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Good weather for Jamboree

North Galiano Islanders held their annual Jamboree on Canada's birthday. The weather co-operated and islanders enjoyed festivities ranging from the parade, which kicked off the event, to races and logger sports. Above, clockwise

from top left, Pip Finnis judges the nail driving event; participants are told how to run the dry boat race; Sunny the clown keeps youngsters well supplied with balloons throughout the day. More on Pages 6 and 11.

Island ferry service ran at \$10.7 million deficit in 1983

Ferry service to the Gulf Islands cost B.C. Ferries a \$10,752,000 deficit in 1983.

Biggest loser was service to the Outer Islands including the

supplementary sailings to and from Swartz Bay. The routes brought in \$618,000 in fares from 261,894 passengers but cost the ferry company \$4,732,000 to operate. The loss was set at \$4,114,000.

The run from Fulford to Swartz Bay carried 469,000 passengers who paid fares of \$1,241,000. The service cost \$3,166,000 for an operating loss of \$1,925,000.

At the north end of Salt Spring, the Vesuvius-Crofton run was used by 239,381 passengers during the year. The service had been curtailed for several months due to damage to the Vesuvius wharf when the *Salt Spring Queen* rammed it in August.

Fares brought in \$323,000 against operating costs of \$1,438,000 for a loss of \$1,115,000.

The cost of the Outer Islands runs are inflated because of the free passage between islands which had been the policy until changes in the fare structure went into effect in January. The supplementary service, for instance, shows an operating cost of \$1,036,000 against no revenue.

The Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route, joining the Gulf Islands with the mainland, cost B.C. Ferries \$6,484,000 in operating expenses. The 523,598 passengers using the route brought in revenues of \$2,895,000. The loss was \$3,598,000.

By comparison, the Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen runs carried 4,611,062 passengers who paid \$46,387,000 in fares. The service cost \$38,756,000 to run and the profit was \$7,631,000. It was one of the few runs to show a profit.

Broken down another way, the ferries in the Gulf Islands, excluding the mainland route, carried 971,129 passengers who paid fares totalling \$2,182,000 against operating costs of \$9,336,000. The loss for service

within the Gulf Islands was \$7,154,000.

Construction may start in August

Construction of the new senior citizens' housing development at Ganges is expected to begin in late August, *Driftwood* was told last week.

Fred Brookbanks, who is in charge of the project, said application forms for tenants will be available soon after construction begins. The housing is designed for seniors on low incomes.

The new facility, to be known as Croftonbrook, will be located on Corbett Rd. The project is being undertaken by the Ganges branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Salt Spring Lions and Rotary Clubs.

It was not a holiday Monday

For many travellers early this week, Monday was a holiday. For B.C. Ferries, however, it was not.

The ferry corporation's summer schedule does not consider it a holiday Monday and so the regular schedule was in effect. Many weekend travellers discovered the fact after finding themselves stranded at island terminals.

There are only two holiday Mondays on the summer schedule, August 6 and September 3.

Hospital, Greenwoods got \$59,000 in goods from auxiliary

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary donated close to \$59,000 worth of goods to the hospital and Greenwoods last year.

Lady Minto Hospital received \$53,427.61 worth of items including

\$34,908.98 for a portable x-ray machine.

Greenwoods was the recipient of \$5,206.37 in goods from the auxiliary. They spent \$4,857.96 on a clinic sink.

The members donated 10,509 hours of volunteer service and the junior volunteers, candy-strippers, added a further 1,037 hours.

Julie Tessman, president of the

auxiliary, reported to the annual meeting of Lady Minto Hospital that 122 active members, five life members and three associate members make up the group.

Volunteers worked in the Thrift Shop in Mouat's Mall as well as at various tasks at the hospital and Greenwoods. The auxiliary also supplied a cake each Saturday to patients in the extended care wing.

Other items given to Lady Minto were the automatic doors at the entrance, \$11,900; a blanket warmer, in memory of past president Margo Laing, \$1,519.86; donations to the Lions Club bus

maintenance fund, \$2,000; plants for the hospital grounds, \$500; installation and balance of cost for the century tub, \$1,757.40; Christmas celebrations including plants, gifts and decorations, \$543.49; the layette for the New Year's baby, \$67.92; and an engraved plate for the picture of Lady Minto, \$29.96.

Other gifts to Greenwoods were: cushion material, \$23.29; a weaver's bench, \$60.24; Readers' Digest, \$14.88; and Christmas gifts, \$250.

During the year a life membership in the auxiliary was awarded to Pamela Wilson.

Hospital has year-end surplus

Lady Minto Hospital ended the 1983 fiscal year on the plus side of the ledger with a surplus of \$204,321.

"The year which ended March 31 of 1984 was a successful one in many respects," hospital administrator Malcolm Pinteau reported to the annual meetings.

Revenue for the year was \$2,548,104 balanced against expenses of \$2,343,783. In the previous fiscal year, income of \$2,312,326 was balanced against expenses of \$2,237,372 for a surplus of \$74,954. Under the restraint program, Lady Minto received an extra \$120,000 when six beds were converted to extended care which increased the surplus for that year to

\$194,954.

Pinteau also reported on the reorganization of the hospital administration which will continue "in order to further streamline our operation." One result of the reorganization process was the promotion of Diane Horovatin to assistant administrator, patient care, from director of nursing.

Renovations have been made and more are planned, he reported. The coronary care unit has been renovated at a cost of \$31,359.34.

He noted, however, that long-range development plans "have made little real progress...." But the board of management and the administration will continue to push for approval of plans.

Chairman of the board of management, Ivan Mouat, explained that Lady Minto has met with the Capital Regional Hospital and Health Planning Commission about the expansion plans.

"We are conscious of the demands the particular Gulf Islands population will be making on our capacity to provide extended care in the years to come and we hope to get our plans approved," he reported to the annual meetings.

Lady Minto Hospital has two commitments, he explained. The hospital has a commitment to "the aging population of the islands" as well as a commitment "to continue the role of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital as an acute-care hospital."

To that end, chief of staff Hugh Borsman told the meetings that the hospital is served by eight family practitioners plus at least eight specialists in such fields as surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology as well as neurology.

In addition, a urologist, an orthopaedic surgeon and a paediatrician visit the island each week.

Borsman noted, "We therefore remain a more than adequately doctored area."

The expansion plans, based on a consultant's study carried out between 1981 and 1983, call for 50 acute-care beds and 75 extended-care beds.

Borsman said, "We also asked them to consider allowing us to acquire a nursing home facility which could be operated by the hospital and provide flexibility for accommodating long-term care and convalescent patients."

Cross-Canada ride to aid cerebral palsy victims

A one-time Salt Spring island resident is accompanying a cerebral palsy victim on a motorcycle trip across Canada.

Len Creed, publisher of the *Canadian Biker Magazine*, is making the trip to Halifax this month with Dave Farmer of Kelowna, who is riding a three-wheeled Harley-Davidson, or trike. Purpose of the journey is to raise money for the Cerebral Palsy Association of B.C. and to increase public awareness.

In a press release the association says Farmer, 30, has had much to overcome. His mother was told that he would never walk but after years of striving he learned to "haul himself along the sidewalks of Kelowna."

He got good grades at school but it was a lonely, "often bitter experience...shut out from social

intercourse by fellow students impatient with his difficulty in communicating in halting, impaired speech."

At the age of 18 he became interested in motorcycles and has been fascinated with them ever since.

Sponsors of the cross-Canada trip are Deeley Imports, who have provided the three-wheeler Harley, *Canadian Biker Magazine*, Sandman Inns and Shell Canada.

Farmer and Creed left Victoria Friday and expect to arrive in Halifax at the end of the month.

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by richards

Eternal turkey

I had to visit Ewart Gallery to discover the fate of Fred. Fred was a turkey and we don't hold that against him. In the Salt Spring Island art gallery is a painting by Alan Wylie showing a large gobbler. This island turkey was, in fact, a turkey. He lived at the Ruckle farm and had lived there all 17 years of his life. He was a turkey who could thumb his nose at Thanksgiving if he had any thumbs; and he could look forward to Christmas with excitement devoid of foreboding. Fred was a family pet. All this I learned from Beth Macdonald. Maybe I was the only turkey who didn't know the story. Artists would gather at the Ruckle Park property to paint and the instructor would examine each canvas, offering a brief critique. Then would come Fred, who looked at each work and gobbled. But last fall was a sad occasion for Fred, his owners and the world of art. A weasel got to Fred and he breathed his last. For 17 years he escaped the pot, but fate still caught up with him. But Fred lives on in Wylie's work. Dead he may be, but he now lives for ever.

Unexpected forebear

I enjoyed a new lesson in history the other day when I read in another newspaper that a Victoria hostess of yore was a descendant of Lady Jane Seymour. If Henry had known that his bride had already raised a family the whole of history might have been changed.

He had to be Andy!

With a licence like that the rider had to be Andy, I figured. It was a motorcycle, bearing a licence plate that started in Koo.... I found it again outside Victoria's Barley Mow Inn. And inside, working with former Salt Spring Islander, chef Barry Fiander, was islander Ken Anderson. Call him "Andy"!

Over a million miles

I've just discovered that I've been driving, legally, for half a century. In the spring of 1934 I acquired a license to ride a motorcycle. Today, 50 years later, I can't remember the machine I rode at the time. I think it was a 1926 BSA, 250 SV. In that year the British administration held you to a motorcycle, or three-wheeled car, at the age of 16. A car license came a year later, when the driver was 17. I did a rough summary of driving and came up with a probable total of far better than one million miles, or 1,600,000 kilometres. From 1934 to 1939 I figure I drove about 30,000 miles a year, or 150,000 miles altogether. During the war the figure went low, low, low at about 80,000. After the war there was gas rationing in Britain and from 1945 to 1948 I ran about 80,000. The mass of the miles was chalked up around these parts. I calculate I have driven at least 500,000 miles in the past 35 years. No wonder my hair is white!

Is her face red!

You know, I think Women's Lib must be the only woman who's been sunburned in the islands in recent weeks. I stayed home and put a heavy sweater on to mess around the place on Monday. Barbara went off painting with the Federation of Canadian Artists. She came back with a red face and even sunburned fingers. And she had to pay dearly for it. I cooked the dinner!

