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## Fun at the fair

Midway was a big hit with the youngsters who enjoyed the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair on Saturday at the Farmers' Institute property on Rainbow Road. Lisa Stafford is thrilled with whirling swing ride on

the fair grounds. Weather cooperated and thousands of people attended the annual event. List of winners and more photos on Pages 16 and 17.

## Meeting seeks input on development of 1,433 acres

When the planned development of 1,433 acres northwest of St. Mary Lake on Salt Spring Island is completed there could be 394 new lots, accommodating 1,265 people.

Hank Schubart is consultant for the developers and he explained the plans to a meeting of the Salt Spring Planning Association last week.

He told the meeting that the new owners of the properties, Louis Lindholm, a Victoria lawyer, and Brian Lawrence of Vancouver, had retained him as project manager to seek an approach to using the land that would have wide community acceptance.

The project had to be carried out to fit the scheme of life on Salt Spring, he said. The first step in the project, which is expected to take from five to 20 years to complete, is to undertake a series of impact studies to determine how it would affect the island financially and environmentally.

The land stretches from Tripp Road on the easterly side to Sunset Drive on the westerly limit. The south end of the land adjoins properties north of Broadwell and Vesuvius Bay Roads and runs up to the Eagle Ridge subdivision.

Realtor Tom Hoover of Salt Spring Lands stressed that the properties do not front either St. Mary Lake or the ocean. The property lines end at the west side of Tripp Road and the east side of Sunset Drive, he said.

The land is covered by 20 titles and sits in four different land use zones. There are 272 acres of Watershed 1-zoned land which if developed to the limit of 10 acres per

lot could result in 27 lots. The W1 zoned land comprises 19% of the total.

The Agricultural 1-zoned land covers almost 50 acres in a strip along Sunset Drive. The potential, with a 20-acre average, is for two lots, but Schubart said the developers have no plans to subdivide the farmland.

The Rural-zoned land spreads over 918 acres and is 64% of the properties. With a five-acre average for lot sizes, the developers could put 176 lots in the area.

The final zoning classification of

the properties is Rural Residential 2 which allows for a one-acre average lot size. There are close to 193 acres of RR2-zoned land with a potential for 186 lots.

Schubart told the meeting that most of the RR2 land sits in the Duck Creek valley. It would be easy to carve the valley into the potential number of lots but that would not fit with the ideal use of the land, he said.

Schubart said he will be talking with island residents as well as officials from the Islands Trust to get a feeling about where the potential development should go.

It would be up to eight months before even casual plans for the development could be considered, he said.

The developers could follow the existing regulations and zoning bylaws to meet the potential of the properties.

But that would mean having the property carved up and scarred by roads, said Schubart.

He is seeking other ways to meet the subdivision potential of the land. The developers could be willing to trade the potential of some of the land for increased density in other areas of the property.

Another concept being looked at is cluster development to avoid the need for an extensive road system, he indicated.

Hoover described the project as a long-range, comprehensive development. It would not be "chock-a-block splits" which would do damage to the land, he said.

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## Terry Fox Run Sunday

Walkers, runners and joggers on two islands are gearing up for the annual Terry Fox Run Sunday.

At Salt Spring Island the run begins at Gulf Islands Secondary School at 10 am and is 10 km in length. Participants can make a \$5 donation or fill in a pledge sheet available at the school board office in Ganges.

About 56 people took part in the run last year.

Galiano Island's 8 km run also begins at 10 am from Sturdies Bay Garage. Jackie Besler is organizing the event.

According to one report, the Galiano run raised more money than that on Salt Spring last year. Proceeds go to the Terry Fox Cancer Fund.

## Study will examine incorporation as municipality

A steering committee has been chosen to look at the incorporation of Salt Spring Island as a district municipality.

The study, which will look at both the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation, will take about five months with an estimated cost of \$1,500. The money will come from a grant from the ministry of municipal affairs.

Named to the committee are Sid Wigen, Mike Hayes and Ray Hill of the Salt Spring Planning Association; Maureen Bendick of the Parks and Recreation Commission; Marilyn Horsdal of the South Salt Spring Water District; Fire Chief Bob Leask of the fire district; Bev Unger of the Islands Trust; and Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring director to the Capital Region.

The North Salt Spring Water District declined to name a representative but assured the planning association that it would supply any information needed for the study.

In addition to the members of the

steering committee, a tentative study group was named. Clair Nutting, Harry Pickstone and Phil Swift volunteered to take on that task.

The first order of business for the steering committee is to prepare an outline paper of the study for an application for the grant from the ministry of municipal affairs.

When the grant is made available, the study group will begin to gather information to be collated into a report. That report will be presented to the steering committee for consideration and passed on to the Planning Association for further consideration.

At that point, a series of public meetings will be held at various locations on the island to allow residents to reach a consensus on whether to ask the ministry of municipal affairs for a chance to vote on the issue.

The study group will approach the ministries of municipal affairs and highways as well as the Capital Region, the Islands Trust and the surveyor of taxes for information on

what services are currently provided to the island and what those services cost.

The study group will also be looking at what services the potential island municipality would be required to provide and what those services would cost.

The group will check the island tax base to determine the amount of revenue needed as well as the mill rate required to raise that revenue. They will also try to determine what grants would be available to help the fledgling municipality in the first years of its existence.

They will also talk with officials in the North Saanich municipality as well as the electoral areas of Metchosin and Bowen Island.

Metchosin is in the process of setting up a municipal structure. A committee of the planning association had prepared a draft of the proposed study and had listed the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation.

On the positive side, the draft report noted that "self-government would be more democratic than the

existing system."

The municipality would eliminate overlapping jurisdictions "which often provide an excuse for inaction," noted the draft. The municipality would also keep jobs in the administrative and maintenance sides of incorporation on the island.

The administration developed at the local level would respond better to local needs and planning functions would be better focused than is currently the case.

The draft noted that the interests of the island are not always the same as for the Gulf Islands as a whole or for the Capital Region.

On the negative side, if the island were to be incorporated, the Islands Trust would be removed. The draft paper points out that many islanders regard the Trust as "essential for the conservation of resources, the natural environment and wildlife and for the preservation of an island way of life."

A municipality might further encourage the factionalism "which is already so discordant and divisive in island life."

In that vein, a municipality might also create fears in various areas of the island that those areas are being discriminated against and that special interests are not being protected.

The final negative aspect of incorporation as noted by the draft study paper is that "the incorporation of Salt Spring Island as a municipality would have an impact on the other Gulf Islands and some of the effects might be bad."

The steering committee would set the terms of reference for the study, said Planning Association chairman Ray Hill, and would leave the study group to compile the needed information.

Once the grant became available, the study group would need an estimated three months to gather and collate the information. The Planning Association would require about two weeks to consider the results and a further six weeks would be needed to allow the public to make a judgment on the results.

# Development

## From Page 1

The developers are attempting to plan the whole project now but implement the proposals over a number of years.

Officials at the North Salt Spring Water District have indicated that sufficient reserves of water are contained in St. Mary Lake to meet the needs of the subdivision at full potential.

The developers would have to pay a capital improvement levy of \$2,000 per lot which would provide \$788,000 to the water district. The money would be used to upgrade the water mains leading to the subdivision while the developers

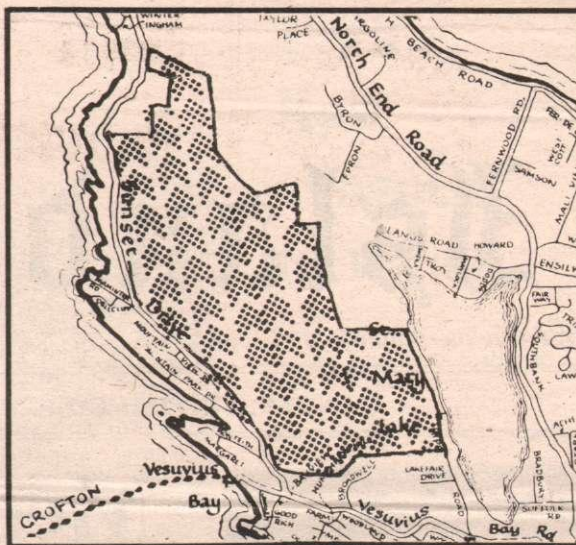
would be responsible for the water mains in the area.

Hoover pointed out that the full development would benefit other water users in that area of the island because of the improvements to the lines. The development would also add more money to the water district budget through more users, he explained.

Schubart told the meeting that the project requires close study because it would affect schools, roads, the hospital and the tax base of Salt Spring, among other aspects.

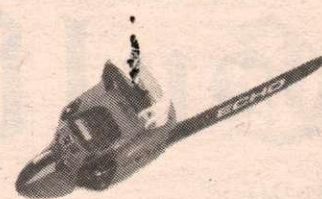
He offered to meet with any group that wants information on the project.

