. The regiment missed D-Day, but it missed no fighting and pushed its way into Germany with considerable losses.

REVIEW OF EXPERIENCE

The late Desmond Crofton was there with the Canadian Scottish. In 1951 the regimental magazine, *The Brazier*, published Lt.-Col. Crofton's observations after returning to the beaches in 1949.

"We finally reached our goal," he wrote, "our own Canadian Scottish beach. It is a strange sensation to stand completely alone on the beach and try to visualize it as it was on that memorable D-Day in June.

"There were all the concrete pill boxes and partially destroyed guns and wire and other defences which our troops had to contend with. On the beach itself there were wrecked landing craft and part of the *Mulberry* washed up from Arramanche. Offshore were two half-submerged ships."

The former commanding officer of the Canadian Scottish was accompanied by his wife and daughter. They walked to the Chateau Vaux, which had been the first objective of Company "C". They were met on this occasion not

by German soldiers, but by children singing.

They drove on, along the approximate route taken by his battalion in the advance into Europe, towards Caen.

DISREPAIR

"We found the villages of St. Croix and Banville in a depressing state of disrepair. Secquville,

Thaon, Gruchy, Buron and Rots were much the same as they were six years ago."

It would be impossible to list all the island men who took part in the D-Day invasion.

It would be grossly unfair to suggest that they were better qualified for having done so than

the men who were serving equally courageously in the many other zones of the war.

But it would be neglectful to omit reference to the platoon which was formed on Salt Spring Island early in the 1930's, under the command of Second-Lieutenant Desmond Crofton. Platoon Sergeant was Harry Nichols. Both returned to

their island homes after the end of the war and both have died in the passing years. Drill hall for the platoon was Mahon Hall. In June, 1944, the Canadian Scottish went to Normandy and Major Crofton commanded "C" Company when they were the advance party, landing at Vaux and charging across the beach under direct enemy fire.



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Importing limp lettuce going to cost more

We went to the Farmers' Market a couple of weeks ago, which we would like to do more often.

We had a great time, chatted with Eva and Mrs. Pat, with all and sundry, about the merits of vegetables and of herbs, of life on the islands and the dubious aspects of weather.

We sold a few bedding plants too and promptly spent all of this income on various necessities; we had to have a few coffees, a bite to eat, needed to pick up a few things in town, and we recycled the income of that day right then and there.

Among our purchases was a bunch of organically grown, local romaine lettuce. What a treat. It had substance, integrity, nourishment that one could feel and flavour! It also kept extremely well, so that we had this dynamite lettuce for two weeks and enjoyed every precious bite of it.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE

What a profound and dramatic difference to the lifeless, limp and pale "importatated" lettuce. One's body just hums with the goodness and the pleasure of it.

Well, we all should have that pleasure, the humming pleasure of healthy, nourishing food which makes our cells glow with joy and with health. And there is no reason whatsoever why we could not supply our local supermarkets with all our fresh green needs.

It can be, and needs to be done anyhow since the current conflict-generated oil supply crisis and another round of tight money

policies intended to curb inflation will surely result in higher costs of limp lettuce.

Our exchange rate, a deepening recession and a growing water crisis down south further contribute to increased costs for imported produce. It is ironic actually that we, we, with abundant water and an ideal climate for green crops, are importing this produce.

ESSENTIAL BASE

Our Farmers' Market then is an essential first base to encourage local growers to grow for marketing, as the base for blissful independence of the whole economic mess.

This income can be generated and recirculated locally to a considerable degree and at the same time provide us with the warm glow of healthy food and healthy bodies. All the means are at hand, the soil is willing, the green life is willing, rather eagerly at that, and natural fertilizers are abundant as these columns advise again and again. And we can all get into the act, the more the better actually.

Let's say we have 100 or 200 small-scale market growers or 500 for that matter, all growing various mixed crops in varying succession. The result would be a great variety of fresh produce on the shelves of our local markets. And not one of these growers would be left to peddle 2,000 heads of lettuce in three days, for instance.