More unusual than usual!

Thinking of the weather, we all know that all British Columbia weather is unusual, but you have to admit that the unusual weather this summer has been more unusual than usual.

How could you?

Thinking again of cooking: and I often do: could a liver lover leave a liver? This one could, sight unseen.

Not putting her down

I was unkind to the memory of Doris Anderson, pleaded a reader last week. I recalled her as having a sharp tongue and a warm heart. No sharp tongue hers, insisted my critic. She never, to my knowledge, spoke to wound anyone. But I still remember her as sharp-witted and quite blunt when she wanted to make a point. But it was not intended to put her down. Perish the thought!

Changes in regulations are attack on land use planning

Changes in strata title regulations could lead to erosion of local autonomy in the Gulf Islands, claims Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries of Lasqueti Island.

Strata title developments now have only to conform to zoning bylaws and not the community plan. The change came about through an order-in-council and means that such developments as the one proposed at Musgrave Landing on Salt Spring Island face fewer obstacles.

Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie said the change was made in order to eliminate conflict between two sets of planning regulations. In the past, strata title development proposals had to meet the strata title regulations of the ministry of consumer affairs, and if the proposals conformed to zoning and community plans, were approved by the department of highways approving officer.

Community plans cover development policies for each island and endeavour to set standards compatible with the wishes of the people. Zoning bylaws offer specific regulations for development.

Humphries explained the difference which the changes will make to the Musgrave proposal. Under the community plan, the clustering of houses along the shore was frowned upon as were the proposed lot sizes.

But under the averaging principle of the zoning bylaws, Musgrave fits.

"Statements in community plans, as far as strata title are concerned," said Humphries, "are no longer in force."

He said the changes do not signal an attack on the Islands Trust but on land use planning. Community plans were hindering development, he said, and the changes represented a "new reality".

"We're going to have increasing difficulties getting bylaws and zoning through if the changes are inconsistent with the new reality," he said.

"It's 19th century laissez faire." What it means, he explained, is that anything which interferes with development will be frowned on by the provincial government and will be blocked.

When asked what could be done about the situation, Humphries replied, "Hold our breath and wait for the next election."

"If the community expresses concern about land use," he said, "it






will become an issue and the ministry may back off."

The Trust will do what it can, he said, but "it (political concern) has to come from the people."



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Our split is showing

Whatever may be the next government, one of its prime tasks will be to seek a pattern of working with the provinces in harmony. For too many years the national picture has resembled a field of small children squabbling over a bag of candy.

Each child rushes home with its pickings in its hand and explains to the provincial audience what a battle it endured, and survived, to bring back even the smell of a mint.

There remains a sneaking suspicion in the minds of some Canadians that this pattern of administration is less than perfect.

A new prime minister must find a means of dealing with the provinces without the tears that have followed so many negotiations. The elected representatives of all Canadians, whether they be federal or provincial, should be able to talk their way in and out of disputes without the temper tantrums or vile abuse that seem to make their way into most Canadian affairs today.

But the problem of straightening out the schizophrenic gap in the national administration is not the concern solely of the federal leaders or the provincial premiers. That problem lies with all of us.

It's bad enough with 10 screaming kids bawling because each figures he got the smallest piece. When all their friends at home start to weep about the same piece of candy, it's time to take a closer look at the whole deal.

Because if any of those 10 kids took a bite at the hand holding out the treat he might discover he's bitten his own.

There must be a rational way of running a country without the screams and the tears, but the politicians will never find it without a lot of help from the rest of us.

Happy Birthday!

Few waved a flag. Some engaged in a personal recognition. Those attending church on Sunday, July 1, were reminded that it was Canada's birthday. The media knew it. In larger centres there were ceremonial gatherings.

But everyone was aware of the occasion. There were fewer comments about the transition from name to name than there have been in past years. Perhaps there are fewer die-hards who still remember Canada's birthday under the heading of Dominion Day. Perhaps even the die-hards are getting used to the idea.

It was Dominion Day when the four colonies of Canada formed together to administer their affairs for themselves. Within certain limitations, of course. It was Dominion Day every year while Canada was part of the British Empire and partially governed by the imperial parliament. It was Dominion Day while Canadians appealed to the House of Lords in London as the ultimate court of appeal in this land.

And Canadians from every part of the nation marked Dominion Day with pride and with enthusiasm throughout those years.

The same pride and the same enthusiasm accompany Canada Day. The distinction is in the name. The nation is its own man today. The day is Canada's.

Happy birthday!

Foresight

Few of the island people who sponsored the original Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges more than 70 years ago had any thought to major expansion. The hospital on Ganges Hill was expected to serve islanders for many years to come. It did. It served the island for nearly 50 years.

When the present structure rose to provide the services lacking in the old building, the people of the islands were confident that it would serve adequately for a long time. It did.

Had those pioneers of hospital service been lacking foresight and vision, the islands might have been ill-served today. But they weren't and we owe them the facilities we enjoy as a matter of course.

The story of islands hospital service has been one of acute forward vision. The staff and directors of the hospital service for those 70 years have been diligent and the service we enjoy today is the fruit of their labours.



Letters to the Editor

Efforts ignored

Sir,

A great time was had by all at Sea Capers. We even got up early to view the parade.

The reports in your local paper were so limited and we were very disappointed to have the seniors' superb efforts to enter a float in this event be so totally ignored.

In a community with such a majority of seniors it is marvellous to see them participating that it would have been nice to see them be given encouragement.

The Rotary float was also worthy of mention as their efforts also took thought and time.

The Jelly Fish in the Court of King and Queen Neptune may have been the winners but in our opinion and also of many others the real 'Shiners' in the Sea Caper puddle were the Seniors and Rotary floats. Don't give up folks—try again next year and judges—take note!

MR. and MRS. J. TOBIASEN and family,
Abbotsford, B.C.
June 23, 1984.

View almost obscured

Sir,

One of the most impressive and attractive views from Salt Spring is to be seen along the stretch of road between Beddis Road and Salt Spring Way on the Fulford-Ganges Road. From this vantage point one looks down upon the islands in Ganges Harbour and across the Gulf Islands to the range of mountains behind Vancouver. Looking south one can often see Mt. Baker across the border.

The view is now almost obscured by vegetation on the side of the highway so that our summer visitors as well as the residents of Salt Spring are deprived of this magnificent view.

Owing to the traffic it is difficult to stop to admire the view. Surely it would be advisable to prepare a

stretch on the verge where cars could pull off at this location in order to enjoy and perhaps photograph one of the finest views in Canada.

There are view points on the Malahat Drive and at other locations throughout the land. Why not on Salt Spring Island?

ALLAN W. EDWARDS,
Box 1438, Ganges.
June 28, 1984.

You can bet it's on agenda

Sir,

The James Bay Community Resource Board recently had its funding cut by the provincial government.

One of four resource boards set up in the province, its purpose was to facilitate the delivery of social and health services in a manner that ensured local input and accountability.

The 12-member volunteer board, being of the community, were deemed more suited to identifying and prioritizing needed services, than the type of system now being advocated by the provincial government.

This new system would, according to board chairperson Pieta Van Dyke, see the projects services "dispersed among three ministries, several branches and dozens of bureaucrats." Clearly not a formula aimed at increased efficiency.

That the program set up by the James Bay Community Resource Board was a success is evidenced by the recognition it received last year when a United Nations-sponsored agency identified the project as one of the 100 outstanding community development programs in Canada.

Grace McCarthy's rationale for its disbanding is that she wishes to have her ministry "administer its programs without the additional level of administration required under the present system."

Not coincidentally, this elimination of the "additional level of administration" has meant the removal of decision making power on a local level, and the placing of it

solely in the hands of the provincial government.

Just when this commitment to the centralizing of power through the gradual destruction of local autonomy will permanently affect our Islands Trust is anybody's guess, but you can bet it's on the agenda.

K. RAHTZ,
Ganges.
June 29, 1984.

Get your heart into the arts

Sir,

S.A.S.S.Y. has started! The Salt Spring School of the Arts for Youth. The arts program sponsored by the Community Arts Council each year has widened to encompass the performing arts with programs to suit all ages beginning each week.

Playful time is creative explorations, puppetry, games and storytelling for three to six year olds.

Stage Play is having fun; is playing games; is discovering costumes, scenery, masks, makeup; is imagining, is learning how to make your own play for six to nine year olds or 10-13 year olds.

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APRIL CURTIS,
R.R. 1, Fulford Harbour,
June 1984.

Be Water Wise

July is the month when most drownings occur. So, **Play it extra Safe.**

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BY CHUCK HOREL

There is a terrible uproar nowadays from people who are trying to stamp out injustice wherever they can find it, but if you complained about injustice when I was a boy you got half a dozen of the best from your parents. Complaining was very bad for a growing boy's character, the old-timers thought.

A favorite hobby of young lads

On a fine, fair day in the springtime, around 1932, my brother Buster and I were ready to roll a boulder off the cliff between Cusheon Lake and Sky Valley. This was a favourite hobby of a lot of young lads at the time and when we met we would brag to each other about the size of the boulders we had rolled off a cliff, and the height of the cliff and the hole where the rock landed.

On this day the rock we were working on was not a record size, but it was as big as a Model T Ford and it would have paralyzed a squad of Hannibal's elephants.

We had carried out several days' work on the rock beforehand so it was ready for the final heave to send it down the slope above the old farm by the lake. We got our levers and prys out of the salal patch and we set up our rope block and tackle.

Buster supervised the operation because he was the oldest and was a head taller and could hit harder than I could. We soon had the work to the point where our combined weight of 150 pounds would send the rock on its way.

Then Buster hesitated because he sometimes got attacks of caution. "Look," he said, pointing down the valley. "Suppose it hits old man Collins' henhouse; it could veer off that way."

The three Collins brothers owned the farm at that time, and they used the henhouse on the sidehill for feeding a few sheep in the winter, but no one lived on the farm.

Whenever Buster paused like that, I knew he needed advice from a wiser head. I had lots of advice available and was more than pleased to hand it out, wiser head or not.

"Do you see any trees down there that could sheer off a boulder even half as big as this one?" I asked him scornfully. "There's nothing down there over a foot thick; we'll mow it all down and go straight out on to the field."

