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Committee looking at national park proposal

Talk about a Gulf Islands national park is just a "trial balloon", says Mike Coleman, Liberal candidate for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands.

But Gerry Kristianson, Liberal candidate in Esquimalt-Saanich, who introduced the idea recently, supports the park concept.

Kristianson said the idea was put to him in his dealings as chairman of the National Parks Centennial Citizens' Committee. That group is planning celebrations slated for 1985 when Canada's national park system will be 100 years old.

The committee had received a number of proposals regarding the Gulf Islands, Kristianson said. Parks Canada recognizes the islands as an area of national geographic significance, he added.

If groups such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada could raise the money to purchase some of the smaller islands, he said, the action could be a step towards having all

the Gulf Islands become a national park.

"It's a nice idea from the top," said Coleman, but it has drawbacks which haven't yet been discussed. He described the idea as being in the discussion paper stage only.

Kristianson said that a park which would include all the islands wouldn't be a "normal kind of park". While many of the sensitive areas would be parkland, private land would stay private, he said.

"We're trying to get the best of both worlds," he added.

Coleman said that the concept would have to be broadly discussed with residents, businesses and others before anything could be done.

The parks centennial committee is trying to put together a package and come up with "an offer the feds can't refuse," said Kristianson.

If such a park is created, no one would be moved out as was the case when Pacific Rim National Park was created, he said.

"The national parks people have learned their lesson."

A Gulf Islands park would enhance property values, he noted.

"What would be said to Gulf Islanders is: You can have your cake and eat it too."

The Nature Conservancy and other such groups are involved as a means of raising money for any purchases. The federal government has stated that no public money should be spent on the scheme.

Both Parks Canada officials and the Nature Conservancy have identified areas of the Gulf Islands which they feel would be "wise to acquire," said Kristianson.

He was reluctant to get too specific because negotiations were at a delicate stage.

Creating a national park in the Gulf Islands has been talked about before but has met with less than enthusiastic support from residents.

At one point, the International Joint Commission, with membership from both Canada and the United States, had suggested an international park joining the Gulf Islands, the American San Juan Islands and Point Roberts.

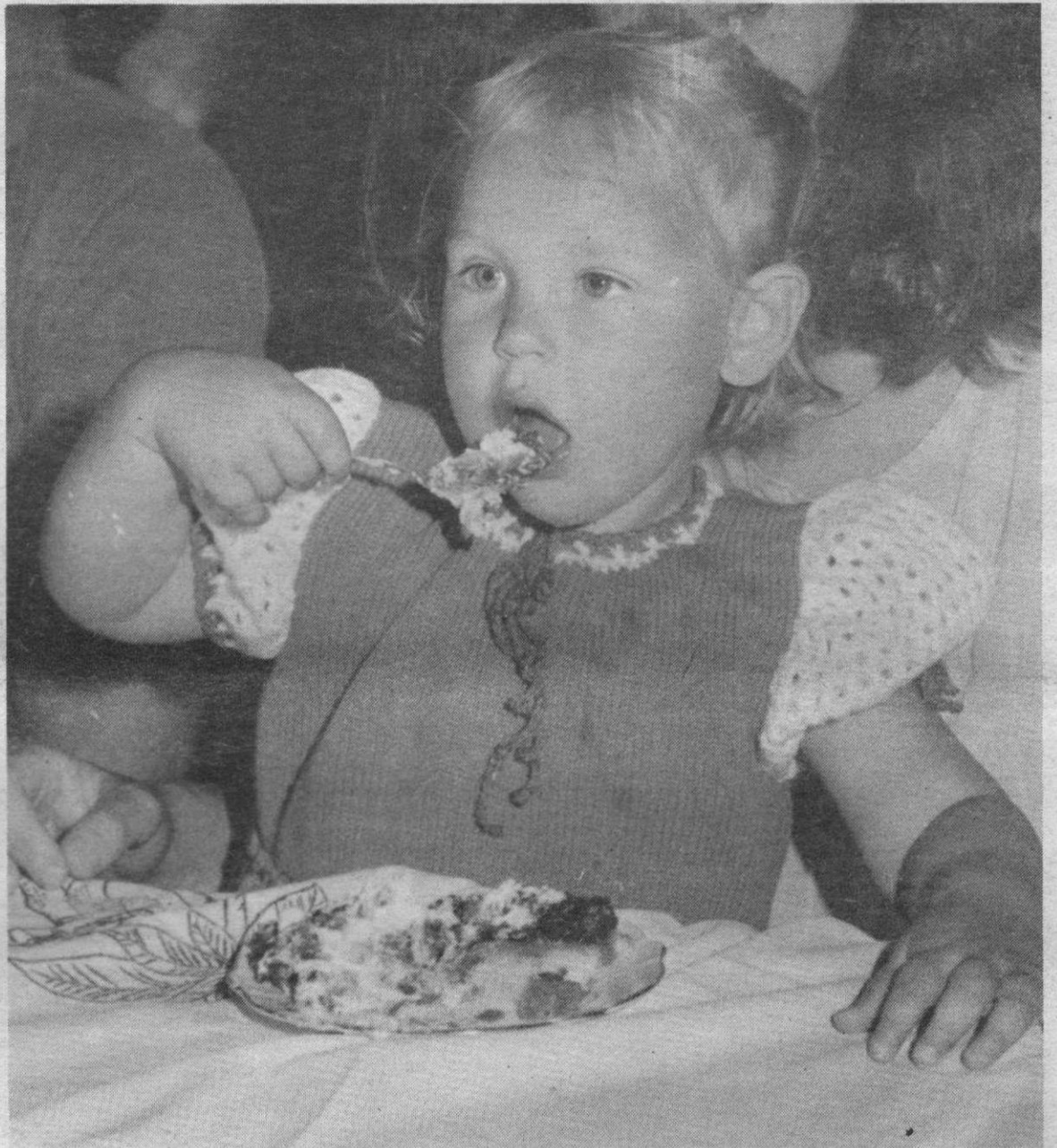
The idea was discarded when islanders protested strongly against it.

Adding fuel to fire —Codd

Someone is "adding fuel to an already smouldering fire," Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce president Dale Codd said Monday in reference to an advertisement in a Victoria newspaper last week.

The ad appeared in the classified section of the *Times-Colonist* last Friday. It read: "FREE COMMERCIAL SPACE. Why pay rent, taxes, no gov't. inspections. Sell 7 days/week. Ganges Centennial Park Market, centre of Ganges on beautiful Salt Spring Isl."

A debate has been going on for some time over who will assume responsibility for administration of Centennial Park. In addition, Ganges merchants have voiced objections to mid-week vending that takes place in the park.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Young model enjoys shortcake

South Salt Spring Women's Institute held a Raspberry Tea and Fashion Show last weekend at Fulford Hall and 18-month-old Jessica Temmel, above, was a young

model. Jessica enjoys her raspberry shortcake while wearing a dress fashioned by Alma's Knitting Room. Unique feature of the

fashion show was the showing of original creations by island designers and highlight was, of course, the raspberry shortcake.

Ferry 'brushes' sailboat

Strong winds blew the *Vesuvius Queen* into a sailboat at anchor near the *Vesuvius Bay* ferry wharf last Friday.

The *Vesuvius Queen* had been taken to the north Salt Spring ferry terminal to take over the Crofton run from the *Salt Spring Queen*.

The *Vesuvius Queen* had come alongside the wharf and a line was thrown ashore. But a crew member said the captain ordered the line untied.

The strong northerly winds caught the ferry and swept it out

into the bay where several smaller vessels were anchored. As the ferry attempted to manoeuvre, it "brushed" the starboard side of an anchored sailboat, a spokesman for the ferry company said.

The owner of the sailboat is currently talking to ferry officials about the accident. Damage was reported as being minimal.

The *Vesuvius Queen* is on the *Vesuvius-Crofton* run until August 16 when the *Salt Spring Queen* returns to duty from refit.

Residents want control of land

Pebble Beach on Galiano Island will continue as a map reserve for five more years and steps are being taken to ensure that the 150-acre waterfront property stays under the control of residents.

A recent application for control of the area by a Nanaimo group known as Wilderness Intelligence Leisure Development Society (WILD), had residents of Galiano up in arms.

WILD wanted to put in a lodge and facilities for recreation which would have included outdoor courses and tours with access by helicopter.

Public concern about the proposal resulted in a petition

signed by 312 Galiano residents opposed to the plan being sent to the ministry of lands, parks and housing.

D.C. McColl, Vancouver Island regional director for the ministry, rejected the proposal and cited five reasons.

The land, he noted, is reserved from alienation. WILD had failed to provide certain information such as proof of incorporation as a society, proof of exemption from municipal taxes, as well as proof of legal access.

The final reason was stated as "You did not provide written information that the relevant local government board or council is not

prepared to apply for Crown land on behalf of the organization and does not object to the proposed community land use."

McColl had, in March, approved continuation of the area as a map reserve "on behalf of the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Branch due to its importance for recreational purposes for a period of (five) years effective March 28, 1984."

Inquiries by officials of the Islands Trust about ways of keeping the park under the control of Galiano residents earned positive results. At the meeting of the Galiano Trust Committee last Friday, staff was instructed to

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Celebrates 90th birthday

Fulford Harbour resident Mary Brenton celebrated her 90th birthday last week at Lady Minto Hospital, where she is recovering from a broken leg. Guests included Father P. Bergin, Betty

Drummond, Val Gyves, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris, Bob Akerman, Darlene O'Donnell, Ruth Brenton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dodds, Mark Dodds and Rose Alexander.

