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Fast action by crew saves woman from drowning on Friday

Quick action by the B Watch crew on the *Queen of Tsawwassen* saved the life of a Vancouver woman who fell overboard last Friday.

The ferry was approaching the Tsawwassen terminal at 11:55 am that day when chief steward Val Perkins heard shouts. She went to find out what was happening and learned that a woman had fallen overboard.

As the alarm spread, second officer Randy Sloan saw the woman swimming about three-quarters of a mile behind the ferry.

Captain Jan Andreassen ordered the ship to turn about and the crew prepared to launch a lifeboat.

By the time the lifeboat reached the woman, later identified as Mary Finnerty, 52, of Vancouver, she was floating face down in the water. Seaman Gary Wyrozub jumped into the water and held her above the

surface while the crew in the boat prepared to pull her aboard.

Under the direction of chief officer Tim Stratholt, the crew managed to pull Finnerty into the lifeboat. She was unconscious at the time and Perkins began to apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

When the lifeboat returned to the ferry, the woman was breathing again but was in a semi-conscious state. The ferry arrived at the Tsawwassen terminal and an ambulance was waiting to rush her to hospital.

Captain Andreassen told *Driftwood* that the crew had responded quickly to the emergency. The alarm was sounded at 11:48 am, he said, and the lifeboat reached the woman seven minutes later at 11:55. She was back on board the *Tsawwassen* by 12:05.



Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

He's learning to catch mice, frogs

Slowly becoming accustomed to the companionship of humans is injured screech owl at Galiano Island. Dennis Oldroyd, above, found the owl recently near his Bluff Rd. home and now is becoming

proficient at catching mice and frogs for his new pet, which has a broken wing. Below, the bird watches warily as its photo is taken. More on Page 10.



Two nominated for September

Canadian voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 4, following Monday's federal election call by Prime Minister John Turner.

Two candidates have been nominated so far in Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands. They are incumbent Jim Manly of the New Democratic Party and Progressive

Conservative Don Taylor of Duncan. Duncan lawyer Mike Coleman announced Monday that he will seek the Liberal nomination at a meeting Saturday.

The Green Party will also field a candidate here. Party spokesman Sue Hiscocks said Monday that Vancouver Island resident Lindsay

Armstrong will be in the running.

Last federal election was held February 18, 1980. Manly took the seat with 22,120 votes, followed by Taylor with 18,253. Liberal candidate Leo Gervais received 5,159 votes, Louis Lesosky of the Rhinoceros Party polled 444 and Communist Ernie Knott trailed with 86. Voter turnout in that election was 76%.

Don Taylor won the seat with a 1,560-vote lead over Manly in the May 1979 election that saw the Conservatives form the government under Joe Clark. Before that the local seat was held first by Colin Cameron and later by Tommy Douglas, both of the New Democratic Party.

Between 1958 and 1962 W.S. Matthews held the seat for the Conservatives while from 1953 to 1958 Colin Cameron represented the riding for the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, forerunner of the NDP. He took the seat from Conservative George Pearkes, former lieutenant-governor of B.C.

Saturna School roof among items approved

The pupils at Saturna Elementary School won't need raincoats indoors now that the school district has money to repair the roof.

The Gulf Islands School Board learned recently that the capital budget for the year had been approved. The trustees will have \$307,558 to spend on repairs and equipment.

Jim Doyle, executive director of schools facilities for the ministry of education, sent the word on the budget to the school district in a letter.

"The necessity for restraint in government spending due to a substantial drop in revenue," he wrote, "has resulted in a significant reduction in the schools capital budget."

The major item approved for the school district was \$186,278 for the two-room addition to Fernwood Elementary School.

The cost of the two-room addition breaks down to \$11,135 for site preparation plus \$17,398 for fees and contingencies. Equipment for the two rooms will bear a price tag of \$32,173.

The 2,150 square feet (200 square

metres) of new classrooms will cost \$125,572 which works out to slightly more than \$58 per square foot.

Other items approved were \$15,000 for minor renovations to the various schools plus \$54,280 to replace the roof on Saturna School and to repair the roof at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Correcting the drainage problems at Pender School will cost \$10,800. The last item approved for the capital budget was \$41,200 for the computer being used in the school board office.

Doyle explained why some items were approved while others were not.

"Every effort was made to include funding for essential and emergency projects plus funding for minor renovation work," he wrote.

While the full request for capital spending did not receive approval, the school trustees will try again next year.

As Doyle put it: "It is anticipated that projects submitted and not approved for the 1984-85 capital budget will be re-submitted in the 1985-86 fiscal year."

National park for islands?

Regional policies to attract voters in B. C. were announced by the federal Liberals this week.

Following a party caucus meeting held in Ottawa Tuesday, the Liberals indicated they will call for creation of a Gulf Islands national park.



Bursary winners

Kelly Mullan, left, and Cathy Coe of Salt Spring Island are the recipients of \$500 bursaries from the Gulf Island Community Arts Council. Mullan will be entering her

second year at Camosun College where she is studying in the field of visual art while Coe will continue her studies in textile design and fashion art at Kwantlen College.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Accident tally six, damage totals \$9,000

During the past week, six reported traffic accidents on Salt Spring resulted in injuries to one person and close to \$9,000 damage to the vehicles involved.

On July 3 at 1:30 pm, Tim Williamson was backing his 1981 Toyota out of a shopping centre on Lower Ganges Road. Ken Fetherston, driving a 1982 Datsun pickup, was entering the parking lot and struck the first vehicle.

No injuries were reported but damage to both vehicles totalled \$1,200.

Last Thursday at 1:25 am, Vincent MacKinnon lost control of his 1972 Datsun pickup on Fulford-Ganges Road just north of the Fulford firehall. The pickup swerved off the road, rolled over and came to rest on its roof.

A passenger in the vehicle, John Nicholson, was taken to Lady Minto Hospital with suspected injuries to his neck.

The damage to the pickup was estimated at \$4,500.

At the parking lot of the Harbour House Hotel a 1966 Mercedes sustained estimated damage of \$100 when someone scraped the rear end. Preston Ford had parked the vehicle in the lot last Thursday evening and when he returned to it at 10 pm, the damage had been done.

The fourth reported accident occurred on North End Road near Central at 1:50 am Sunday. Marnie Dammel was backing a 1982 Ford from a driveway when Robert Gayle

in a 1974 Datsun pickup, struck the side of the vehicle.

No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was estimated at a total of \$1,100.

At 11:30 am Sunday, a bee flew into a Datsun pickup being driven along Fulford-Ganges Road by Elizabeth Straarup. The bee landed on her shoulder and when she tried to shoo it away, the vehicle swerved to the right and struck a mailbox.

No one was injured and damage was estimated at \$500.

Two vehicles sideswiped on Scott Road at 11:10 am Monday causing \$1,500 in damage. Gillian Cobanli was driving a 1974 Volkswagen and Mary Broughton was in a 1976 Volvo. The two vehicles met on a curve and scraped their sides.

Mayne Museum open

The Mayne Island Museum is open for the summer.

Housed in a building that was constructed as a jail in 1896, the Museum has for sale Marie Elliott's history of Mayne Island. Stories about island old-timers are also among the exhibits.

The Museum is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm.

New representatives are elected

Elections to the boards of management of Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods were held during the series of annual meetings held recently.

There were positions open on Salt Spring, Saturna and Mayne Islands for the hospital board. Lola Brookbanks of Salt Spring and Lorraine Campbell of Saturna had each served nine years with the board and, under board regulations, had to step aside.

On Mayne, Corrine Forster had decided not to seek re-election.

John Lloyd, Salt Spring, Margaret Fry, Saturna, and Monica Shand, Mayne, are the new representatives.

Other representatives for the Outer Islands are Frank Sarson, Galiano, and Emile Le Blanc, Pender.

The Salt Spring representatives include Ivan Mouat, Jack Reid,

Wes Edwards, Isabel Goodman and Sandy Gordon. Ethel Davidson sits on behalf of the hospital auxiliary and Gordon Brown is the government appointed representative.

The executive committee for the coming year is composed of Mouat, chairman, Le Blanc, vice-chairman, and Reid, Davidson and Edwards.

Lorraine Campbell also stepped down from her position with the Greenwoods board of management. During the annual meetings she was elected the first life member of Greenwoods.