This was all the encouragement Buster needed and we gave one good heave and the rock took the first roll, slowly and massively, on its own, and our work was over and done. We sat back with the satisfaction of a man who owns a great international corporation, and

watched the timber fly. Saplings six to eight inches through were smashed like paper, and trees as thick as a man were swept down the hill.

Through the gap in the timber made by the boulder we saw a large scraggly old fir tree, four feet through, squatting in among the smaller trees. At the same moment the boulder struck it, changed direction and plunged through the centre of Mr. Collins' henhouse.

For a minute it appeared that no harm was done. The chicken house still stood while the boulder smashed its way through to the edge of the field. Then both ends of the narrow building turned in towards the centre and the wreckage slid down the hill into a heap of weather-beaten lumber, no higher than a child's knee.

'We had some remorse—but not much'

We did have some remorse over the chicken house, but not much, and it was submerged in the pleasure we took in the general devastation, so we hid our levers in the salal and went home contented.

The three Collins brothers came over to the farm in their Model T

pickup a few weeks later and spent several days putting a roof on the side of the barn as a feed shed for the sheep, to replace the henhouse. They were tough old-timers and they were used to natural disasters and took landslides and falling boulders in their stride.

A month or so after the roof repairs a violent little windstorm came through the valley, covering the trails with broken limbs and blowing down some trees. Buster and I made a trek past the farm the next day and found that the tottery old board fence around the farmhouse had been flattened by the wind.

"Look here," Buster said, "the sheep are going to get right in on the verandah and probably break that glass door."

We looked the fence over. "It is just the posts rotted off," Buster said. "We could stand these sections up again easy. Here, I'll stand them up and you put some braces up against them."

I helped him lift one 40-foot section upright. "I'll hold it," Buster said, "you get a brace. Hurry it up, there's a couple nails digging in my arm."

I looked around for a brace but there was none. The old board sections were still too firmly nailed to use and there was no loose lumber around.

"Get a move on," Buster yelled. "These nails are eating on my arm." "I'll hold it then," I said, and caught the other end. "You go get the brace." "Let go, dammit," Buster said. "Let go. Just throw it on the ground before it tears my hide off."

At that moment Mr. Collins appeared

So we threw it on the ground. At the same moment Mr. Ernest Collins stepped around from the back of the house. He had paddled his canoe up the lake and walked quietly up to the farmhouse. He still had the canoe paddle.

"By God," he said, "by God, I've caught you red-handed tearing down my fence, and now you are going to stand it back up." He waved the paddle with one brawny arm.

We tried to explain. "We didn't..." I started to say. Buster interrupted. "The sheep... the glass door," he stammered.

Mr. Collins waved the paddle higher. "Don't try and tell me it was the sheep," he said, "I just saw the pair of you push the last section down."

It took nearly all afternoon to stand the fence up and brace the rotten posts and by the time we finished Mr. Collins was quite cordial.

It was a good thing that we were hardened to injustice in those days.

School board highlights

**BY CHARLES HINGSTON
Chairman,
Gulf Islands School Board**

This year graduation takes on a different meaning for Grade 12 students throughout the province as they now await the results of provincial exams to see if they have graduated. In spite of this, graduation ceremonies at Gulf Islands Secondary School were as lively and well attended as in past years. Only the heat and the school board chairman's bad joke marred the proceedings!

The majority of speakers noted how community-oriented this year's graduating class was. While community service was notable, it was also good to see the academic levels achieved by many of those present.

Mayne Island graduation ceremonies were well attended. Only in the Gulf Islands would the local trustee be prevented from attending as a result of having to race a prematurely deceased bovine to the butcher—by ferry!

The board is happy to have signed a three-year contract with our non-teaching C.U.P.E. staff. As the board negotiations chairman, Ron McQuiggan, pointed out, both "sides" in spite of many months of negotiations worked hard to get a settlement that was as fair as possible to all concerned parties.

We continue to examine and plan for the reality of decreased budgets over the next three years. At present, as a result of cuts in many budget areas, e.g. district administration, supplies, and field trips, necessary decreases in teaching staff should be primarily achieved through retirements.

In broad terms, as of September 1983 we had 76 full-time equivalent (F.T.E.) teachers in the district (an F.T.E. teacher could be one person in a full-time job or two teachers teaching half-time). By September 1986 we are looking at a district figure of approximately 70 F.T.E.

providing other factors such as enrolment remain constant.

Since my last report we have received the funding for two additional classrooms at Fernwood. I would like to think that the letters I hand-delivered to every cabinet minister's office two days before the funding was approved had something to do with it. But considering the good job done by all the secretaries (except one) in keeping me away from the ministers, I'm not so sure!

The one exception, Mr. Heinrich, the minister of education, looked a little taken aback to see me unannounced standing in front of his desk talking of Salt Spring's elementary space needs. He took it very well under the circumstances. We hope to have Fernwood completed early in the school year. Fullford is still on schedule for a September opening.

Mike Hoebel, Galiano trustee, is resigning at the end of August. He is going to work for the ministry of education. He has been active in many areas and he will be missed. Galiano Island has been ably represented, e.g. he has been a principal force from inception to completion on the new activity centre.

But while serving Galiano, Mike has been a Gulf Islands trustee in the fullest sense. His work on policy development, program review, communications, and negotiations all bear witness to his hard work. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him good luck. I hope he remembers his roots.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy summer. School board business will continue with our next meeting at the board office on July 18. Included in our business will be an examination of the district administrative structure, staffing and budgetary considerations and bus routes for September, along with the construction at Fernwood and Fulford.



Bill Webster

First spike ceremony April 1

"What," asked the man, "can be said after you say hello?"

Well, the topic of discussion at the various debating societies of Silt Sprung centres on the emergence of potential progress on the island.

For years, transportation has been a problem for drivers and walkers alike.

How does one get from south to north?

A group of island entrepreneurs seems to have an answer. In the great Canadian tradition, they will construct a railway, the better to move people and goods up and down the island.

Bus service has not, traditionally, met with approval of the populace. Different schemes to run a bus north to south and vice versa have met with resounding non-success.

Islanders, being the independent breed they are, didn't want to participate in such common means of getting from there from here. And so each scheme wilted on the blackberry vines.

And now comes a scheme which fits the island temperament admirably. While the remainder of Canada moves away from rail riding, rock sitters are intrigued by the idea of our very own rail line.

Granted, the attraction springs from the fact that the existence of a rail link, while such

enterprises are shrinking in other places, proves that we dance to the tune of a different drummer.

Plus the added attraction of pit stops at several liquid refreshment emporiums.

Louis Bolivar-Finchley, of course, had to check the situation to see if any truth clings to rumour. He phoned K.C. Jones and was assured, certainly, that the rail link will be in place soon.

Given the pace of events on the island, the first train will be in operation by at least the turn of the century. Word has it that celebrations revolving around placement of the first spike in the line have been set for April 1, 1985.

And, of course, in keeping with island tradition, that first spike will be brass.

Mr. Jones also told Louis that while shares of stock are available at a nominal price, the involved entrepreneurs will also seek government grants as a means of funding the deal.

The lottery people will be approached as will the Canada Council. Efforts will also be put into talking to officials holding the purse strings on finances aimed at endangered species.

Isn't it heartening to know that free enterprise, Canadian style, is alive and well and living on Silt Sprung?

While plans for the rail link have become subject of common gossip, the daring entrepreneurs remain anonymous. Each, having been involved in island politics for a number of years, has decided that the best way of avoiding thrown stones and other missiles is to be a non-target.

But Louis, investigative dirt-digger that he is, has compiled a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of those involved. He relays the message that the list is available to any and all who can pay the price.

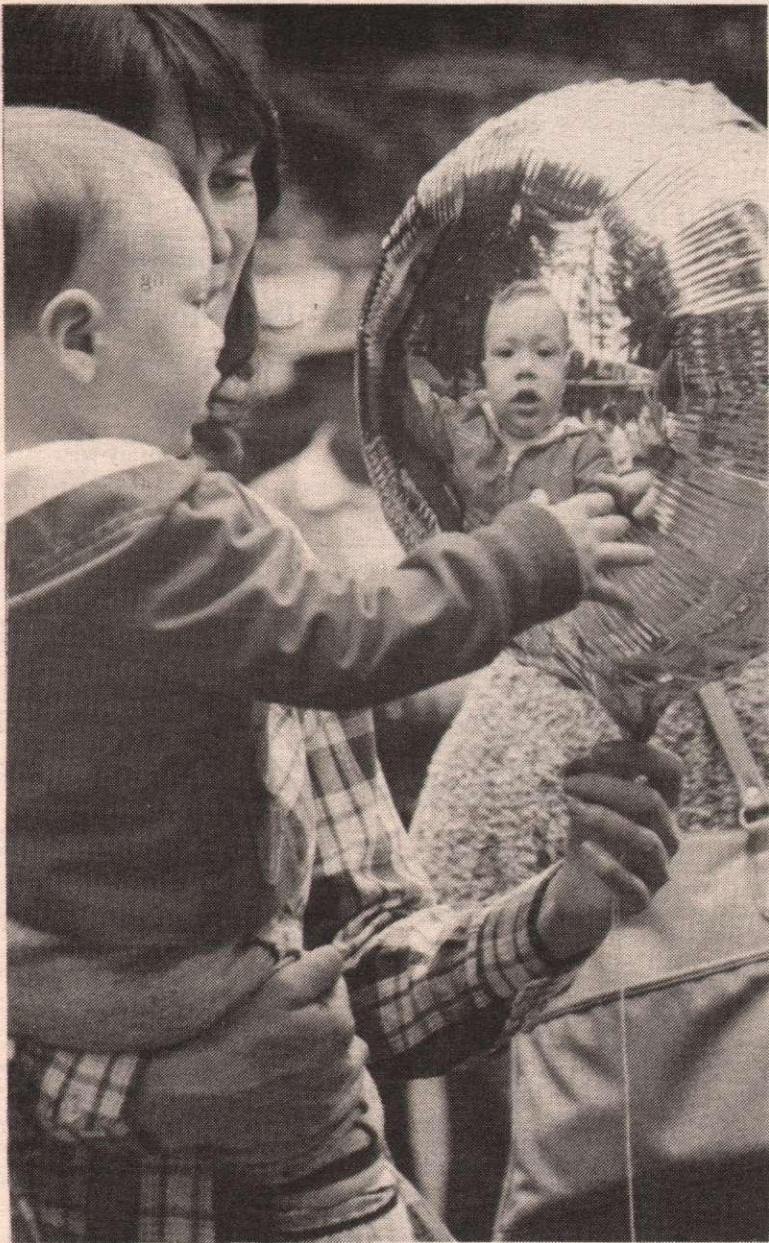
In that way, reasons Louis, he can eventually afford to buy shares in the railway.