The shaded area shows the approximate extent of the 1,433 acres to be developed. The watershed of St. Mary Lake runs along the edge of the property.



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# One-third of building permits go to islands

Of the total of 293 new dwellings started in the Capital Regional District so far this year, 89 were in the islands. The building permits listed by the region show that on Salt Spring Island permits have been issued in respect of 33 single-family dwellings and three mobile homes. In the Outer Islands permits included 50 single-family dwellings and three mobile homes.

The region issued permits for 79 commercial and industrial projects in the first seven months of the year. Of this total 12 referred to projects on Salt Spring Island and four to the Outer Islands.

Value of residential and commercial permits for all the electoral areas of the region amounted to \$23,463,223. Of this figure, the Outer Islands accounted for \$3,128,093 and Salt Spring Island permits were valued at \$3,034,228.

### MULTIPLE DWELLINGS

In the region there were permits for 46 units in duplex structure and multiple dwellings. None was in the islands and all were located in Langford and Colwood, to the west of Victoria.

There were six mobile home permits in the islands, three on Salt Spring and three on the Outer Islands. The regional total was 19 such homes. Highest concentration was in Sooke, where eight of the mobile homes are located.

In the islands there were 19 single-family permits and two mobile homes on the Penders as well as one commercial structure, all valued at \$1,291,259. On Galiano there were 15 permits for single-family dwellings and one mobile home, with two commercial operations with a total price tag of \$927,228.

### MAYNE AND SATURNA

Mayne and Saturna each issued six permits for single homes, while

the former saw one permit for a commercial structure. Mayne value was set at \$510,755 and Saturna, \$252,634.

On Salt Spring, so far this year, there has been one permit for demolition with one each on Pender and Saturna.

The month of July accounted for 19 single-family dwellings and one

mobile home with a gross value of \$482,369 in the Outer Islands and \$1,099,304 on Salt Spring Island. Salt Spring's July total included two commercial permits in the month.

In the Outer Islands, July totals broke down into two dwellings and a mobile home on the Penders, four dwellings on Galiano and one on Saturna.

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These new procedures are intended to reduce the high number of "no shows", particularly for weekend travel.

Our reservation agents have been closely monitoring "no shows" and late cancellations for a number of months, and through personal contact with the "no show" passengers, have been able to reduce the problem to some extent.

However, "no-shows" have continued as high as 40% for weekend travel.

Where passengers have cancelled reservations, 31% cancelled just a day before sailing and 36% on the day of sailing. These cancellations have come too late to benefit other passengers.

BC Ferries hopes that these new Gulf Island reservation procedures will enable more passengers to confirm their travel plans.

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**The termites were here!**

You've never seen a finer harvest of termites! They were everywhere last week, in my hair, on my shirt and inside my clothing. The termites are revolting. And I was revolted. But it made no difference to the natural helicopter of rotting British Columbia timber.

They were revolting against being exposed to the light, so they lighted on anything that looked edible and disappeared. A lot of them disappeared into the cavernous bellies of other hungry creatures and a fair number are to serve as the Sunday dinner for a few embryo wasps. Then the cats got a lot of them and a good many dogs slapped them down. The rest are, no doubt, already gnawing their way into my house foundations.

**Island salmon for the Pope**

Serving visiting dignitaries is nothing new to Johnny Christianson of S.S. Sea Products in Ganges. When he was asked to cater to the Pope's luncheon he took it in his stride. On Monday the Salt Spring Island smoked salmon was picked up for Tuesday's break between the outdoor mass at Abbotsford and the appearance of Pope John Paul in B.C. Place. Johnny was blase about it.

"We serve all the dignitaries," he told me. When Queen Elizabeth was last here, she, also, enjoyed Johnny Christianson's specialty, he reported. The hoi-polloi, of course, are satisfied with Ganges kippers, another of Johnny's specialties.

**They don't need exercise!**

I got the word from a reader: "This department requires no physical fitness program. Everyone gets enough exercise jumping to conclusions, flying off the handle, running down the boss, knifing friends in the back, dodging responsibility and pushing their luck."

**Overweldigende winst voor conservatief Mulrone!**

I had another message in the mail. It came from Wayne Pearce of Ganges, who is making his own pilgrimage to Normandy, and other well-remembered places. But the Pearce message is in Dutch. He sent me a clipping from *Buitenland*, Sept. 6, showing a picture of Brian and Mila Mulrone with the announcement of the Sept. 4 election results. It is surprising just how easy it is to read, he commented. With no knowledge of the language it is possible to read it through and learn of the election results and the overwhelming win by the Conservative party. In Holland they apparently don't recognize the Progressive element. He overcame John Turner after a 21-year Liberal administration, says the report, and holds 211 of the 288 parliamentary seats. There is much that is simply not comprehensible, but to a wandering Canadian in Europe there was enough to give any Tory a lift! Wayne was planning to visit Normandy. He is travelling in the company of Arthur Halfnights, another Ganges veteran. They set out from Brussels, where they rented a car and were en route for Normandy after a couple of days in the Ypres-Vimy areas.

**Dief the conservatief**

And that story makes history a rhyming slang. You had Dief, the conservatief chief. Or you would've if he'd been translated.

**He only looked to the ice**

I waited and I waited, but they never said. The CBC announcer was reporting on Sunday's visit to Winnipeg of Pope John Paul II. The Winnipeg mass would be at 3 pm and that is 5 pm, eastern time, he told us. Like any other national service, he forgot that there are Canadians living west of Winnipeg. But that, of course, is going to change! The forgetting, not the living, I would point out.

**Worse and worse when it's verse**

Esther Hengstler found an old purse at the Thrift Shop in Ganges. In the purse was a rhyme which she sent me:  
*A bumble bee is a busy soul, who doesn't practise birth control.  
And that's the reason, I found out, why there are so many sons of bees about!*

**Veteran oarsman at service club**

Closest most Salt Spring Island Lions are likely to come to the Olympic games was entertaining Nick Toulmin on Thursday evening. Nick came with his proud daddy, Bill, as a veteran of the Canadian Olympic rowing team. He was warmly greeted by president Santy Fuoco.

**Wholly different**

I've had a couple of holy thoughts as a result of the prominence given during the past week to the visit of Pope John Paul. The first is that you might say of the fellow who enters the ministry that he's a holy different man today. And the frequent questions as to the likelihood of the Pope's changing his stand on matters within his church put me in mind of the stop sign outside the school on Rainbow Road in Ganges. The sign was there for a long time warning drivers and offering instruction on how to conduct themselves at the road junction. But experience proved that drivers didn't care for the advice and continued to drive through without reference to the stop sign. Something had to be done and done quickly. It was. The instruction was withdrawn and the advice to drivers was changed to the popular view. The sign was taken down. The road junction is, however, still there.

# Salt Spring Island man proposes world peace institute in Vancouver

A Salt Spring Islander active in the Canadian peace movement has proposed the establishment of a world peace institute in Vancouver in time for Expo 86.

Don Erickson, originator of the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign, says such an institution would serve world peace by functioning as a communications, research and program production centre. It would seek new ways "to span national, racial, social, religious and ideological differences and to offer solutions—whether economic, social or technical—to outstanding international problems."

More specifically, says Erickson in a written proposal, the institute would function as:

- an exchange centre of

information and ideas;

- a meeting place for world scholars, officials, researchers, etc., and a major conference centre;

- a production centre for video and audio-taped programs, motion pictures, books, etc.;

- a distribution centre for the above;

- a research centre seeking ways to improve understanding between people, to solve conflict-resolution problems, and to activate new programs and projects to further world peace;

- a Pacific Rim study centre focusing on East-West problems.

Erickson, described by the Vancouver Peace Centre Society as "one of the leading visionaries in Canada's peace movement," foresees the world peace institute becoming the first world university.

"This university will offer multiple disciplines to students seeking to relate their skills and training to the furtherance of a peaceful, healthful and prospering world," he says.

Erickson has also proposed the construction of a world peace pavilion at Expo.

He has already made the proposal for a world peace institute to a Vancouver city council committee

and to federal political leaders.

Erickson's brother, well known architect Arthur Erickson, is also working on the proposal and has volunteered to do the design work.

## Grant was for tickets

The Lions Club received a grant-in-aid, says Salt Spring regional director Hugh Borsman, but the money wasn't to help cover the cost of a barbecue.

He was responding to questions from island residents about why the Lions Club was given \$80. The money went towards the purchase of 16 tickets to the barbecue for the participants in the Canada World Youth program on the island, he explained.

The participants attended the barbecue as a means of getting to know the community and to let the community get to know them.

## Regulations changed

With the advent of hunting season, RCMP warn of changes to the hunting regulations on Salt Spring.

