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Borsman will appoint new commission

Focus is on market, not recreation

In an effort to avoid a possible crisis on the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission over mid-week vending in Centennial Park, regional director Hugh Borsman will appoint six members this year.

He told a meeting of the commission Monday that the Farmers' Market issue has dominated efforts of the commission in the past two years and he will be seeking residents who are concerned about recreation and not the market.

The commission has been criticized severely over the issue of the park and he said some people in the community seem willing to put mid-week vending ahead of the actual function of the commission.

The elections to the commission last year became political, he said, with the focus on the market issue. At that annual meeting 181 votes were cast. Normally, the annual meeting of the commission attracts far fewer people.

He said that a recent meeting with CRD chairman Shirley Wilde was a case on point. The commission had decided to stay out of the controversy over the market.

But, Borsman said, at the meeting some members of the commission tried to have the lease changed to

permit mid-week vending. He said that 1985 could become a repeat of 1983 when the Farmers' Market matter erupted.

To avoid such an occurrence, Borsman decided to appoint six members to the commission to avoid the matter becoming too political.

Commission chairman Glenn Woodley, Linda Hoover, Jim Ballantyne and Phil Hume have indicated that they will not seek re-election to the commission this year. Treasurer Edith Sacker said she will resign with a year left in her term.

Each pointed to the constant concern over the market which has dominated the efforts of the commission.

Irene Fewings also comes to the end of a two-year term and Borsman told her that if she is interested in continuing, she could be appointed.

The members of the commission not up for election this year, Borsman said, will remain on the commission. They are Tom Hall, John Lomas, Dan Evanishen and Maureen Bendick.

When asked about the authority to take such action, Borsman cited the Capital Region bylaw which established the commission. There

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Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Nice people we have on Salt Spring Island! This sociable bunch was seen at the Fulford Inn on

Saturday night before they made their way (who knows how) down to Beaver Point Hall. Things could get

equally spooky tonight (Wednesday) when ghouls can officially walk the streets after dark.

Fireworks display at five islands

While many adults celebrated Hallowe'en at various parties on Saturday, it's the kids' turn tonight (Wednesday) and trick-or-treaters are expected to be out in force.

In addition, there will be fireworks displays on all of the Gulf Islands.

There will be bonfires and fireworks displays at Centennial Park at Ganges and Drummond Park at Fulford beginning at 6.30 pm. Children will be treated to a hot dog and a cup of hot chocolate. Volunteer firemen contribute part

of the remuneration they receive for answering fire alarms to the Hallowe'en display.

The annual children's Hallowe'en party will take place at the South Galiano Community Hall at 6 pm. It will be followed by a fireworks display.

At Pender Island volunteer firemen will stage a fireworks display at 8 pm at the school-community centre. Members of the parent-teacher club will provide refreshments.

Mayne Island's volunteer

firefighters invite children to the firehall at 7 pm where there will be a bonfire and fireworks as well as refreshments.

At Saturna Island the school's parents' group will stage a party at the community hall at 5 pm. Children will be treated to a fireworks display and food.

Children at Salt Spring Island are invited to stop by at Greenwoods between 5 and 7.30 pm where residents will be handing out treats.

Two in by acclamation

Four in school race at Salt Spring

With two Outer Islands school trustees named by acclamation, the only school board election this year will be on Salt Spring Island where at least four people are in the race.

On Pender Island, Joy Ridley was named without opposition to the seat she won earlier this year in a by-election. She replaced John Zacharias who had resigned.

On Galiano, Margaret Howell was also named to the school board when no one else stepped forward to challenge her candidacy. Howell replaces Mike Hoebel who had resigned from the school board to take employment with the ministry

of education.

On Salt Spring, four nominations were accepted and a fifth will go to court for a ruling. Two trustees are to be elected for two-year terms.

John Magnus had been nominated by David Williams and Jonathan Oldroyd. But Magnus' name does not appear on the voters list as stipulated by the Municipal Act. He has taken the matter to court for a ruling. The voters' list was closed on October 1 by the Capital Region.

Incumbents Bert Beitel and David Eyles have filed nomination papers to seek re-election to the

school board.

Beitel is seeking his third term as school trustee while Eyles is taking part in his third election in three years. He had run for office in 1982 but came third behind Beitel and Charles Baltzer.

In 1983, Eyles ran successfully for a one-year term of office to replace Baltzer who had resigned. Running against him in that election was Murray Shoolbraid, who is seeking the position again this year.

Also in the running is Yvette Valcourt. She ran for school board in 1982 but came fourth. Valcourt had served two terms as regional

director for Salt Spring before losing to Hugh Borsman in 1983.

Valcourt was nominated by Betty Delmonico and Gordon Scarff while Shoolbraid had the support of Gwen Robinson and S. C. Wells. Beitel was backed by Kevin Bell and John Gowler. Eyles was named by Steve Willerton and Pat Bardon.

In the Outer Islands, Ridley was nominated by John Allan and Don Fairweather. Howell was nominated by James Ripley and Jennifer Jarvis.

To vote, an individual must be at least 19 years old before election

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one person filed nomination papers.

George Whiten is up for re-election but Joan Sprague, who had also represented Mayne Island, did not file papers.