We are so fortunate in this respect that we can even grow winter-hardy vegetables outdoors here. Recent

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

research in this direction has established that soil temperatures are far more important than air temperatures, and we can control or enhance these a lot easier than air temperatures.

LOCATION IMPORTANT

A sunny location, good drainage and raised beds are essential for this. Even if the sun does not shine, a "sunny" exposure still shows significant heat gain over a shady one. And fresh winter greens fetch a pretty penny, especially if they are of the glowing, healthy kind.

To start then, it is best to take it easy, gain some experience and progress and expand from there. Mini-climatic warm pockets on your place are your best bet and can even be created with some shelter from the north, northeast and northwest, to create a sort of flat-

bottomed funnel shape open to the south.

Raised beds and average soil are best, since rich soil would produce much tender growth which is easily frost damaged. Growth will stop in December and January and when things start up again in February to March, with the snowdrops and crocuses, a nitrogen-rich top dressing will provide the required nutrients.

There should be about one-third sand in volume in your soil to provide good drainage along with one-third organic material to turn the soil nice and dark which will absorb more heat than light, pale soil.

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Two wins, one loss for Salt Spring Log Sort

Salt Spring Log Sort little league team came away with two wins and a loss following two trips to Vancouver Island last week.

Last Thursday the team played a close game against Chemainus Rotary. Salt Spring was ahead 3-0 until the fifth inning when Rotary scored two runs.

In the top of the sixth, with bases loaded, Colin Walde hit a triple to secure the win for Salt Spring. Winning pitcher was Ben Berry.

On Saturday the team played a double-header against Crofton. According to coach Pat Akerman the team had trouble catching, throwing, hitting and running in the first game and lost 14-6.

They looked like a new ball team in the second game though. With rookie pitcher Mark Nordine, Log Sort came back and beat Crofton 17-4.

Team members are Ben Berry, Chad Page, Bobby Akerman, Mark Nordine, Trevor Hardie, Derek Topping, Aaron Jensen, George Akerman, B.J. Severs, Colin Walde, Ken Akerman and Izak Ondre.

The team plays again Sunday against Chemainus Legion at the Little League field in Ganges. Two games are scheduled for 10:30 am and 1 pm.

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Vehicle defects found in traffic safety program

The Ganges detachment RCMP took part in the provincial traffic safety program from April 20 to May 21.

During the 32 days, the island police issued 20 written warnings to various drivers concerning vehicle defects. Last year during the same period, only two warnings were given out.

This year, there were nine property damage accidents compared to five in the previous year. Two accidents resulted in injury to three people. In 1983, there were three accidents in which four people were injured.

The RCMP set up roadblocks at

different locations as part of the program. Ten drivers were charged with various offences but last year 30 charges were laid.

Two drivers were under the influence of alcohol and a further eight had their licences suspended for 24 hours. Last year only one impaired driver was charged and another driver lost his licence for the 24-hour period.

As well, two drivers were charged because they were not wearing seatbelts. Last year, there was only one such charge laid.

The traffic safety program will be repeated in September.



First aid taught

Members of the ambulance crew on Salt Spring have been spending time teaching first aid to students at Gulf Islands Secondary School. The 62 students from Grades 9, 10 and 12 learn techniques of first aid during a seven-hour course. Above, Gaynelle Wallbank, centre, shows Wendy Luscombe and Mike Fisher how to apply a bandage to cover a wound on someone's arm. At left, Tom Lobbes supports Gaynelle Wallbank to show how to make an accident victim comfortable. She has a sling which immobilizes a seriously injured arm. Teacher Scott Bergstrom said the students will receive credit towards their academic year for passing the course.