Her place on the board will be taken by Ruth Farrow. Also elected

were Jesse Craig at Mayne and Charles Bazzard at Salt Spring. Both were sitting members of the board.

Greenwoods board of management meets this week to select the executive committee for the coming year.

The other members of the board are Paul Layard, J.W. Edwards, Gwen Ruckle and Mrs. G. Gold representing Salt Spring. Mrs. N. Chester represents the auxiliary.

Outer Islands representatives include Mrs. G. Stahl, Galiano, and Eleanor Harrison, Pender Island. S. Gordon is the government representative.

Libraries get grants

The Salt Spring library received a grant of \$17,418 from the province recently.

The money is to be used to purchase library materials. Across the province, grants are awarded on a per capita basis and the province gave out \$6,288,157 to 81 library bodies.

The Salt Spring library is grouped with 38 other library associations and the section was awarded \$472,044. The annual grants were maintained at the same level as last year.

Largest grant, \$1,529,292, went to the Greater Vancouver Library Federation.

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FUN WEEKEND

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Building new float

The crew takes a rest while building the new float for Cusheon Lake beach. From left, Willie Lucas, Tracey Kent, Rob

Luscombe, Roger Trory and Ken Anderson are putting the float together to replace the aging one which was at the beach. The crew

has been hired by the Outdoor Council of B.C. to work at fixing up recreational areas on Salt Spring.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster.

OTTAWA REPORT

Lack of concern shown by banks

BY JIM MANLY, MP

Several cases regarding bank practices have come into my office recently and I have been struck once again by the lack of concern for the

small investor, borrower, or business person.

Homeowners with mortgages, would-be homeowners, and small businesses have been hard hit by the high interest rates and inflexible financing policies of banks and trust companies alike. "Efficiency", it seems, counts when it benefits the bank but is often unimportant when the customer would benefit.

For instance, when interest rates were falling last year, an older constituent attempting to transfer his RRSP found that it took nearly six weeks for the bank to complete the transaction. He lost interest payments for that period and, in the end, received a lower interest rate. After a considerable hassle he managed to obtain the interest rate in effect when he initiated the transfer.

One wonders, however, how many older people like himself did not bother to put up a fight or did so ineffectively. One wonders, too, if this bank would be so "inefficient" now that interest rates are going up.

The February issue of my householder newsletter contained a cartoon depicting the obsessive concern of the banks with profit, a concern which can often be to the detriment of the people in the community. The Royal Bank's logo appears in this cartoon.

This was done because that bank recently shut down its branch in Crofton leaving that community without any financial services,

creating hardship for small businesses, and putting people out of work.

'DISTASTEFUL'

Shortly afterwards I received a letter from the senior vice-president of public affairs in the Royal Bank's head office complaining that my behaviour in disseminating the cartoon and writing about banking policies was "distasteful".

Ha! Let me tell you what I consider to be "distasteful behaviour". At the same time that unemployment and high interest rates were taking their toll on the Canadian economy, profits for the Royal Bank totalled some \$400 million in 1983, a 34.2% increase over 1982. Profits from domestic operations increased 130.3% over those of 1982.

That means they really increased the money that they made on you and me. In the first quarter of 1984 earnings for the bank were up 46% over the same period in 1983.

That's not all. Bank tax rates are generally low. In 1982 the Royal Bank, with \$330.3 million in profits, paid no taxes. Indeed they received a tax credit of \$28 million. That is truly "distasteful behaviour".

Basically the banks and trust companies make use of our money. Their policies and practices should more closely reflect our interests and the economic needs of the communities they are in.

Coliform levels watched

The Capital Region health department is checking water conditions at seven Salt Spring beaches again this year and so far, no problems have been reported.

The checks reveal the fecal coliform count and if the mean log average over five weeks exceeds 200, the beach is closed to swimmers.

Malaview and Vesuvius are the salt water beaches checked and each had a count of four at the end of June.

The fresh water beaches are at Cusheon, with a count of six, St. Mary, four, Blackburn, four, Weston, three and Stowe, 27.

At the beginning of June, the counts for each beach were: Malaview, five; Vesuvius, seven; Cusheon, 10; St. Mary, five; Blackburn, five; Weston, eight; and Stowe, 24.

The water quality will be monitored for the remainder of the summer.

This Week in Recreation

MEN'S COMPETITIVE SLOWPITCH: Thurs., July 12: Rebs vs Nannies, Little League; Express vs Slugs, Portlock. Sun., July 15: 5 pm: Slugs vs Soccas, Fulford; GAS vs Fulford, Little League; Nannies vs Dogs, Portlock. 6:30 pm: Jellyfish vs Rebs, Little League; Barflies vs Express, Portlock. Tues., July 17: Express vs Nannies, Fulford; Jellyfish vs Fulford, Little League; Soccas vs DOGS, Portlock.

LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Wed., July 11: Byrons vs Inn, Portlock; Luigi's vs Fulford, Little League; Boys vs Driftwood, Fulford. Mon., July 16: Fulford vs Byrons, Portlock; Luigi's vs Boys, Little League; Driftwood vs Inn, Fulford.

FRIDAY NITE SLOWPITCH: July 13: DOGS vs Gooyducks, Portlock; Jellyfish vs Flounders, Fulford #1; Deadwood vs Inn, Fulford #2; Rebs vs Gang Green, Little League; Soccas vs Slugs, Hydro. Pharmasavers BYE.



Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament group is sponsoring a PEDAL FOR PEACE contest during August. Please contact Mary Gilbert for more information.

Sept. 27-29: Flotilla for Peace sailing to Victoria, carrying Peace Petitions to send to Ottawa on the Peace Caravan. The more boats the merrier; join in if you can! Contact Peace Centre for more information.

"There is enough in the world for everyone to have plenty to live on happily and to be at peace with his neighbours."—Harry S. Truman, *Memoirs, Vol. 1* (1955).

Long-service pins awarded

Four members of the Salt Spring Island Fire Department received long-service pins at the annual Firemen's Appreciation Dinner in Ganges on Saturday evening.

Fire Chief Bob Leask presented 10-year pins to Ken Sampson and Gordon Cartwright. Third 10-year man was Erling Jorgensen who was at work in Victoria at the time of the presentations.

Bob Walde received a five-year pin.

The annual dinner is hosted by trustees of the fire protection

district. It is an expression of appreciation from the board of trustees for the service provided the community by the volunteer firemen.

Dinner was served at the Masonic Hall on Lower Ganges Road and dancing followed to the recorded music of Wilf Davies.

About 50 guests attended.

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A general election

No two elections are alike. The same forces face each other in fire and fury over the hustings and in many cases the same faces stand behind them. But the issues are never the same, the program of invective is never the same and the results are rarely clearly calculable.

The September 4 election is no exception to the rule. There will be three main parties facing each other, with smaller political organizations fielding candidates in some ridings and not in others. The charges and countercharges will follow the current trend and few observers are offering sweeping forecasts of victory for either side.

It is many years since the national election was equally incalculable. It is many years since the Progressive Conservatives and the Liberals have been see-sawing their way to the top of the polls in the pattern we have seen over the past months. And it is a long time since the two main parties went to battle under new and untried generals.

The prime minister and the leader of the Opposition are running neck-and-neck. Both have been named to head their respective parties in the past year. Neither held a seat in the House of Commons at the time of his nomination to the top post.

With the two main contestants running so closely the New Democrats are looking for the opportunity to balance the power whichever party forms the government. While this is not a new experience for the New Democrats, their low rating in popularity according to recent polls is a discouraging start.

The Conservatives are hoping for advances in Quebec and the Liberals are looking with some anxiety for improvement in the west. Both are very much aware that the direction taken by Southern Ontario is likely to be the deciding factor in September.

In the islands riding, that of Cowichan, Malahat and the Islands, the picture is not vastly different from the same picture in 1980. Positions are reversed. In 1980 the incumbent was Don Taylor, holding the seat for the short term of the Tory government. He was eased out of his seat by Jim Manly of the NDP. The same two men will face each other at the hustings in September with a new face in the Liberal camp.

The riding is not easy to assess because it has undergone so many facelifts in recent years. At the close of the second war the seat was taken by the late George Parkes for the Progressive Conservatives. Until he decided to leave the national scene and accepted his appointment as lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, he was assured of the seat for as long as he wanted it. After his departure Bus Matthews held it for the Conservatives until Colin Cameron took it for the New Democrats. When Tommy Douglas failed to gain a seat on the mainland he was a distinguished successor to Cameron.