Meanwhile on the cultural front, an event of great social significance occurred in Ganges last Friday evening.

Jellyfish lost their title as the most inventive and artistically inept slo-pitch team on the island.

Despite efforts of Luigi the Moon to distract certain members of Deadwood, the team held on to preserve their peerless record. Deadwood followed the astute and cunning advice of the manager to show Jellyfish what Friday nite slo-pitch is all about.

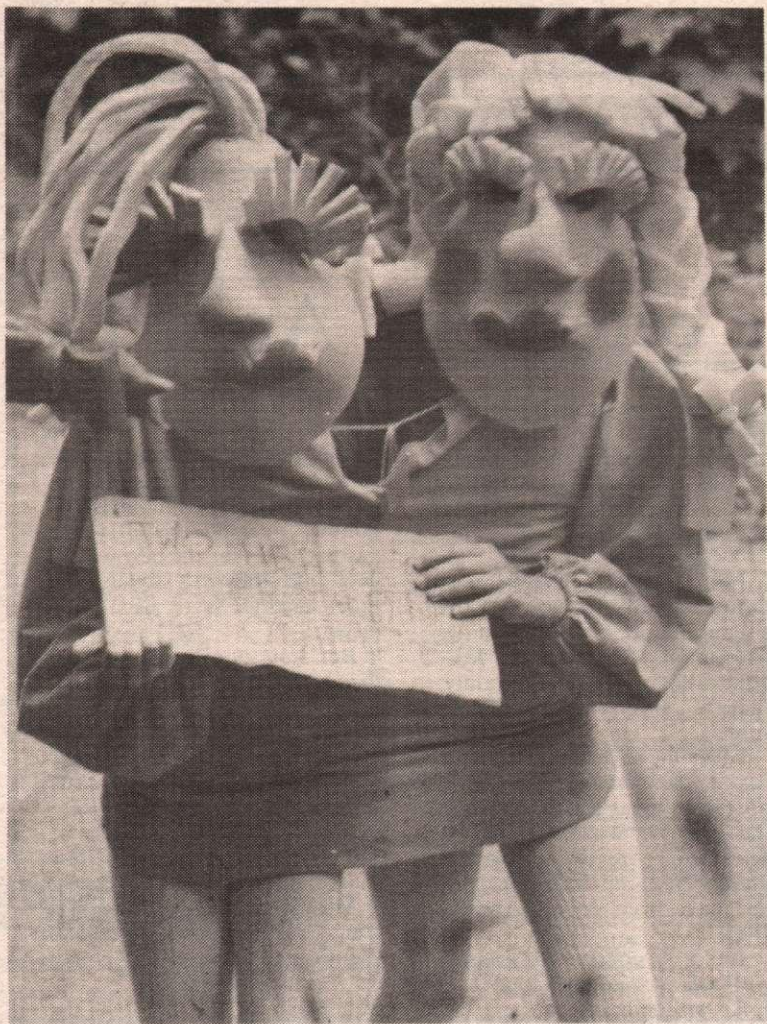
And Jellyfish, not knowing when to concede victory, have demanded a rematch. The game (?) will be played later in the month, time and place to be announced.



Jamboree is day of fun

North Galiano Jamboree was a day of fun for islanders and visitors who joined in games and events throughout the day. Seen in photos, clockwise from top left, are: Aaron Kositsky, 11 months, with mother Linda, enjoyed his reflection in helium-filled balloon. Tatsumi dancers from Richmond performed in honour of the Japanese population prevalent in the 20's on Galiano Island. Prize winners in the parade are "Two heads better than one", youngsters Anna and Judith Kemp.

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Letter was personal opinion

The letter was an expression of personal opinion, Tom Hall told his fellow members of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission last week.

Hall was responding to a question contained in a letter to the commission from Gloria O'Hara. She had read Hall's letter in *Driftwood* (May 23) and wondered if the commission supported his position on mid-week vending in Centennial Park.

Hall had signed his letter by noting he was a "Farmer and Chairman, Market Vendors Committee, Centennial Park Committee of S.S.I. Parks and Recreation Commission."

The titles, he told the commission, were added as a point of information to allow readers to know his involvement with the park issue.

He was not expressing the opinion of the Parks and Recreation Commission, he said.

Glenn Woodley, chairman of the commission, told Hall that he had signed letters as chairman but had made it clear that any opinions expressed were his own.

As a member of the Centennial Park committee of the commission, Woodley noted that the committee had not discussed a position, one way or the other, on mid-week vendors in the park.

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Garden party benefits local students, schools

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HMS Ganges Chapter IODE held their annual Garden Coffee Party in Dorothy James' beautiful garden at Vesuvius recently.

The goal of this particular endeavour is the raising of funds for the awards, bursaries and library books which the chapter gives annually to the local schools and students. The chapter members are grateful for the support accorded them.

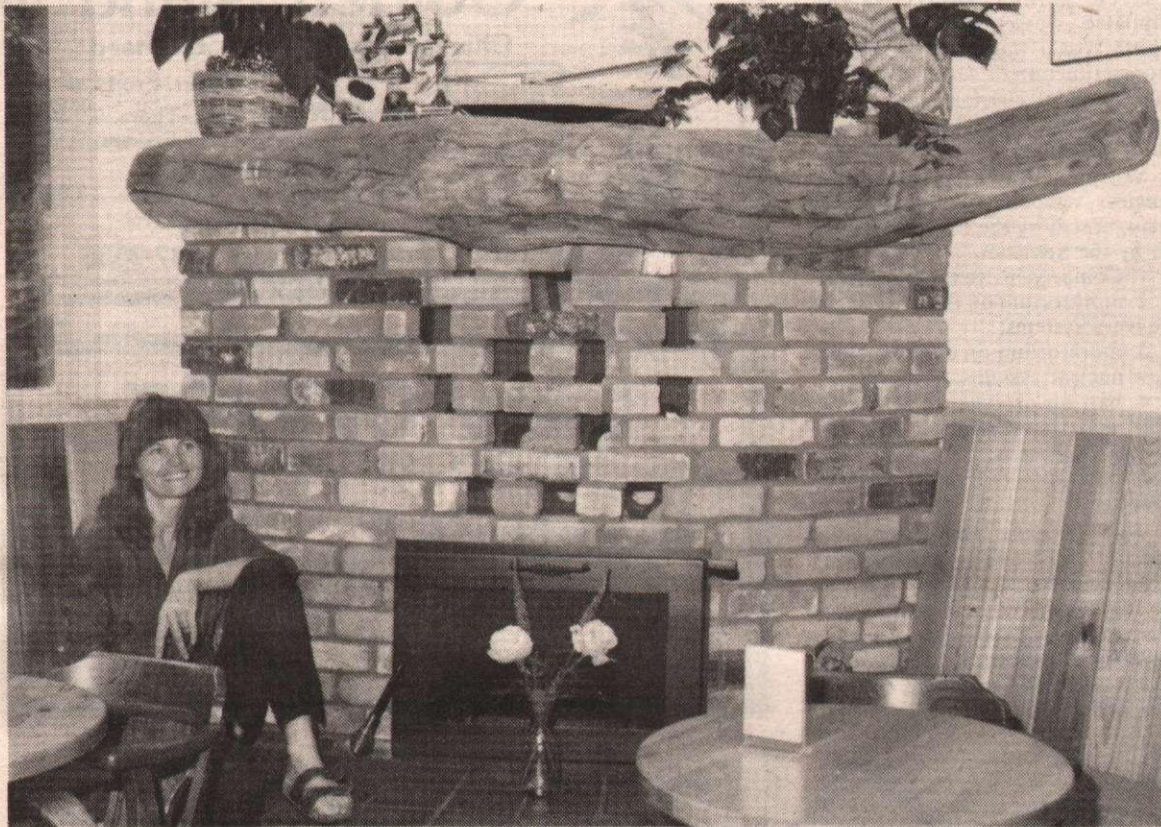
The floral display was most pleasing and this year a small brook and bridge have been added to the landscaping. Incidentally this bridge led to the area where Marj Cuttall was conducting a game of clock golf. Coffee and refreshments were served by girls from the secondary school, with Jean Shopland in charge. The chapter is grateful for the girls' help. Joy Whitecross looked after the kitchen area.

Tables in the rear garden offered various items for sale. The ever popular home baking table was served by Doris Mickelborough, Fran Elliott and May Cross; the plant table by Dorothy Edwards and Olive Mouat; new articles and attic treasures by Margaret Howell and Violet Thompson; raffles by Roma Aston and Dorothy Fines.

Margaret Howell's cake was won by Violet Thompson and the bird house by Mrs. Pike. Hilda Cullis and Anna Warrington accepted the silver collection, and Dorothy James and Margaret Howell greeted the guests.

Miss Mouat presented books to the elementary school library at their annual awards program.

The chapter began its summer vacation by enjoying a buffet luncheon at the Golf Club when about 30 ladies gathered to partake of Helga's fine cooking. This luncheon was convened by Anna Warrington.



Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

New pub opens

A year ago Spanish Hills Store was the only establishment that offered lunch at Galiano Island. Today there are several places to have lunch, among them the new Hummingbird Inn, near the Sturdies Bay-Portier Pass Drive intersection. The 65-seat neighbourhood pub is owned by Vera Harris, above, and husband George.

Call for fish information

Residents and visitors in the Gulf Islands must call either Duncan or Nanaimo for federal fisheries information.

Jim Stewart, harbour manager at Ganges, told *Driftwood* last week that he is in and out of the office so often that callers should go direct to the Vancouver Island fisheries offices instead.

For information on areas south of a line between Erskine Pt., Ganges Harbour and Active Pass the Duncan office should be contacted at 746-6221. Inquiries for areas north of that line should be directed to the Nanaimo office at 754-0325.