Sewage blamed for rot

A classroom floor at Salt Spring Elementary School shows signs of dry rot and will cost \$5,300 to

replace, supervisor of works Frank Sutherland reported to the trustees of the school board recently.

The problem is lack of ventilation, he noted. When the area was checked, sewage was found. Sutherland reported that when the sewage system develops problems, a backup into the area occurs.

The dry rot extended under the floor and into the hallway. The studding of the west wall, Sutherland noted, was soaked.

Replacement of the floor and checking of the sewage system are under way, he told trustees.

A Team at top

Webster's A Team, the young boys who play in the Salt Spring ladies' fastball league, are at the top of the standings this week with 18 wins and five losses.

In second place are Fulford Ladies with 17 wins and six losses, followed by Driftwood Dazzling Derelicts with 16 wins and seven losses. In fourth place are Byrons Babes with nine wins, 13 losses and a tie.

Standings are not available for the league's two other teams, Luigi's Ladies and Fulford Inn.

There are four games left in regular season play.

Tournament play will begin on August 4, schedule to be announced.

Fire danger high

The hot weather is causing concern to Fire Chief Bob Leask of Salt Spring.

He has issued a warning that the danger of forest fire is getting close to extreme. No open fires are allowed while the danger is high.

Leask asks that care be exercised when an incinerator is used. Campfires are prohibited except in authorized areas of provincial campgrounds.

Committee will not become involved

Signs at the ferry terminals tell visitors to Salt Spring that the island is a nuclear weapons-free zone.

Earlier this year, the Islands Trust council passed a resolution declaring the Trust area to be a nuclear weapons-free zone. The nuclear disarmament group on Salt

Spring applied for permission to put up signs declaring that fact.

But the department of highways allows only highways and directional information signs. The ferry corporation will not allow any signs but their own at ferry terminals.

Nevertheless, the disarmament group sought and received permission from property owners

near the ferry terminals to erect the signs.

The Galiano Island Trust Committee, while supporting the concept of a nuclear weapons-free zone, declined to become involved in the project.

That group decided that if individuals wanted to put up signs, such action would not be opposed by the committee.

Pebble Beach

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explore ways to ensure local control of the property.

The land could be granted to the Capital Region as a free crown grant and subsequently turned over to a Galiano group which would look after it.

John Rich, vice-chairman of the Islands Trust, urged that letters be sent to the parks department stating support for retention of the land as a recreational area for Galiano residents.

The parks department should also be told that the Islands Trust opposes any proposal such as that from WILD.

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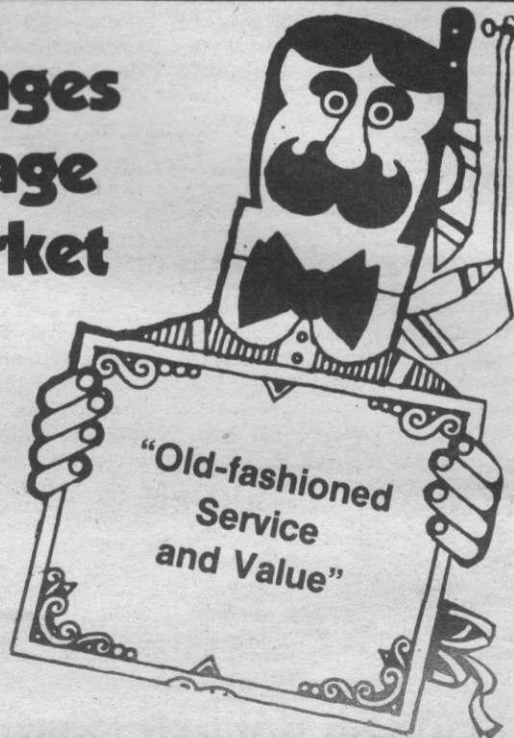
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Government gets the lion's share

What gives when you buy a bottle of wine? Nothing! It's all take and no give, as Len Larson discovered. Len and Joy were on holiday in the United States with their motor home. And they were still thirsty when they started out for home. So they brought back some beer and some wine. The beer was no problem. Two dozen of the best for about six bucks the lot made up a good six-pack for them. But Len looked on the wine when it was still a pale gold and bought a four-litre flagon of California wine.

They came through the Canadian customs and were invited to declare what they had brought back with them. No argument on the beer. But the wine came in too large a bottle. The limit per returning Canadian per trip is two litres. Four litres! Never! The Larson eyes were bigger than the government stomach. He was duly required to report in to the office. No tough deal, he'd pay the duty on the extra two litres. In fact, the whole thing had cost him six bucks, just like the beer. The duty-man sat at his desk and did some careful figuring. The duty amounted to something better than \$10. That was the duty on three dollars' worth of Californian wine. The Ganges traveller was horrified. It was beginning to dawn on him how much profit was made by government out of the sale of wine up here.

The customs man interrupted. He was wrong: he'd forgotten one more tax. That did it. They could keep his bottle. Larsen was all set to shrug it off and forget the six dollar deal when he had a brainwave. Could he decant the offending surplus two litres? He was privileged to pour his wine down the drain, assented the official. In front of the line-up of cars passing through customs, Len upended the wine bottle and let the glorious brew chugalug into the local sewer. When he had poured off the extra load the Canadian customs smiled again and passed him through. And as the Larsons headed for home they knew the difference between six dollars and sixteen dollars wasn't just a 10-spot. That 10-spot, all of it, is the government's share.

The onliest example

The advertisements all say the same. It's an invention of the 20^{1/2}th century: a most unique offering. And it sounds so attractive. After all, it's easy enough to have the only thing of its kind, but to have the most only one of its kind must be that much better. It's taken us all these centuries to discover the comparative of only. If you have the sole example it is, then, the only example. If you have the only one minus one, it becomes the onlier and if it is the only one minus two, it's the onliest. I'm just glad I was classics. A math major wouldn't be able to figure that one out. But, maybe, math majors don't go around writing ad copy.

No coloured glasses!

I saw a power buggy on the street, bearing the legend on the door. "Ministry of the Environment". Funny thing was that it didn't have rose-coloured windows. But, to balance that out, it wasn't a hearse, either.

We were out of touch

It was a disaster. I knew that my command of French was rapidly diminishing, but I always figured that I was half-way sound in English. Until I picked up two hitch-hikers in Victoria last week. They were both heading out to the ferry. They were both French. We chatted with great difficulty in English and we switched to French. It was no better. Last time I experienced the utter loss of language was talking to a visitor from Belgium. Afterwards he was asked whether he could understand my French. Oh, yes, he replied, but not my English.

John Turner booked in

John Turner was a guest at Harbour House Hotel last weekend. There was quite a kerfuffle when he asked for his room number. And John Turner is not used to the nervous approach when he books in. John was visiting Pat and Phyllis Meagher for a birthday party and had elected to stay at the hotel overnight. John Turner? Oh, he's a retired naval officer. When the hotel discovered his identity all was calm again.

A homeless cheque

I have a cheque on my desk. Catherine McFadyen passed it on to me when she couldn't get hold of the owner. It's an open cheque, duly signed. And if Cory Clark wants it, it's at the office here. It was found, homeless, in the Ganges Post Office and rescued.

The dead horse was left out!

Something crept into my column last week and made it even worse than usual. The first paragraph about eggs in Saanich was supposed to be the second paragraph. Preceding it was a reminiscence of travelling the Sooke race-track and finding a dead horse at the end of the trail. It's a bit late, now, to go into it, but the column took on an unstarted effect without it last week. I guess it wouldn't fit.

District to sell property

The Gulf Islands School Board will be offering four properties for sale, two on Salt Spring and one each on Pender and Galiano Islands.

One Salt Spring property to be listed is the five-acre site at the corner of Stewart and Beaver Point Roads. The land had been purchased by the school district for the Fulford school but the project fell through when it was discovered that the land was in a watershed area.

The land has an assessed value of \$55,000.

The other Salt Spring property is a .61 acre lot on Isabella Point Road which has an assessed value of \$21,200.

The Galiano lot is the site of the teacherage and is .79 acres in size and bears an assessed value of \$56,700. The land value was set at \$24,950 and the building had been assessed at \$31,750.

The teacherage on Pender Island

will also be put on the block. It sits on .41 acres and was assessed at \$63,300 with the land valued at \$25,950 and the house at \$42,350.

The assessed values were set in 1983.

The school board had attempted to set up land swaps but could not find any property which met the requirements of the school district. The school board is seeking land near Ganges.

The money obtained through the sale of the properties will be used to purchase the land which is needed.

Recently the ministry of education changed the regulations on the sale of school property. It used to be that 50% of the money resulting from such sales reverted to the province.

But with the changes in policy the school district can keep all the money.

No tickets for big salmon

Bill Mosier of Delta should have been the big winner at the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club's salmon derby last weekend. After all, he caught a 33 lb. spring salmon in Active Pass on Sunday.

But when the part-time Salt Spring resident went to have his catch weighed in, he discovered that wife Vonda forgot to buy the derby tickets.

Winning fish weighed in at 19 lbs., 8 oz.

Service for Doris Anderson

A service was held at St. Mary's Church at Fulford last week in memory of Doris Anderson who recently passed away at Altamont Private Hospital in Vancouver.