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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

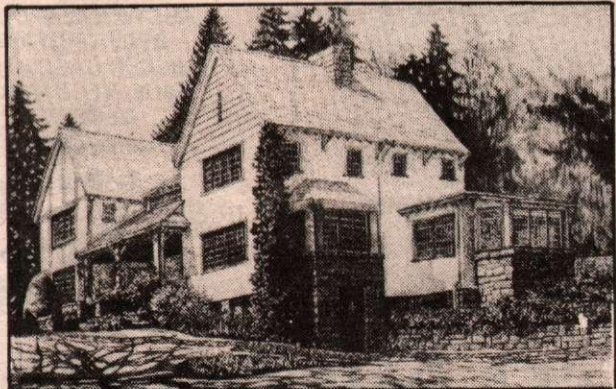
AGENDA

- 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.
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GALIANO ISLAND

Hundreds express concern over WILD scheme

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Up to last weekend close to 300 islanders had expressed concern over and a desire to learn more of the Nanaimo group's application for a long-term lease of the Crown land parcel which includes the well-loved Pebble Beach.

The Wilderness Intelligence Leisure Development scheme includes the building of a lodge, helicopter pad, trails and other leisure use facilities. The possible commercial aspect and alienation of the beach area are causing anxiety.

It is understood that Elizabeth Oesko, chairman of the Galiano Advisory Planning Commission, is trying to arrange a meeting this Wednesday with representatives of WILD, the APC and Island Trustees.

Jean Lockwood

Almost three years ago Jean Lockwood left Galiano to retire to the province of her birth and childhood days. Last week she was back here from Nova Scotia and during her brief stay she regaled members of the W.A. to the South Fire Department, and at another reception, members of the Golf Club, with anecdotes containing amusing character sketches in the Nova Scotian dialect.

Her tales of life in a small village community were honed by her experiences running the Galiano newspaper. She has the ability to distill a sharp visual impression into a vivid phrase. We hope she will turn this gift to good advantage and produce her long gestating history of Galiano into book form, for which we have been patiently waiting.

Garden Club

Twenty-eight members of the Garden Club had an enjoyable day last Thursday when they went by ferry and chartered bus to visit the Botanical Gardens at UBC. They were fortunate to have as their guide David Tarrant, the planner of the gardens.

They first toured the Asian garden with its numerous species of rhododendrons and were fascinated to watch Himalayan poppies being pollinated by a Chinese student, who immediately covered the blooms with a cloth bag to prevent indiscriminate pollination by bees, who would be unaware of the purpose of the experiment, which was to produce poppies with even

deeper blue colouration.

Members visited the Physick Garden and read the inscriptions of the many herbal and culinary uses to which the plants could be put. Sections were arranged with plants from different continents. One garden needed a dry habitat and in the perpetually weeping climate of Vancouver had to be protected from precipitation. The tour concluded as the foot-weary club members trudged through Niobe Garden designed in the simple and formal Japanese style.

Today, June 13, David Bar-Zwi of Van Dusen Gardens will speak on exotic plants to the Garden Club at the North Community Hall at 1:30 pm sharp.

River rafters

The 11 local river rafters all returned safely last Monday evening after being royally treated for three days on the Skookemchuk Challenge, the Lilloet River trip. Not only did they enjoy the excitement of fast water-rafting but also the outdoor wining and dining at campsites beside hot springs in which they could relax and warm their cold and soaking limbs.

The next trip being planned is the run down the Thompson-Fraser in July. Local organizer Jackie Besler, at Sturdies Bay Garage, notes that the more who enroll, the lower the cost.

Highway improvement

An off-island team has been recently busy sowing grass seed and fertilizer along the verges of selected island roads. Island highways foreman Richard Massey explains that this procedure is specifically designed to prevent soil erosion or taller vegetation, such as alder saplings, clogging the run-off ditches with subsequent damage and deterioration of road surfaces.

North Galiano

Jamboree

Work parties are labouring to prepare for the July 1 Jamboree at North Galiano. Steve Oesko with his cat has enlarged the parking lot while Charlie Head has felled two large firs which have been bucked up for firewood to heat the Community Hall. The branches also have been cleared and burned by volunteer workers.

The outside of the new addition is

almost complete with backstairs built. All islanders are asked to practise the Charleston in preparation for the 1920's celebration, and should be looking out for an appropriate costume.

A Jamboree attraction sure to be popular is a group of Japanese Tatsumi Dancers from Richmond who will be performing in traditional Japanese dress and style.

This troupe, established 13 years ago by their teacher Mary Hirano, played at the Q.E. Playhouse last fall and is usually top of the bill at the Steveston July 1 celebration.