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BOOK REVIEW

Businessmen urged to alter course by exerting 'trimtab leverage'

BY RAY NEWMAN

The Trimtab Factor by Harold Willens; William Morrow and Company, Inc., New York; 1984. Available at local bookstores.

trimtab: a small adjustable flap on the control surfaces of some aircraft and water craft; used to assist in balancing and stabilizing by applying a small amount of leverage to produce a significant change of direction or attitude.

In this small (144-page), easily read (no scientific jargon) book Harold Willens presents the case against the nuclear arms race from the viewpoint of a self-made businessman: in addition to its morally repugnant aspects, the race is bad business.

He calls on his associates in the business world, a group whose advice and support is most often solicited by politicians, to recognize this fact and exert "trimtab leverage" to alter the course. "Successful business leaders must be ready to abandon unworkable policies and adopt new strategies to meet new challenges: that attitude must be applied to the nuclear weapons policy."

Building stairs takes time

The application should have included a description of the land, wrote an official with the ministry of lands, parks and housing.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission was requested to forward the description of the land which went with the application to take over Booth Canal.

But the request was at least two years out of date and contained errors in fact.

The commission had applied for permission to construct a set of stairs down the steep bank to the shore of Booth Canal from the end of Harrison Road. The commission didn't want to lay claim to the area of the canal but supply access to the shore for those who wanted to walk to the beach.

A letter will be sent in an effort to explain the situation.

"The United States went to war in 1941 and never came home," says Willens. Foreign and domestic policies became guided by "Russophobia" and militarism: Communists behind every human ill, and a military answer to every question. Strategies were formulated after the development of new weapons designed to "stay ahead of the Russians."

Overlooking the economic and political aspects of life in the States—items most desired by developing countries of the world—the U.S. chose to compete in the one area in which the Soviets could keep up—military might.

The world has paid dearly for this competition. Not only has the "race" failed to make anyone more secure, it has placed world economy under terrific strain. Third World countries divert funds from desperately needed economic development and have to "choose sides". The voracious appetite for raw materials, research, development and manufacture results in a product of no public use and comparatively low employment per dollar spent.

This is a "race no one can win". Most world authorities agree that there is parity between the nuclear arsenals of the superpowers, so what is the significance of "strategic superiority"?

What can you do with it? Admiral Noel Gayler (Ret.), former National Security Agency director, has said, "What Americans do not understand is that there is no sensible military use for any of the three categories of nuclear weapons."

Increased numbers means increased danger. Even if intentional use by the superpowers is avoided, accidental firings become more possible: on hundreds of occasions U.S. warning systems have indicated a "Soviet attack". The new generation of devices may not allow errors to be detected, particularly as "launch on warning" systems are developed and deployed. Not to be overlooked is "horizontal proliferation": have-not nations who want to join the "nuclear club", and terrorists.

"We will eat leaves and grass, even go hungry, but we will have one (a bomb) of our own," said Ali Bhutto, premier of Pakistan in 1974.

No business could survive based on competitor obsession (that Communism is at the root of all

problems) and inevitability (that we have no choice). "Mistakes are forgivable. What is not forgivable is continuing on a losing course, particularly a suicidal one."

CO-EXISTENCE PREFERABLE

Attitudes must change and reassessments must be made. Co-existence is preferable to co-extinction. The Soviets are not invincible: they have not been even moderately successful in their perceived goal of "world domination", largely because of their own internal economic and political problems, and continuing disputes with their Warsaw Pact allies, China and Afghanistan.

"Nowhere in the world is the Soviet model admired and emulated...Soviet influence in the Third World might be considered more a function of American failure than Soviet success." Shift the competition from military to marketplace.

Willens favours a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze, each step inaugurated by the U.S. and agreed to by the Soviets:

1. Comprehensive test ban treaty;
2. moratorium on flight testing of delivery systems;
3. moratorium on deployment of new nuclear systems;
4. ban on production of fissionable materials and production of nuclear warheads;
5. balanced, orderly program of reduction.

The Trimtab Factor contains many pertinent quotes by prominent world figures, and wise sayings from the past. An ancient Chinese proverb sets the tone: If we do not change our direction we are likely to end up where we are headed.

Co-ordinators announced

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board announced co-ordinators for the computer and special education programs recently.

Tom Watson, principal of Salt Spring Elementary School, will be the special education co-ordinator for Salt Spring Island. He was assigned .2 time for the job.

The special education program has been changed from a district-based team approach to having the program a part of each school in the islands. Larry Holbrook, principal of the Mayne Island school, is co-ordinator for the Outer Islands schools.

For the computer program in Gulf Islands schools, the trustees named Tom McKeachie to take charge. McKeachie teaches at Gulf

Islands Secondary School and had been chairman of a district committee which looked into computer education. He was assigned .5 time for the task.

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Artcraft, the summer-long sale of crafts and paintings at Mahon Hall on Salt Spring, has grown over the years.

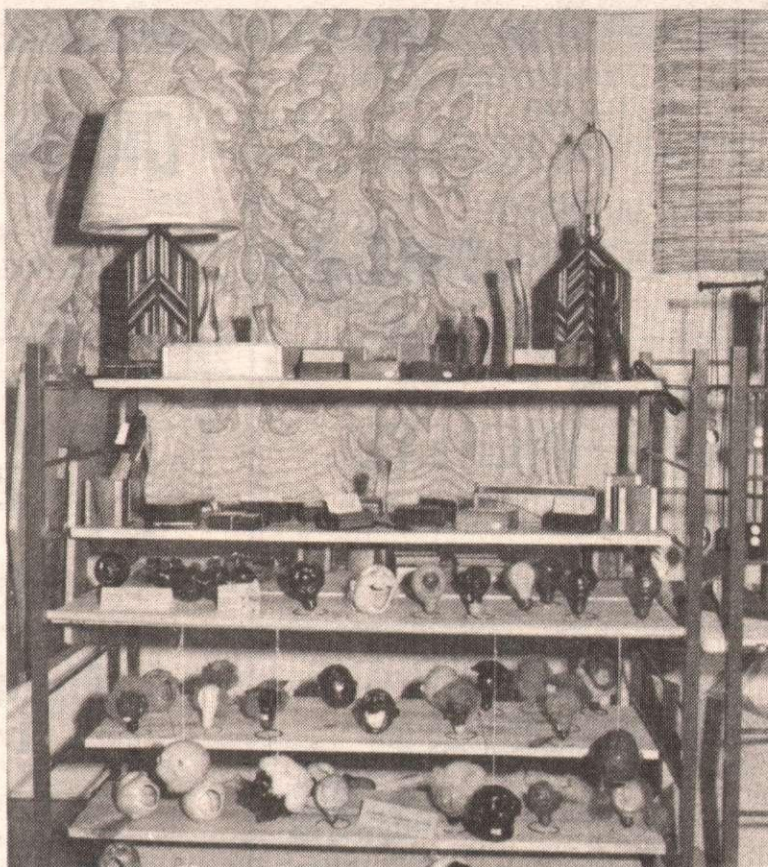
When the summer sale began in 1968, 1,350 people visited the show and spent \$375. By 1983, the number of visitors had swollen to 15,000 and the take had grown to \$125,000.

The event began in 1967 through efforts of the provincial government to spread money around for cultural pursuits in the province. The Centennial Cultural Fund, seeded with \$5 million, allowed various grants to be allocated to various arts councils.

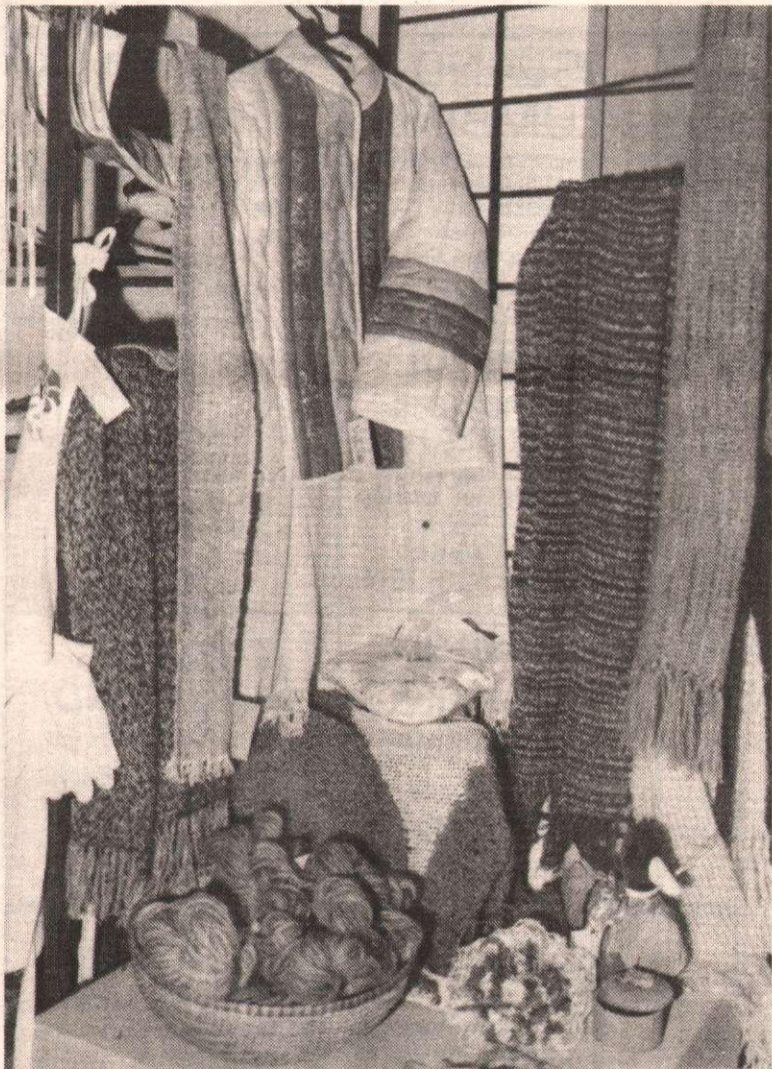
The Gulf Islands, being the second smallest area of the province, received a grant of \$300. A stipulation of the grant was that each council supply locally generated funds.