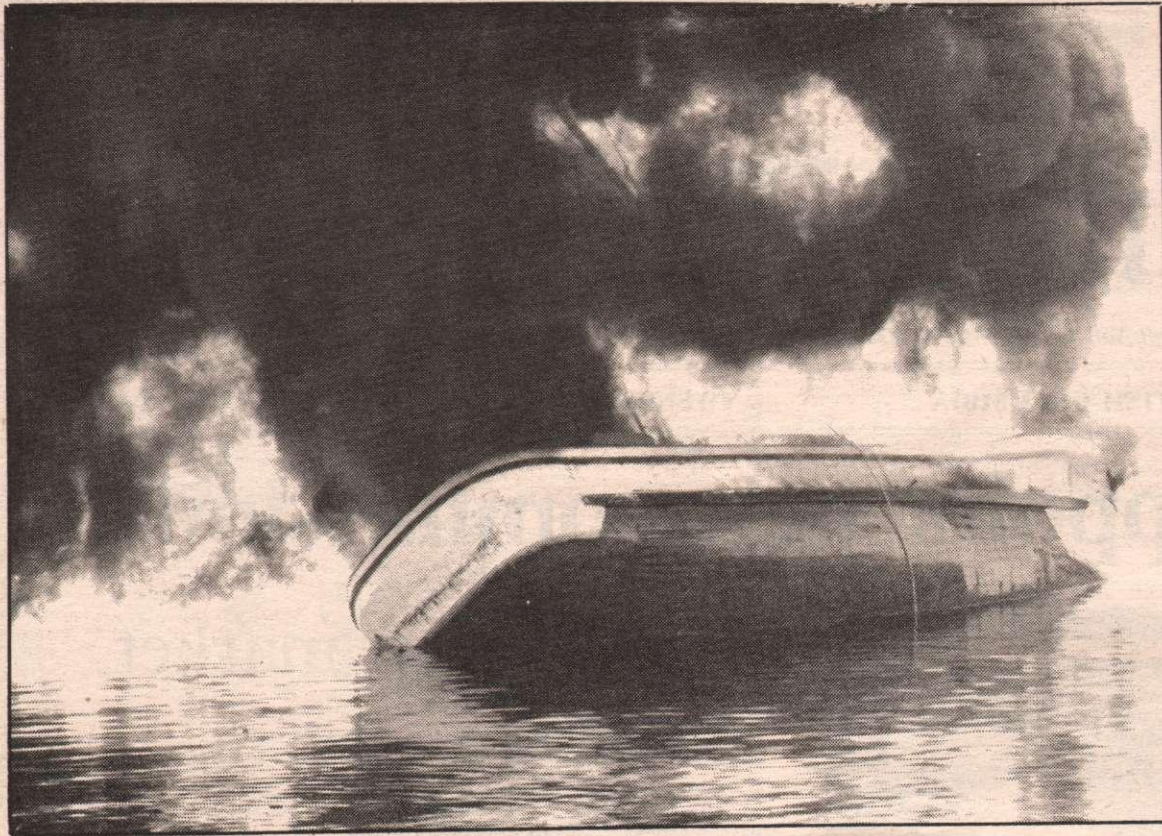
The situation could be corrected following the election when the Mayne Island Trust Committee meets. That group can appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

On Salt Spring, Nick Gilbert will seek re-election and John Crofton and Luke Harrison are also in the race. Bev Unger had served one term but did not file papers when nominations closed at noon on Monday.

On Galiano, incumbent Christa Weiss will seek re-election. Diane Cragg and Don Macdonald will also be after voter approval.

The other election for Islands Trust occurs on South Pender where incumbent Stephen Wright will have his name on the ballot along with Ken Clarke and Wendy Munroe.

On Saturna, John Gaines and John Money were returned by acclamation. The same situation happened on North Pender where Gordon Wallace and Peter Campbell will put in two more years with the Islands Trust.



Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

Fuel feeds the flames, above, as troller *Linda Ann* goes up in smoke. Below, members of the Coast Guard, the B.C. Lifeboat Society and the RCMP converge in attempt to put out the fire.

Two escape blaze

The troller *Linda Ann* was destroyed by fire in Trincomali Channel October 23 but no one was injured in the blaze.

Two fishermen, skipper Ronald Boroski, 24, and crewman Vern Savage, 26, both of Nanaimo, managed to escape from the burning vessel and rowed to safety on Galiano Island.

They were picked up and transferred to Salt Spring for a medical check at Lady Minto Hospital.

The first distress signal went out in the early morning and was answered by Ross Walker on the *Ganges Hawk*, who was on his way to the Outer Islands to pick up school students.

He confirmed that fire had broken out on the vessel.

The *Queen of Storm* from Pender and the *Atlin Post* from Nanaimo began to fight the fire and managed to tow the burning boat to the beach at Walker Hook. The Coast Guard vessel *Moorhen* of Ganges began a search of the shore on both sides of the channel to seek survivors.

When the two men were found, the firefighters decided to allow the

fuel to burn off rather than risk an oil slick.

The volunteers of the Salt Spring fire department arrived and put out the flames when the fuel oil had burned off.

The fire marshall from Nanaimo, Ed Taylor, was also on the scene and he decided that the fire began in the engine room. Arson is not suspected.

The *Linda Ann* is owned by Gary Wilmont of North Vancouver.



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...by Richards

Atmosphere was electric
I always thought that a coulomb was a French sheriff.

The wrong man
It was detective work. I walked from the pump house to the garage and noticed footprints. Some person or persons, unknown, had walked that same path. The clear imprint of winter-tread shoes remained in the grey film of moss-poison I had sprayed a few days before. I had no snow tires on my shoes. And Women's Lib can't afford shoes, so I knew it was an outsider who had left his mark. Then I went to the pumphouse, several days later and I noticed a change in the orderly pattern of the rubbish I leave around. Someone had been in the building. The rest was easy. I have been having trouble with a pump and the authority on pumps was going to check it. I was happy to figure it all out so easily. Until I had a call a few days later asking when it might be convenient to check the pump.