New piano

A spinet-sized Gourlay piano arrived at Galiano School on June 2, thanks to several community members. It has been purchased to replace the larger, older, heavier Krydner which has been in the school longer than most people involved can remember.

Musically, the Krydner was still going strong, but since the enlargement of the school, and the addition of a gym with a highly polished floor, its lack of moveability became a serious problem.

Last Christmas, during rehearsals for *It's Cool in the Furnace*, a movement was started for the purchase of a smaller piano. Prices of new ones were prohibitive, and finally in May, Sue Gilson, pianist, and Elisabeth Brinson, head teacher, found a second-hand one at a private home in Victoria.

The money was provided through the sale of the Krydner, a donation from the Lionettes, funds from the parents organization and from the Galiano School Memorial Fund.

The new piano will probably make its first public appearance at awards day in the school gym on June 28.

Aeroplane contest

Sarah Stang, a pupil at Galiano

School, reports on a paper airplane race recently held at the school. Prizes, consisting of stickers, were awarded for model aeroplanes made by students.

Celeste Howell won the prize for the most attractive plane, David Gaylor for the smallest, and Zak Gilson for the longest flight time. The wind was right and the sun shone. We learned a lot and enjoyed the experience, so we hope to make this an annual event.

School Memorial Fund

Of the several ways in which school equipment is provided, there exists for that purpose on Galiano Island a rather unique fund. It is called the Galiano School Memorial Fund.

It was established in 1956 by the Bambrick family in memory of one of their members, Myrtle Bambrick, who before her death at the age of 39 requested that in lieu of flowers, friends and relatives set up a fund for the purchase of library books for the school.

She had been a student at the school and realized the need for a library. Since then the scope has been broadened to include any special needs in equipment.

The Bambrick family asked Jean Lockwood and Phyllis Barner to administer the fund and they did so for many years. Eventually they both left Galiano and the fund lapsed for a few years.

Recently, two other local residents saw a need for the fund in these times of restraint. Margaret

Robson and Bea Thompson have set the books in order and have made funds available to the school for the purchase of special items, which would not otherwise be provided.

"I can think of many pieces of equipment that have been purchased through the Memorial Fund even since I came in 1976," said Elisabeth Brinson, head teacher at the school. She mentioned a stereo, library books, a set of melody bells, and most recently, a large donation to the new school piano.

Since the fund depends upon donations being made in the memory of a friend or relative, Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Thompson are anxious that people be made aware of its existence. More information could be obtained by phoning either one of them.

Coming events

All Galiano Islanders should have received an invitation through the mail from George and Vera Harris to come and celebrate the opening of the Hummingbird Inn on Friday. Those who would like a ride are asked to phone 539-5472. Our new neighbourhood pub on Sturdies Bay Road will be open for business beginning Saturday, from 11 am to 11 pm.

This next Saturday, the third of the month, is the regular Book Sale organized by the Women's Auxiliary to the S.G.V.F.D. at the South Fire Hall between 2 and 4 pm.

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The group will cycle to Ottawa, where they expect to arrive by October 6. The cyclists will be accompanied by vans.

Billets have been promised by church congregations along the way and peace groups will provide meals.

Anyone wishing to take part should write Pedal for Peace, Box 231, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0.

Collision at Central

A two-vehicle collision at the Central intersection on Salt Spring last Thursday resulted in a total of \$3,000 damage to the vehicles involved.

Michael Alvaro of Gibsons, B.C., was driving a 1978 motor home along Vesuvius Bay Road at 6:10 pm when he ran the stop sign at the corner. Jeff Rosser, of Salt Spring, drove into the side of the motor home in his 1967 Pontiac.

The fire department was called to deal with gasoline which escaped from the motor home. Sand was spread around to lessen the danger of fire.

The Pontiac damage was estimated at \$1,000 while the motor home suffered \$2,000 estimated damage.

Alvaro was issued a traffic violation notice for failing to stop at a stop sign.

No injuries were reported.