Later, friends gathered at the Legion in Ganges to pay their respects to the islander who established the Mendies Fund and worked hard all her life for others. At the Legion, Anderson's nephew, Nigel Gow, toasted his aunt and thanked islanders for their support during his aunt's last months.

Gow explained that each week he'd phone old friends of his aunt on Salt Spring and pass the phone to her. Islanders would talk about incidents from the past to brighten her last days.



THURS., AUG. 2, 7:30: next Disarmament meeting, Peace Centre. Everyone welcome.

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Sidewalks

There has been a storm in a tea cup over the sidewalk outside the pharmacy in Ganges. The original plan called for exposed aggregate and the promoters smoothed off the concrete. As the sidewalk was constructed under a permit approved by the advisory design panel, the Island Trust was invited to seek legal measures to require that the concrete be finished to the strict letter of the permit. And that was to permit every stone and rock to be seen by the passer-by.

Had the Islands Trust proceeded to bring an action against the owners it might well have established legal history. It would undoubtedly have been the first action against decent exposure.

Mid-week vending

Assuming the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce is granted a sublease for Centennial Park, it won't be in a position to win any popularity contests no matter what it does with respect to mid-week vending. On the one hand are the local merchants, particularly restaurant operators, who would like to see the park closed to vending during the week. Their concerns are readily understandable.

On the other hand we have the park vendors, and many are themselves Chamber of Commerce members. There are some good reasons for allowing them to stay in the park.

From the restaurateur's point of view, it's unfair competition in that food service vans pay no rent or taxes and enjoy a prime downtown location. But not only have two of the vans been selling from the park for a number of years, they are entrepreneurs engaged in commerce, a pursuit the chamber should be aiming to promote.

But if mid-week vending is here to stay, there must be controls and there must be a means of enforcing them. As one observer noted recently, what's to stop someone from renting a tanker truck, filling it up with gasoline in Vancouver and selling it to Salt Spring Island drivers from Centennial Park. It would not be a pretty sight.

Some say the chamber should not become a landlord and perhaps they are right. But it seems the only fair and equitable solution to this problem is to charge mid-week vendors a rent that is comparable to what other tenants are paying in the village.

Current vendors could be granted non-transferable leases and the charges levied would be used for park administration.

That is one possibility that should be considered carefully by all the parties concerned. There are others.

Most of all we must find an answer that is fair and satisfies as many concerns as possible.

National park? Here?

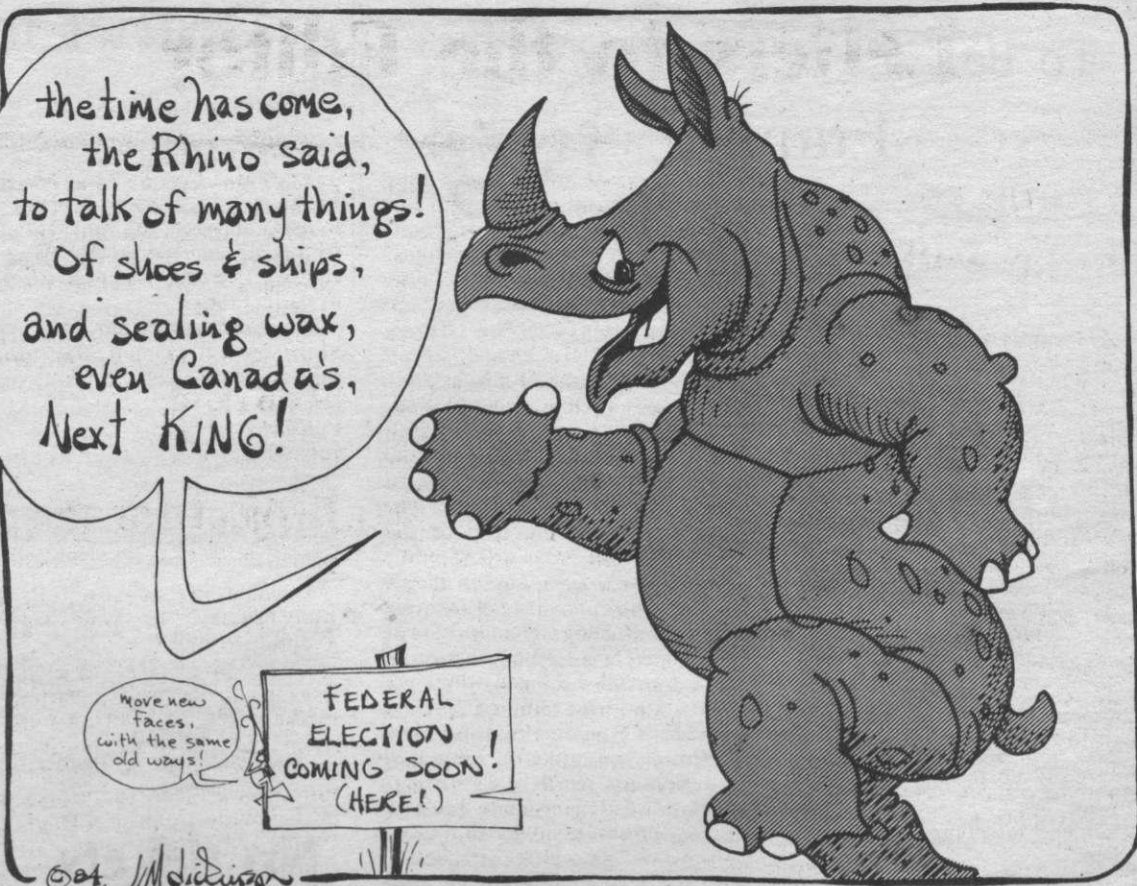
There's something about Esquimalt-Saanich and Liberal candidates. It brings on dreams of national parks for the islands. The Liberal candidate in the riding, Gerry Kristianson, has championed the cause of a national park for the Gulf Islands as one plank in his platform.

He is not the first. David Anderson had the same idea some years ago when he was running there. It's a good bet for the candidate in another riding. He gets all the publicity and he only steps on the toes of people who can't vote for him.

Let's have it straight, right now, before the election. If Kristianson wants a national park have it in Esquimalt-Saanich. If Kristianson wants to impose a regimented life on the people who are unfortunate enough to get caught up in a national park, impose it on his own constituents.

There's nothing good for the people of the islands in having a national park here, with its petty restrictions and its threat to property ownership.

Move over, Mr. Kristianson, and step on somebody else's toes, not ours!



Tony Richards

IF YOU ENJOY eating rabbit, you'd best stock up now before the price goes up.

Under normal circumstances the price of a commodity will drop when it becomes readily available on the market but in the case of rabbit meat in about two months—look out. The price could skyrocket.

It's such a sure thing that what we need right now is a rabbit futures market and perhaps we could set that up in Centennial Park on Saturday mornings. But that's another story.

The first indication that an upheaval in rabbit prices was in the offing came on a recent Saturday morning. I was enjoying a cup of coffee when my wife slipped a book in front of my nose. She tried to do it surreptitiously and failed.

When a guy's just got out of bed and he's having his first cup of coffee you can't casually slip this particular book in front of his nose without causing a minor commotion. It happens to be eight inches thick and it weighs at least 10 lbs.

It's a book that every wife should own. It contains complete instructions, diagrams, photographs and materials lists for every conceivable household and backyard project. It also contains a whole section on the ins and outs of rabbit house construction.

So my day officially began at a local lumber yard where, materials list in hand, I set to putting the B.C. forest industry back on its feet. And later this month my Visa bill will knock me off mine.

Like the last major project undertaken in our household, a dog house that will comfortably sleep four German shepherds, this was to be more than just a rabbit house. This was an apartment block—single storey, mind you, but spreading itself out, ranch house style, if you can imagine a ranch style rabbit house.

But the size didn't concern me much until later, when my Visa card began getting a little thin around the edges. I loaded up on plywood, hardware and replacement tools for those which the kids had lost and then headed for Foxglove for the final item on the list—wire fencing.

I'd never bought the fine-mesh wire used in rabbit cages before so I had no idea what it might cost. Neither, obviously, had the writers of my wife's favourite book.

In a space of less than 10 seconds I re-drew the entire set of plans—mentally, that is—and placed my order for exactly half the wire I had originally needed. It wasn't until I got back home that I realized I still had enough lumber to build myself a

nice little barn. But for a weekend carpenter a little extra lumber never does any harm. It saves you making another trip to town to buy more after you've cut the first lot to the wrong dimensions.

After I did that half a dozen times I was almost ready to give up. And I found little consolation in my son's observation. The impudent little snorter wondered out loud how the house would stand up under the weight of one fully grown rabbit. In what amounted to a valiant display of self-control, I assured him that we'd eat them before they reached that size.

And speaking of eating, I picked up a recipe for rabbit in the lumber yard, of all places. And that's the only thing that's kept me going on the project. The fellow at the lumber yard took a break (he needed one after adding up my bill) to tell me how good rabbit was when cooked with cognac. So on my way home I picked up a bottle.

The only trouble is I'm going to finish the cognac before the hutch is ready for rabbits. Which may be just as well. By the time this job's done we won't be able to afford to eat the damn things.

CONGRATULATIONS to Salt Spring Island ball player Pat Gaines who hit three home runs on the weekend to help Victoria Royals take second place in league play.

The Royals won all four weekend games against Yakima Pepsis.

Meanwhile a couple of people wondered aloud why I wasn't participating in Saturday's tennis tournament at Salt Spring. My reply: there's got to be a limit to the extent a guy will go to make a fool of himself.