Shortly after Artcraft began, the yearly grant from the province was more than offset by the sales tax generated by the sale of goods during the summer show.

This year, as in the past, the sale begins each day of the week at 11 am and continues until 5 pm. Artcraft goes on until Labour Day in September.




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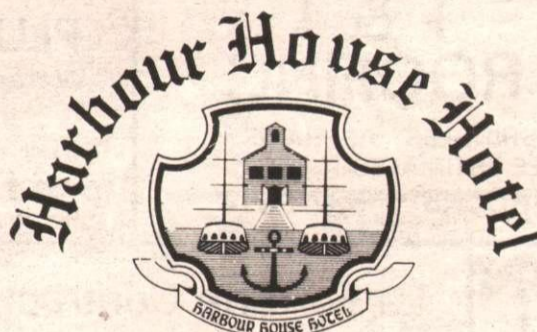
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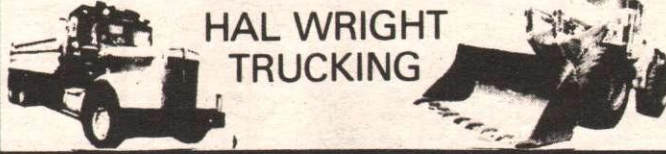
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GALIANO NEWS

Annual show offers more than just weaving

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Galiano Weavers' Guild held their annual summer show in the Community Hall on Saturday. Weaving and spinning were only two of the fiber arts on display.

Knitted goods were prominent in a variety of materials in addition to the traditional wool, and in many styles. Smocking was shown by Ivy Morshead and crochet by Marguerite McIntosh. An unusual variation was obtained by soaking a circular crochet mat in concentrated sugar solution, draping the mat over a bowl and allowing the sugar to crystallize. The result when inverted formed an attractive lacy bowl.

Marie Gaskin had created interesting textile sculptures by overlaying driftwood with knitted or woven fiber—a bald eagle being an outstanding example. A different use for Kool-Aid was illustrated with skeins of dyed wool with the fruity odour still perceptible. There were many examples of more conventional weaving—throws, towels, placemats, shawls, cushion covers, wall hangings and rugs.

Guild members have constructed and furnished with miniature specimens of their art an exquisite doll's house which was on display. This was the first prize in the raffle and was won by Bea Millar of Vancouver. Sally Riddell won the second prize.

Unfortunately, the high standard of art and craft on display was not matched by the volume of sales. Many who would have liked to buy some of the many attractive items listed for sale must, in these uncertain economic times, have allowed prudence to dictate their actions, keeping the purse closed or the cheque book shut.

Garden party

The Galiano Historical and Cultural Society held a fund-raising garden party Saturday outside the Galiano Gardens. The persistence of this group of *Sutil*-building enthusiasts seemed contagious. Guest of honour James Barber was bumped off the morning sailing, together with 200 other potential passengers of the *Queen of Tsawwassen* who were left stranded at the terminal.

Mr. Barber, determined to fulfill his engagement, drove to the floatplane port north of the airport and hired a small plane to get him to Galiano to attend the garden party. The location at Galiano Gardens introduced a number of residents to this beautiful garden, which was looking its best for the occasion.

Designed by Gerhart Rehm, the garden is tended by Annie Brettels who spends endless hours in its service.

Jamboree

The North Galiano Community Association's celebration of Canada Day has as its theme the Roaring Twenties. Research had revealed that in that decade North Galiano was bustling with commercial activity: logging, four or five herring salteries, a 30-boat cod fleet, high-grade moonshine distilled at Retreat Cove and rum-running as a profitable if dangerous diversion.

For Sunday, July 1, the workers of North Galiano had prepared their Jamboree to entertain and instruct a concourse of visitors from as near as South Galiano and as far as Berlin and Salt Spring Island. After the parade reached the newly enlarged grounds of the Community Hall at

noon, entertainment of various kinds continued for four hours under the direction of M.C. Woody Coward, who cajoled visitors into competing in fun races, and assembled them to watch performances on a stage consisting of a flat-bed truck covered by an awning.

The Tatsumi Dancers of Richmond brought the colour and grace of traditional Japanese dancing. Local dancers illustrated Scottish Country Dancing and a group of flappers the Charleston so popular in the twenties. The Abbotsford Rube Band played ragtime and Norm Russell's talent auction was an entertainment in itself.

All the while a bevy of beauties dispensed refreshments, and side-shows attracted those willing to test their skill or luck. Drama was not lacking as Galiano Players under the direction of Ella Johnson again shot Dangerous Dan McGrew.

In the hall Alistair Ross had prepared a fascinating and instructive display of local history; a diorama of the salteries, photographs by Donald New and others, and an array of objects in common use during the twenties. After some initial trepidatory dark clouds the weather co-operated to another successful North Galiano Canada Day party.

School is out

With a flurry of culminating activities school is finally out. The Grade 6 class returned from their outdoor education course at Strathcona, the daily swimming lessons in the Tingleys' beautiful pool, a much appreciated feature of the school year, a strawberry tea to

say thank you to the volunteers who have helped at school and finally an awards day, the first to be held in the new activity centre.

A large audience of parents and friends came to applaud the presentation of many different kinds of cups, certificates and prizes to a long list of pupils. In addition head teacher Elizabeth Brinson paid tribute to the teachers who were leaving, Florence Dodwell and Lyn Yallop, and to our retiring trustee, Mike Hoebel. The children of Galiano (and the adults) now need another dedicated person to stand as local representative on the school board.

Emergency

With the summer increase in population there is a corresponding increase in the frequency of emergencies. In the past week the ambulance volunteers have been busy attending a motor vehicle accident and trying to resuscitate a man overboard drowning near Montague.

It is important that each islander knows how to obtain help quickly in a crisis. Telephone stickers listing emergency numbers are available from Esther Diehl and if affixed to the telephone speed up a call for help.

Coming events

This Sunday, rector Leonard Pocock will be on Galiano to officiate at the 8 am Holy Communion and the 10:30 am Anglican Service.

July 8 is also the day of the Second Galiano Horse Show from 10 am to 5 pm in the grounds of Chair Rider Anny Bobak on

Montague Road. The Maple Styrup directors are reminded that by royal decree they are to wear Ascot attire and assemble in the enclosure.

At intervals over the past two years a film crew from the National Film Board has been working on a film, *Hoppy: A Portrait of Elisabeth Hopkins*. As thanks to all the people of Galiano who acted as extras in the scenes shot on Galiano and to the star herself, director Colin Browne has arranged a free showing of the film at the South Community Hall next Monday evening at 8 pm.

All are welcome to attend and if necessary there will be a second showing at 10 pm. The award winning *Flamenco* at 5:15 will also be shown.

Wednesday, July 11 the Garden Club will be privileged to have as speaker Isobel Tipton of Metchosin. Mrs. Tipton not only finds the time to have two large vegetable gardens but is a well known show judge, and continues to be president of the Metchosin Garden Club.

Mrs. Tipton is also a qualified nurse, good friend to many overseas students at Pearson College, hand-weaver and mill-dyer of renown. The meeting begins at 1:30 sharp, and members will be advised on how to prepare flower, fruit and vegetable entries for the show to be held at North Galiano on September 8.

A show of paintings from a new series by Jean Beatty entitled *People and Places* will be on display at La Berengerie from July 4 at 8 pm until July 30.

The Artists' Guild of Galiano will hold their Annual Summer Exhibition and Sale on Saturday, July 14 from 10 am to 6 pm in the South Community Hall.

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Compost method from Sri Lanka takes only two weeks

This is what I consider coasting time. The last of the tomatoes and the cucumbers are in, along with the beans, corn and cabbages. The planning, preparation and seeding is done and from now on it is growing time.

It is unfortunate that the weeds do not share my concept of this in-between-time as a time to coast. On the contrary, by all appearances they obviously think of it as a golden, once in a lifetime opportunity to demonstrate their amazing vigour and capacity for growth.

Compared to them, the carrots, beets and lettuces are a straggling, lazy and anaemic lot, much in need of constant help, coddling and encouragement, and it seems that they are doing the coasting.

It may very well be that I got this coasting idea from them. There does not seem to be any other substantial or reasonable foundation for this feeling as I try to stem the tide of sturdy weeds among the scattered carrots.

Nevertheless, I cannot help but admire such strength of life and joy of growth, and even though it is a bit of a bother, I do appreciate the contribution they make to the health of the garden.

BEAUTIFUL MULCH

The pulled weeds make a beautiful mulch among the rows to shelter my favourite little hunting spiders, they help to conserve moisture and, eventually, contribute their organic substance and nutrients to the soil.

By all accounts, this is a glorious year for them and it seems there will

It's the money

Many cabinet ministers were supporting the Gulf Islands School Board's efforts to obtain money for the Fernwood School extension, and they said so.

The school board received at least five letters from various cabinet ministers expressing thanks for letting them know of the need for the building funds.

School board chairman Charles Hingston noted that some of the letters had been written after the money had been released by cabinet.

"It's the thought that counts," he said.

"No, Charles," replied Ron McQuiggan, "it's the money that counts."

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

be no shortage of fresh mulch with a fair bit left over for the compost pile.

For this we cherish them, for our compost heap is a constant source of wonder to all our family. How can eggshells, burnt toast, coffee grounds and all the other various and incidental kitchen leftovers be transformed into such beautifully rich stuff just teeming with worms and life unseen?

Despite the scientific explanations of the conversion processes, it remains for me a continuous transformation and retransformation of life from soil, to plant, to us and to soil again in ever-increasing cycles of life which is just plain miraculous.

TAKES CARE OF GARBAGE

It also takes care of most of our garbage, to which the weeds contribute much of the needed nitrogen and other assorted goodies in yet another transformation from a bother to an unqualified asset. And what this beautiful compost does to the health of our produce is just as miraculous.

Therefore, here follows yet another method of making good compost, a fast one, as it only takes two weeks from scraps and weeds to black gold.

This one was developed in Sri Lanka with as two-fold purpose: one to provide a source of income to people who subsisted by scavenging, the other to turn waste into a valuable asset. To these people, a three-month-long process would be useless in their need and therefore a rapid conversion process was crucial to their existence.

They now patrol the city dumps daily, and have a profitable source of income from their produce: "gems from garbage", and a far higher living standard. And the method is easy.