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## Herbicide spraying

The Capital Regional District has called on two governments to tighten up regulations on spraying poisons.

The region has asked for tighter control of spraying herbicides on railway rights-of-way, recreation grounds and other areas accessible to the public. It has been evident that children and adults often stray over the invisible property lines and pick berries which have been sprayed in this manner. The pickers are exposed to the effects of the killer that was aimed at destroying the berry.

Tighter controls and adequate public warnings are both needed, urged the regional board.

There will be few to challenge the need for protection of the public from noxious sprays.

But the legislation, if any should one day be enacted, could well include B.C. Hydro rights-of-way. There are island families who are convinced that their children are suffering from congenital disorders, the direct result of the spraying of Hydro rights-of-way over the islands.

They should not be left out.

## Motor vehicle testing

There are no government-sponsored motor vehicle testing stations in British Columbia. They were among the first victims when recession hit the province.

There was no sharp outcry at their closure. To many drivers they were a nuisance. They were a trap to the unwary who neglected to have a vehicle tested at the required time. And they were a threat to the driver who was less than scrupulous in his care and attention to detail.

When the ski party was transported by bus from Saanich to Mount Washington earlier in the year and two students died, a closer attention was given to vehicle testing than had been the case earlier. The subsequent enquiry into the crash was scathing in its assessment of vehicle testing. All vehicles used in the transport of people should be checked in great detail, said the enquiry. And all vehicles used to transport students should be still more closely checked.

If checking stations were, in fact, so valuable and if the government could no longer afford the cost of operating such an important service, why not hand it over to the community, asked directors of the Capital Regional District. It was not illogical. Many services which had been too expensive for the province have become the liability of the communities. Not the least of these is the bus service. Once the responsibility of B.C. Hydro and the province, bus services are now substantially paid for by levies on the population.

The minister said, "No."

Director Mel Couvelier said, "Let's look again."

The procedural rules of the regional board said, "Let's wait six months!"

It leaves the observer without an answer.

Does nobody really care?

Or is vehicle testing of less importance than proper procedures?

## A new government

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Tony Richards

**SCOTT BERGSTROME** was feeling a little "insecure" Thursday night but that didn't stop him from dishing out heaping portions of insults to his fellow Slugs at their (monthly?) banquet at the Fulford Inn.

It was an awards banquet sans awards, which in the world of the Slugs means that each player can expect to be the target of rude remarks from either Bergstrom or Ian Jukes, depending upon who's in better form.

On Thursday it was Bergstrom. The reason for his feeling of insecurity, which seemed rather brief, was that Carole Gear had asked him to take charge of the Fall Fair pentathlon, a job at which Scott excels and therefore does every year.

But Carole urged him to "make it a lot better than last year."

On top of that, he went on, seeking sympathy from an unsympathetic crowd. Jukes had asked him to be "a little less boring" than at the last Slugs' banquet.

I could, at this point, be rude and say he failed but that would not be fair because I have only vague memories of the last Slug feast. I can in fact, recall only two things: a long line of empty B-52 glasses and a bill for my dinner. (I was an invited guest, which made the bill a little harder to pay).

As it turned out, Bergstrom was not overly boring (and he did see that my meal was paid for this time).

The feeling of disappointment was quite evident when he told the expectant crowd that there would be no awards due to the Slug organization's financial difficulties.

Lorraine Topping (there's one in every crowd) had to interject at this point: "You're going to the D.O.G.'s, right?"

No one laughed.

But the silence didn't last long as Scott got on with his lengthy speech.

We heard all kinds of witticisms, such as: Peter Huser is the only guy who's played every position on the team because he can't play any of them. And on it went.

Highlight of the evening was the singing of the Slugs' Song, sung to the tune of "Hey, hey, we're the Monkeys."

It was a memorable evening.

**IMMEDIATELY BEFORE** the Slugs' banquet, Slug hockey players were trying to pick up a few tips on ice skating with a stick in one's hands.

The rest of us, meanwhile, were watching one of the best hockey games ever seen, in which Team Canada proved its critics (including me) wrong and beat the Soviets 3-2 with a goal by Mike Bossy 12 minutes into overtime.

With end-to-end action throughout, the game was a lot like the last one of the Islanders-Rangers series in last season's Stanley Cup playoffs, only better.

As this is being written, Canada appears to be headed for victory in the final over Sweden, but after Sunday's game (yawn) I'm not expecting much in the way of excitement. If it had started an hour later I would have fallen asleep before it was over.

**MATT ROBLEY** reports that purchasers of lambs at the auction Saturday have every reason to be pleased with the goods.

Salt Spring 4-H Club members auctioned market lambs at the fair and Matt bought two. They weren't too fat, he said, and one weighed in at 118 lbs. live and 55 lbs. dressed.

**I CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED** the hand of Basil Benger at the typewriter in at least one portion of this week's Galiano news.

In case you haven't read it yet, Basil makes some observations about Coon Bay at summer's end, and how it reminds one of "an aging whore, its beauty desecrated by the ravages of time and man."

Others will no doubt ask the same question that popped into my mind upon reading it: how many aging whores enjoy the pleasure of Basil's acquaintance?

**THOUGHTS AT RANDOM:** Reports that there were more wasps than people at Saturday's fair were false. According to **Paul MacKenzie**, there were few reports of stings. But I'm glad I wasn't selling cotton candy...I hope Fernwood School teachers aren't blaming me for the trick that has been played upon them by my son. He went off to school Monday morning armed with a miniature plastic toilet that squirts water at you when you lift the lid. I understand that teacher **Jane Manhein** and principal **Glenn Woodley** were among the victims...If you're in business of any kind don't miss the **Bill Gibson** seminar at Ganges next month. I was at one of his seminars a couple of months ago. It was informative and very entertaining...September 30 is the deadline for purchasing tickets on the rock in Ganges Harbour. A reminder that the deadline is close came in last week's mail, complete with a photo of a mermaid sitting on a rock. And people accuse me of being sexist...The wheels are finally in motion following a proposal made some three months ago by Salt Spring artist **Allan Edwards**. In a letter to the editor Edwards, the driving force behind an art school on the island, suggested clearing a piece of property adjacent to the highway at Hundred Hills for a viewpoint. The chamber of commerce is following up the idea and **Dan Scoones** of the highways ministry is going to check it out this week.

# Letters to the Editor

## 'Let's not fool ourselves'

Sir,  
I have read with interest the article on homosexuality by A Zamorano (*Driftwood*, September 5, 1984). This seems to be a very vexed question within the church at present.

If we accept the scripture as the Word of God and the final authority on matters of morality there can be no dispute about what it says. A Zamorano has clearly stated and documented this.

We have seen in recent years, however, a new morality which rejects the biblical standards as too rigid and substitutes a more liberal permissive attitude. Many well meaning and humanitarian people, even in our churches embrace this new lifestyle.

Let us not fool ourselves, however, that this is God's morality. We can't have it both ways. Wrong will not become right because we say so.

**P. LARSEN,**  
Victoria,  
September 8, 1984.

## Writer responds

Sir,  
Allow me to make a brief reply to your readers' reply on my article No Reference To Bible In Stand On Homosexuality (*Driftwood*, September 5, 1984).

I rejoice that Mr. J. Bailey concurs in that the loving preaching of the Gospel to homosexuals must aim at their regeneration. But sadly, it is not at all surprising that a highly prepared religious leader as Mr. Bailey catalogues the theological arguments on homosexuality as "confused". I would, in all humility, respond as Jesus responded to the highly scholarly prepared religious leaders of His own time: "You are in error because you don't know the Scriptures" (Matt 22:29)

Mrs. Williamson's critique is objective and commendable. We must, however, finally come to our senses and recognize that the teachings of Jesus and of His Apostles are based in the Old Testament. Admittedly, each time the New Testament mentions "Scriptures" an immediate connection is made with the Torah, the Psalms and the Prophets! Christians must once and for all understand that only the Sacrificial Legislation of the Torah (with all its festivities and other addenda) has been abolished by Jesus' Atonement.

On the other hand, Paul, as referred to in my article, is far distanced from Leviticus (more than a millennia!) and yet he corroborates the perverted sexual attitudes interdicted in the Torah. Finally, didn't Jesus say, "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter...will by any means disappear from the Law (Torah) until everything is accomplished" (Matt 5:18)??

**ALEX ZAMORANO,**  
Ganges,  
September 1984.

## It's a form of human love

Sir,  
The bible can and has been quoted in support of capital punishment, slavery, racism, and war. In it, people are urged by their god to stone to death, hang or burn people of other faiths, stubborn sons, and wayward daughters. The deity can also be found to recommend banishing of illegitimate children, practising of usury only on people of other tribes, the casting out of barren wives, the engaging in bigamy.