Students build sign

In case you were wondering where Mrs. Karen Archer's Grade 3 students held their classes, they made a sign to let you know. New sign was erected on the school

grounds last week to make it definite. Youngsters are, back row from left, Michael Becklake, Kristopher Laing, Chris Barclay, Kenny Akerman, Craig Galbraith,

Tanis Royal, Kristian Plambeck, Michael Powell, Brent Schwagley, David Collette. Front row: Laura Bergstrom, Tina Reid, Lisa

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CPR Society is formed

The Salt Spring Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Society is looking for members.

The group recently formed under the auspices of the Victoria CPR

Society and currently has six members.

CPR is a process aimed at saving lives of heart-attack victims and others who need help quickly.

When the heart and lungs stop working, the victim has four minutes before the brain stops functioning. CPR aims to get the lungs and the heart back in business before those minutes expire to avoid serious brain damage.

The CPR Society holds regular training classes for those who would learn the techniques of saving lives. The courses are set at three levels.

The first course, a basic four-hour heart-saver course, teaches participants about anatomy and psychology. They learn why and where to apply pressure to the chest as well as how and why blowing air into the lungs works.

The next course is longer and the participants learn and refine lifesaving techniques. The final course is geared to turning the participants into CPR instructors.

The Salt Spring CPR Society will be holding an instructors' course, under sponsorship of the Victoria group, June 23 and 24.

A recent course held on Mayne Island attracted 20 participants who had an average age of 65.

In Seattle, where CPR is taught in schools and regular courses are given in the work place, one in five residents knows the technique. Twenty percent of heart attack victims who might otherwise die are saved because of help given them through people who know CPR.

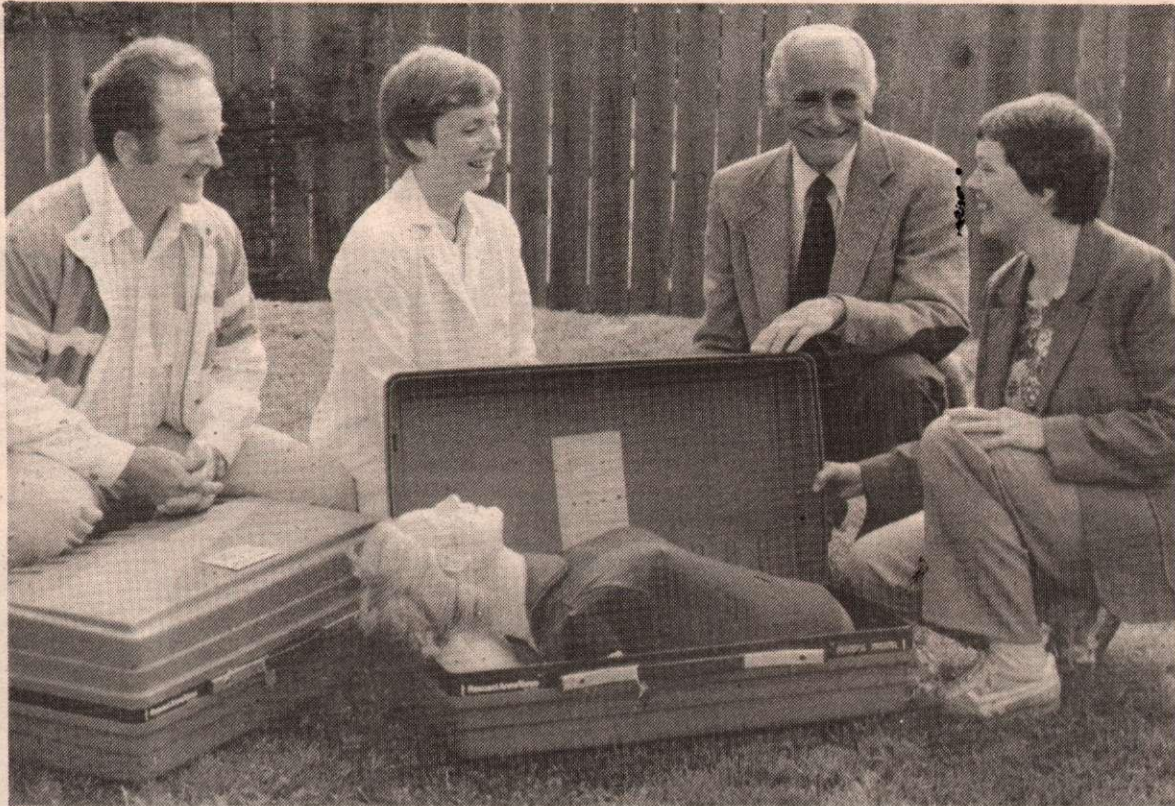
In Vancouver, where there are no requirements for people to learn CPR, that rate is reduced dramatically to .0003%.