In recent years the seat has remained with the New Democrats except for the brief term enjoyed by Taylor under the Clark regime.

The problem of establishing some sort of continuity is that the boundaries have changed very considerably. Originally centred on Nanaimo, the boundaries were moved sharply south, to leave Nanaimo and establish Duncan as the population centre of the amended riding. Similar surgery was undertaken on the south end of the riding. With each amendment of boundaries the riding has been changed until the pattern is no longer truly continuous and predictions tend to be based on likelihood.

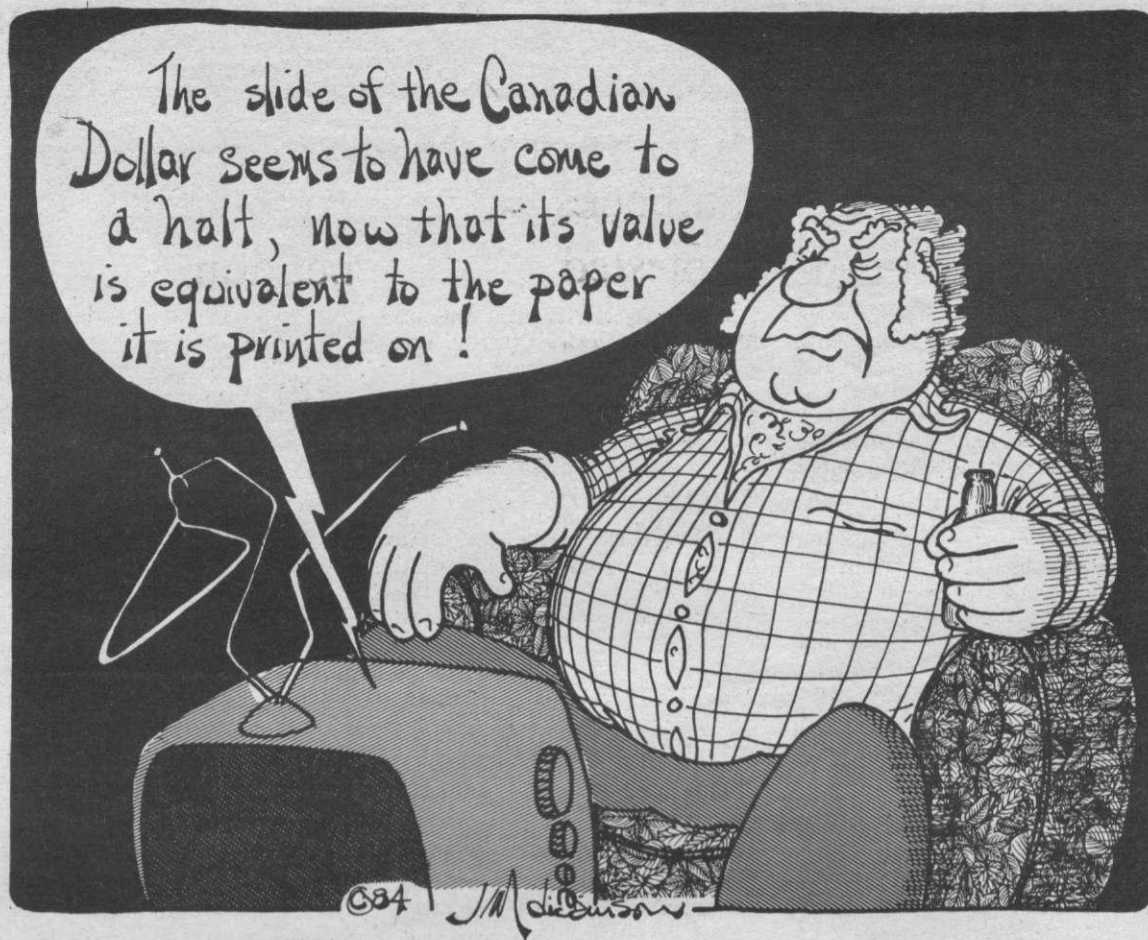
This riding has one feature in common with the national picture. It would be a rash observer who would make a firm forecast on the result of the September election in either.

Community planning

Among the prime movers in the establishment of community planning as a function of the community were the people of the Gulf Islands.

Among the prime movers in transferring all planning powers to the minister's office has been the minister of municipal affairs, Bill Ritchie.

Planning is becoming an archaic term referring to a system of orderly land use in force before Mr. Ritchie took office.



Tony Richards

THERE WAS CASUAL MENTION in a recent issue of Victoria's *Monday Magazine* that Prime Minister John Turner may seek the nomination in Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands.

Chances are slim.

In the last election, the Liberals polled 11% of the vote in our riding with 5,159 votes. Jim Manly earned 22,120 votes to win the seat.

In 1979 the Liberals did slightly better. Their candidate here, David Anderson, gathered 7,071 votes, or 16%. Tory Don Taylor won that one with 19,010.

A CLASSIFIED AD that appeared a couple of weeks ago proved two points: that classified advertising is effective (and you already knew that, right?) and that people, particularly teenagers, are always interested in a free car.

The ad read: "1984 Lynx, as new. Racing stripes, loud motor. Free to good home. Call Anne."

Within three days of the ad being published, Anne Lyon of *Driftwood's* composing room staff heard from six teenagers wanting a free car. They were all quite disappointed when they learned that the lynx was not a car, but a cat.

Meanwhile, a regular ad for free kittens got one call from a person who really did want a cat.

I'VE SPENT the past month keeping my eyes peeled for "real island people". So far, I have found evidence of only one such person.

An advertisement appeared in this journal prior to Sea Capers to urge people to attend a dance at Beaver Point Hall on one night of the Sea Capers weekend.

The affair was billed as "a Sea Capers alternative for real island people".

I thought I was a real island person until the day of the dance rolled around and I felt no urge to attend. The realization that perhaps I was not a real island person was quite disturbing until later, when I spoke to one of the musicians who played at the hall that night.

He said only one real island person showed up and that was bass player Rick Nunez, who placed the ad.

VICTORIA'S BASTION SQUARE is being taken over by islanders.

The Coach & Four, one of only three or four Victoria restaurants to have a licence to serve draft beer, has been taken over by Salt Spring Island's Flo Fraser.

And Flo's new restaurant is right across the square from another island-owned operation, The Island Craft Co., the owners of which are Stan Lam of Harbour House and Harbour Food Market and yours truly.

I DON'T KNOW who's going to win the election in the Vancouver Centre riding but I sure as hell know who's going to lose.

The otherwise credible Green Party blew it recently when they nominated excrement disturber Paul Watson to run in the September 4 election. Watson, in case you've forgotten, is the main man behind the Sea Shepherd Society.

But he's more famous for his attempts to keep tourists out of B.C. during the past few months. The professional protester has lately been playing the part of champion of the wolves in northern B.C. and, in his mind, the best way to save wolves is to hurt the tourist industry.

Such logic doesn't become the Greens.

FORMER SALT SPRING ISLANDER Bruce Johnson will be searching through this issue to see if his name appears in it. And I can't let him down, particularly when I can blame him (in an indirect sort of way) for a slight mishap Sunday evening.

Bruce came to the island in 1964 with his parents, Andy and Marie Johnson, who ran Ganges Auto-Marine, formerly Salt Spring Motors.

He's been living in Fort McMurray, Alta., for the past several years and during the past few months he has been recovering following treatment for a brain tumor.

I ran into Bruce on the *Bowen Queen* Sunday evening and when his ride didn't show up at Fulford Harbour he came with me for the trip to Ganges. But his ride, Rob Mollison, was a little late and we met him a mile up the road from the dock.

And as half the island already seems to know, I very neatly parked the van in a very conveniently located ditch. Needless to say, Bruce Johnson thought the incident highly amusing and wondered if I'd learned to drive in Alberta. The tone of voice he used leads me to suspect that the comment was intended as an insult.

But the story had a happy ending. Later that evening John Akehurst happened along in his Jeep and freed the vehicle from the confines of the ditch.

And if the police want to know why I haven't filed an accident report, I plan to tell them it wasn't an accident. I put it there deliberately to prove the need for bicycle paths.

A COUPLE of Salt Spring students decided recently that teachers should get awards too.

Paul Hatch and Ian Skinner of Fernwood School interrupted the awards day presentations to give principal Glenn Woodley a congratulatory card.