HERE'S A TOPIC that has come to mind a number of times, but never when I'm sitting at my computer keyboard filling this space.

Sick and sensational is the only way to describe *The Province* newspaper's treatment of the story concerning former MLA Charles Barber and the sex charges he's currently facing. When the charges were laid, about a month ago, *The Province* carried the news as the lead story with a headline that could be read from a distance of 50 yards.

The Times-Colonist, on the other hand, ran the story on Page 3, giving it the prominence it deserved.

Those white vending machines that suddenly appeared on Salt Spring Island some time ago are little more than garbage cans.

Letters to the Editor

Writing is on the wall

Sir,
 "We're all gonna die if we don't clean up our act!" Sounds severe but the latest issue of *International Wildlife* magazine, CBC's recent programs on the recurring deaths of whales in our waters, and the experience of sailors all come to the same conclusion. We are in deep trouble. Autopsies done on the whales last week revealed that their innards were all mush caused by toxins and PCB's absorbed bottom-feeding in Howe Sound. Next, it gets into our food chain. The writing is on the wall.

Other facts about "our environment": from accounts on endangered species, we're losing (if you count all species) about one a day. According to a reliable source, Victoria has the highest acid rain in the west. And finally, a well-known doctor says that it will only take a small amount of radioactive waste—about the equivalent of half a pound of butter, to contaminate every living life support system on earth! Yet we think we can bargain for time.

Some say, "Nuclear energy is o.k." Society says "everything's o.k. if you have a job; it's the responsibility of our government—the department of the environment, our law courts, to protect us, and the media to keep us informed." Well, it's not working. Everyone knows it.

I just hope this election brings drastic changes and some conscious, hard-headed environmentalists get elected. Because it's going to take just that. At present, the UN is tied up with the nuclear issue and "doesn't have time" to focus on the environment.

The emerging Green Party would press for "reform of the U.N." to ensure greater power over world issues, support world conservation strategy using renewable resources sustainably, and protect essential ecological processes and life-support systems.

Greens advocate changes in the "political process"—decentralizing and opening decision-making process, calling for real freedom of information, referendum and a more co-operative, less "partisan" legislative system.

A balance of men and women must be elected federally, with the mandate to co-operate to fight for our "non-renewable" resources—our earth, air and water.

SUE HISCOCKS,
 Ganges,
 July 21, 1984.

Musgrave massacre

Sir,
 The provincial government's Order-in-Council number 918 is an outrageous arbitrary demonstration of ruthless naked power. It's almost as disturbing that there should be so little outcry from at least some of the wide spectrum of people whose interests are directly threatened by it.

The government lost the Cortes Island case on appeal with the court ruling that Highways could not give approval to a strata subdivision which did not conform to the clear intent of the Settlement plan. The case was essentially the same as the Musgrave dispute, except that with Musgrave, the behaviour of Highways was unusually secretive, arbitrary and irregular, and

extensive road work was done which was crucial to the pushing of Rico Holdings Musgrave proposal.

So the Government just changed the law to allow strata subdivisions even though they don't conform. Problem solved!—for Henry Roethel's Rico Holdings shadowy shareholders, some of whom must have a lot of clout. Our attorney advises us that our petition which was being withheld pending the outcome of the Cortes case, will be rejected by the courts, now. The only barriers in the way of the massacre of Musgrave will be public outrage that a company of people who have already ravaged the area should be so blatantly supported at great public expense against those of us who have tried to limit the desecration with limited private means. Those others in the community who, like us, supported the strong and unanimous opposition of the Islands Trust to this inappropriate subdivision, seem destined to find a bitter satisfaction only in the future when the government's policy has done its damage and this blundering insensitive government is defeated.

An editorial in the *Sun* recently pointed out, if we want to turn the Islands into more Kerrisdales, Order-in-Council is the way for the government to go. Perhaps we should be thinking of a high-rise strata condo and casino complex on our waterfront property at Musgrave now. Nothing like progress!

How thoughtful of the government to save us the trouble of working out these complicated development decisions locally in our communities across B.C.! I suggest that public spirited citizens write to their government to let it know how heartily we appreciate their concern. We'll be sending you a little reminder come election time!

ROBERT MAKAROFF, M.D.,
SHAUNA LITTLE, M.D.,
 Vancouver,
 July 22, 1984.

Islomania incurable

Sir,
 Diana Hayes is a local writer with a passion for island living. Three years ago, she started researching the history of Salt Spring Island with the idea of utilizing the material she found in her poems and stories. The richness and variety of experience she discovered in her research amazed her. Last winter, she mentioned this to Yvonne Adalian and recounted some anecdotes. Being an actress and director, Yvonne immediately saw the potential for collaboration and theatrical performance.

This collaboration led to seven intensive months of combing through archives, reference books, diaries and interviewing oldtimers; some of whom proved to be veritable gold mines of information. Then Diana took on the arduous task of shaping and editing the material into a coherent script; a task made more difficult by the fact that so much wonderful material had to be omitted for the sake of brevity and coherence.

The fruit of all this labour is *Islomania*: a multimedia, theatrical performance that takes us from the prehistory of Salt Spring Island through frontier times, pioneer days and into the 20th Century telling it in the words of early settlers who were actually there. And just what exactly does *Islomania* mean?

People will have to attend the

performance at Fernwood Elementary, August 10 through 20, to find out for certain. But everyone who has ever lived on the island or even likes to visit has got it. It's said to be incurable.

Tickets are available at Vesuvius Store, et cetera and Patterson's Store in Fulford.
DAVID FRITH,
 Fulford Harbour,
 July 1984.

Project for peace

Sir,
 I would like to bring "Project Ploughshares" to your readers' attention.

I received an excellent letter this week from the project, written by the Very Rev. Lois Wilson. Lois is a well-loved United Church minister who represents the Ecumenical Forum of Canada and is president of the World Council of Churches.

Lois Wilson uses some alarming statistics: this year the world will spend 15 times what the rich nations gave to the poor nations in developmental aid: \$700 billion. She writes: "Meanwhile 1.5 billion people have no effective medical services, 570 million are severely undernourished, 2 billion have no safe drinking water and 800 million are illiterate."

Lois Wilson explains briefly how deeply Canada is involved in the arms race and writes, "The immediate cause of World War III

may be the preparation for it." She asks us to do something personally to change this destructive course.

Project Ploughshares has a very good, brief, national opinion survey that you can fill out. They will survey every candidate during the federal election with 13 important questions. Ploughshares will get the politicians' answers, seek their commitments, and remind them of their promises—after the election.

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If you wish to participate in the National Opinion Survey, or receive further information, please write to: Project Ploughshares, Conrad Grebel College, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G6.

ROHANA LAING,
 Box 1224,
 Ganges,
 July 16, 1984.

Little known about institute

Sir,
 It is widely known that the Fraser Institute is a "think-tank" which assists the provincial government with economic and ideological research.

The Institute contributes columns to our newspapers, features on our airwaves, and to our school system

by writing texts for the compulsory consumer education courses. Yet we know relatively little about the origins of the Fraser Institute, how it operates and how it is funded.

Ben Swankey, author and lecturer, will visit Ganges on Saturday, Aug. 11 and will conduct a day-long seminar at the Community Centre.

I urge all islanders who are interested in the theory of restraint to attend this event. Mr. Swankey is an experienced and compelling speaker.

SHAUGHAN C.F. WELLS,
 121 Wildwood Crescent,
 Ganges,
 July 18, 1984.

No threat

Sir,
 I would like to clarify my position regarding Centennial Park vending and the Farmers' Market. Some misunderstanding might arise from last week's *Driftwood* coverage of the C.O.C. meeting at which I spoke briefly.

In my opinion the market is an important economic and social activity and should be fostered and assisted rather than threatened and put on the defensive. Vending during the week has been part of the village for years and poses no economic threat while providing a service to visitors and residents.

If, at some future time, regulations regarding the number or type of vendors in the park area are needed I feel confident that the Vendors' Association can responsibly deal with that issue themselves.

M.R. BENDICK,
 R.R. 3, Ganges,
 July 22, 1984.



Bill Webster

The campaign warms

Having to meander through the maze of political pomposity trying to define just what it is that faces Canadian voters ranks as one of life's futile efforts.

There are, to be sure, more switchers than fighters in this campaign as Tories jump to support Liberals and erstwhile Libs scurry to find shelter elsewhere.

Way over on the other pond, John Crosbie, an ex-Liberal, runs as the high priest of Tory finances. His opponent, an ex-Tory, carries the banner for John of B.S.'s bunch.

On the Prairies, Tories don't like the chosen candidate and decide to switch the better to fight.

Seems that political philosophy merely gets in the way these days.

Who knows what ideals lurk in the minds of office seekers?

A definition of a staunch Liberal is one who seeks a place at the public trough as one way of reducing unemployment.

And a Tory is defined as one who wants what the other side has.

Pork barrels have been around almost as long as politicians and the hue and cry sounding from self-righteous sources can be

discounted at a low value. When the past few years are considered in light of future events, it is much better to slip some of the damage doers into other positions than to allow them to keep doing what they have done.

Which, to some extent, is what this election is all about.

Sweep out the old and bring in the new. It doesn't really matter whether it's John of B.S. or Brian of B.C. as leader. They will both be bringing in relatively new blood to the scene of national violence.