If the biblical view of homosexuals is accepted, what about its pronouncements on bankers, bastards, and black people? Selective quoting of the bible has ever been used to serve people's prejudices at the expense of tolerance and love.

Unlike A. Zamorano (*Driftwood*, September 5, 1984) though I deeply regret the United Church's decision to bar homosexuals from the ministry, I admire any of the churches with courage to reexamine their views of what is, after all, not an abomination but simply one of the forms of human love.

**JANE RULE,**  
The Fork, Rte. 1,  
Galiano,  
September 7, 1984.

## Sin is still sin

Sir,  
Despite the urgings of modern theologians (false apostles?), the God of my bible still calls sin, sin. And, he still has the power to deliver those who would repent and call on the name of Jesus. For, He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5, Niv.

Praise his wonderful name!  
**EDWARD ARMSTRONG,**  
R.R. 1, Ganges,  
September 12, 1984.

## Eating shrimp also unclean

Sir,  
Your article on homosexuality and the bible of September 5 neglects to mention there are a great many other things termed "unclean" in Leviticus, among them eating shrimp.

Why is it that fundamentalist "Christians" selectively (read bigotedly) observe only some of the Leviticus strictures? Orthodox Jewish sects, for example, observe them all, and so far as I know, do not find it necessary to obtrude their beliefs on the rest of us.

Could that be because they have better sense, and better manners, than *Driftwood* and your Senor or Senora Zamorano?

**JOHN ROGERS,**  
Box 733,  
Ganges,  
September 8, 1984.

## A job well done

Sir,  
Special thanks to all of the Co-operative Nursery School parents and volunteers who have worked so hard to develop the Community Centre's grounds.

We have had many compliments on a job well done.  
**BARBARA JORDAN-KNOX,**  
Community Centre Director,  
September 17, 1984.

## Homosexuality still a sin

Sir,  
I agree with the article by Mr. A. Zamorano on the issue of homosexuality (*Driftwood*, September 5). It was, and is still a sin and an abomination in the eyes of the Lord, and should have no place in our society, let alone the clergy.

The legal penalty today is far less severe or non-existent compared to the death penalty of the Old Testament book of Leviticus.

God loves the sinner, but still judges the sins of immorality such as homosexuality. The penalty shows up not so much in the courts of our legal system, but may show up in the sick and diseased bodies of the participants and sometimes even their offspring.

A.I.D.S. has been sarcastically called "Jerry Falwell's Revenge." It isn't his, but I believe it is one of the consequences of sexual sin that was promised to those that disobey God's basic laws of morality.

God said through the inspired writings of Moses in Exodus 15:16 that He would put none of the diseases that plagued other godless nations upon the children of Israel if they obeyed His commandments and kept His laws.

Even in the New Testament we read in 1 Corinthians 11:27-32 that some people are weak, some sick and that some have died as a result of not being right before the Lord in their heart and life; when coming to the communion table to take the bread and the wine.

Homosexuality is not specifically mentioned in this passage, but it refers to any sin that one may be trying to cover up by not repenting of it and seeking forgiveness for it.

We are now in the days of Grace (Ephesians 2:8,9) and not obliged to obey every Bible law for Salvation as was true in Old Testament times. The Bible gives clear instruction on how to be clean, physically, spiritually, mentally, socially and morally. These laws are still practical in our generation.

I believe that if we as individuals and a nation would be more obedient to the laws and commandments of the Bible, that our hospitals, courts of law and government institutions would be much less crowded. Then we, as a people, would be happier and more prosperous.

I conclude therefore, that homosexuality and other sexual sins condemned in the Bible, should have no place in our society and especially not in the lives of our spiritual leaders, the Clergy.

**DAVID KEMPLING,**  
R. R. 2, Ganges,  
September 14, 1984.



Bill Webster

## He couldn't graduate

A bonus involved in use of this space is the letters which come in.

The following missive came from Eric Booth in early September.

Dear Billy:

Gee whiz Billy, I just read in *Driftwood* of your latest accident and I marvelled out loud to the wife that you must either be one of the luckiest or unluckiest people on this island.

I mean to say, like gee! this must be your fourth or fifth in just over a year and you've once again escaped only bruised.

How lucky can one guy be?

I mean, golly, some guys only get one chance.

Anyways, the reason I'm printing this letter, Billy, is that after hearing about your misfortune (or fortune), my kids Neacol, 5, and Jarrod, 3, said that although a lot of accidents are caused by drinking drivers (my kids watch a lot of TV, eh?) there are some people who've just never really had a benefit of learning how to drive a car safely.

Now mind you, they're only children but I thought to myself just in case you've had a deprived childhood, I'd take it on myself to open an account at the Bank of Montreal to see if I could raise enough money to send you to a driving school.

Now I know you'll probably want to thank me, but gee, in some ways I sort of feel that in the long run I just might be helping my kids or my wife or somebody else by doing this little bit of kindness for you.

Your ever thoughtful fellow human being,

Eric Booth.

P. S.

Oh yeah, if any of your friends or associates would like to contribute they may do so by depositing their donations in the "Send Billy Webster to Driving School Before It's Too Late

Fund," account number 5080-422 at the Bank of Montreal. Stay tuned, Billy.

Now that's what I call friendship.

But, Eric, you got one thing wrong. The Patriotic Pickup has only had a minor skirmish with a cement step before it decided to take a nap at the side of the road.

It has been almost a year since the Concertina was taken off the road due to terminal dents. The Datsun tried to skate up a telephone pole and the Plymouth tried to climb a pole at the same curve.

Mind you, Eric, I consider myself a good driver. It's just that I seem to lack good judgement.

However, if sufficient funds funnel into the account, I would consider it an honour to attend a driving school. Truth to tell, the last driving school I attended wouldn't let me graduate.

The instructor mumbled something about old dogs and new tricks just before they carted him away to the padded cell.

Actually, eight accidents in the time I've been on this rock is not a bad average. The score so far is three wrecks, a lost ear and torn muscles. The Patriotic Pickup remains mobile and I'll have the canopy back on soon.

The gang at the North Salt Spring Ferry Turnaround waiting room are also considering a collection for the cause.

But that bunch want to purchase a horse and buggy for me. The horse will be taught the route to the mansion so that I won't have to worry about such things as staying on the road.


Rumour has it that B. C. Tel is going to chip in to help out.


I prefer your idea better, Eric, and hopefully enough money can be found to fill the account.

Stay tuned, Eric.

### More letters—Page 6

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## More Letters to the Editor

### Two sought them out

Sir,

During the recent election campaign the North Galiano Hall was the venue for two political meetings. Progressive Conservative Don Taylor and later Liberal Mike Coleman sought us out.

They both impressed. It is good for a community to meet party hopefuls and important for those seeking power to know those they would represent—all of them, in every corner of the riding.

**A. F. ROSS,**  
North Galiano.  
September 8, 1984.

### Concession well supported

Sir,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support of our food concession at the Fall Fair this year.

As you may be aware no function like the Fall Fair could occur without the generosity of individuals who donate their time and materials. In particular I would like to thank all of the Rotarians

and their wives who helped in the preparation, organization, serving and clean-up activities. Among the many others who helped make our day a success a special thank you to Grant Carignan, who arranged the purchase of our groceries, the Garners who helped us with our propane needs, Faye Hawkes for her expertise in the kitchen, John Christianson who allowed us to chill our pop, and Halvor Eide of Cubbon who donated the use of lumber for the concession stand.

Once again thank you one and all. The proceeds of our efforts and your support will go a long way to financing the varied Youth Projects and Scholarships that the Rotary Club sponsors.

**TIM STAFFORD,**  
President-elect,  
Salt Spring Rotary Club,  
September 17, 1984.

### Accurate coverage

Sir,

Now that the electoral dust from the recent Federal campaign has settled, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you for very fair and evenhanded coverage of my campaign in Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands.

I am also pleased to thank publicly those who worked so hard on my behalf, particularly in being responsible for the highly visible Saturday morning Farmers' Market booth in Ganges.

I enjoyed the opportunity of meeting so many people and am pleased to have had the chance to offer myself for public service.

Again, I express my particular appreciation to the local media and *Driftwood* in particular for accurate and fairminded coverage throughout.

**MIKE COLEMAN,**  
Liberal candidate.  
September 12, 1984.

### They still don't know

Sir,

In regards to J. Hull's comments last week, "What do winners look like," we still don't know!!! We are involved in a fun beer league, not in a major league franchise.

The Roy Lee Memorial Slowpitch tourney does not high-lite World Series play.

If you want to see players walked rather than red-necked rubbies bumble, then turn on the tube.

**R. PULTKE,**  
**D. TAYLOR,**  
Fulford Harbour.  
September 1984.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BY HUGH BORSMAN

### Salt Spring Regional Director

Just four short items that may be of interest to you:

#### Noise Control Bylaw

I have moved slowly with this proposal since, until the last few weeks, I have had almost no indication of interest on your part. Then, suddenly, I have had a number of letters supporting such a bylaw.