Twice in two days!
Of course I set back the clocks! Funny thing is that I had a visitor over the weekend. He was indignant that the clock in the bedroom hadn't been changed and he arrived downstairs before midday. It was too late to go back to bed, but the shock was too much and he staggered to the chesterfield to recover. Next morning he arrived at the breakfast table. It was a late breakfast, but he made it. Now, my friend has never been up in time for breakfast since he relinquished his appointment with the provincial civil service. He was surprised to see how late we breakfasted until he looked at his watch and learned that he had forgotten, for the second day running, to set back the clocks. It must, surely, be a record? I won't hurt the poor fellow by telling his name. He's gone home to sleep it off.

A happy roast
It was a pleasure to go to Duncan a week or so ago and take part in roasting Mike Coleman. The unsuccessful Liberal candidate sat through an hour or so of studied abuse before coming up with a rebuttal. It would always be a pleasure to run up against his profession outside a courtroom, but Coleman is such a happy, good-natured fellow that you can enter into the spirit of a roast. Odd thing was that two of his tormentors were Tories. It was a happy evening, for the most part because Mike is held in such high esteem by his associates and his friends and his opponents.

Seen my glasses?
I didn't need glasses. But I bought a pair just for the pleasure of being able to see through them. The old pair has fallen great distances, slid over rough surfaces and suffered. I chose a magnificent frame by the simple expedient of standing between the salesman and Women's Lib. They decided exactly what I wanted. The great day came when I walked away, a poorer but more acute man. It was a great day. I haven't seen the glasses since. If you find a pair you might let me know.

Only, she's worse!
Even at that I am not as careless as Women's Lib. She went to a dance with an envelope of pictures and by the time the evening was over she had lost the pictures and only one friend had looked at them. As I have to tell her constantly, if only she would remember what she did with things she wouldn't lose them like that.

Why don't they learn?
For many years I drank coffee. For many years I drank about 20 cups and more a day. When I lived and worked in Sidney the majority of visitors to the office would drag me out to the adjacent cafe and discuss whatever they had to impart over a coffee. My face changed from crimson to burnt sienna and my hands shook like a paint shaker. Then came the blow. I was constantly suffering pain and my eructations threatened an earthquake. I had an ulcer. My usual sunny nature gave way to my usual bitterness. Mind you, not ill, sir, just an ulcer! It was an obliging little beast. It doesn't mind alcohol. Beer, whisky, name it, my ulcer loves it. But coffee! The first cup brings on the rumble. The second cup starts the volcanic action and the third cup introduces the eruption. I know it all sounds revolting, but I got used to it. The result is that I have to drink something else. Usually I look to tea. Time was when every hotel, restaurant and cafe served tea, properly prepared. They still do on Salt Spring. But that is no longer the case elsewhere. I was in a Vancouver restaurant and explained that a bag of tea dropped into warm water was not really an infusion of tea. The waiter explained that he never touched the stuff and didn't know how it was prepared. More and more establishments know less and less about tea. I can't drink coffee and milk is heavy. There are enough schools and colleges and courses of instruction on restaurancy and hotellery and feeding the starving public that surely one of them could venture into a reference to tea? You don't find a restaurant cooking vegetables in tepid water. And every restaurateur knows that potatoes will not cook much under 100 degrees (that's Celsius). Gee! I'm getting thirsty!

It's getting thinner
Talking of tea, there was a time when a bag of tea would produce a cup and another cup of tea. Then came a reformation with tea bag after tea bag giving the impression that it was dyeing the water, so vigorous and brown came the tea. Now it's back where it started. The tea that was recently strong and coloured is back to a delicate suggestion of flavour without much else going for it. But to many patrons, it doesn't have much going for it!

What more could you ask?
You've got everything if you've got a Cadillac. After all, what could a Caddy lack?

How do you do?
When two ancient Britons met they never expected an answer. One would say, "How d'you do?" and the reply would come, promptly, "Very well, thank you! How are you?" It was a formula that fulfilled all the demands of a polite encounter and let you go your own sweet, lonely way. There were all kinds of routines, but the rare Brit, probably a Welsh rarebit, who deviated from the proper course and asked questions that called for an answer was going a little too far from the norm. It was Saturday Evening Post who resolved the encounter on an international scale, several decades ago. It was in rhyme:
Each person to meet you is keeping, I bet you,
Three different greetings in store:
'Delighted to meet you! Glad to have met you!
'Happy to meet you no more!
Incidentally, the greeting, "How d'you do?" is a sure-fire conversation piece in the Yewnited States.

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The first quarter-century

It is 25 years since the Salt Spring Island Lions Club came into being with Hart Bradley as president. During the intervening years the service club has been recognized as a part of the island community and the driving force behind many projects in almost every area of island life.

The service club looked for areas in which it could be of service to the community and its members lived up to its motto, "We serve".

The list is impressive.

The Lions have established the Pioneer Village for the elderly and they kept the skates under hundreds of children with their support, two decades ago, for roller hockey in Fulford Hall. They have provided ambulance service on the island and they have purchased and driven the mini-bus for the handicapped.

They have provided equipment for hospital use and they have helped individuals in need of assistance. They have looked to the safety of the young and the comfort of the aging. Lions have helped island students with scholarships and foreign students with hospitality.