Locally, the campaign promises to become more than merely interesting.

The candidates line up to shake babies and kiss hands in search of ballot support.

To be sure, the islands rank third in ratings just as the riding name suggests.

We rock sitters will be visited, occasionally, by those who would be our leader. But that's what campaigning is all about.

The Lib will come to visit the one or two endangered species hereabouts while the Tory will drop in between ferry runs just to ensure that the Indeeperers don't carry the entire set of rocks.

And the Green Party?
 Well, they are beating the

hustings for what is left.

As has been mentioned, this campaign marks a change in the Canadian style of politicking. One leader tries valiantly to avoid tripping over his tongue while the other promotes bottom patting as a pleasant greeting.

Will rock sitters become residents of a national park?

If that becomes a reality, would our symbol be Smokey the Salmon?

Stay tuned to this and other important events.

As a sidelight, one Lib suggests a park while another disclaims the idea. If the Tories did that, the difference of opinion would be blown up to the proportions of a split in the party.

We all know that Tories can't agree with other Tories but seeing the same thing happen in the otherwise solid ranks of the Libs confirms the suspected change in political attitudes in Canada.

The Libs are beginning to show signs of humanity as seekers for power in its own right. Why, they are actually offering conflicting opinions.

Stick around, this campaign is just warming up.

Peace movement brings people together

**Contributed
BY DOROTHY LIVESAY**

We are opposite an American submarine testing base on Canadian soil, in Canadian waters: Nanoose Bay. Our Galiano Peace Group is doing its stint, two days of vigil on the highway.

We gaze across the bay to the "mountain" under which lie the pens for the submarines coming from American bases. Canadian personnel will join the American crews and technicians in testing torpedoes and under-water weapons systems. In full sight near that shore is the only Canadian sub, a shining yellow "dummy" for target practice.

Directly in front of us on our foreshore a huge painted sign has been tied on to old log tailings—remains of a mill on a site privately owned. But below the tideline our sign is safe, in public (federal) waters, unmolested.

It reads: "End Nuclear Bases in Canada: start with Nanoose Bay". Cheered by this slogan, we are encamped behind the railway line on the highway which heads up Vancouver Island to Parksville and Port Alberni. Here stays our home, a provincial government "Rest Area" with picnic tables and washrooms.

This is the second summer that Harry Worth, retired logger, has offered his old van as headquarters for the peace camp. Every morning during July and August he pulls it along from his own yard, sets up the

gas stove for coffee, stretches out a blue awning for the display of posters, buttons, peace literature. This will be manned (or womanned!) by shifts of volunteers from the Vancouver Island Network for Disarmament (VIN).

Harry, a seasoned west coast union man, believes that the united peace front movement is the greatest thing that has happened on the island for many a year, bringing together as it does people from every walk of life and belief. And the organizer of this particular project, young Laurie McBride of Parksville agrees heartily.

Her little car bursts in among us carrying the exciting news of "We're being offered 20 pounds of Tanzanian coffee! And dozens of paper cups! And have a cherry," she laughs, "a carton of cherries was just given us for the volunteers."

The day in early July is muggy, almost sultry, but a sea breeze brings clouds and scatters our pamphlets. We gather rocks for paperweights and watch the cars go whizzing by. Every five or six minutes a car will turn in to test the facilities.

If it has a Canadian licence number, one of us will approach with, "Would you care for a cup of coffee?" It is surprising how many say yes. Even though the drivers may be in a hurry they are also curious. "Just what is this all about?"

We explain that although Canada has no submarines of its own our

government has set aside a 15-mile stretch of the Strait of Georgia for the use of its NATO allies. The base is jointly operated by the Canadian Armed Forces and the U.S. Navy for the testing and development of underwater detection and warfare capabilities.

In 1976 the Canadian government confirmed that the U.S. "sleeping torpedo" was being tested at the range. The sleeping torpedo is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and is designed to "sleep" on the ocean floor until triggered by the sound of an enemy submarine.

Quite a number of our visitors are indeed surprised that on this tranquil bay such a base has been established. Some hesitate, but others sign our petition asking for a nuclear freeze in Canada. Naturally we do not ask American travellers to sign such an appeal but they do talk and ask questions. Sometimes they seem shocked, or ask for a peace button, or give us a donation.

In our "Comments" day book a visitor from Boston wrote: "People in the U.S. don't want nuclear weapons either. Thank you for being here." Other signatures have come from San Diego, Washington, Oregon, Olympia as well as Switzerland and West Germany.

Feedback is what encourages young and old Canadians to volunteer for peace camp duty in July and up until August 6, Hiroshima Day. After the Galiano Peace Group's turn will come volunteers from Cowichan,

Denman Island, S.F.U. Non-Violent Training, Comox and Mayne Island.

The elderly volunteers cheer when the young-ones bring the news of local response. We do not join hands, or shout, or sing; but our eyes are shining. We are the quiet Canadians.

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More Letters to the Editor

Overwhelming generosity

Sir,
 Thanks to your support, energy and assistance, the B.C. Heart Foundation has achieved its 1984 campaign goal—it couldn't have been done without you!

This year's campaign target of \$3.2 million was the highest ever reached by the B.C. Heart Foundation, achieved despite the continued slow economy and personal setbacks.

The generosity was overwhelming from residents in towns hit especially hard with high unemployment. The continued lagging economy created several obstacles to fund-raising, but British Columbians everywhere overcame all of them.

Corporate support played a great part in the campaign's success, in promotion and fund-raising events. New fund-raisers, such as "Dance for Heart" were launched, with success that exceeded all expectations. Special promotions, co-sponsored by various major corporations, ran through February, campaign month, helping to create and maintain a high public awareness for the Heart Fund.

The provincial government's continued support, both moral and financial, also played a key part in attaining our target figure, with a \$75,000 donation to kick off the Campaign.

Last, but certainly not least: the media, whose interest and efforts helped events like the "Signals and Actions" CPR program reach so many people, and in the case of the Knowledge Network, teach so many people!

B.C. residents Jumped Rope and Danced for Heart, they ate apples and drank apple juice for Heart, they learned how to save lives for Heart—and they gave from the Heart! That support, combined with your support, ensured our attainment of the campaign goal, and will keep the vital heart research projects going in the province, to benefit people world-wide.

Again, a more sincere thank you for all you have done.

LORI YONIN,
 Account Executive,
 Public Relations,
 Simons Advertising Ltd.
 July 9, 1984.

Successful venture

Sir,
 July 1, 1984 is only a pleasant memory now. It didn't rain, and

once again the North Galiano Community Association received strong support from the entire island.

We would like all the participants, the work crews, the cooks, the actors, the dancers, the loggers, the musicians, the artists, the clubs and associations to know that without them the day would not have been possible.

A thank you also to the many behind the scene; those who loaned photos, antique articles or gave information for the displays in the hall, to those who looked after the raffle, the fun races, or were go-fers for days before and after the Jamboree.

Thanks Galiano for helping make July 1, 1984 another successful venture.

ALISTAIR ROSS,
 For the Jamboree Committee,
 North Galiano.
 July 1984.

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GALIANO NEWS

Money in short supply for parks, conservation

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Much of the three hours of the Galiano Island Trust Committee meeting held last Friday in the Community Hall was spent on discussing how to preserve for public enjoyment three special areas on Galiano. The Trust's mandate is to preserve the Gulf Islands for just that purpose, although many think that its powers and resources are hardly adequate for the task. In one way or another parks and conservation projects cost money and effort, and at least the former is in short supply.

First is D.L. 60 which includes Pebble Beach and is presently classed as a recreation reserve. This map designation, which lasts until 1989, is fragile protection, as the minister of lands, parks and housing or the cabinet may withdraw this classification at any time. The timber on this crown land could be put up for auction, the area could be leased, sold or alienated from public use in some other way, regardless of the wishes of local residents.

It is the present policy of the ministry that if the appropriate local authority, in this case the Capital Regional District, is prepared to manage the area as a public park it is given priority. The CRD has no money to acquire the property but there exists the possibility that a local group may undertake to manage DL 60 as a park under the auspices of a Galiano non-profit registered society such as one of the community associations.

This possibility will be actively investigated by local residents who have expressed concern over a possible change of status of the Pebble Beach area.

The Coon Bay area is actually privately owned land, but for well over 50 years has been a de facto park for a good part of the year, and especially at holiday weekends. There is little doubt that MacMillan and Bloedel would be happy to rid themselves of this property for satisfactory compensation. Undoubtedly the most appropriate alternate status for this beautiful area would be a provincial park designation.

The third area to concern the Trust Committee was the Jackson estate at the end of South Wind Drive. Here the emphasis is on conservation—of the wildlife habitat, the archeologically valuable midden and the cultural milieu which has developed there over the past quarter of a century. The Trust is supportive of the

proposal but has no funds to assist the Sutil Lodge Society set up to achieve this objective.

There is simply not enough local money available from the less than 1,000 Galiano residents to simultaneously contribute to the purchase of this property and to other local projects, such as the building of a replica of Galiano's boat, the *Sutil*. Government and corporate funding is, at the present time, particularly hard to obtain so that these fledgling societies must have an uphill battle on their hands.

Tennis tournament

The annual mixed doubles tennis tournament sponsored by the Galiano Lodge was played on Saturday on four island courts. Eleven couples entered the double knock-out competition. The finalists were the same as last year.

George and Judy Puil put up an excellent fight against their younger opponents, Bob Grant and Mary Connell, who is still only 14. The final score was 8-7 in favour of the latter.