The congratulations were for using the word "basically" 521 times during the past year. It is, in my opinion, a very useful word and one of my favourites too.

Squamish Five actions political

Sir,
To write a letter in support of the "Vancouver Five" or the "Squamish Five", as they are referred to, exposes one to be labelled "agitator", "anarchist" and supporting violence and "guerrilla tactics".

I have been an agitator for some 50 years, agitating for more justice and equality in our economic and social system, starting in the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, in 1933, and then the Socialist Party of Canada, and more recently as a "loner."

An "anarchist", yes, in the real sense of the word—promoting freedom of the individual, freedom of thought and non-violent action.

Like the "Five", I am interested in conservation, women's rights and minority rights.

Like many other people I have donated money for a "fair trial" for the Five, partly to show our support, and partly to draw attention to the fact that such "underdogs" seldom get a fair trial.

The principles of the Five, their criticisms of the society we live in, their reasons for their actions, are not likely to come out in court. I have noticed, many times, that vital evidence often is kept from appearing in court, in other cases.

Whatever violence the Five may, or may not, have used, is minimal in comparison with the violence that is used to keep this society operating—armies, navies and police forces; and equality of justice seldom exists between poor and rich.

Philosophically I am opposed to violence but there have been times when non-violent people have been forced into the use of violence, and when it has been justified.

For long years the Suffragettes used every legal, rational, reasonable method and got nowhere—then a few well placed bombs, at the homes of M.P.'s who voted against them in British Parliament, got us the vote, or was a strong contributing factor, in the recognition of women as "persons", with rights.

The actions of the Five are political in character—actions taken by socially conscious people who want to free us from the inequalities of Boom and Bust, poverty and privilege, unemployment and lucrative leisure.

It is sad that they were forced to use force.

EVE SMITH,
South Pender Island.
July, 1984.

Research urged

Sir,
Re: Your editorial on the King of Spain.

It is interesting to follow the process taken by the Galiano Historical and Cultural Society with their project of construction of a replica of the *Sutil*. They are securing the adhesion of those not concerned (international membership and royal sponsorship) while the people who might be directly affected by the project have already opposed it.

Please, Mr. Editor, do not join the bandwagon of the do-gooders who know what is best for other people. Before further enthusiasm how about a little research in the matter?

CLAUDETTE DESHAIES,
Box 250,
Galiano.
June 26, 1984.

Letters to the Editor

Cutbacks protested

Following letter to Finance Minister Hugh Curtis was submitted for publication.

We, the realtors of Salt Spring Island, write to you with regard to the proposed cutback in ferry service to the Gulf Islands, and in particular, Salt Spring Island.

The Island economy is a fragile one. Tourism, the mainstay of British Columbia's economy at present, will be adversely affected. The complaints realtors hear most from tourists and residents alike, is lack of space for vehicles, and poor connection times; further cutbacks will have a devastating effect on tourism. This will be felt in the Real Estate market place.

Most people who live on the Island came here as tourists originally. Over 50% of the Islands' population is over 55 years of age, many of whom have invested their life savings in their retirement homes. Cut off the market for their properties, and you have cut off their investment and security.

On a recent Canada Day long weekend, when the ferry serving Salt Spring normally runs with a Class A License enabling it to be filled to capacity, B.C. Ferries instead elected to run it under a Class B License. This left angry taxpayers stranded at the ferry terminals watching the ferry sail with space available.

We can be sure that this under utilization of the vessel will show up in next year's deficit figures; deficits that are published yet not comprehended. Should this lack of prudence on the part of the B.C. Ferry Corporation be used as an argument to cut back service? We think not.

When buoyancy and confidence is at last returning with Islands '86 and Expo, suggestions of cutbacks and reduction in service will certainly dampen these spirits.

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B.C. Ferry Corporation is the largest employer on Salt Spring Island and the crews of the vessels that serve this island make it their home. Reduction in services will certainly create a loss of jobs which will impact on all sectors of our local economy. This will create a tremendous upheaval in the lives of these Island residents. They are our neighbours and our friends. We appeal to you on their behalf.

Mr. Curtis, you and your government have shown Island residents in the past 25 years, that Islanders' transportation concerns are your concerns. We, the realtors of the Islands, seek your support and early attention to this matter. We urge you to explore innovative and imaginative ways of promoting the service, thereby increasing revenues.

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Let's get the B.C. Spirit back to work.
PAT JACQUEST,
and 26 others.
July 6, 1984.

Ambulance petition

Sir,
The Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary has initiated a petition protesting the cut-back on the hours of the Ambulance Service for the Islands.

A copy of this petition is in the Thrift Shop in Mout's Mall or you may write directly to the Minister of Health, the Hon. J. Neilson, Victoria.

Support of this petition is essential to the welfare of the Islands.

IRENE HELM,
Corresponding Secretary,
Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary.
July 7, 1984.

Market an asset

Sir,
The Saturday morning farmer's market in Ganges is a major attraction and could be made more interesting and colourful by the addition of bright beach umbrellas which would also serve to protect the merchandise and produce as well as give shade to the vendors and the customers.

A small shed could be constructed to house umbrellas as well as trestles

and 2'x8' table tops. This would enable vendors to set out their wares and then remove their cars and trucks to a parking area across the street.

Such an arrangement has worked with great success in other communities that I have visited both in North America and in Europe.

The Saturday market is a real asset to the community. Anything that can be done to enhance it will prove profitable not only to the vendors but to the people of Salt Spring.

ALLAN W. EDWARDS,
Box 1438, Ganges.
July 5, 1984.

Supplement terrific

Sir,
Now that I have had the opportunity to go over the summer supplement several times my original view has been confirmed: it's terrific!

I would like to thank you for the pieces published over the past three weeks and to tell you that it gives great pleasure to forward a copy of your nicely crafted editorial of June 20 to the Spanish Embassy.

EDRIE HOLLOWAY,
President,
Galiano Historical and Cultural Society.
June 27, 1984.



Bill Webster

The choices for September 4

And so the beauty contest is upon us.

John of B.S. pulled the plug, eh? Meanwhile Brian of B.C. scurries about trying to find out about the diminishing reserves of Tories.

Federal selections tend to bring out the best and the worst not only in those chasing support but also in those who are chased. Voters can be unpredictable. Just ask High River Joe.

And just as unpredictable are those endangered species of Western Canada, otherwise known as Liberals. Suitcase has been out beating the bushes in search of such creatures for several years now, to no avail.

While Pierre of the One-Finger was our peerless leader, none would come forward to claim membership in the ranks of the Libs.

Until recently, Someone, perhaps to irritate true-blue newshounds, has parked a vehicle in front of the office. The licence plate reads: 1 Grit. But the owner of the vehicle continues to hide in the blackberry bushes.

Suitcase came by one day recently, saw the licence plate and fainted. He thought his quest had been completed. Finally after years of futile searching, a creature from the endangered species had surfaced.

But while we, members of the staff, were ministering to Suitcase in an effort to revive

him, the driver of the 1 Grit vehicle stole off into the sunset.

When John of B.S. announced the beginnings of the beauty contest, any number of Not-So-True Grits emerged from the woodwork.

Suitcase was finally able to compile a list of names, at least three. He phoned By-Town-By-The-Canal to report his findings. He was told that the deadline for submission of names of those endangered species had expired 10 minutes after John of B.S. had become prime minister.

Suitcase, of course, took it all in true island style. He went out and got drunk.

Which brings us to a discussion of the choices facing ballot markers of Canada.

On one hand, we have the silver-haired John of B.S. famed of song and fable for his astute investments in the film industry.

On the other hand, we have the jutting jaw of Brian of B.C. who can bilingually come down on both sides of any issue without saying anything of import.

Libs and Tories of all persuasions will be out in gale force winds for the next few months trying to convince us, mere mortals, that their way is the best.

And out in left field, the Indeepeers will harmonize a waning tune while Eddie Badlybent speaks words of social wisdom into empty ears.

Where do you intend to spend

Future not bright

Sir,
The beautiful Gulf Islands are increasingly threatened with development, the curse of modern land use which has wrecked many idyllic parts of the world, from Bali to California and now southern British Columbia.

According to Mike Humphries, Islands Trust chairman, the Socred government, balked in their last attempt to abolish the Trust, the one hope we have of retaining the paradisaical aspect of the islands, are now making an end run around it. Municipal Affairs Minister Ritchie says, in effect, "statements in community plans...are no longer in effect."