For year after year the Lions Club has entertained the elderly at their annual Christmas party and they have sent funds away for the needy in other lands. The CARE program has benefited and so has the community.

Portlock Park is a boon to the young and the active and it is appropriately named for a distinguished member of the club who brought it into being.

The club name is circulated each year on the Lions telephone book which raises funds for the organization.

The service club has, during its first 25 years, placed Salt Spring Island on the map of community service. At the same time it has brought relief to hundreds and help to thousands. It has aided the helpless individuals who have asked for assistance and it has helped whole segments of the community.

When history comes to be written of the past quarter-century it is likely that the heart of Salt Spring Island will bear the imprint, "Lions Club."

Trust elections

Nominations on Monday saw the withdrawal of four islands trustees.

On Salt Spring Island Beverley Unger withdrew from the islands land-use function after two years in office.

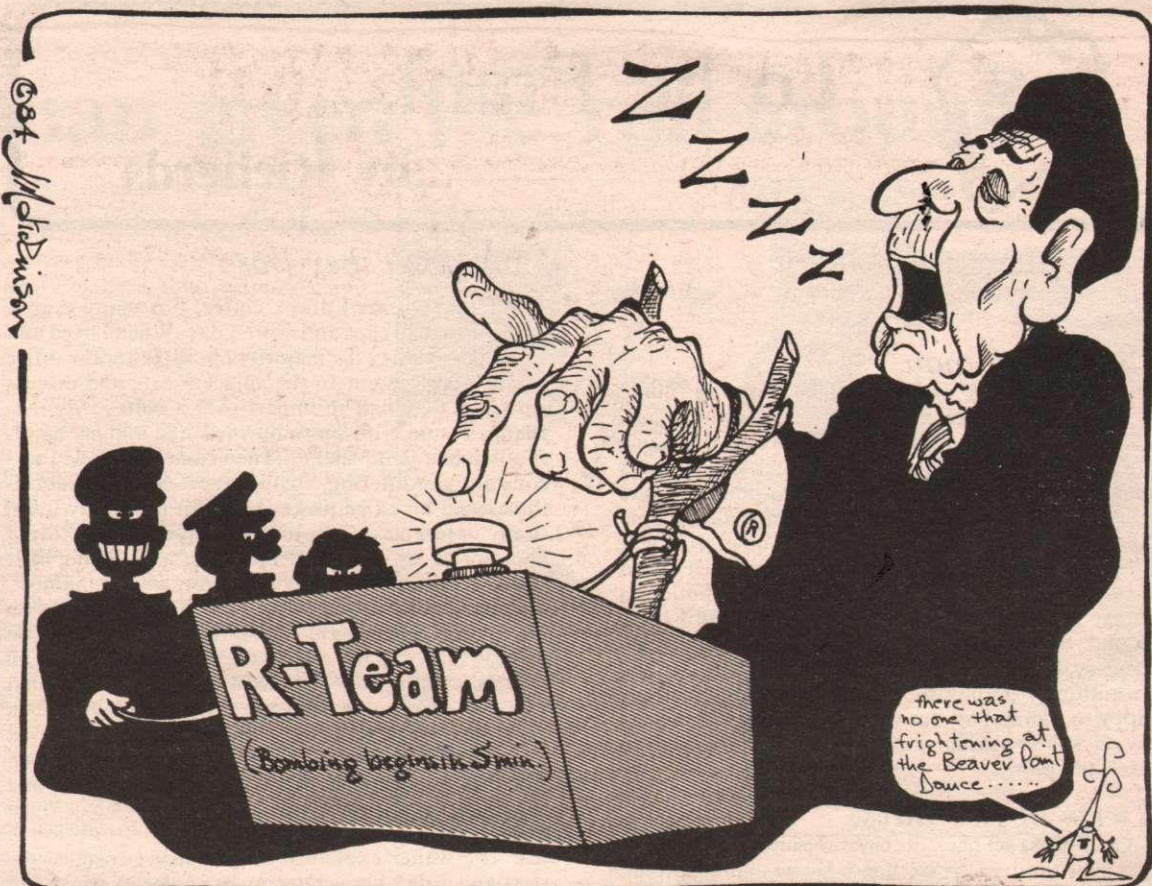
Trustee for Galiano for many years, Ron Thompson, has also withdrawn from public life. On Mayne Island Joan Sprague has relinquished her seat, as has Bill Norton of South Pender.

The Gulf Islands have seen two former general trustees returned to serve another term as both Gordon Wallace of North Pender and John Gaines of Saturna were re-elected by acclamation. Both men have seen service as appointed general trustees, elected local trustees and elected general trustees. Both trustees have a long experience of the Islands Trust from which to draw during their future term with the function.

The withdrawal of Ron Thompson will be a notable loss to the board. The former Vancouver city clerk has a long experience of municipal administration and law. In addition to that experience, Thompson had a keen sense of propriety in terms of local legislation. He could readily find the weakness in a proposal and he always submitted any criticism in courteous terms and without confrontation.

Coupled to his long experience in municipal administration was his long distance record on the Trust. There was no trustee with a longer memory of the Islands Trust than Ron Thompson. He was the senior member of the board.

When the Trust came into being 10 years ago the Galiano trustee came to the table. No other trustee has served an unbroken decade with the Islands Trust.



Tony Richards

YOU MAY BE ABLE to add another body to the unemployment rolls November 18, depending on the outcome of the Islands Trust election at Salt Spring Island.