Basic to this method is a rough proportion of two-thirds

carbohydrate-rich material consisting of mostly dry components such as dried leaves, stalks, stems, straw and paper, and one-third fresh, soft greens such as young weeds and grass clippings, which are high in nitrogen.

This material is not layered but well mixed, chopped or shredded and bruised as much as possible. The exterior surfaces of all living things are designed to keep bacteria and other micro-organisms out. Chopping, bruising, crushing and bashing help to open the exterior surfaces to decay organisms thus speeding up decomposition considerably.

WIDE VARIETY

A well-mixed variety of materials, the more varied the better, for a varied source of nutrients for the bacteria, is the key to success. Adequate moisture, to keep the pile nicely moist without being wet, helps a great deal as well. The minimum size should be three by three wide and three feet high to develop and maintain sufficiently high composting temperatures.

Then comes the turning which is done with heavy mattocks for further bruising. The pile is turned on the second day after being built, again on the fourth, the seventh and the 10th day. It will be finished on the 14th day.

If there is some doubt as to the correct proportions of carboniferous and nitrogenous materials, it is best to err in favour of the nitrogenous component to assure sufficient nitrogen. Manure and soil is not necessary if sufficient fresh greens are available. And if not, partially decomposed material

from a previous pile, at least one-third in volume will supply sufficient nitrogen.

Pitchforks and spades work almost as well as mattocks if used with bruising in mind. Work the

finished compost lightly into the top two inches of soil along and around your crops, flowers, shrubs and trees for results far in excess of the amount applied. Somehow it just works wonders.

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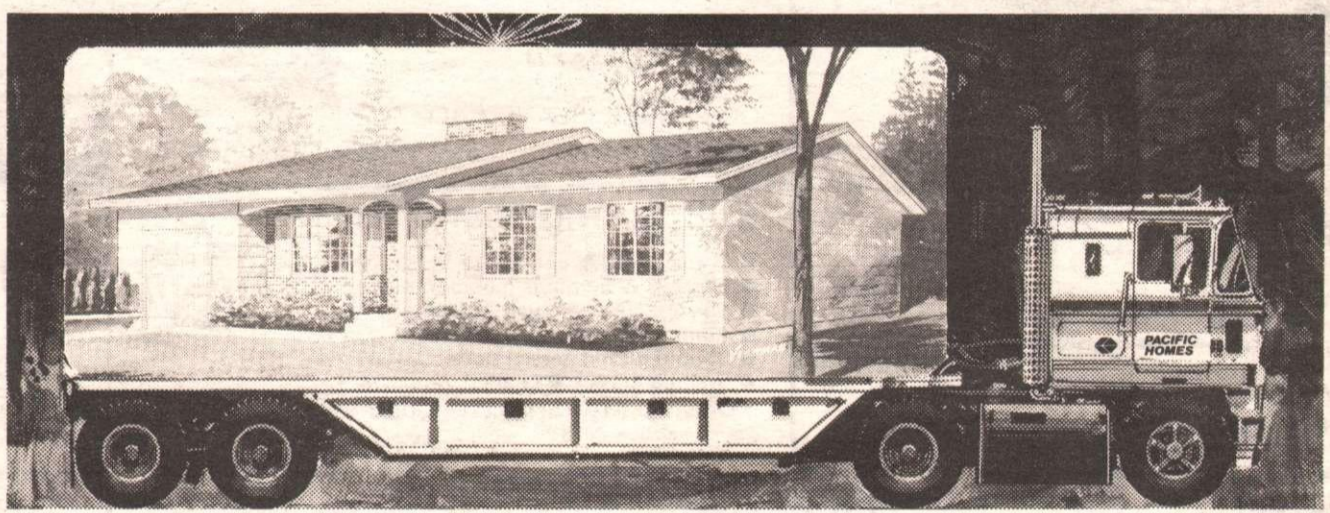
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Board discusses bus route changes

Routes for school buses in the Gulf Islands will be adjusted and extended with more changes to come when the limits of the new Fulford Elementary School are set.

Jeannine Dodds, school trustee for Mayne Island and chairman of the school board's conveyance committee, explained the changes to the trustees last week.

A request had come to the Gulf Islands School Board from parents living on Clanton Road on Galiano for pickup of their children.

Dodds said the conveyance committee had decided not to extend the bus route for the time being. The children have to walk only about one mile, she said, to catch the bus which brings children from the north end of the island to

school. If the route was extended, she said, the north-end children would face a longer ride to and from school.

The bus routes on both Pender and Mayne Islands will be extended.

On Mayne, the school bus picks up children from the other Outer Islands at Horton Bay and Miners Bay for transfer to the school.

Dodds said the committee had decided to include Mayne children in the service. The times for the new bus routes would be from 8 to 9 am and from 3 to 4 pm.

The Pender bus route will be extended down Gowland Point Road to accommodate the five children who currently walk up to three miles to catch the school bus to Bedwell Harbour.

The bus services for the two islands will go to public tender, said Dodds. The existing routes should stay the same, she said, but the new routes could be flexible as long as the times for pickup are adhered to. Closing date for the tenders is July 27.

Meanwhile, on Salt Spring, supervisor of works Frank Sutherland will look at various routes to see if the buses owned by the school district can handle the runs.

If any run cannot be handled by the district buses, public tenders will be called for on those routes. The school district currently leases a smaller school bus for routes on which the larger buses have problems.

When the limits for the Fulford school have been set, the routes for

the south end of Salt Spring will be adjusted.

Dodds said the conveyance committee recommends extension of the bus route down Isabella Point Road. A turn-around would be needed near the end of the road.

In February, 1982, the highways department wrote to the school board to say that a turn-around would be put in place upon request. The department could supply adequate snow and ice control as well, the letter stated.

A large school district bus was driven down Isabella Point Road to test conditions. Problems occurred on a couple of the tighter curves and when the bus attempted to turn around and come back.

Dodds told the trustees that she had never travelled down Isabella Point Road and suggested that Sutherland check into the matter. If the large buses cannot handle the road, she suggested that tenders for a private contract for the route could be called for.

Sutherland is to report his findings to the board at the next meeting on July 18.

Toilet 'smelly, disgusting'

Stowe Lake in Fulford is a favourite swimming hole on Salt Spring and the Fulford Harbour waterworks people want the area cleaned up.

Maralyn Horsdal wrote a letter on behalf of the waterworks to the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, which maintains the swimming site.

She reminded the commission that Stowe lake is a source of drinking water for south end residents.

The portable toilet at the swimming location is "smelly and disgusting", she said. The waterworks would appreciate it if it were cleaned out, she wrote, not to make it "delightful but pleasant enough to use."

Commission chairman Glenn Woodley commented, "I think they (the toilets) can get pretty disgusting, all right."

The commission will post a sign at the beach asking people to use the toilet and not the lake. The toilet itself will be cleaned and pumped out regularly, the commission agreed.

This Week in Recreation

LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Wed., July 4: Ganges vs Byrons, Portlock; Fulford vs Driftwood, Little League; Boys vs Inn, Fulford. **Mon., July 9:** Inn vs Ganges, Portlock; Byrons vs Driftwood, Little League; Boys vs Fulford, Fulford.

FRIDAY NITE SLOWPITCH: July 6: DOGS vs Jellyfish, Little League; Pharnasavers vs Goodyducks, Portlock; Deadwood vs Flounders, Fulford #2; Soccas vs Inn, Fulford #1; Slugs vs Gang Green, Hydro. Rebs BYE.

COMPETITIVE SLOWPITCH: Thurs., July 5: Barflies vs Rebs, Little League; Soccas vs Express, Portlock. **Tues., July 10:** Fulford vs Barflies, Fulford; Soccas vs GAS, Little League; DOGS vs Jellyfish, Portlock. Game time 6:30.

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Bulletin board system for Salt Spring computer users

BY TONY RICHARDS

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Just another classified ad that you might read in *Driftwood* at any time, right?

Wrong. It's a classified ad all right but it's being circulated among Salt

Spring Island residents by a radically different means. It is one of a few ads listed on the new Salt Spring bulletin board system, which is only accessible by local computer users.

The program has been set up by Udo Burger of Haltone Electronics Ltd. in Mouat's Mall and currently has 16 users on it with room for many more. The system runs 24

hours a day on a TRS-80 Model I that Burger has set aside for the bulletin board alone. It also has its own dedicated phone line.

At present the bulletin board has capacity for 25 users and 75 messages, a capacity which could be increased by adding more disc storage.

228 CALLS

In operation since June 4, the bulletin board is proving popular so far among the 16 people signed on. Since that date, there have been 228 calls made (as of last Wednesday) and 132 messages left on the system.

Basically, the bulletin board is a system of communication through messages. If a message has been left for a user, he is apprised of it as soon as he logs into the system. All he has to do is type in the message number and it's printed on his computer screen.

The main menu, or the choices open to the user upon logging in, include leaving a message, retrieving a message, scanning the messages in the system or "upload/download", a means of transferring text files or programs between users. In other words, it's a software trade centre.

Just because Burger's computer is a TRS-80 doesn't mean that the bulletin board is limited to Radio Shack owners. Anyone can get on. In fact, if you know the phone number you can get on without prior arrangements.

But you won't get very far. The system is divided into 10 sections and a non-member who gets in will be denied access to all but two. Equipment needed to become a bulletin board user is a 16K computer, terminal software for communicating, an RS232 and a telephone modem.

ONE FOR TEACHERS

Of the system's 10 sections, one has been set aside for the sole use of island teachers. Burger points out that the system is ideal for teachers in that the only way they can communicate between schools is through messages anyway. So he reserved one section for their use, a

section that no one else can get into.

Personal messages can also be left on the system without the user worrying about others seeing them. As soon as a message is designated "personal", access to anyone but the person for whom it was intended is denied.

The bulletin board has an additional use with the upload/download option. Software can be transferred between computers of different makes. An Apple user, for instance, can transfer a program to a TRS-80, whose owner can then make the necessary changes to allow it to run on his computer.

This writer decided the bulletin board system would be fun for its message capabilities but was not impressed with the classified

advertising side of it. After all, a circulation of only 16 isn't going to get much response.

But the present users will have the chance to hear more about that. As soon as I've purchased a modem, I'll be advertising our own circulation—and our classified ads—in message form on the bulletin board.