Seal succoured

Last Wednesday afternoon at Montague Marina a seal pup was seen attempting to get out of the water by climbing on to boat propellers and the floats. Its pitiful cries attracted the attention of proprietor Shirley Coulter. With willing help she was able to pull the creature from the water and placed it in a dinghy filled with water thinking that a marine mammal should be kept wet.

Needing advice as to how to deal with the situation, Shirley called fish and wildlife with no response, and then the RCMP who advised contacting Vancouver Aquarium or Sealand in Oak Bay. The latter offered copious advice and Shirley learned more about seals and their care in an hour's telephone conversation than she ever thought possible.

Apparently baby seals are reared on dry land until their bodies have been able to develop a layer of blubber sufficient to insulate them from the cold of our 10°C water. If handled by a human they will be abandoned by the mother because of the scent.

Very young seals, such as this one which still had part of the umbilical cord attached, are extremely difficult to feed. At Sealand the procedure is to push a thin plastic tube down the throat until it reaches

the stomach and then pump down nutrient.

Sealand agreed to take the seal, which was conveyed in the cab of the marina's vehicle on the *Quinita* for a rendezvous with members of the staff, who took it to Oak Bay where it is now safely ensconced and will get expert care. Congratulations to Shirley for her caring and thoughtful action.

Columnists take a break

The writers of this column are having visitors from overseas, and the editor has permitted them to take a two-week break. Any Galiano individuals or organizations who would like news items included in *Driftwood* are invited to send them directly to the editor of *Driftwood*, Rainbow Road, Ganges. We find that there is usually a Galiano passenger on the noon sailing of the *Quinita* from Montague Harbour who is willing to take copy to Ganges.

Tin man

Ian Hooley Jr. acquitted himself well last Friday morning on Channel 6 TV when he was interviewed by Ida Clarkson. He explained the growing popularity of triathlons in which entrants must first swim a certain distance, then cycle and finally run, all one after another.

In preparation for the Iron Man Race in Hawaii this fall, Ian did well last Saturday at Chilliwack and will compete in the Victoria Triathlon in two weeks' time.

Northern Lights

The new eating shed and five booths constructed for the Jamboree have now been permanently roofed. Volunteers are needed for a work party next Saturday for an exciting project—the outside painting of the North Community Hall.

Window on Russia

Last Saturday evening at a meeting in the activity centre sponsored by the Peace Group, a

good cross-section of Galiano people were given a fascinating glimpse of life in the USSR through the eyes of Bob Bossin, musician, Cheryl Levitt, physician, and Andrew Orkin, journalist.

Coming events

This Friday our federal MP will be at the Friday market from 10 am until noon and again in the South Community Hall at 3 pm to discuss islanders' concerns. Coffee will be available.

This weekend all Galiano will have a double opportunity, on both Saturday and Sunday, to view the new "peeled log" Rod and Gun clubhouse and also to take part in a darts tournament with \$100 in prize money. Throwing starts both days at 2 pm.

Our rector, Leonard Pocock, will hold Holy Communion at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Burrill Road at 10:30 am. This is in place of the usual fourth Sunday of the month Communion Service.

The banner is already strung out on Sturdies Bay Road proclaiming the advent of the Galiano Lions Club-sponsored Annual Fiesta which takes place on Saturday, Aug. 4. Those who enjoyed last year's innovation of a pancake breakfast will be glad to know it is being repeated from 8 to 10 am opposite Galiano Garage, Sturdies

Bay Road. Everybody is invited to plan their costume to walk or ride in the Fiesta Parade, which this year will assemble in a new place on Gulf Drive ready to move off as soon as the 10:15 am ferry traffic has dispersed.

Headed by the Fiesta Queen, the parade will wind its way along Sturdies Bay Road, and then left along Burrill Road to the Fiesta Grounds. All booths were booked long ago by island individuals and groups and their wares planned to appeal to different tastes and needs. Included is the time-honoured salmon barbecue and the popular discarded-treasures stall which this year will be known as Generous Jim's Junk-tion.

Jim, alias president Jim Scoones, appeals for contributions which may be phoned in to Jim at 2665 or Bob Knowles at 5570, who will arrange pick-up.

This year there will be no let-up in the festivities until the weekend is over, for on Sunday, Aug. 5, the Rod and Gun Club are organizing in Montague Harbour a "Thundermug" race to begin at 2 pm in two categories: rowed or powered by an engine of less than 10 hp.

Entrants should begin constructing their craft immediately. The new refreshment garden at Montague Marina will be open for the first time, from 11 am until 7 pm.

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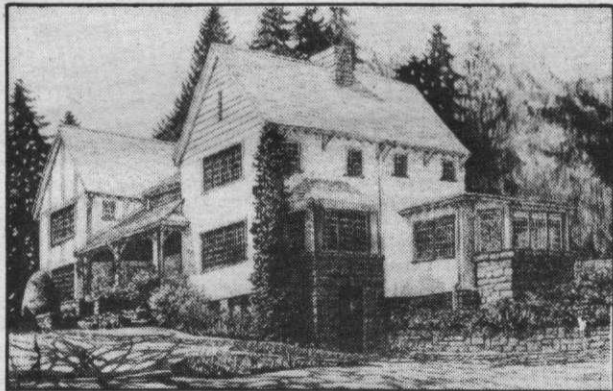
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tall cool one. That's what these young entrepreneurs anticipated when they set up their Kool Aid

business. They are, from left, Jordie Koski, William Hann, Lisa Koski and Kenny Burns.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Residents object to Hydro plans

B.C. Hydro wants to buy a parcel of land on Galiano to store poles and equipment but residents in the area are not happy about the prospect.

The poles and equipment had been stored on the highway right-of-way until an island resident complained. So the highways department asked Hydro to move the materials.

When the property purchase came to light, neighbours complained.

Ron Thompson, Islands Trustee for Galiano, told last week's meeting of the Island Trust Committee that he would try to bring officials from the department of highways and B.C. Hydro together to talk about using a portion of the highways yard for storage.

John Langston, district manager for Hydro, explained in a letter to the Trust what the electric company intended to do on the property.

He said that only one-third of an

acre in the centre of the lot would be cleared. The road access would be placed so that the storage area was not visible from the highway.

A gate would be placed at the entrance to the lot and a 12 foot by 12 foot storage building on skids would be built to house small miscellaneous materials.

Hydro intended to store 30 to 40 poles, four to six transformers as well as a reel of wire and other small items on the lot, Langston wrote.

The land is zoned rural and one of the permitted uses for the land is "public service use."

Islands Trust planner Dave Morris had submitted an opinion about the definition of public service use. He noted in a memo on the subject "that the storage facility for material necessary for the maintenance of electrical power service on Galiano Island is permitted...."

He based his opinion on the definition of public service use which included water, sewer, solid

waste disposal and electricity among other things.

John Rich, vice-chairman of the Trust, told the meeting that calling the storage of Hydro poles a public service was an exercise in semantics.

The committee agreed to send that portion of the zoning bylaws to the Galiano Advisory Planning Commission for study. If changes in the permitted uses under the rural zoning are needed, the APC is to make recommendations on those possible changes.

Mac-Blo won't use Saltry Bay for dump

Saltry Bay won't be used for a log dump by MacMillan Bloedel, a meeting of the Galiano Island Trust Committee learned last week.

Ron Thompson, trustee for Galiano, had spoken with officials of the forestry company about the use of Saltry Bay for a log dump. He was told that the company had no immediate plans to use the bay.

MacMillan-Bloedel currently uses Whaler Bay at the southeast corner of Galiano for a dump.

Residents, led by Harold Dobson, had prepared a four-page petition against the use of Saltry Bay. A suggestion that two areas along the east coast of Galiano would be suitable for log dumps was rejected by MacMillan Bloedel.

A representative for the company was at the Trust Committee

meeting. He said that efforts to boom logs on the Strait of Georgia side of the island have proved unsatisfactory. Winds and waves would break up the booms, he said.

The company would prefer a booming ground on the west side of the island to shorten the distance to the mill at Chemainus. An application to boom logs in Montague Harbour will be made.

The Islands Trust earlier this year approved renewal of the log storage licence in Whaler Bay with the provision that hours of operation be from 8 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

MacMillan Bloedel has a valid permit to dump logs in Saltry Bay. The permit was renewed for a five-year period in 1982.

Coon Bay could become another provincial park

Coon Bay on Galiano Island could be the site of another provincial park in the Gulf Islands.

Officials of the ministry of lands, parks and housing approached the Islands Trust to determine if residents of Galiano were interested in another provincial park.

The creation of a Coon Bay provincial park was near the top of their priority list, said the parks official.

The land is owned by MacMillan Bloedel but the lumber company is willing to sell it to the province for a park.

Ron Thompson, Islands Trustee for Galiano, said the Advisory Planning Commission of that island had discussed the idea but had decided not to ask for a provincial park unless guarantees were given that it would be managed properly.

Public access to Coon Bay is provided across other land owned

by MacMillan Bloedel and John Rich, vice-chairman of the Islands Trust, told last Friday's Trust that if the land is not turned into a park, it could be sold to a new owner who may not allow public access to the bay.

The Galiano Trust Committee agreed to send a letter to the parks branch urging that the property be acquired for a park and that when the park is in operation, it be properly managed.