On Friday I received news that island entrepreneur Luke Harrison was in the race for the local Trust committee. On Saturday I began combing the help wanted ads in the daily newspapers. By Sunday I was desperate.

My problem dates back to the Trust elections of, I believe, four years ago when I ventured into the Harbour House Hotel for a beer. I spied Luke as soon as I walked in and did my best to be inconspicuous. I sidled up to the bar, ordered a brew in a whisper and pretended to stare at the sign above the taps.

You know the one. It reads: "Waiter's Only". I stared at it for a full minute trying to decipher the message. The waiter is only what?

Anyway I finally had to face up to the fact that Luke had seen me and was entertaining everyone at his table with those little witticisms—all of which were aimed at me—that only Luke knows how to deliver.

I realized then that I was stuck and resigned myself to sitting down to hear Luke's latest scheme. I can't recall which it was now, Harrison's Highrise Apartments or Luke's Nukes, a nuclear power plant that would supply electricity to Salt Spring Island.

Whatever it was, I sat there listening in a half-hearted sort of way, looking around to see what else was going on. But there wasn't much to look at. They didn't have strippers in those days.

So Luke finally ran out of things to say, that is until the up-coming Trust election became the topic at our table. We had just finished chuckling over the story of one of Luke's lady friends who hitched a ride home with him—in the back of his dump truck. It was outside the pub, of course, and they were all set to go when Luke decided to have a little fun.

The screams brought everyone out of the pub, just in time to see Luke's friend clinging for dear life to the top of the fully-raised dump.

The laughter died suddenly, though, when we began to hear the other side of Mr. Luke Harrison. This wasn't old Luke talking, it was someone else, a smooth-talking, professional politician on the campaign trail. Mr. Harrison, it seemed, was informing his audience that he was considering running for Islands Trust.

I was the first to laugh. "You've got to be kidding," I said.

No, replied Luke, he was not. And by telling us of his thoughts, he was testing the political waters,

so to speak. All of us at the table promptly tested our beers, wondering silently if someone had slipped some LSD into them.

Again, I was the first to break the silence. "You haven't a chance," I said.

"You wanna bet?" Luke asked.

Sure, I said. "If you run for Islands Trust and get elected, I'll quit my job."

As it happened, Luke didn't run. But when he filed his nomination papers on Friday, he sent his campaign manager over to remind me of our bet. He insists it's still on.

So I'm considering all my options. Professional tennis player? Fully-skilled rabbit hutch builder? Or full-time house husband?

Only the first appeals and somehow I don't quite think it would pan out.

There's one thing for certain. In future I shall restrict all my bets to cash only with a limit of 50 cents.

DID YOU NOTICE all those bright and cheerful expressions on the faces of Ganges business people Thursday morning?

No, it wasn't because the sewer debate was resolved nor was it because the tourist season had been officially extended, by parliamentary decree, until Christmas. Local merchants were smiling because they hopped out of bed first thing and were able to go to work without having their bodies on droop, their minds on fog and their mouths on mumble.

And if that doesn't make any sense it means you didn't go to the entertaining, informative and motivating seminar given by Bill Gibson on Wednesday evening. Gibson, of Newport Marketing and Communications in Victoria, is a skilled communicator, a self-trained business psychologist, and a master at reminding people of common-sense things they already knew but never really thought about before.

The seminar was highly successful judging by the comments from the 80-plus people who turned up. They learned that the recession is just part of another five-year economic cycle and that things can't help but get better. And if that doesn't make you feel any better, there's no point in worrying about it because 40% of the things you worry about never happen anyway.

Bill held our attention for three hours and filled our minds with all kinds of valuable information and good ideas.

Despite the good turnout, there were a lot of local businesses not represented. They must be the ones who are doing well.

Letters to the Editor

Confusing for animals

Sir,
Another Hallowe'en is almost upon us and the Victoria Branch of the B.C. S.P.C.A. is concerned about people and animals during this annual event.

It is a confusing night to animals as parents and children go wandering about from door to door "trick-or-treating". The strange looking costumes easily scare a dog into unusual behaviour, perhaps enough to cause an attack or a biting. If dogs or cats are cornered they will defend themselves by

coming out fighting. It is only instinct. More often than not they will take flight, sometimes ending up miles from home. Many do not find their way back again.

Fireworks seem to cause the most distress to animals and have a terrifying effect on them. Youngsters can be startled badly if they encounter a panic-stricken animal.

We would like to alert Greater Victoria to be concerned about their children and animals on Hallowe'en. Keep animals indoors and under control. They can hurt or be hurt if allowed out on their own.
JOSEPH F. HEALD,
Secretary-Manager.
October 18, 1984.

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RE-ELECT DAVID EYLES for School Board

BACKGROUND

In these tough economic times it is all the more important that our educational system be administered economically and efficiently while maintaining a quality educational experience for all children. To make the decisions necessary to accomplish this, some educational and administrative experience is a help. David Eyles has such experience:

- Experienced School Trustee having served as:
 - Chairman of Education Personnel Committee
 - Member of B.C. School Trustees Association Provincial Education Committee
 - Chairman of B.C.S.T.A. Vancouver Island Branch Education Committee
- Administrative experience as Director of University Student Services
- Bachelor and Master's degrees

ACCOUNTABILITY AND WORK A Personal Statement

As an elected trustee, I believe it is not only important to let you, the taxpayer, know what I'm doing, but also to find out what your opinions are. I also believe that I as a trustee have a responsibility to really work at being an effective trustee.