I thank you for them. Some are of a general nature, but others refer to specific problems and these include: noisy traffic on Ganges Hill, racing and noisy cars in Ganges village at night, gunfire from the Rod and Gun Club, the Harbour House Pub, motorcycle activity near the dump on Blackburn Road, and late night noise at the various beaches.

I have booked the school board office for a meeting at 8 pm on Thursday, Sept. 27, and would hope that those who are interested, and particularly those who wrote me, would attend and help draft a bylaw that suits our specific needs. I would

hope that those who are being criticized would also attend and protect their interests.

#### Special events bylaw

The special events bylaw for Fraser Fort George (Prince George area) was chosen by the CRD solicitor as the one which would best be a model for this area.

I have suggested a number of changes, and a draft should be available in a few weeks. You will have ample opportunity to study it and perhaps suggest alterations.

#### The Ganges sewer

A specified area for the Ganges sewer has been determined by the Task Force, and the CRD board has approved it. Minor changes may become necessary.

The next step is a close study of the properties within this area so that a reasonably accurate determination of costs can be ascertained. This work is being done by the CRD finance department, and these figures should be available in a week or so.

#### Centennial Park

As *Driftwood* will no doubt report, I finally received a copy of the lease to the CRD from lands, parks and housing. As anticipated, it allows for the continuation of the Saturday market.

The lease has been sent to the CRD solicitor, and when it returns, it is expected that the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, as agents for the CRD, will be asked to meet with the Chamber of Commerce to hear their proposals and comments.

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### Open house Thursday

Sir,

The Katimavik participants have been treated with nothing but kindness during our first two weeks on Salt Spring Island. We would like to reciprocate by inviting all the people of Salt Spring to our Open House on Thursday, Sept. 20th at 7:30 pm.

The Open House will feature displays illustrating the eight action-based learning programs which formulate the objectives of the whole Katimavik experience. This event will not only give everyone an opportunity to learn more about the Katimavik program but it will give us a chance to develop a better awareness of the Salt Spring community. It is a potluck affair—so bring some finger food. You will find us at 800 Lower Ganges Rd.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continuing kindness. If you ever happen to see any of us walking along Lower Ganges Rd. feel free to stop and pick us up. We certainly would appreciate the ride!

**COLLEEN WEBER,**  
Participant,  
Katimavik.  
September 1984.

### 'Folktales' wanted

Sir,

I am teaching a course on the Folklore of Canada at Simon Fraser this fall, and hope to have a similar course with Continuing Education on Salt Spring. This reminded me that I have not so far sought out any songs and stories on the island, and I want to ask your readers if they can help me in this.

What I am on the lookout for is what are called "folktales" by scholars, though others call them fairy tales, tall tales, and the like, as well as songs of all kinds. Any readers knowing any material like this are urged to contact me at the address below.

While I have the typewriter in front of me, I might as well comment on Rosemary Baxter's somewhat fuzzy article on Christianity and the homosexual.

I was a bit startled to see that the slang "faggot" derives from the Christian habit of burning such at the stake and I'd like to get chapter and verse on this. I suspect it is another piece of folklore.

**MURRAY SHOOLBRAID,**  
Box 407,  
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September 13, 1984.

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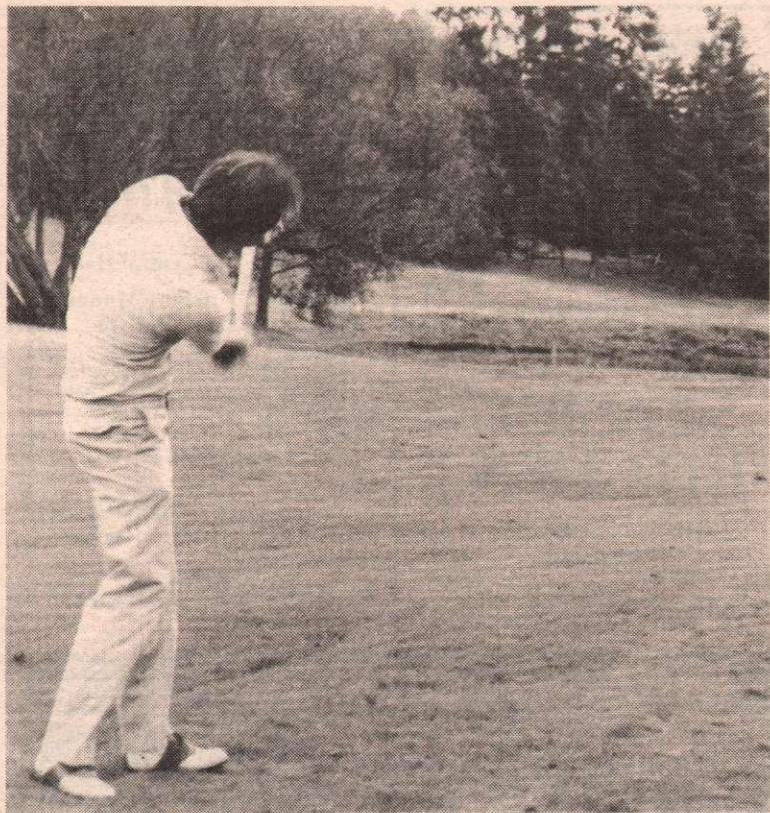
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### Club champion

Richard Nemeth added another laurel to his accomplishments at the Salt Spring Golf Club last weekend when he won the Crofton Cup as club champion. He earlier took top spot in the Salt Spring Invitational.

Nemeth carded a 309 for 72 holes to lead Malcolm Robertson who came second with a 319. Winner of the event last year was Rick Andrews who came third with a 320. Fred Broadbent took low net with 264.

## GOLF NEWS

### BY PAT DOHERTY

The nine-hole ladies' section of the Salt Spring Golf Club played the first round of the Legion Cup on September 12. There were 26 ladies out. They will play the final round today (Wednesday). The putt pot was won by Lillian McNulty.

There were two chip-ins, Jo Stone on number 1 and Frankie Crampton on number 4. On September 10, Jo Stone got a hole-in-one on number 2.

The ladies' 18-hole division played the qualifying round for the Wilson Cup. This is a gross competition for the club championship. Low gross on Tuesday was Irene Hawksworth with 85, runner-up Connie Hardy with 90. There will be matches played on Friday and Monday.

Tuesday, the finals of all flights will be played to determine our club champion and other winners. Winner of the putt pot was Marg Frattinger with 27 putts.

In men's play last week they played for the Butt and Brown Trophies. The Brown event, which is for low gross, was won by Ralf Cossey, with Trev Taylor in the runner-up spot. In the Butt competition, which is net play, there was a three-way tie for the winner's spot between Jack Dosco, Harald Wichman and Fred Broadbent. These three will play off to decide the winner.

The club championships were decided on Sunday with the winner being Richard Nemeth, 309, and the runner-up Malcolm Robertson, 319. The consolation flight was a net affair won by Fred Broadbent with net 265. Runner-up was Jack

# DOWN THE GUTTER

### BY TERRY JENKINS

Bowling season has begun, and the first full week produced a few high scores and, I am sure, low ones, as we all try to find our form.

A point to remember for beginners and experienced bowlers: try not to throw the ball—the idea is to bowl (roll) the ball. Accuracy is more desirable than velocity.

Welcome back bowlers from last season and a special welcome to new bowlers. It's nice to have you with us.

High bowlers for our first week of the season: Carol Kaye 913, (217, 249, 337), Steve Marleau 766, (243, 211, 312), Terry Jenkins 731 (158, 286, 287), 728 (222, 288, 218), Frank Keoppel 719 (199, 246, 274).

300 games: Carol Kaye 337, Julie Collins 320, Terry Jenkins 388, Steve Marleau 312.

Bowlers of the week: ladies, Carol Kaye; men, Steve Marleau.

### G.-A. SCORES

Scores handed in are:  
250 or over: Helen White 269, Flo Kavanagh 262, Lil Nicholls 252, Ed Allan 251.

Over 200: Geoff Baker 220, 207, Art Robinson 220, John Richardson 219, Babs Ross 213, Les Giles 209, Flora Robinson 204, Gladys Harper 204, Lydia Purser 203, Jim Cook 202.

Over 600: Helen White 626, Jim Cook 603.

### PARTICIPATE IN THE Terry Fox Run

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It is this continued support that has enabled us to campaign effectively and to keep the party in the running.

We have won a great national victory.

We are all part of a great national party of which we can be proud.

I encourage you all to take heart and together we will work on in support of our Conservative principles and in the kind of Canada in which we can all be proud.