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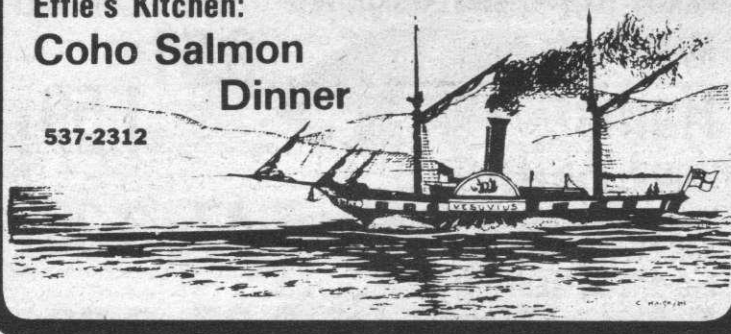
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Previous Fanfare productions have been *The Wizard of Woosle* and *The Moon is made of Green Cheese*.

Caterer to the King has been written to give equal pleasure to

children and adults.

Play and lyrics are by Salt Spring's own Joan Raeside, who is directing the production. Dorothy Cummings is producer, Ruth Donnelly and Grace Bracher are singing coaches and Bevis Walters is chore boy.

Rehearsals are now in progress. The cast includes fairies, elves, small creatures of the forest, a white witch, a fairy king and a little character called Gerald, who is caterer to the king.

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Tories hold open house

Progressive Conservative candidate Don Taylor, centre, chats with Les Ramsey, left, and Jack Fisher at Tories' open house last

Thursday at Ganges. More than 100 people turned up at PC headquarters in the Ganges Centre Building to wish the candidate well

in his bid to win the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands seat from New Democrat Jim Manly September 4.

Driftwood photo by Tony Richards

Memorial service for Elsie Thacker to be held on Thursday in Ganges

Elsie Thacker is gone.

For years she was the indefatigable president of the Old-Age Pensioners' Organization in Ganges. At that time it was the only branch on the island.

It was Elsie Thacker who launched the branch and it was Elsie Thacker who kept it going until it was a viable, active organization.

The accomplishment was the more significant for the fact that when she was honoured by the island community for her efforts on behalf of the aging populace, she was already 80 years old. That was in 1971, when the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Citizen of the Year nomination.

After serving with the OAPO, which she had brought along successfully, she was named counsellor of the aging for British Columbia and served on the provincial board of the Old-Age Pensioners' Organization.

Mrs. Thacker was born in Hull, England, in 1891. She came to Canada in 1922 and lived in Montreal after her marriage to Robert Arthur Thacker.

Vehicle taken

The 1974 Volkswagen was reported missing but was recovered later on Jackson Avenue in Ganges.

David Woodley reported to police that his vehicle had been parked on Vesuvius Bay Road but it disappeared sometime between 1 am and 5 am on Sunday.

RCMP are investigating the theft.

When she came west to Salt Spring Island in 1956 she joined the Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion and became the driving force behind the OAPO.

She leaves one son, Robert W. Thacker; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband and

two sons, Russel D., in Vancouver and Guy, in Montreal.

Memorial service will be held in St. George's Anglican Church on Thursday at 2 pm. Cremation will follow. Arrangements are by Goodman Jones.

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Youngsters enjoy arts programs

School of Arts for Salt Spring Youth (SASSY) program is in full gear. Sponsored by the Community Arts Council, programs include music making, arts and crafts, theatre and breakdancing. Above, right, youngsters enjoy music making with Lynn Quinn. From left they are Jessica Orkin, Christopher

Davies and Mikela Broadhead. At left, a difficult feat for anyone but not two, Susan Box and Malindi Curtis (legs) participate in theatre demonstration for audience of

parents at the activity centre in Ganges. Openings in the various classes are still available by contacting coordinators Bonnie Kreye or Colleen Roy.

Vancouver teams in slow pitch tourney

Salt Spring Island version of slow pitch is becoming popular with off-island teams. This weekend the local teams play a round-robin tourney against four Vancouver teams.

At Portlock Park the Rebs, Soccas and the Inn Team go against one of the teams from the mainland.

Meanwhile, at the Fulford field, Gang Green, aided and abetted by

members of the Gooyeducks, join Jellyfish in a series against the second Vancouver team.

In Ganges at the Little League field, DOGS and Deadwood challenge a third Vancouver side while the Slugs and Pharmasave go against the fourth team on the Hydro diamond.

Games start at 11 am and continue through the afternoon.

On Sunday come the showdowns. The first-place teams travel to Fulford to decide a tournament winner. Second-place teams do battle at Portlock while the rest try to sort things out at Little League.

Sunday games begin at 10 am. Teams not involved in the game at hand are to supply umpires.

There are few rules in Salt Spring slow pitch. The main one is to have fun.

GOLF NEWS

BY PAT DOHERTY

There were 27 ladies from the nine-hole section out last week at the Salt Spring Golf Club and closest to the pin on the number 4 approach was Ruby Webster. Two ladies shared the Connie Porter Trophy for chip-ins, Babs Ross on number 1 and Ruby Webster on number 2. Alice Brown took the putt pot and Jean Williams parred number 9 which is a nice way to finish.

The ladies' 18-hole division played Match vs Par. The winner was Connie Hardy with six plusses, Doris Beach was runner-up with five. Irene Hawksworth was winner of the putt pot with 25 putts.

Cowichan ladies played their return match here Tuesday. While it was a tie for the day Salt Spring was

the winner in total points.

A team from Salt Spring visited Uplands Tuesday. With the nice lead they took with them they were able to bring the trophy back with them again.

For the past few weeks Mildred Mitchell and Marie Hopkins have been busy playing senior button matches on various courses. They have won their five matches. Congratulations, ladies.

Under perfect weather conditions 86 players vied for the Shipley Cup. When all the firing was over it was Bill Mills and Jean Hopkins taking the trophy once again. In second place was the team of Eric Bracher and Ada Woodley. There were three teams tied for third spot. In the evening there was a perfect smorgasbord followed by dancing to music by Alex.

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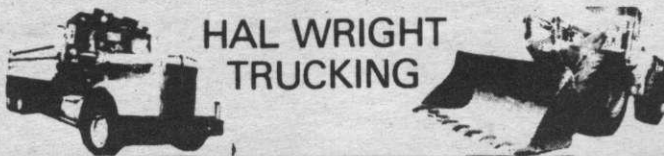
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Group endorses hook-up proposal

A proposal that hooking up to a sewer system in Ganges not be mandatory was endorsed last week by the sewer implementation group.

The proposal was presented to last Tuesday's meeting of the Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force (formerly the sewer implementation committee) by Arthur Lloyd and applies to residences within the sewer area. Such residences, however, may be required to pay "a moderate standby charge."

In other business, the group learned there were no firms available to do a survey to define the area to be sewered. Dave Mathews told the meeting that university students would have to be hired for the project. A cost estimate was to have been forwarded to the Capital Regional District this week.

A questionnaire will be part of the survey.

The task force meets Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Lady Minto Hospital board room.

New sidewalk

A development permit calls for a new sidewalk in Ganges to be surfaced with exposed aggregate.

Pemberton Holmes applied for the permit to put a cement sidewalk in front of the buildings on Fulford-Ganges Road from the meat market to the real estate office.

The sidewalk was needed, noted

the application, to relieve flooding in the area. The existing sidewalk is slightly below grade and water runs from the road and collects on the path.

The sidewalk will have cedar dividers every eight to 10 feet as well as along the curbside at the property line.

Windows missing

Work on creating a new resource centre in a basement room at Salt Spring Elementary School slowed for a bit recently.

But, said supervisor of works Frank Sutherland last week, things

are almost back to normal.

School superintendent Mike Marshall explained the problem to the school board Wednesday.

"Somebody ran off with our windows."



Dennis O'Connor is seen after receiving an award for his work during the recent summer school of

art sponsored by the Federation of Canadian Artists on Salt Spring Island. On the left is Beth

MacDonald, who made the presentation on behalf of her own Ewart Gallery.

Dennis O'Connor gives showing of work in Edmonton gallery

Dennis O'Connor is a Salt Spring Island artist whose works were exhibited in the J. Arends Gallery in Edmonton this spring.

Dennis and Freda O'Connor were residents of the Albertan capital for 20 years before coming out to the islands.

The island painter also took an

active part in the recent summer school of art on Salt Spring Island.

Both husband and wife are architects and met through their involvement in the reconstruction of Coventry, the English Midlands city whose centre was razed by bombs during the Second War.

They came to make their home in Alberta by chance. In Edmonton on holiday from Ghana, they had car troubles and spent time acquainting themselves with the world of architecture in that province. They remained part of the scene for 20 years before coming out west to settle on Salt Spring.

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Bill Cowan matched up with Wendy Smith to win mixed doubles tournament on Saturday. Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Tournament winners are Wendy Smith, Bill Cowan

BY STEPHANIE ROWLEY
The winners of Saturday's mixed doubles tournament at Salt Spring were Bill Cowan and Wendy Smith. Twenty-four teams took part in this all-day event, playing a minimum of four matches. The semis and finals were played at the Olsons' beautiful courts, followed by a very enjoyable barbecue and social evening. Thank you to the Olsons and everyone else who allowed the association to arrange matches on their courts, making this a successful and pleasant day of tennis.