Most deaths from heart attack occur within two hours of the onset of symptoms. In addition to the lack of public knowledge about CPR, many victims deny having problems.

Without those complications, many victims could be saved. CPR teaches people how to recognize symptoms of an attack and how to deal with the person suffering one.

Simple things such as what to do until the ambulance arrives as well as how to get help also form part of the courses.

The CPR Society is a non-profit organization and levies a charge for the courses. They attempt to offer at least one course each month and



Salt Spring CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) Society has been holding workshops in the community by travelling to Victoria and borrowing mannequins from the CPR group in Victoria. Last week the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club made things a lot easier for the group with the donation of three Resusci-Anne Torsos. The society hopes to be able to demonstrate CPR to island groups and eventually schools and individuals through the continuing education program. Receiving the mannequins from the Rotary Club representative are, from left, Bill Simpkin, Vicki Warren and Vonnie Simpkin, right. Gerry Coers, president of the Rotary Club, makes the presentation.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

have taught the technique to the fire brigade volunteers as well as some workers for B.C. Ferries.

Anyone interested in giving time to saving lives should contact Vonnie Simpkin or Vicki Warren.

Golf news

BY PAT DOHERTY

In the ladies' nine-hole section of the Salt Spring Golf Club there were 24 players out last week.

The Frattinger Cup was taken by Anne Sober, runners-up were Mary Alice Burford and Peg Thorne. The putt pot was won by Anne Sober. The Connie Porter Trophy was shared by two players, Mary Pike and Mary Alice Burford. The ladies welcomed back Joane Milner.

In the ladies' 18-hole division the ladies played four ball best ball. The winning team was Anne Monro, Alice Fraser, Dolly Whorley and Louise Fuoco with a net 61. Billie Zacharias and Anne Monro tied for the putt pot with 29 putts.

Salt Spring ladies did well in their off-island games this week. They played a return match at Gorge Vale and although Gorge won on their home course, our ladies had enough of a cushion from the first game to win the overall match on points.

The ladies who went to Mt. Brenton were all to win by a narrow margin. All the ladies report a most enjoyable time and great hospitality.

In men's play the consolation of the Matson Cup final took place and Jack Dosco emerged the winner over Pat Tiernan. This week's play will be a pyramid and ringer on Thursday.

The Aage Villadsen Classic was a success with Rick Andrews taking first place. Norm Zacharias won the second flight, Gil Humphreys won the third, Gorde Alexander was closest to the pin on number 2, Larry Davies had the longest drive and Steve Wawryk was the most honest golfer. Ada Woodley won the \$100 draw.

We would like to thank Alec McCauley, Stu Hopkins, Gene Graham and Pat Harrison for their help in making the tournament a success. The eventual winner of course is Greenwoods and we thank all those who took part in the tournament and the draw.

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Things have changed since Jake Buitenwerf went to work on the ferries

BY BILL WEBSTER

Jake Buitenwerf has seen many changes during the 28 years he has worked on Gulf Islands ferries.

He retired earlier this year and now devotes time to his farm, Golden Acres, on Rainbow Road at Salt Spring.

Back in June 1956, Buitenwerf began work as a deckhand on the *Cy Peck* with the Gulf Islands Ferries. The boat sailed from Ganges to the other islands and the shift often lasted 16 hours each day.

No one else wanted the job, said Buitenwerf, because the wages were too low. But he took it and after a year, the boat company hired another deckhand "and it went a little better."