This means we can throw away the Salt Spring Island plan, and the Ganges plan. If some big developer wants to fill up waterfront property with clusters of houses, he can do it—viz., Musgrave Landing. This, the government calls, "the new reality," and anything that interferes with development will be blocked.

The future for those who love the islands the way they are, from the machinations of Minister Ritchie and the regional director (who is hipped on a disastrous sewer), is not bright unless, as Humphries says, "the community expresses concern about land use, it becomes an issue and the ministry backs off."

We should not wait for the next election but show our concern now in strong terms.

ANTHONY NETBOY,
Jacksonville, Oregon.
July 6, 1984.

the summer?

You, the voter, will be told that John of B.S. represents a continuation of the mess of the last 16 years. You will also be told that Brian of B.C. has no clearly defined policies.

Don't believe a word of it. J. of B.S. represents as sharp a break with the past as we have had in any number of days. B. of B.C. has firm policies on any number of national issues such as where voters can hide until September 5.

The Libs, don't you see, aren't responsible for high unemployment or the spiral in interest rates. They aren't responsible for high costs and low morale rampant in the country.

The Tories, meanwhile, seek our support but won't say what we should support them on. Unemployment under a Tory government will come down, if people work. High interest rates will similarly come down, if the banks don't charge so much.

Which brings us to a recommendation from this space. What we need in this country is a clear choice. And we have one. In this election we, the voters, have the opportunity to set things right. We have the opportunity to show the world what being a Canadian is all about.

We could all vote Rhinoceros.

In 1921**Lady Minto prepared for winter with 50 ricks of stovewood****BY GORDON BROWN**

If you were a member of the board of management of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital in the 1920's, you might have been responsible for checking up on the quantity and quality of the firewood. Fir was the preferred wood in those days and wood was bought by the rick, a stack of 18-inch lengths eight feet long and four feet high.

The minutes of the board from 1921 to 1946, in three volumes, were retrieved in January in response to an appeal in *Driftwood* for old documents about the hospital. The earliest volume covering the period from 1914 when the hospital first opened until 1921 has yet to be located.

The minutes indicate that the procurement of coal and wood to heat the old hospital on Ganges Hill and to fuel the cookstove was a frequent preoccupation of the board. As there was no administrative staff in those days it became the duty of the treasurer, sometimes aided by the secretary, to obtain supplies of all sorts.

At least twice a year tenders were called for fuel. At its regular monthly meeting of September 1921, the board prepared for winter by agreeing: "that 10 tons of coal be bought, five of lump, five of nut; also that tenders for 50 ricks of stovewood be asked for".

FROM MOUAT'S

The coal was bought as usual from Mouat Bros. A number of bids were received for the wood and that of G.D. Seymour was accepted when the board met again in October though a rider was added that "the secretary should first try and get the price reduced." The November accounts show that Seymour was to be paid \$120 or \$2.40 a rick when the wood was "delivered, stacked and measured."

By April 1922 the price of a rick was down to \$2.30 when a bid from

Mouat's for 50 ricks was accepted. In 1924 C. Garner received \$2.18 per rick and two years later the price was back to \$2.30 with W. Jameski as the successful bidder on a contract for 40 ricks.

Competition was now fiercer, perhaps because more Wee MacGregors, motorized saws, were on the island. F.R. Jefferson was the low bidder at \$2.16 in March 1927. A mix of wood was now the rule for in addition to stove wood the board obtained slab wood from the mills of J.N. and W.L. Rogers and from G.G. Shore.

A few years later responsibility for the purchase of firewood was delegated to the treasurer and secretary and references to the subject in the minutes are rarer. However, in May 1931 the secretary was instructed to thank a Mr. Lumoich "for the donation of a log delivered to the hospital to be used for firewood". The minutes do not say whether a board member was assigned to saw and split the log or whether the chore was performed by the janitor.

DOWN TO \$1.35

More evidence of the impact of the Depression was to be seen in the bid of \$1.35 per rick in March 1933. In accepting this bid the board noted that it was submitted by "a subscriber (i.e. a member of the hospital society) and married man". But he had to accept 10 cents less per rick when the board cut the price because the wood was determined to be in "unsatisfactory condition".

Although the board authorized the building of a woodshed in 1936, firewood was becoming less and less important in its deliberations. The kitchen stove was converted into an oil burner later that year and a new furnace was installed in 1937. That too was the year when electricity came to the island over the lines of the Nanaimo and Duncan Utility, a development that eventually led to a

request from the matron that an electric heater be bought for her bedroom.

Just about the last reference to firewood is in the annual report of the chairman for the year 1943 in which it is stated with satisfaction that wartime price controls had prevented rises in "the cost of fuel, both wood and coal".

Gordon Brown is chairman of the hospital's historical committee which would welcome corrections and additional information on the above subject and recollections generally about the hospital. Old hospital accounts, photographs and other memorabilia are sought, as are the hospital board minutes from 1914 to 1921.

Pesticide drop-off July 21

Pesticides and other toxic chemicals can be dropped off at the Salt Spring Farmers' Market July 21.

Donna Martin, co-ordinator of the recycle depot on the island, will be at the market to take care of any chemicals which residents want to get rid of.

From a previous pick-up arranged at the market, Martin accumulated 150 pounds of toxic chemicals for disposal.

She explained that the chemicals are taken to the toxic waste depot in Victoria for storage. The last step in the disposal chain occurs when they are taken to Vancouver for incineration.

Two men sought after incident at Fulford

Ganges RCMP are looking for two men who were involved in an incident June 6 on a beach at the reservation at Fulford Harbour.

Police would not release the names of those involved.

On that day, three youths met the two men on a beach at Sidney. The pair indicated that they wanted to get to Salt Spring and the youths agreed to take them by boat.

At the reservation, the men shared some beer on the beach. A disagreement resulted when one of the men attempted to stab a dog belonging to a youth.

In the scuffle, the youth was cut on the cheek and the two men took the boat and left.

When help was summoned, the

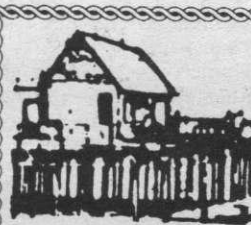
RCMP called in the police helicopter and a search of the south end of Salt Spring turned up the boat. It had been abandoned near Cape Keppel.

RCMP have a warrant for the arrest of one of the men for theft of the boat, possession of a dangerous weapon and assault.

The search continues.

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Salt Spring architect speaks at design symposium in Regina

Salt Spring architect Wolfgang Wenzel is calling for a change in thinking when it comes to design of residential buildings.

He recently went to a symposium in Regina, Energex '84, to explain his ideas. Architects and designers from 60 countries attended the symposium. Wenzel had been invited to talk about earth shelter design for homes as a result of work he has done on passive solar heating in Calgary.

Earth sheltered homes, said Wenzel, would be no more expensive to create than ordinary houses. Savings in construction would come due to the exterior of the building being covered by two feet of earth and not requiring exterior finishing.

As the building is used, more savings result because of the need for little maintenance.

Wenzel has designed such a house. The interior is one large room with various areas set off by interior design. Bedrooms would be barrel shaped modules with service cords supplying power for lighting and air conditioning inside each sleeping module.

He compared the bedroom modules to sleeping in a small cabin on board a boat.

The costs per square foot, he said, would vary according to the design but an earth sheltered house of 1,000 square feet would allow for much more space in the interior, because of the lack of partitions, than an ordinary house of the same size.

The house would be insulated in a similar fashion to an ordinary home but the berm of two feet of earth covering the outside would create "a big thermal flywheel", he explained. The interior temperature would not fluctuate as much and the open space would allow for easier central heating. Another advantage of the earth sheltered design would be a lack of drafts.

Earth sheltered homes offer the opportunity for many new concepts in design, Wenzel said. He pointed to the advances made in automobiles since their inception and noted that houses are the same now as they have been for centuries.

Wenzel's design, as presented to the symposium, consists of the large interior room of approximately 150 square metres topped by a cathedral ceiling. The sleeping modules sit to

one side of the area. The south wall would be 3.6 metres high and consists of concrete columns set 15 centimetres apart.

The columns would act as a thermal mass by absorbing solar heat which penetrates through the external windows.