The next open event is the third annual invitational mixed doubles tournament on August 4 and 5. This is a two-day event with a buffet dinner on the Saturday evening at Kanaka Place in Ganges. The intent of this tournament is to provide a tennis weekend for all interested persons living on or associated with the Gulf Islands. All participants are guaranteed a minimum of four matches in a

"knockdown" format which will include four tiers of competition. All players will start in the championship round. Those teams staying in flights A and B through four rounds of competition will be part of the championship flight in a double knockout format. Single pro sets will be considered a match. The association plans to have between six and nine courts available for the tournament, which will be limited to 32 teams. There is a registration deadline of July 29 to enable the organizers to arrange courts and make match draws. So if you plan on playing in this event please get your team entry in as soon as possible to Dr. Andress' clinic in Ganges. If you are an individual player looking for a partner why not ask your team player of the last tournament. The organizers would, of course, like to see everyone out playing in this last scheduled event before the Gulf Islands championship playoffs start later in August.

Archaeologists in race against time, nature at midden site

Archeologists are racing against time and nature to unearth information from the midden on the canal between North and South Pender Islands before the sea claims the area. The site stretches along a kilometre of shoreline and covers about a hectare of land. The midden has revealed artifacts which date habitation of the site back over 4,000 years. But wave action from tides, storms and passing vessels threatens to erode the midden into the sea. The archeologists are from Simon Fraser University and are led by Dr.

Roy Carlson. Funding for the dig, at \$100,000, comes from SFU and the provincial heritage conservation branch. The site had been used by the Coast Salish tribes both for a winter village and for shellfish harvesting grounds. Stone implements such as knives and arrowheads as well as ear plugs and lip spoons similar to those found in Mexico and parts of Africa have been recovered from the site. Other implements made of bone and antlers have also been unearthed. Researchers are hoping to find clues not only of the Salish culture but also why, after centuries of use, the site had been abandoned. Tours of the site are available each morning and afternoon during

the week. B.C. Heritage Trust is covering the cost of the tour guides. Work on the midden is being carried out by students and undergraduates from SFU's archeology department. The Pender site had been identified in 1955 as significant and was purchased by the province in 1976 for \$57,000. Excavation of the midden is expected to last for three years. The dig will be carried on during the summer months and finds will be taken to laboratories for intensive study and analysis during the winter. A provincial archeological office was created in 1971 and since that time more than 1,500 sites have been identified. Sites in the Gulf Islands from the border to Courtenay have been inventoried.

Official commends committee

The traffic safety committee has been doing a good job in the Gulf Islands School District, says an ICBC official, and the members should be commended. The committee, composed of Bob McWhirter, principal at Gulf Islands Secondary School, Tom Watson, principal of Salt Spring Elementary School and Tim Stafford, who worked out of the school board office, had met regularly with Barry Burch of ICBC's traffic safety division. The Gulf Islands committee formed part of a province-wide network which focussed on ways of reducing traffic accidents involving young people. Burch wrote a letter to the school board to explain their work. "These people should be commended for their interest in the students of School District 64," he noted in the letter.

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Important bits of paper are always the ones to get lost

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Every now and again I lose something in the office and I have to clean up. Off comes all the accumulation of months, or years, from the desk and the paper basket fills up like it was snowing.

The cupboards are torn open and ruthlessly gutted. Shelves are rifled and in dire emergency even the garbage cans are examined. In a business largely dependent on bits of paper it is only too easy to lose that one bit of paper you can't afford to lose.

A former boss I worked for had a theory. There are those born into the world to lose things and there are the others whose only purpose in life is to find what was lost for the fellow who lost it. Only trouble with his figuring was that we worked closely together and we were both losers. We lost everything. And the staffer whose function in life was to find that which was lost could go a week without cracking a smile.

It was an urgent matter to her to find whatever had been deliberately hidden by some mysterious being in order to put us to this trouble.

In a way she was the scapegoat. We two knew that the missing document could never be found without outside help. So we got the help and that took care of the matter. So we had no worries and no cares. In addition to undertaking the recovery of the missing document our associate also took on the worries of losing an important item.

A funny thing, you know, she had lines of worry around the forehead and we used to tell her that too much worry could be fatal. So far she's outlived one of us and I have some apprehensions. But it all goes to show that worry isn't nearly as fatal as it is cracked up to be.

I have no outside help nowadays. I have to worry for myself. Worry brings out the worst in a fellow. I stand by the desk mouthing rude words and grinding my teeth in frenzy. They are my own teeth, incidentally. To have his own teeth at my age is considered quite an accomplishment, but I can't for the life of me figure out why it should be. After all, I paid for them with my own hard-earned dollars. So I don't

grind them too much in case I should lose them. Then you might see me worry!

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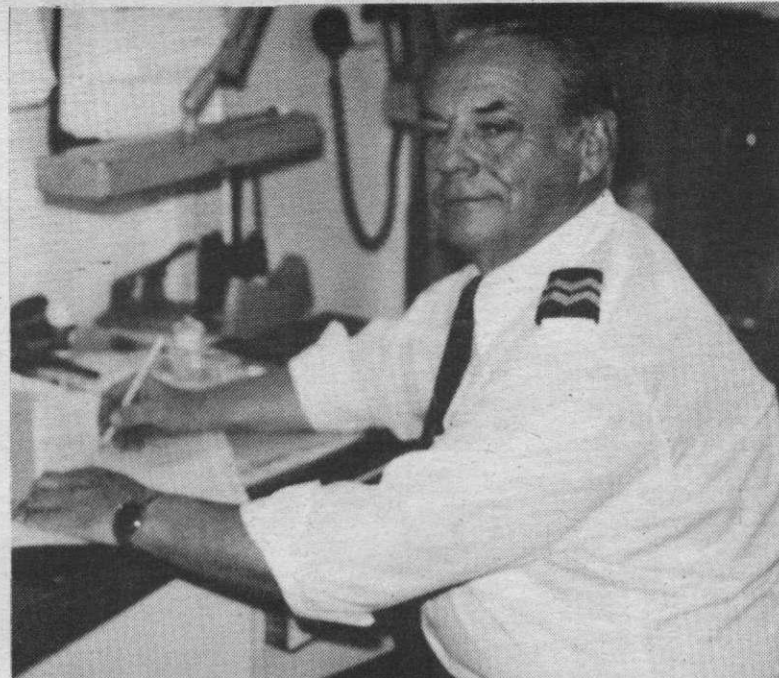
I knew I had this document and I remembered setting it on one side with the sense of relief that it wasn't needed that week and I could leave it for another week without thinking about it. Until Monday, then I started thinking again.

I can see the wood of the desk and the lacework of thousands of papers trying to get away from my shelf has now joined the crowd heading out to the dump. I emptied a cupboard and went through every drawer and cupboard at home where I might have stored it away.

It took me two days to search and I've still got the lines of worry to prove it. I gave up. I explained to a colleague that I'd looked everywhere but without success. He reached one of the open spots on his horribly untidy desk and handed me my papers.

"You left them here two weeks ago," he said, kindly.

It's no life for a quiet, inoffensive fellow like me.



Retires after 24 years

Chief steward Ivar Reinhold of Salt Spring Island has retired after serving 24 years with B.C. Ferries.

He began working for the ferry system June 1, 1960, helping to prepare the *Queen of Tsawwassen* for service while it was still under construction. He also sailed on the *Victoria* before coming to Salt

Spring in 1965. Since then he has worked on the *Queen of the Islands*, the *Sechelt Queen* and the *Queen of Sidney*, before ending his career back on the *Queen of Tsawwassen*. Reinhold was presented with an engraved brass ship's bell recently by Capt. Ian MacLean, who also presented a certificate of merit from the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

Children's book reviews

BY KATHRYN RUSH

Richard Scarry's Best Word Book Ever!

I think this is a very good book for those kids who are just starting out to reading. It has segments such as toys, at the playground, boats, at school, etc. It's easy for young kids to figure out because the word is beside a picture of the word. I recommend this book very much.

Ex-islander in triathlon

A former Salt Spring resident placed 14th in a field of 40 at a triathlon in Alberta recently.

Arthur Buitenwerf of Calgary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Buitenwerf, Rainbow Rd., completed the triathlon in six hours, eight minutes and 22 seconds.

Participants were required to swim two kilometres, ride a bicycle 90 km and run 20 km. The events took place between Sylvan Lake and Red Deer, Alta.

Richard Scarry's Busy, Busy World.

I would definitely recommend this book for kids learning about other countries and their people. It has a short story about a certain character in each country.

Dr. Seuss: Green Eggs and Ham.

Green Eggs and Ham is a good book for kids who have the habit of saying they don't like something before they try it. If kids read this book, they might understand the saying, "You have to try it before you hate it!"

I think this book would appeal to the age groups of 5-7 years old.

Dr. Seuss: I wish that I had duck feet.

This is a good book for kids because it talks about having all those so-called good things like duck feet, moose horns, a lion's tail, etc....

For kids who wish they were something they aren't, I recommend this book totally.

Snow White.

A classic in its own. There is no way I would not recommend this book. Its enchanting way of telling

the classic fairy-tale, "Once upon a time...." and, "They lived happily ever after."

It was a favourite of mine and I'm sure a favourite of kids of today.

Children's book reviews are the work of students at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Planner to identify dangers

The Galiano Island Trust Committee is looking for stretches of highway on that island which pose a potential danger to bicycle riders.

When the matter came up at the recent meeting of the committee, Islands Trust planner Tom Ovanin volunteered to ride his bicycle around the island to identify the dangerous areas.

His offer of assistance was gratefully accepted.

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