The *Cy Peck* would leave Ganges early in the morning and travel to Saturna before heading to Pender. The boat would swing down to Swartz Bay and then on to Mayne with a stop at Galiano before arriving back at Ganges.

"It was more of a family affair then," said Buitenwerf. The crew attended the annual barbecue on Saturna and each crewman was given a turkey for Christmas.

The ferry service kept running until everybody got back home. He remembers a run on Christmas Day when there were three passengers who wanted to go from Galiano to Mayne.

The fares varied according to how much the passenger could pay. Sometimes the word went round, "Don't charge him too much, he's only a poor old farmer."

Another trip was made in rough weather. When the boat got to Saturna, things got even rougher and the crew spent the night with the Money family on that island.

When his wife became ill one

night, the ferry crew were called and she was taken to hospital in Victoria.

"It wasn't the money, the double pay," he said, "you didn't look for that. You were just glad to help out."

But when the province purchased the Gulf Islands Ferries in 1961, the change of ownership also brought a change of attitude. The feeling of family got lost in the change.

In those early days, the boats weren't equipped with radar. If there was fog or darkness, "you just stuck your snoot out the window, blew the horn and counted the seconds until the echo came back."

Swartz Bay in those days consisted of Captain Maude's mailbox and the boat loading ramp.

"If you had to go to the biffy, you just found the biggest tree and went behind it," Buitenwerf recalled.

During the trips between islands, the crew would watch for sea lions and whales. "I'd sooner see them that way than in a zoo," he commented.

Buitenwerf said the eagle population is not dying as some think, but is on the increase. Travelling between Mayne and Galiano he has counted up to 50 of the big birds, "if you know where to look."

Crews are different today

The crews are different now as well, he said.

"I've seen new recruits now who, after they've been there two days, begin to wonder about holidays."

"The personal touch is over," he

said. Everything is centred on money now but that's a mistake, he pointed out. "Humanity has to stay with it."

A change which has affected attitudes revolves around safety awards.

At one time, the entire crew was honoured but now only the captain and the engineer are "wined and dined."

"It kind of makes you wonder," he said.

But the ferries have been good for the islands, he said. A lot of people have benefited and up to 350 people work for them.

Buitenwerf was born in Bierum, Holland, a town built on hills to keep the floods away from the houses. He started work as a devil's chaser. That was the name for the handlers of the horses which pulled barges along the canals.

He eventually branched out to work on fishing trollers on the North Sea and coastal vessels throughout Europe.

They met during the occupation

Buitenwerf met his wife Audrey on a Rotterdam farm during the German occupation, when he was taken by a man to the farm to hide.

Later that night, after Buitenwerf was safely hidden on the farm, the man was shot by the Germans and thrown into a canal.

The Buitenwerfs came to Canada in 1947 and stayed for various lengths of time in Ontario and Alberta before arriving in the Okanagan. They read about Salt Spring in *Macleans* magazine and



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Jake and Audrey Buitenwerf

decided to move here to live.

Buitenwerf worked at logging and helped string the Hydro lines across the island. He purchased his five-acre farm for a down payment of two pigs.

Over the years, they have grown many crops and five children. But for several years, they didn't do much with the farm. When questioned about not farming, their stock answer was "the cheap labour

moved away from home."

Buitenwerf offered a comparison between Salt Spring and Holland. Over there some of the churches are 1,000 years old while on Salt Spring only a few homes and the police station are not made of wood.

Nevertheless, the Buitenwerfs are glad to be in Canada.

"This country's been good to us," he said. "We had to work for it but we didn't mind that."

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Jennifer Clark, Grade 10 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, has spent the last three years undergoing intensive training in basketball with coach Larry Roy. Jennifer was singled out for her ability in basketball and her devotion to the game. It seems to have paid off and now she is on her way with the basketball players' elite of B.C. She was recently chosen as one of six girls out of 27 to try out for the islands select team which will attend a camp in Vancouver. Out of a large number of hopefuls, 14 players will be selected to represent B.C. in competitions with the U.S. Jennifer plans to attend a school in Vancouver next year that will offer her a more challenging basketball program. Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

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