The roof, at the south of the building, has a two-metre overhang

to protect the house against overheating in the summer. The house, claims Wenzel, would be 90% solar-heated, require no external maintenance and be "very, very difficult to burglarize."

The concept is workable, said Wenzel, but the challenge exists in rethinking residential design and architecture.

Charge withdrawn

She would have made it, Debbie Staples of Victoria said in Ganges court last week, except for the police roadblock.

She explained to Judge R.E. Hudson that she had been driving a car with a temporary licence which was due to expire at 9 pm. She had been on her way to a friend's home in Fulford when she came across the roadblock. The time, she told the judge, was before the deadline.

Actions of the police in talking to several other drivers put Staples over the time limit, she claimed. The crown attorney told Judge Hudson that technically Staples was in breach of the law for driving without insurance but "common sense" held that she was not at fault. The charge was withdrawn.

A second charge of a failure to produce a valid driver's licence brought a \$15 fine for Staples.

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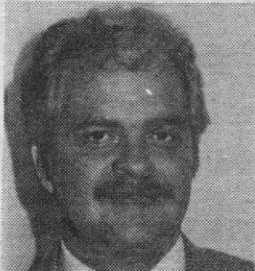
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Beaver Pt. artist to present one-man show at local gallery

The subject, says Salt Spring artist Ken Campbell, is more important than the painting itself.

Campbell has been producing portraits of his Beaver Point neighbours for a one-man show to be presented at Ewart Gallery.

He chose active people in the neighbourhood, he said, and not necessarily the pioneers of the area.

He tries to avoid formal poses, he explained, preferring to catch the subject in a setting which helps explain something of the person. He watches the person and prepares sketches. A camera comes in handy to catch some hint of personality.

And then the painting begins. But what comes out isn't necessarily what Campbell originally saw.

"Much more interesting things

happen half way through," he said of the evolution of each painting.

The photos help, he said, but he gains more from experiencing the person which helps temper the finished product.

Campbell retired to Salt Spring in 1980 following a career which touched many aspects of creativity. He had been an art teacher in Thunder Bay, Ontario, when he retired. But he got into teaching through his career as a film-maker for the National Film Board.

He joined the school as an audio-visual co-ordinator and eventually began to teach art.

At another time in his life he was with the *Nelson Daily News* working in the circulation department, producing a column on

skiing and climbing as well as acting as staff photographer.

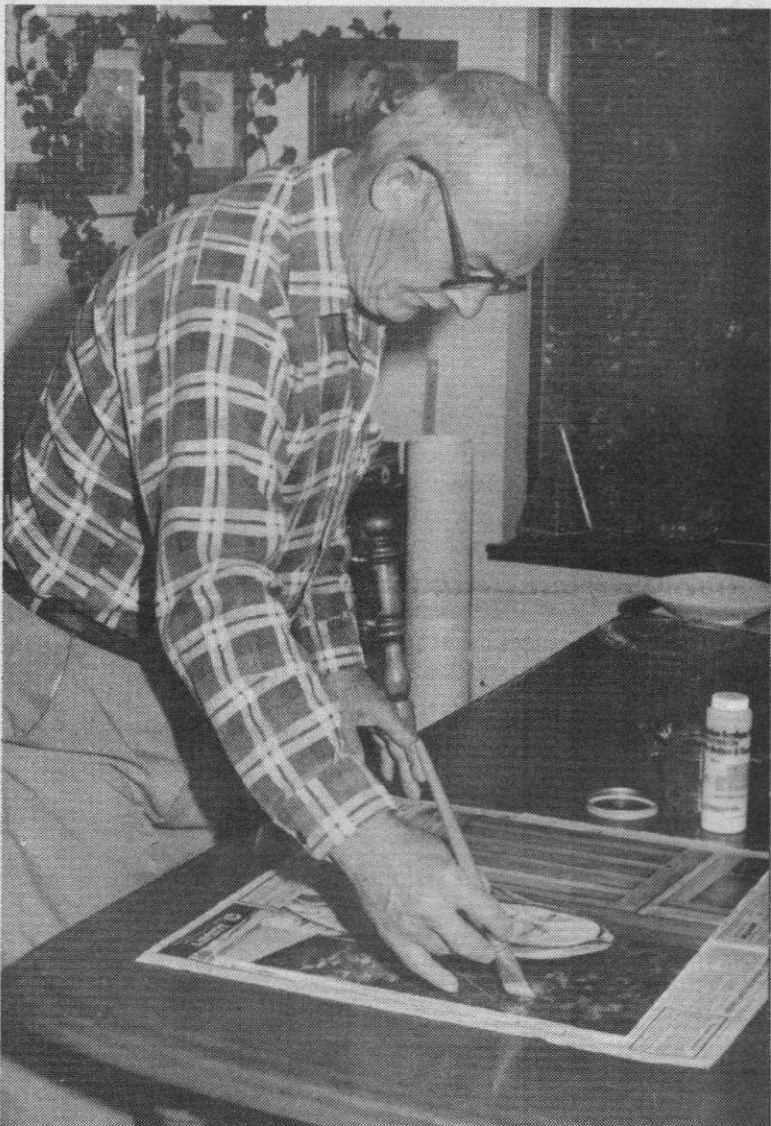
In addition, he spent several years as an industrial designer for General Electric.

As he works in his studio at his Forest Ridge Road home, Campbell keeps several portraits going at the same time. He works on one then goes back to another.

"I keep nibbling at it," he said. He works with acrylic paints because he feels that medium lends itself more readily to his realistic style of painting.

When he began to work on the series of portraits of his neighbours, the idea was to present a show at Beaver Point Hall. But the limitations of the hall caused a change in plans and the Ewart Gallery agreed to present a one-man show for him.

The showing begins July 14 and runs through July 21.



Ken Campbell puts a coat of acrylic varnish on one of the portraits to be displayed in his one-man show at Ewart Gallery next week. Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Islander is winner at darts

A Salt Spring Island dart player won the men's singles at the Rovers annual darts tournament in Victoria June 30.

Chris Marks, competing against approximately 70 players from Vancouver Island and Vancouver in round-robin play, won the event with a bull's eye finish. He won a trophy, which he may keep for one year, a keeper plaque and \$80.

In the mixed team event the following day, Alan and Susan Wyatt and Ron and Barb Seymour were runners-up in the consolation round.

About 14 Salt Spring Islanders, most of them members of the Salt Spring Legion branch, took part in the tournament, held at the Army, Navy, Air Force Branch 12.

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GALIANO NEWS

Maple Styrup Horse Show makes 'almost perfect day'

BY KATHLYN BÉNGER

Maple Styrup Horse Show was for many Galiano people an almost perfect day. The weather, the horses, the riders and the audience all co-operated to produce a very happy occasion Sunday under the direction of chair-rider Anny Bobak at her home ranch at the foot of Mount Galiano.

The opening of the show was signalled by the parade of the bored of directors of the academy, suitably beheaded and costumed with bows, frills, flowers and parasols and accompanied by majestic music they entered the royal enclosure where champagne in an ice-less bucket awaited them.

The first ring event was a parade of nations with music and riders dressed to represent countries from around the world. Then in swift succession there followed a program of events combining horsemanship, presentations and humour too numerous to mention individually. In addition, the following awards were presented for achievement over the past riding season.

Equestrian of the year: Nicole Lloyd, Celeste Howell, Alison Stafford with honourable mention to Jean Way, Adrienne Gould and the Jarvis girls. Survivor of the year: Isobel Jarvis. Horse parent of the year: Chris Finnis.

Champion of the show: Kate Hennessy. Reserve champion: Rhoda Hanbury. Most improved rider over 16: Bill Lucey. Runner-up: Jean Way. Most improved rider under 16: Megan Gaylor. Runner-up: Jamaica Gilson. Maple Styrup jumping trophy: Celeste Howell. Award of merit for horse care: Nicole Lloyd.

Ferries

Facts and figures released by B.C. Ferries about losses sustained on the unprofitable Outer Island routes were published on the front page of the last issue of *Driftwood*.

Galiano residents who wish to voice their concerns and suggestions for winter service should do so without delay in writing to Chamber of Commerce representative on the Outer Island Ferry Committee, Shirley Coulter, R.R. 1 Galiano.

The owl and the raven

The owl used to be associated with Minerva, the goddess of

wisdom, hence the appellation, wise old owl. Even when linked with the pussycat, portrayed by Barbara Streisand in a recent film, the owl of the title was the unworldly, intellectual librarian.