In part that's why I have got involved not only with our school district but with the Vancouver Island and Provincial Trustee Associations as well. Through such contacts beyond our District we can benefit from others' experience to find more efficient ways to use our dollars and provide a better educational service.

Some of the things I will continue to work for are:

- More public input into board decisions
- Upgraded district communications systems
- Water conservation in the schools
- A fair solution to the sewer problem
- A clear and effective transportation policy



Bill Webster

And so we see, once again, proof positive of how Silt Sprungers get along in such harmony.

The Perks and Wrecks Commissars are at odds with each other over, what else, the Fermenting Market in the Park.

'Tis another lingering saga of futility here on the rock.

Way back when, someone noticed that things were getting out of hand in the parking lot. The idea had originally been to sell veggies and other neat things to the populace on Saturday morns.

But some people began to introduce mobile garage sales and offered other such items for hawk in the park.

When something was attempted, something being controls on what was being sold, there began a howling that has yet to cease.

The market could be there on the weekend because the Perks folk from Nanaimo didn't work but five days per week.

And unbending attitudes imposed a rigidity upon the scene.

The Perks and Wrecks were supposed to make it possible for islanders to enjoy sports and walks and whatnot. But they got dragged into the fray, unwillingly but with a certainty.

Sides formed. But as with everything on the rock, it wasn't one side against the other or even a third side thrown in. As a local wit commented: such things on the rock resemble geodesic domes rather than triangles or squares.

The Perks and Wrecks peons decided to try to get out of the mess but somehow it clung to them like crazy glue. And so others joined the group and suddenly the group began to sound much like resident commissars.

In the confusion of events, things recreational got shuffled to one side, the better to talk and talk and talk about the market and other such things.

Meetings, which only a year or so ago took less than two hours to conduct, began to stretch and stretch. Although the meetings took place once per month, there were suddenly too many words getting between thoughts and actions.

Several times several members of the Perks and Wrecks were told that the market and the mid-week folk were subjects of small interest to the group. But those several members spoke about the matter regardless.

Which brings us to another aspect of the harmony of the rock.

Some people here don't appreciate being told what they can and cannot do. But those same folk are quite willing, even eager, to tell others how life should be lived.

There is one aspect of rock life that they seem to forget. The island is supposed to be a slower pace of events than, say, in Crofton. Island life is supposed to be rural as in slightly disorganized.

Which is why many people have arrived here to live.

Which is why many of the talkers arrived here to live.

But somehow their fears, frustrations and other attitudes creep into the way they indulge in intercourse with others on the rock.

And that's too bad. Life on the rock could be so much simpler. Life on the rock could be so much easier.

If only those who don't want to be told things would stop trying to tell others what to do.

The appointment of members to the Perks and Wrecks is not an action which sits easy with many people but if that is what is necessary to end the endless talk which in turn disrupts the process of recreation, then it has to be done.

We here on the rock should talk to each other. But more importantly, we should listen as well.



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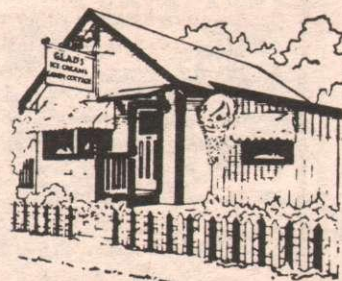


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Priority is given to letters written by Gulf Islands residents and those which are addressed to this newspaper, rather than copies of letters to government departments or others.

Writers are also urged to keep their submissions brief.

Hey, men! Don't be shy

Sir,
Each year as the Salt Spring Singers begin preparations for their annual Christmas Concert, the question is asked, "Are you going to do the *Hallelujah Chorus*?" And each year the reply is the same, "We would love to sing this very popular and meaningful piece of music, but we cannot do it alone. We need men to round out this four-part Chorus."
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Thank you,
ANNE ANSELL,
IONA SKINNER,
Ganges.
October 26, 1984.

Foyled

Sir,
A large company, proud that it had a plant on every continent, was extremely pollution concious. The company appointed a gentleman named Foyle as Pollution Control Officer for the company's overseas operations.

One morning the president received a complaint that their Taiwan mill was polluting a local lake.

"Which plant are you referring to sir?" inquired the P.C.O.

"It's your Asian mill Foyle," the president replied.

KENNETH C. GARNER,
Vancouver.
October 23, 1984.

Approved by commission

Sir,
Mr. Anthony Netboy's letter in your October 10 edition expressed concern about the interim electricity rate increase currently being applied to B. C. Hydro bills.

The interim increase was approved by the B. C. Utilities Commission in April 1984, and is subject to final approval following consideration of a detailed supporting application to be filed by Hydro later this year. If the increase, or any part of it, is not approved and the Commission orders a refund following the public hearing of the application, customers will receive interest at the prime rate charged by Hydro's principal bank.

Hydro's 1983-84 net income of \$51 million is an improvement over the previous year's loss of \$19 million, as Mr. Netboy points out. But it includes a transfer of \$14 million from the rate stabilization fund, built up from proceeds earned in previous years from electricity exports, and is far below the 1981-82 net income of \$120 million. Operating income, which is perhaps a better indicator of the way things have been going, fell steadily from \$210 million in fiscal 1982 to \$77 million in 1983 and \$37 million in 1984.