Again many thanks,

Don & Mavis Taylor



**Laying sod**

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

It took the work crew almost two days to lay 2,200 yards of new sod on the soccer field at Salt Spring's Portlock Park. From left, Sylvie Bedard of Katimavik from Montreal rakes the ground while

Bradley Graham and Charlie Hume put down some grass. Malcolm Legg makes sure it's done right. In the background are other participants of Katimavik helping

out. The drainage in the field was also fixed and the Parks and Recreation Commission put in approximately \$9,000 to improve the park.

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**Eleven parcels added to specified area**

The Ganges defined area for a sewer system was enlarged by the addition of 11 parcels last week.

The area to be sewered was drawn up by the Ganges task force in mid-August. The additional properties have been added at the direction of the health department, directors were told.

L. H. Potter had identified the 11

lots to be included, while another 11 lots could be added as service is available, he said.

Medical officer of health Dr. A. S. Arneil told the board that the need for a sanitary sewer to serve the named lots arises from the very high water table in the vicinity of Swanson's Pond. The soil is saturated there, he said.

When the board approved the addition of the listed parcels, director Ernie Beland asked whether the treasurer now had sufficient data to prepare an accurate estimate of the costs involved in the sewerage of Ganges.

Treasurer Bill Jordan reported that subject to a report from the engineering department he can go ahead.

There will be a vote in Ganges, directors were assured, but it has not yet been settled whether it will be made by referendum or by petition.

The B.C. Coroners Service is seeking applications from individuals living on Salt Spring Island who are interested in becoming a Community Coroner. This is a fee-for-service position. We are only interested in individuals having sound judgment, an inquiring mind, and the ability to deal with the public in a positive manner. Further, this individual should not be hesitant in the pursuit of additional knowledge in the medical, legal or judicial fields. If you feel you have the potential to serve society in a diligent and trustworthy manner, then please submit a resume by regular post to the following address:

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**Spraying concerns board**

Capital Regional District has expressed concern over the broad use of pesticides within the region boundaries.

On Wednesday last week the board approved a recommendation from its community health committee calling for additional restrictions on the spraying of chemicals.

The board's recommendation is addressed to the provincial ministry of the environment, pesticides branch, and to the federal environmental protection service.

It asks for two additional clauses to the existent control regulations.

That herbicide spraying of railroad rights-of-way, highways,

playgrounds and other areas to which the public have access, be prohibited during such time as edible berries are likely to be ripe. The recommendation specifies all land accessible to the public, whether that access is legal or not. It also suggests that the restriction might be imposed from petal fall to November.

And that, in those areas in which there is the probability of public access, warning notices be erected to indicate a herbicide has recently been sprayed, and that this be especially so where such spraying is near built-up areas.

And, that in built-up areas, alternatives to herbicide spraying be considered.

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grief, bereavement, death and dying, is coming to the island for a workshop Friday and Saturday at St. George's Hall in Ganges.

Hospice spokesman Pat Desbottes says Boyd's workshops are well known for his ability to deal with a serious subject with knowledge, practicality and humour. He has years of experience with hospice programs, working with other professionals, terminally ill patients and their families.

He started Pilgrimage, the first hospice program in Vancouver, and

worked as a consultant in developing other hospice programs throughout B.C.

The two-day workshop is for everyone, says Desbottes: doctors, nurses, aides, homemakers, hospice volunteers, "you and I". It begins Friday, running from 7 to 10 pm, and continues Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Call Pat Desbottes to register or for more information, before 9 am and after 5 pm. Fee is \$5, and participants should pack a lunch for Saturday.

## Speaker will introduce 10 Days theme

National program facilitator for Ten Days for World Development will be the speaker at a meeting in Ganges next week.

Jeanne Moffat will introduce the 1985 Ten Days theme—*Participating in Development*—at the Salt Spring Elementary School library next Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

She has been involved in

development education and in human rights and justice issues for many years.

She is a member of the South African Education Project and has been responsible for establishing a working group of Amnesty International in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont. As first vice-president of the Canadian Council of Churches, she was a delegated

representative at the World Council of Churches assembly in Vancouver last year.

Following the assembly, she represented Canada in a World Council of Churches fact-finding mission on human rights in Guatemala in the fall of 1983. Last May she was a member of a WCC delegation to an International Non-Governmental Organization conference on Central America, held in Lisbon.

Two other sessions in this continuing education series are scheduled for the last Tuesdays of October and November. Participants will be given an opportunity to take part in defining and giving shape to an on-going education-and-action program on development issues, said spokesman David Reid.

## First fall meeting enrolls four new members in CWL

The Salt Spring Island Catholic Women's League recently held its opening fall meeting following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, during which four new members were enrolled in the League.

Ursula McEwen gave a resume of the highlights of the provincial CWL convention held at Kamloops in June. Of particular interest to the local members was a report by the national president, Jean Mahoney, of her visit to Argentina where she met with representatives of the Grandmothers of Argentina, an active group of women working together to trace missing and abducted children, victims of the political upheaval in that country.

These women have been aided by letters and prayers of the women in various church groups here in Canada.

Plans were finalized for the

harvest mini-bazaar to be held on Friday, Oct. 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the hall of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on Drake Road in Ganges. Attractions will include refreshments, bake sale, gift table and a raffle for a food hamper and a set of dishes.

President Elsa Drummond announced that there would be a guest speaker at the October meeting—Pat Brady, theologian, who will speak on canon law pertaining to the laity. Interested guests are welcome.

The meeting adjourned and refreshments were enjoyed by the members present.

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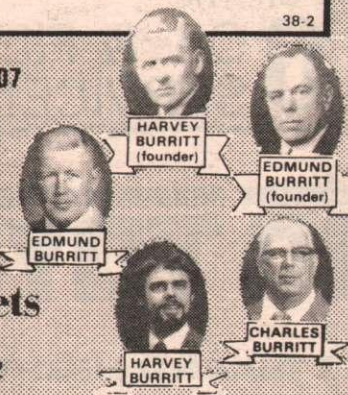
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# Planners from San Juan Islands meet with Trust

Planning is planning whether it is land use regulation in the Canadian Gulf Islands or planning a community in the American San Juans.

The message was the result of exchanges two weeks ago between the planners of the Canadian islands and the planners of the American islands.

When the Islands Trust council met at North Pender a group of planners attended from the islands to the south. Before the day was out it appeared likely that a planner from either side of the line could readily take over the same function in either camp.

First visitor to speak was Sandy Perkins, planning commission chairman in San Juan County.

She explained that the two countries had come together to discuss land-use regulation because in both island groups planning is the product of a love for the island.

### SIMILARITY

She was intrigued by the similarity of problems and challenges. She was familiar with the threat of bridges and the constant battle over road standards. These things are debated regularly in the San Juans, she revealed.

"The word is growth," she told the council.

The word was growth in 1960. In that year San Juan County was designated a depressed area. A decade later, in 1970, the county was one of the most affluent areas in the west.

The word was growth when the population rose from 3,800 in 1960 to 7,800 in 1970. And to its present population of 8,700 permanent residents.

### TWO LARGEST

Two largest islands are San Juan, with 57 square miles, and Orcas, 58. San Juan is the most commercial, with the only incorporated municipality in the group, Friday Harbour. Commercial centre on Orcas is East Town, not incorporated.

Lopez Island is more rural and is physically distinctive in being flatter and more rural. Only other island served by a ferry is Shaw Island.

Those small islands in the San Juans to which no ferry sails are usually notably more rural, explained the speaker.

Friday Harbour is no longer a sleepy little place and its population comes up to 15,000 to 35,000 people in summer. This tourism affects the population and has an impact on every island, said Sandy Perkins. Islanders are divided over growth. It is seen as beneficial to the economy but having a detrimental impact on the environment.

In the 1970's the concern was to plan for the growth of the islands. The planning commission is still working out a plan to deal with the growth.

The planning commission chairman introduced County Commissioner Eleanor Howard.

"It is comforting to find you all have the same problems as we do," said Howard.

Like in the Canadian islands, planning started in the 1960's, she recalled. Planning was not mandatory, it was sanctioned by the state.

When they asked residents, "How would you like your community to grow in future?" it proved very controversial. There was "in-fighting and out-fighting".

"We're rural," she told the meeting.

### POPULATION DENSITY

Density ranges from one house per 10 acres to one per 40 acres.

Elections were affected in the same manner as in the islands here. From the norm of combing the bush looking for country candidates, planning brought out 14 candidates for two seats in one election.

Colonel Sorensen summed up the relationship of elected representatives and planning when he explained they had been lucky.

"We are fortunate to have county commissioners who realize that if we are to survive as a beautiful rural community, we must have planning."

He recalled meetings to consider land use planning. Residents had been asked how they wanted to see the islands develop.

"They wanted it to stay the way it is."

The situation was a debate between property rights and environmentalists. Land-use planning had to fall in the middle, he suggested.