Dennis Oldroyd is neither Minerva nor a pussycat, but an owl has decided to associate with him. Dennis was walking his dogs when they discovered a screech owl with a broken wing. Knowing that, unable to hunt, the owl would soon perish from starvation, Dennis put on gauntlets, picked up the bird and took it to his home. He made inquiries to find if there was any organization that would take the bird but had no success. He was told by a veterinarian that the only thing to do would be to put the bird to sleep.

By now Dennis was fond of the courageous little creature and started to feed it. It appears to be thriving on scraps of meat, dead birds and live frogs. Dennis would appreciate assistance with his owl housekeeping.

Another kind hearted bird benefactor is Dora Darling. Several weeks ago Dora noticed a young raven on the Valley Road, seemingly unable to fly. With some trepidation she eventually picked it up and took it home. Feeding again was a problem but Dora was advised to try raw liver and the raven thrived on this diet.

The bird is very demanding—squawking for breakfast at 6 am. It loves to be stroked by Dora under the beak and listens attentively when she speaks to it. The raven also communes with Dora's horse. Sitting on a fence rail it makes that almost musical croak that vocally distinguishes ravens from the harsher sounding crows. The horse cocks its head to one side as it appears to be considering carefully the raven's words.

Coming events

This Saturday Galiano Artists Guild presents its one-day exhibition and sale in the South Community Hall between 10 am and 6 pm.

Sunday is the people's service at St. Margaret's on Burrill Road, at 10:30 am preceded by Praise Sing at 9 am.

Next Tuesday, July 17, the Galiano Scottish dancers will meet

in the North Community Hall at 7:30 pm. Beginners welcome.

Islanders should note that Friday, July 20, is the date of the next meeting of the Galiano Island Trust Committee. The public are invited to attend and voice their concerns regarding issues on the agenda. The meeting begins at 7 pm.

An important item on the agenda is the application for a lease of crown land that includes the Pebble Beach area.

Glass of water costs \$100

At \$100 per glass, water became expensive for Robert Barter of Salt Spring two weeks ago.

He was appearing before Judge R.E. Hudson in Ganges court on a charge of failing to leave a public house when requested to do so.

In early May of this year, Barter had gone to the Harbour House Hotel. He was not drinking alcohol at that time, he explained to Judge Hudson, and had asked the bartender for a glass of water.

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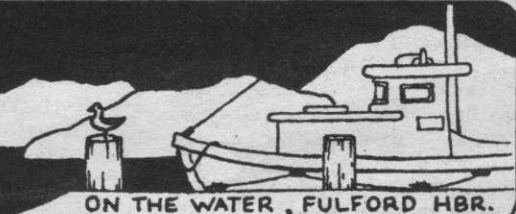
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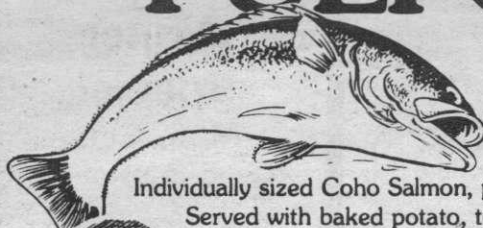
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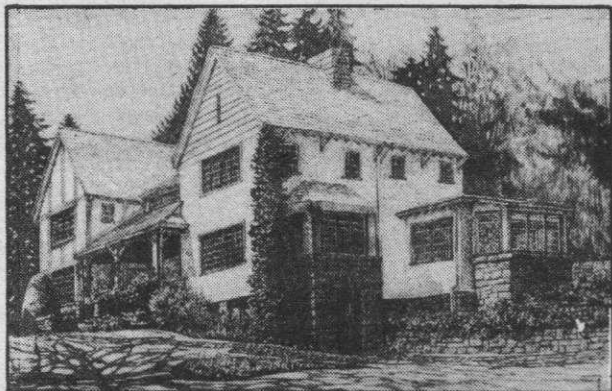
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Unique group of veterans of whom little is heard

BY WOODROW COWARD

The media generally, and your publication in particular, has done an excellent job in reminding its readership of the sacrifices made by the D Day veterans. These men, all of whom were volunteers, contributed all they had to what they believed was a war dedicated to the preservation of a value system worth preserving.

However, there is one unique group of veterans about which we hear little; who receive little public recognition and no special consideration. This may be because there are few of them, or because the events which make their service special, occurred for the most part after World War II and the Korean conflict. I refer to the atomic veterans.

These are the members of the Canadian, Australian, U.K. and U.S. armed forces who cleaned up the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb sites, or who acted as "human guinea pigs", or participated as observers and radiation detection technicians for the atomic weapons tests conducted in Nevada, Australia, the Marshall and Christmas Islands in the 1950's and early 1960's. Most, if not all of these servicemen, were regulars and volunteered for these special duties.

The military accepted the reality of the use of tactical nuclear weapons, and it was essential to determine the levels of the soldier's performance when faced with the reality of the use of this new weapon. We also had to determine the effect on vehicles, weapons, materials and military paraphernalia, so that design could be altered if necessary.

Tenders to be called soon

Tenders for construction of the tennis court at Fulford will be called by the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

Phil Hume told a recent meeting of the commission that the site, following a wet spring, is ready for installation of the court. The specifications were also ready, he said.

When the court is finished, the commission decided, it will be limited to tennis only. The surface will be asphalt and could be damaged if other activities are permitted on the court.

When the commission has money available a second court could be put in place, and it would be an all-purpose court, the commission agreed. At that point a proper tennis court surface would be installed on the original court.

For the time being, the asphalt surface will have to do. A proper tennis court surface is expensive, noted Hume, and the commission has only sufficient money to install the court and fence it.

We also needed to find out whether the traditional military organization was suitable for the nuclear battlefield. Answers to these problems could not be found on the drawing board or laboratory alone. Actual tests were essential.

Within the limits of knowledge extant, safety standards and procedures were determined, and to the extent practical, were applied. U.S. military authorities considered the limits of radiation exposure applied by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, (which conducted the tests) to be unacceptable for military tactical application, so developed separate standards and applied them, to military personnel only, of course. Shifts in wind direction and velocity at the time of the shots, which was uncontrollable, created additional hazards.

There is now a considerable body of scientific evidence which indicates that the low-level radiation absorption limits in use at the time of these tests may have been unreliable. Some radiation detection badges in use at the time were found to be faulty for the application, and not up to military standards.

Several hundred Canadian servicemen participated in these tests as "human guinea pigs", as observers, or as radiation monitoring technicians. Some of these servicemen, who are now retired, consider that their ill health, cancers, or general debility may be related to their exposure to low-level radiation dosage while involved in these tests.

There is some scientific evidence that low-level dosages, even those received from excessive use of diagnostic X-rays, may contribute to cancer. For years, service personnel received chest X-rays as part of their annual medical examination. In addition, they may have also received diagnostic X-rays.

As radiation dosage is cumulative, there may be something to the claim that the continuous and

extended absorption of low levels of radiation, including that received by Canada's atomic veterans while participating in the Nevada nuclear tests, could result in eventual physical degradation over an extended period of time.

THOROUGH STUDY
We will never know whether the complaining atomic veterans are crackpots trying to blackmail our government into paying unwarranted compensation, or whether they have a justifiable complaint, unless a thorough, objective, and scientifically designed study is made.

Canada has a good record for looking after its war veterans. Most Canadians subscribe without reserve to the principle that when a nation calls upon its people to sacrifice their bodies and their lives for an ideal, there remains a moral obligation to the warriors and their families long after the battles have been fought and won.

To honour its moral obligation to its atomic veterans, the Canadian government should commission and fund an independent, objective, and scientifically designed study to determine whether or not this special group of veterans has suffered a greater impairment to health and longevity than their servicemen compatriots who did not participate in nuclear testing.

To be objective, this study should not be carried out by the department of national defence, or the department of veterans' affairs, but by an independent body such as a university funded by National Science, Energy Research Council (NSERC) or the National Research Council (NRC). To be valid, the survey should include every Canadian veteran who participated in a nuclear test or who served in its radiation detection units.

A "control" group of equal size, rank, age, and comparable service should be selected as the basis for a reasonable quantitative comparison.

The result of such a survey should settle once and for all whether the atomic veterans warrant any special consideration. It would also add to our body of knowledge on the effects of long-term, low-level radiation absorption.