New Brunswick visitor here to find roots

When Mary Walter returned to her home in St. John, New Brunswick, she left with a realization of how deep her roots were planted in the Gulf Islands.

She came to Salt Spring Island last week to find those roots. She talked with some of the old-time islanders and saw where her relatives had pioneered parts of the islands.

Of particular interest to her was Wallace Island which had been owned by one of her uncles. Jack Chivers had settled and owned Wallace Island. When Walter went to the island she visited his homesite and talked with Barbara Conover, widow of David Conover, who bought the island from the Chivers in 1946.

Edward Walter came to Salt Spring in the 1870's to settle a farm on the shore of Ganges Harbour. Walter Bay near the sailing club got its name from him.

Shortly after he arrived, his brother, Arthur Walter came to Canada from the family home in Bristol, England. He bought land from John Booth and began to clear a farm. His son was named Arthur Britain Walter.

The son eventually headed east to study medicine at McGill University and settled in St. John, New Brunswick.

Mary Walter is his granddaughter. Other relatives include the Shaw family who settled on Galiano in 1878. Margaret Shaw met Edward Walter and regularly rowed from Galiano to Salt Spring to pursue the courtship.

In 1946, she published a book, *Early Days Among the Gulf Islands*, which tells the story of her life here.

The Chivers connection came about when an early member of that family married a Shaw.



Mary Walter

Walter used information compiled by her grandfather to trace her roots in the Gulf Islands. But when she prepared to leave last week, she said she had found out much more than she had hoped for.

She returns to the province on the other side of the continent to think about what she learned and to study the information she picked up.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the North Pender Island Community School on North Pender Island commencing at 1:00 pm on **THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1984**.

Proposed North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 24 (being Zoning By-law, North Pender Island, 1978, Amendment By-law No. 1, 1984) is a By-law to amend North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5, being the "Zoning By-law, North Pender Island, 1978". In general terms, the intent of the proposed By-law is to:

- Provide a definition of "Bed and Breakfast", "Guest House", and "Room and Board" uses;
- Provide regulations for the operation of a Bed and Breakfast use, including parking regulations, the maximum number of rooms to be used and the number of guests accommodated as well as regulations concerning equipment rental.

A copy of the proposed By-law may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 716 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 720(2) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, C. 290, an additional copy of the proposed By-law may be inspected at the Post Office, North Pender Island.

M. LEE,
Administrative Officer.

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Salt Spring Island Trust Committee NOTICE ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee is soliciting names of resource people interested in serving as volunteers to the Advisory Design Panel. The types of expertise specifically sought by the Panel are architecture, landscape architecture and engineering. Interested parties are invited to submit their names with a brief resume of their backgrounds to Islands Trust, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3E1.

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ISLANDS TRUST Galiano Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-laws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the South End Community Hall, Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, on **FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1984**, commencing at 7:00 pm.

- Proposed Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 32 (being amendment by-law No. 1, 1984) is a By-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 128 cited as "Official Community Plan (Galiano Island and Area) By-law, 1973."

The purpose of the By-law is to correct an erroneous community plan designation of one privately owned parcel of land in D.L. 5. The By-law deletes from the Plan Map, Schedule "A", the Public Recreation (PR) designation on the lands shown on Plan No. 1 which forms part of the By-law, and adds the designation of Rural 2 and 3 (R2 and 3) to the said lands.

The property affected is in the Finlay Lake area.

- Proposed Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 33 (being amendment By-law No. 1, 1984) is a By-law to amend Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5, 1978, cited as "Zoning By-law, Galiano Island and Area, 1978".

The purpose of the By-law is to correct an erroneous zoning of one privately owned parcel of land in D.L. 5. The By-law changes the zoning classification of Lot 1, Block 9, D.L. 5, Plan 1974, Galiano Island, from the Public Recreation (PR) zone to the Rural 2 (R2) zone.

The property affected is in the Finlay Lake area.

Copies of the proposed By-laws may be reviewed in the Post Office lobby, Galiano Island, during any hour of the day, Monday to Saturday inclusive. The proposed By-laws may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust Office, 716 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

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Tennis clinics slated for July 15

BY STEPHANIE ROWLEY

On Sunday, July 15 the Salt Spring Tennis Association is sponsoring a series of tennis clinics to be taught by Marjorie Blackwood and Peter Schelling of Vancouver.

Marjorie is head professional at Western Indoor Tennis Club in Richmond and has extensive international background in competitive tennis. She was Canada's top ranked women's player from 1977-1979 and was ranked as high as No. 48 in women's world rankings in 1981.

Peter is assistant professional at Western Indoor and Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club.

As well as teaching tennis, Marjorie and Peter have spent a considerable amount of time in the exercise and injury prevention area of tennis. During the clinics they will introduce a number of these exercise concepts that are beneficial to all tennis players.

One of the interesting aspects of these clinics will be the use of a video, to allow coaches and players to view and analyze their strokes.

Tentative plans call for three separate clinics on Sunday afternoon, each lasting 1½ hours. Separate clinics will consist of 8-12 people with groupings made according to participants' ability.

Possible groups may include juniors, beginners, intermediates, or advanced.

Further information and registration may be obtained from this writer or at Dr. Claus Andress' office. Cost will be approximately \$12 per person.

In other tennis news, the home match against Pender Island on June 23 saw a total of 200 games played by these well matched teams in the six hours on court, Pender having a total of nine more games won than Salt Spring on the overall day's play.

Pender won the men's doubles matches 3-1, the ladies' doubles was a draw at 2 all with Salt Spring ladies having a 7-game advantage, and Pender won the mixed doubles matches 6-2. There were many closely fought matches going to 12 point tie-breakers at 7 all.

The weather was sunny and warm but a strong wind made cross-court shots difficult to place and high lobs extremely unpredictable.

A pleasant lunch was enjoyed by everyone at the Salt Spring Golf Club and all are looking forward to the return match at Pender on Saturday, July 28.

July is a full tennis month, with the junior match against Shaughnessy on Saturday at Portlock. The mixed doubles match with Glen Meadows takes place on July 14 in Sidney. Saturday, July 21 will see the only open event of the month, the mixed doubles tournament, rotating through private courts to enable the matches to be completed in one day. It will end with the finals and a social evening at the Olson home.

Grads agree to pay after stunt gets out of hand

A stunt to celebrate graduation at Gulf Islands Secondary School got out of hand and the grads have agreed to pay for the damage.

The event occurred a couple of weeks ago when several of the grads decided to put a portable toilet on the roof of the high school. They also turned some sheep loose in the courtyard to guard the elevated biffy.

However, some other students got involved and the school was broken into. The glass in a door was

broken, and paper was scattered in a hallway and in a couple of classrooms.

The grads decided to dip into their graduation fund to pay for the damage and the clean-up.

GISS principal Bob McWhirter said the biffy and the sheep were an innocent stunt but the damage was inexcusable. While most of the damage was caused by other students, several grads were involved which prompted the decision to pay restitution.

GOLF NEWS

Three islands play for Georgeson Cup

BY PAT DOHERTY

There were 28 of the nine-hole ladies' section out at the Salt Spring Golf Club last week and Chris Lagrow won the hidden hole at number 6. Closest to the pin on number 11 was Lillian McNulty. The putt pot was shared by Peg Thorne, Ann Sober and Mary Clements.

The ladies were real sharp around the greens with Mabel Moore, Di Fraser and Mary Alice Burford all chipping in from off the green to share the Connie Porter Trophy.

In the ladies' 18-hole division last Monday 16 ladies from Galiano and Pender joined Salt Spring ladies to play their first game for the Georgeson Cup. Beautiful weather and the home course advantage allowed our ladies to come out ahead by a nice margin. The trick now is to hold on to it when they travel to play on the other islands.

Last Tuesday the ladies delayed their start for half an hour in the hope of missing the rain. However, at the end of nine holes they decided to call it quits and balls were given out to Jean Hopkins and Gloria Lloyd for low gross and low net. Winner of the putt pot was Mona Coulter who had a red hot putter, using only 10 putts for the nine holes.

Men's play was rained out on Thursday.

There is a nice new sign at the entrance to the Golf Club. Thanks

are due to Lionel Ray who was in charge of the project. Lionel was assisted by Gene Graham and Vic Austin.

Last week was junior golf week and Ada Woodley would like to thank all the lady and gentlemen golfers who put their name on the sheet and contributed \$1 towards junior golf. As everyone knows, Ada is the co-ordinator for junior golf at the club, and a more dedicated person for junior golf would be hard to find.

Ada looks after the younger beginners and arranges games for the older juniors with friendly adult members. She also works out all their handicaps for them and as they improve their skills she arranges off-island games and fixes them up with drivers to transport them to the various tournaments.

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Ada has also managed to get the four best adult golfers in the club to donate time to instruct the juniors in their efforts to improve their games. They are Richard Nemeth, Larry Davies, Phil Hume and Malcolm Robertson.

One of Ada's former junior class is Rick Andrews who is club champion, which proves her system works. The golfing juniors on Salt Spring are very fortunate to have Ada looking after their golfing interests.

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 769 of the Municipal Act, the following By-law No. 1262, cited as "Dog Regulation and Impounding By-law No. 1, 1980, Amendment By-law No. 7, 1984", is hereby published as at third reading and prior to submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 688, BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. By-law No. 688, cited as "Dog Regulation and Impounding By-law No. 1, 1980", is amended as follows:

SECTION 19(d)

Delete the words and figures "SEVEN (\$7.00) DOLLARS" and substitute the words and figures "EIGHT (\$8.00) DOLLARS"

Delete the words and figures "SIX (\$6.00) DOLLARS" and substitute the words and figures "SEVEN (\$7.00) DOLLARS"

A copy of the by-law may be viewed during normal working hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

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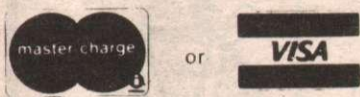
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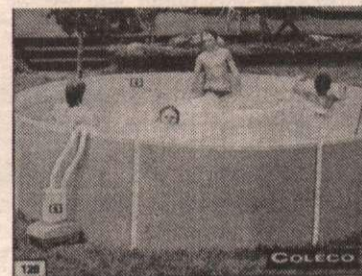


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