Mr. Netboy appears to have transposed figures from a chart in Hydro's last annual report to come up with 100,874 employees. That is the staff of Bell Canada, the country's fourth-largest industrial corporation, whose statistics are listed just ahead of B. C. Hydro's in the chart on page 16 of the report. Hydro, the fifth-largest corporation, had only 8,205 employees. Ontario Hydro, as Mr. Netboy points out, had twice the revenue of B. C. Hydro, but has nearly four times as many employees.

Since April 1 of this year Hydro has continued with a program of restraint that dates back to mid-1982 and, at September 30, had 7,970 employees. This total will be reduced further in the coming months.

PETER McMULLAN,
Manager,
Editorial Services,
B. C. Hydro.
October 22, 1984.

Necessary more than ever

Sir,
I think that restraint within the education system is more necessary than ever these days.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
Ganges.
October 1984.

Creeping commonism

Sir,
I would like to apologize to the proprietor of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in Long Harbour on Salt Spring Island. I shouted and swore because I didn't see the issue from his point of view. I know it was inexcusable but I'd like to explain why. I was exhausted. I was falling asleep standing up. Rod Roberts, on the *Strider*, and myself on the troller *Moonwind* had just travelled nonstop from Ulcluelet. My autopilot wasn't working and my steering helm was leaking fluid back through the valves so that even to travel in a straight line in flat calm water I had to pull the steering wheel continuously to port.

We were trying to make Nanaimo but reached the point where I couldn't travel any further. We ran into Long Harbour and dropped anchor. It was blowing about 20 and we immediately started to drag. We picked the anchors and dropped them in front of the Yacht Club. I lay down and Rod sat up to see if we were going to hold. It took us 15 minutes to drag to the entrance of Long Harbour. Rod woke me and we picked anchor again. This time we ran into the floats at the Yacht Club. There are three or four fingers there, room for at least 20 boats, and it was empty except for two boats. The proprietor came down and told us to get off.

I explained the situation, that we needed only two hours sleep and we'd be on our way. Our pleas that our anchors wouldn't hold in the bay in that wind were in vain. "Get off this dock". I pointed out that this was an emergency, that I couldn't go any further. "Get off this dock". I blew up and started screaming. He pointed out into the bay as a place to anchor, where we had just unsuccessfully attempted to do so.

After a night's sleep I was able to see things from his perspective. He must protect the integrity of his dock. Once it starts, where will it end? The next thing you know some worker type with a boatload of kids will break down and want to use the phone. As it was I probably left germs on the dock just tying up there. He did the right thing. The unwashed masses need something to aspire to. These little enclaves of pressed pants, cashmere sweaters with colour co-ordinated shoes, untouched by the messy difficulties of humanity are an inspiration to us all.

Salt Spring Island residents should be proud. It's a difficult thing to maintain that sort of respectability. My first year fishing I was blown into Fisherman's Cove in West Vancouver. The proprietor phoned the owners of two boats, received permission to move them, and helped me get tied down. By now there's probably kids fishing for perch on the floats. "Creeping Commonism" I call it. There is one

thing I'm still angry with the proprietor of the Yacht Club on Salt Spring about.

He looked me in the eye and said "trollers" with a very strong sneer. He was implying that I was less than the rest of humanity. I resent that. I am a member of the teeming masses of humanity, no more, no less. For that I hope one of my germs gets into the crease of his pants.

AL LANDRY,
Box 1111,
Qualicum Beach.
October 20, 1984.

A corporation with a substantial profit in one year does not need to sock consumers, who already are paying exorbitant rates for power, with another unjustified hike.

I would like Mr. Langston to explain briefly the reasons for it and venture an opinion, if he is allowed to have one, on how long we will have to pay the surcharge. Indefinitely?

ANTHONY NETBOY,
Ganges.
October 25, 1984.

Correction

Sir,
I write to correct a letter from fellow school trustee Ronald McQuiggan in last week's *Driftwood*. In it he speaks of my motion... "to discontinue support of the CRD sewer system without a proven alternative."

The full text of my motion was as follows: "That the Board of School Trustees of School District 64 (Gulf Islands) inform the Capital Regional District that it does not intend to request from the Ministry of Education an up-front grant for debt retirement purposes in order to subsidize private users of the Ganges sewer as requested in a letter from Chairman Wilde of September 19, 1984."

DAVID WILLIAMS,
R. R. 1,
Ganges.
October 25, 1984.

Ridiculous explanation

Sir,
Upon returning home from a trip abroad I found Mr. Langston's letter in the October 17 *Driftwood*. I owe an apology to B. C. Hydro for using the wrong employment figures.

However, Mr. Langston's explanation for the 6.5% interim rate increase is ridiculous. Since the corporation had a surplus of \$53 million in 1983, why did it run to the Utilities Commission with immoderate haste early in 1984 to request an increase, before its first quarter financial report was even revealed? The Utility Commission's public hearings would make interesting reading. It sounds like a rubber stamp deal, as usual.

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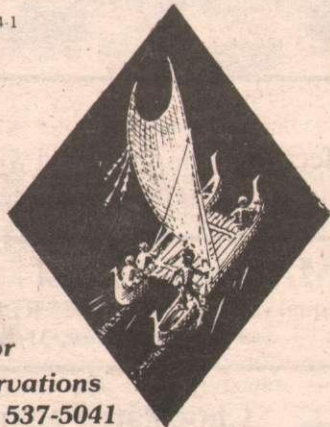
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A character-building joyride in an old Model T

BY CHUCK HOREL

There is a great deal of satisfaction for children in doing something constructive for their parents. It not only builds a fine character for the child, it also catches the parent by surprise.