The fact that USSR and the USA, the two major powers who were heavily engaged in atmospheric


weapons testing prior to 1963, quickly signed an "Atmospheric Test Ban Treaty" in that year, seems to indicate that they both realized the dangers of such testing. Let us not now forget these Canadians who represented us at those tests.

The writer is a retired lieutenant-colonel and atomic veteran who lives on Galiano Island.

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GALIANO ISLAND: FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1984 commencing with a Public Hearing at 7:00 pm to be followed by a Committee Meeting in the South End Community Hall, Galiano Island.

MAYNE ISLAND: FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1984 at 2:00 pm in the Agricultural Hall, Mayne Island.

NORTH PENDER ISLAND: THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1984 commencing with a Public Hearing at 1:00 pm to be followed by a Committee Meeting in the Community School, North Pender Island.

SATURNA ISLAND: THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1984 at 10:30 am in the Community Hall, Saturna Island.

SOUTH PENDER ISLAND: THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1984 to follow the North Pender Island Public Hearing and meeting, in the Community School, North Pender Island.

These meetings are open to the public and attendance is welcomed. For details concerning Agenda topics, please check your local notice boards, contact the Local Trustees on the Island concerned, or contact the Islands Trust office, 716 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C. (phone 387-5219 or Zenith 2258).

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ISLANDS TRUST

North Pender 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-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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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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Construction proceeding visible on the right. The school is capable of housing 130 children in the six classrooms but has been designed to allow additional

classrooms to be attached when they are needed. The building sits on a five-acre lot on Southridge Road just up Beaver Point Road from the Fulford village. Construction will cost \$1.3 million.

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We came to the islands to get away from the ratrace of the city. Little did we know that we would be getting into the weedrace instead. Viewed from the city, country life was an easy, sort of laid-back affair with lots of time to chat with the neighbours while growing our own food, chopping our own wood and going fishing a lot.

We just did not know that it takes five people to do that—one to chat with the neighbours, one to do the weeding, one to chop the wood, one to go fishing, while another goes to work to bring in a bit of money. All I have managed so far is to chat with the neighbours.

Well, I exaggerate. It is not quite that bad. I have managed to convert a few weeds to mulch, but there are a great many more eagerly awaiting their moment of conversion, as soon as I find a moment. Moments though, are hard to find in this time of our restraint and it does take a great deal more looking than it used to.

Resource centre to move

The resource centre at Salt Spring Elementary School will be moved to a new home.

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School board heard plans to move the centre to a room on the lower floor of the school. It currently occupies space adjacent to the library, which has proved less than satisfactory.

Resource centre co-ordinator Dorothy Kyle told the school board that the area is used as a "thoroughfare" by teachers and pupils. The room is poorly ventilated, poorly lit and lacks adequate security, she said.

The centre will be moved to the ground floor office which had been occupied by the supervisor of works. When the school board office was reorganized recently, space was found for supervisor Frank Sutherland to store his papers and plans thus freeing the office in the school.

Moreover, once a few moments have been found it requires strict discipline to hold on to them as they have a strong tendency to slip away unnoticed. But I meander, and while we are blessed with an abundance of work, we love it here and are glad for the chance to grow at least some of our food. And this is the purpose of this article: to encourage the growing of our own food.

FOOLISHNESS

We do live in a time of foolishness and I fervently wish it were not so. However, we must face the reality of our time and of our situation and do whatever we can.

Recently, within the last few weeks, three most uncomfortable bits of news have come to the attention of many of us. The first one concerns the results of a government study of our rain, and it turns out that our rain too is severely acid. Since the study shows that the Lower Mainland and the southern half of Vancouver Island are most severely affected we have reason to be concerned. There is not much you or I can do about it, except watch the acidity of our soils to compensate for the acidity of the rain. Use dolomite lime for its sustained effectiveness and its built-in correct magnesium level.

The second item was featured in a recent edition of *Harrowsmith* magazine and revealed that our spices, most of which are imported from abroad, contain residues of herbicides and pesticides in sufficient amounts to cause concern. In some instances relatively high traces of pesticides which have been banned in Canada and the U.S. as suspected carcinogens, such as DDT, have been measured. There is only one thing to do about this, and that is to grow our own herbs.

The third item is an article in this month's edition of *Organic Gardening*. The Natural Resources

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

Defense Council (U.S.) collected and tested 71 samples of 13 fruits and vegetables from California supermarkets and stores.

19 PESTICIDES

Using sophisticated multi-residue testing procedures they found traces of 19 pesticides including: DDT, DDE, kelthane, trifluralin, methidathion, chlorpropham, dieldrin, mevinphos, endrin, aldicarb, malathion, endosulfan, dacthal, dicloran, diazinon, and parathion. Nearly half of the samples contained residues of at least one of these pesticides.

About 42% contained residues of more than one pesticide and a few contained as many as four, among them strawberries, oranges and carrots. Very little research has been done on the effects of combined pesticides but one study showed that the pesticides EPN and malathion combined are 50 times more harmful than separately. The DDT residues are especially worrisome and there is speculation that it has been smuggled in from Mexico, where it is still being used.

We do import both from Mexico and from California, but that is not the point. All commercially grown fruit and produce, unless it is organically grown, cannot fail to contain residues of pesticides. Our only way out of this one is to grow as much of our own fruit and vegetables as we can and to buy organically grown produce whenever we can.

The article then concerns itself with the cancer-related reasons for

banning some pesticides, the test falsification scandal of a major testing laboratory, and the questionable validity of the government established maximum tolerance levels.

It is too depressing to even think about it, but what can one do? This was the reason for my initial meandering, the plain reluctance to write about this and I hope and pray that I shall never have reason to write another article like this one.

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Artcraft '84 has been open at Salt Spring's Mahon Hall for slightly more than a week and the 1,000th visitor came to the show and sale last Friday. Elizabeth Fish, signing the guest book, comes from

Whitechurch, Shropshire, in England. She was visiting Dorothy Fines of Vesuvius Bay Road. Fish won a raffle ticket for being the 1,000th person to visit Artcraft.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Mid-year change worries parents

The principal of Pender School retires in January and some parents are concerned about the change coming in the middle of the school year.

Aubrey Rundle-Woolcock, principal of the school, had asked for and received approval from the school board to take early retirement beginning in January 1985.

But some parents have written to the Gulf Islands School Board saying "...we are terribly concerned about the changeover taking place in January."

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools, told the trustees at a recent school board meeting that he sympathizes with the concerns expressed by the five parents. They had wondered if it were possible to have the new principal in the school starting in September.

Marshall explained to the trustees that he would do everything he could "to minimize the impact of the change."

The parents, Gail Jamieson, Judith Brand, Sophia Palmer, Dea Campbell and Sharon Hiltz, also

suggested qualifications to be looked for in the new principal.

The successful candidate for the position should possess "above average organizational and communications skills;" be "fitness and recreation oriented"; and be "an enthusiastic person who is interested in all aspects of child development."

The new principal should also be "sensitive to the professional ethics essential to living in an island

community" as well as having "a philosophy that emphasizes both scholastic excellence and social responsibility."

The final qualification as outlined by the group was for the principal to "have a genuine interest in parent involvement and parent education."

They offered to assist the school board in selecting the new principal. In several recent appointments of principals, the school board had consulted with the parent advisory committee at the schools involved.

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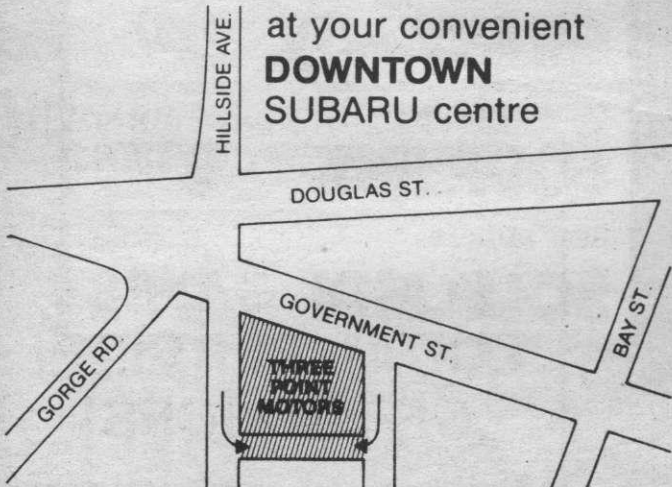
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