### LEFT OUT AT FIRST

During the initial stages some of the larger property owners declined to take part in discussions, he recalled. Some felt, later, that they had been directed into planning without consultation, but most criticism has long been settled.

When Perkins explained they had to be more cautious in the United States, where a local government can be sued, law student John Rich commented that there is a lot less litigation here than in the United States.

The county in Washington is a bigger administrative function than the Islands Trust. It is responsible for planning as well as many of the functions here performed by a city or district municipality.

Appeal from a zoning or planning



Planners from the San Juan County in the American San Juan Islands met their counterparts from the Canadian islands last week. The San Juan County officials sat in on Islands Trust council deliberations and discussed comparable problems at length. Picture shows officials of the two planning functions sharing a table at Pender Lodge on Friday

evening. On the left are Sandy Perkins, planning commission chairman of San Juan County; Mike Humphries, chairman, Islands Trust; Ivaly Hoedemaker, planning commissioner; and

Eleanor Howard, County Commissioner, San Juan County. On the right of the table are Tom Cowan, County Commissioner; John Rich, general trustee; and Gordon Wallace, general trustee.

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decision may be made through the board of adjustment, which compares with the B. C. board of variance. There is no appeal and the board's decision is final. Like the planning authority here, the county ensures that there is an adequacy of services before a subdivision plan is approved.

### HOURS OF DEBATE

County Commissioner Tom Cowan figured that the phrase "preserve and protect" would generate hours of debate in San Juan County.

Nevertheless, there is strong support for planning. Not one candidate for office has challenged the need for planning, he said.

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*Is helicopter pad legal?*

# Region uncertain of its authority

The helicopter pad at Mayne Island is now finished. Located on land adjacent to the Mayne Island Health Clinic, the new facility is intended for emergency medical purposes only.

Last week the new service started a new ball rolling in the Capital Regional District.

Is the region empowered to operate a helicopter landing facility? Does such a function come within the letters patent of the region, asked director Ken Hill.

The property on which the pad is located is leased to the Capital Regional District. When an application was made recently to license the helicopter pad, the region was invited to approve the application. No questions were asked.

Last Wednesday the region was informed that arrangements are being made to insure the facility. Outer Islands director Vern Roddick also noted that if the Mayne Island clinic can find cheaper insurance locally the CRD

coverage will be withdrawn. Insurance is essentially to cover damage or injury sustained in the event of accident. It was suggested that the board get a legal opinion as to whether the region might be liable for damages in such case.

The region leases the land for the purpose. Should it not lease the helicopter pad back to someone else to operate, asked Hill.

On the recommendation of Eric Simmonds, the board will ask for a legal opinion on the entire picture of liability.

# Driver fined \$600 for infractions

A series of traffic infractions brought Dean Cornwall of Salt Spring to Ganges court last week where he was fined a total of \$605.

On June 16 Cornwall was driving a Chevrolet convertible on Fulford-Ganges Road. He told the court that he had driven past a turnoff and was backing up to reach it.

Police claimed that he was backing the vehicle dangerously and came close to striking another automobile.

He was charged with driving without due care and attention. He also gave the officer a wrong name and that resulted in a charge of obstructing police.

Judge R. E. Hudson fined Cornwall \$125 for the first offence and \$150 for the second with a possible 21 days in jail if the fine is not paid.

On August 1, Cornwall was stopped on Seaview Avenue and a check revealed that his licence plates

had been issued for another vehicle. He was charged with driving without insurance.

Cornwall told the court that he had switched the licence plates from one car to another in order to drive to work. Judge Hudson imposed the mandatory \$300 fine for the offence.

On August 3 Cornwall was stopped again by police. That resulted in charges of failure to produce a valid driver's licence,

driving without a licence and driving a vehicle with bald tires.

He explained to the judge that he had left his driver's licence at home. He produced an Alberta licence in court to prove that he had one.

The judge levied fines of \$15 for the first and third offences and dismissed the charge of driving without a licence.

Cornwall has until December 15 to pay the fines.

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## Planners meet

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Comprehensive plan for the San Juan Islands has worked, said Cowan. It generated a number of lawsuits but it survived them.

Future needs in the San Juans were listed by Cowan as water availability, transportation and business and industry.

As far as water is concerned, the islands have contemplated barging water into the community because it is so scarce.

Transportation proposals include the erection of bridges between islands by the county. In matters relating to business and industry two enterprises rank high, said Commissioner Cowan, agriculture and horticulture.

Anticipated maximum density in the islands south of the line is far greater than has been accepted in the Canadian islands. Present plans for San Juan County would provide for a peak population of 200,000.

Planning chairman Sandy Perkins presented Trust chairman Mike Humphries with a pin. "You have to be more careful with an island."

One observer concluded the comparison between the two sides of the international boundary. He recalled that the San Juan planning procedure is given no special authorization, yet the state governor wears a pin emphasizing that islands are special. In British Columbia the government demands land-use planning and yet appears still uncertain why islands should be given special treatment.

The exchange between the two authorities, came about as a response to an earlier meeting in the San Juans.

Planning chairman Perkins urged an annual meeting between the two jurisdictions.

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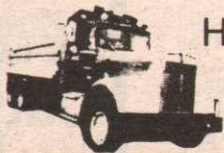
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**GALIANO NEWS**

**Students settle into routine of a new school year**

**BY KATHLYN BENDER**

Fifty-three students at Galiano School have quickly settled into the routine and excitement of a new school year. Elizabeth Brinson, principal and teacher of the senior class, has 19 pupils in Grades 5, 6 and 7. The community is fortunate to have her calm and experienced direction combined with a wide range of interests and enthusiasms.

The 15 pupils in Grades 3 and 4 will again be taught by Katherine Maneker. New to the school but not to primary teaching is John Edwards who has 11 children in Grades 1 and 2 with the addition of eight in the kindergarten class each morning.

Learning assistance teacher is Steve Nemtin, with Louise Miller acting as relieving teacher to enable Mr. Edwards to teach French throughout the school and allow the principal some administrative time. These two will together teach the equivalent of three days a week.

Support staff are Marion Williams, who for the 13th year will continue as secretary; Doug Smith remains as janitor; and Mrs. Wickens will drive the school bus. While Mrs. Wickens is on leave recuperating from an operation Ben Miltner will be the bus driver.

On Friday the school staff and parents organized a potluck get-together to enable families new to the school to become acquainted with teachers and fellow parents. This was preceded by a community ball game for all ages from five to 50.

Despite the light-hearted nature of the encounter some fierce hitting and brilliant fielding was seen. The approximate score, as kept in the head by Bob Walker, was Ingognitos 53, Anonymouses 53.

Mrs. Brinson hopes to involve the community in a Friday afternoon activity program beginning on September 29, and continuing for six weeks. She would appreciate hearing from volunteers who would be willing to take a small group of children and teach them some skill, art or craft, or supervise an activity during this period. The telephone number to call is 539-2261.

**Raising the flag**

Postmaster Jim Ripley is proud to be the custodian of a new flagpole at the post office. Designed to discourage vandalism the metal pole is hollow and contains within the mechanism for raising and lowering the flag. Access to the halyard is through a locked panel. Apparently the pole has been on order and its arrival anticipated for two years.

Is it a coincidence that the flag appeared almost immediately after the recent change of government? Are the P.C.'s more enthusiastic about flying the maple leaf than the Grits were? Did Jim vote the right way at last?

Perhaps it is a response to the fact that for the first time for many years Galiano voters gave a plurality to the NDP. Anyway, let the flag be a symbol of pride that in Canada we can change our government without rebellion and violence, nor do we have to shoot the postmaster or any other representative of the previous government.

**Coon Bay**

Most Galiano residents know Coon Bay and appreciate its beauty but rarely visit it. At the end of

summer when it is left deserted it reminds one of an aging whore, its beauty desecrated by the ravages of time and man.

Debris is scattered over a wide area and the black scars of many campfires indicate a considerable transient summer population. Half a dozen improvised toilets still stand but were evidently inadequate to serve the needs of summer visitors. Trees have been damaged and branches torn off. What a filthy species man can be!

What a contrast too, to Montague and Bluff Parks. In the former, paid provincial government staff manage to keep order and a reasonable degree of tidiness.

As for the latter, the residents of Galiano make sure *their* park stays in almost pristine condition and the Galiano Club exercises discreet but effective volunteer supervision.

**Successful show**

Betty Steward was delighted with the results of the exhibition of her paintings at La Berengerie last week. The framing and arrangement of her pen and ink watercolours and gouache set off her work to advantage resulting in sales of almost all the paintings.

A group of architectural studies of streets and buildings of the Latin quarter of Paris were particularly popular. A group of flower studies were also attractive.

**In praise of Walkman**

Most pharmacardians have a strong aversion to modern music under any classification. They are particularly antagonistic to those

portable purveyors of raucous sound which the immature of the species tote around with them.

Grandfather had a ready-made prejudice against Walkmans owned by two of his grandchildren, and when they entered his car for an all-day journey, each carrying one, his dismay knew no bounds.

In no time tapes were inserted but grandpa was agreeably surprised that no sounds ensued. Glancing around he discovered with relief that both sets were equipped with earphones and that he was free to enjoy some intelligent conversation with Gzowski and some tolerable music in the afternoon on *RSVP*, on his car radio.

**Young riders shine**

Several of the younger members of the Maple Syrup Riding Club took part in the Salt Spring Fall Fair horse show at the weekend. This was the first time they had entered an open competition so their success is all the more creditable. Beside the home island contingent there were experienced riders from Vancouver Island competing.

The following Galiano riders placed in the classes they entered: Yarah Hooley, Kate and James Hennessy, Nicole Lloyd, Erin Jarvis, Celeste Howell and Sylvia Richards. The Salt Spring riding instructor complimented the young Galiano competitors on their riding turn-out and team spirit. She hoped that an open competition can be arranged on Galiano in which her Salt Spring pupils could compete.

**Coming events**

The Galiano Island Advisory Planning Commission will hold its annual meeting this evening (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the South Galiano Community Hall. Four members will be elected to the commission and nominations may be made from the floor providing the consent of the nominee is obtained.

The annual Terry Fox Walk will take place on Sunday. The event is being organized by Jackie Besler at Galiano Garage, where application forms and information may be obtained. Participants may run or walk and should obtain sponsorships. Offers of help to provide refreshments for the participants will be welcome.

The route will start from Sturdies Bay Garage, follow the usual 8 km circle of the Bluffs Park and finish at the activity centre. All of the money raised will go to the Terry Fox Cancer Fund. Last year the total raised on Galiano exceeded that raised on Salt Spring.

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Karen and Thomas Hosie

## Married at Salt Spring

Karen Ann Mouat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mouat, and Thomas Arthur Hosie, son of Dr. and Mrs. R.T. Hosie, were married last month at the bride's parents' home on Sunset Drive, Salt Spring Island.

Rev. Al Skinner officiated at the ceremony, held in the Mouats' garden.

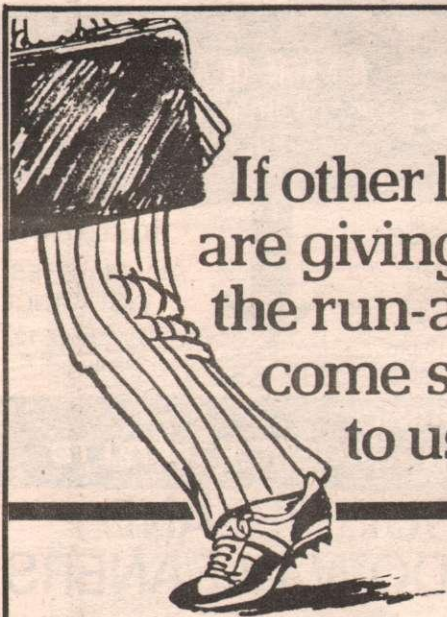
The bride wore a long, white lace and satin gown with a fresh flower wreath as her headpiece. The bridesmaids were Karen's four sisters, Susan, Brenda, Kathleen and Barbara Nemeth.

Best man was the groom's brother, Rob, and attendants were Michael Garside, from Alberta, and Dave Carere and Doug Hill, both of Victoria.

A beef barbecue dinner and an evening of dancing followed the ceremony.

Guests travelled from Texas, Arizona, Washington State, the Okanagan, the lower mainland and Vancouver Island.

The bride and groom spent their honeymoon sailing in the San Juan Islands and now are living in Victoria.



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## Tidewater to repair Buck Lake outfall

Outfall from a Pender Island sewage system is in need of repairs.

When directors approved the repairs to Buck Lake sewage outfall last week they were told that the initial survey in 1981 had indicated that the outfall was in poor condition. At a cost of \$34,575, Tidewater Marine Ltd., will correct the damage.

The 1981 survey revealed that the line was badly kinked where it crossed an underwater rock outcrop.

Condition is worse now and it has to be corrected, reported chief engineer R. C. Sommerville. The work is needed to avoid sewage overflows and to repair a hole in the

sewer pipe.

Three tenders were received for the work: Tidewater Marine Ltd., \$34,575; Chew Excavating Ltd., \$38,721; Can-Dive Ltd., \$45,400.

Acceptance of the Tidewater tender had been recommended by the Magic Lake Estates Sewer Commission, the board was told.

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# Motor vehicle testing in region is twice rejected in Victoria

There will be no testing of motor vehicles in the Capital Regional District.

The minister of municipal affairs has turned it down. And last week the regional board turned it down when unanimous consent to consider it was not forthcoming.

The board had invited the minister, Bill Ritchie, to consider testing as a regional function. The province closed its testing station in Saanich for lack of money. Earlier in the year a bus carried two students to their death on a ski trip to Mount Washington and the ensuing enquiry was very critical of

the inadequacies of the inspection service which had passed a bus for use by students.

Both victims of the crash came from the Capital Regional District.

When Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier asked for further consideration of the request he was warned by chairman Shirley Wilde that it could not be brought up again before the board for six months. She was citing section 7.4 of the region's procedural bylaw.

## MINISTER'S REPORT

The matter came up when the chairman mentioned in her report to the board that the minister had told

her that he is not prepared to approve the region's involvement with vehicle testing.

Couvelier told the board that he was concerned that the minister would turn it down. He expressed some suspicion that the minister responsible for insurance or for

highways might have a different view on regional testing stations.

"Did directors feel as strongly on the matter as do members of the Saanich council?" he asked.

The chairman reminded him that the matter could only be considered with the unanimous consent of the

board.

When a vote was called, neither North Saanich Mayor George Westwood nor Saanich director Allan Peterson would give that consent.

It cannot be discussed again until February next year.

# Trust recommends trails for recreation, access

Going for a walk?

Walk on a trail, whether you are going from A to B or just out for exercise. That's the thinking behind the Islands Trust's concern for trails and footpaths.

Last week the Islands Trust council, meeting at North Pender, heard a summary of trails and trail dedication from Trust manager Tony Roberts.

Roberts described in detail the manner in which an effective criss-cross of trails has been provided on Hornby Island and he referred to the successful Trail and Nature Club on Salt Spring Island, with its 130 or so members and regular weekly walks.

Trails provide access to points on the islands that might otherwise not be accessible. They also offer an incentive to walking that is missing if the walking has to be done on paved roads, suggests Roberts.

Footpaths are readily established through Crown land or by the use of dedicated roads not yet driven through. Most forestry companies will approve trails in areas where no logging operation is in effect.

The Roberts report recommended that each of the 13 designated islands prepare a trail development program and that the advisory planning commission or interested people in the community be invited to participate.

The staff will be directed to assist, particularly in the preparation of base maps, if time is available.



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# 4,000 people enjoy Fall Fair

**BY BILL WEBSTER**

The ninth version of the Salt Spring Fall Fair is drifting into memory after close to 4,000 people enjoyed a day at the Farmers' Institute grounds last Saturday.

People from on and off-island

wandered around the grounds to take in the sights and sounds of the annual fair.

Cattle munched contentedly while judges looked for their finer points. Chickens, ducks and geese vied for attention and the dogs

showed how obedient their handlers can be.

Inside the building, flowers and home baking and produce from the gardens of the island offered tempting smells and attractive displays. The bunch from the Cranberry took the district trophy for an imaginative display.

4-H'ers proudly showed their animals and their knowledge of farm life.

The entrants in the various categories numbered close to 1,700, up from 1,625 entries last year. The fair was held for the third year on the grounds of the institute. The first fair on the grounds, in 1982, attracted more than 2,100 entries.

There were 260 entries in the flower competitions and 250 in the baking section. The one weak point of the competition, due to poor weather in the spring, was in the fruit section, but organizers hope for better things next year.

Al and Carole Gear kept the other organizers going while out on the porch Jean Davis informed the crowd about what was going on.

Meanwhile, Scott Bergstrom and Wayne Taylor showed diabolical ingenuity in the famed pentathlon. Seven teams braved the unknown to garner cheers from the spectators who lined the field to find out what can be done with a salmon.

And while all this was going on, Pam MacKenzie compiled lists and lists of winners in the various categories and events.

Trophies can be picked up at the Fall Fair building on the Farmers' Institute grounds beginning today (Wednesday). Check with Ray Stewart in the caretaker's cottage to get the winnings.

The door prize winners were Doug Lea, who won the food dehydrator, Gilbert Brown, of Victoria, who took home the lawn chairs with a table and Noel Fowles who won the weather vane.

Up in the horse ring, the riders

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