There was a time 50-odd years ago on Salt Spring Island when narrow, dusty roads ran over the hills and through the valleys, past busy little farms and small white churches, connecting Patterson's store at Beaver Point and Cudmore's store at Fulford with Mouat's emporium at Ganges, and connecting the local remittance men with the Harbour House beer parlour. The remittance men were a tiny minority as any old-timer will tell you, but there were others just as pleased with the connection with the Harbour House.

One could travel in those days by the gallant little ferry *Cy Peck* to Vancouver Island, or take the C.P.R.'s white and varnished and glass-spangled *Princess Mary* over the blue Gulf waters to Vancouver, but despite these signs of civilization, Salt Spring Island was still pretty close to the last frontier, and when the King in his Christmas radio message mentioned the "outposts of Empah" we shuffled our feet and felt a little embarrassed at being singled out.

Floated over flats on homemade rafts

In the summer of 1931 our father and my brother Buster and I were batching in a little cabin on Stewart Road beside Cusheon Creek. Buster and I were 12 and 10 years old, respectively, and when we were not helping out in the sawmill we speared trout in the creek, or hiked

the skid road to the creek outlet where we floated over the mudflats on homemade rafts, catching crabs and perch. Later, when the apples were ripe we would detour on the way home and steal a few king apples from Geof Beddis' orchard.

But we had to be right on deck when father got an order to saw out some lumber. He was very strong on teaching us to work. "Why," he would say, "there are kids in town who would give their eye teeth for a chance to work in a sawmill for the summer. You don't know what a privilege you have." And he would continue, self-righteously, "By golly, my kids are not going to learn to loll around all day playing tennis and drinking lemonade."

Sometimes weekly, sometimes monthly, depending on the market, we would load up the Model T truck with edge-grain fir lumber and father would take the ferry to Victoria to get \$18 or \$20 for the load. He always got into the cab of the truck in a dark mood of anxiety, fearful that in his absence Buster and I would destroy the entire quarter-section, and even after the truck was under way, he would be calling out a last-minute list of forbidden activity.

Waiting to take it for a spin

I had been waiting with some impatience for one of these trips, because Buster and I had decided in father's next absence to take out the second Model T truck for a spin. It had been set aside, unlicensed, when the lumber market collapsed, with very little wrong with it. Buster was big and strong and had been born with a mechanical gift, so we would have few problems getting it mobile.

So it was with high pleasure that we waved goodbye to father one day as his truck laboured up and away from the mill with a load of prime fir planks. As soon as he was safely out of sight we rounded up four coils and a hot shot battery, with a tin of gasoline, and got the spare truck running.

Traffic was so scarce at that time that a hen could have hatched out chicks on the wheel tracks, so we had no cares in easing out on to Stewart Road. By the time father was driving aboard the *Cy Peck* at Fulford, Buster was carefully steering us around the turn at Royal's corner on to Beddis Road.

We made several runs up and down the straight stretch beside Crawford's fields. I was exhilarated. "Let me steer it on the run home," I asked Buster, and finally he turned around in Crawford's drive and gave me the wheel.

It was fine fun. I got the old truck going at a great rate down the hill and on to the straight stretch and then I tugged the gas lever further down so we fairly flew along. Buster was shouting something at me but I was intoxicated with joy and held steady for the turn at Royal's corner on to Stewart Road. I was by now an expert. I knew just how to make that sharp turn. I had heard all the men saying for years how they had to speed up on a turn to drive the front wheels around, so 100 feet before the turn I pulled the gas lever as far down as it would go and steered into the corner.

Buster was shouting even louder as we careened around the turn, but I was completely astonished to see a wheel whip out ahead of us and disappear into the bush. I was certain that some car behind us was shooting wheels past us, until the nose of our Model T ground into the roadbed and we slewed to a stop in the coulee past the turn.

All my expertise drained away as the dust swirled around us. Here was a complete disaster. I thought if I started walking for Beaver Point right away I might be able to paddle a log to Vancouver Island. There were farmers over there who hired 10-year-olds to pick berries.

"Get out of there and help me," Buster said. "We have to fix that wheel before the Old Man gets home, or the fur will fly right over the rafters."

The wooden spokes had torn out of the hub and the spokes were broken into fragments. We got the rim and tire back out of the bush and I was certain that repairs were impossible but Buster was dogged. "We'll go home and get another wheel, and if we have to we'll change the spokes," he said.

During the rest of the morning and a good part of the afternoon, we worked so hard it would have frightened our father to have seen it. Whenever Buster needed another tool from home, I ran all the way there and back. We jacked and pried and perspired and got the axle off the ground and removed the hub.

The best wheel we found would not fit, and, as Buster had said, we had to change the spokes and whittle them to size.

Finally to my immense relief, we got the old truck mobile again and Buster carefully drove it home. I had lost all desire to drive anything.

When the Model T once more sat in its place beside the filing shed, we could see more problems. In front of father's eyes as he pulled up at the cabin would be the repaired wheel made of chipped and whittled red spokes, while the other wheels were chipped and dusty and black.

"Well, we have her by the tail with a downhill pull, now," Buster said, "but we'll have to wash the other wheels and paint them all black."

All that hot afternoon I carried water and we scrubbed the entire truck. Buster found a part tin of black paint and painted the spokes on all the wheels. Evening was coming on and we had just finished dragging tree branches over our tire tracks when father drove up.

He stepped out of the cab and saw his spare truck gleaming and sparkling in the evening sun, with its wheels all spanking black, while the two of us, dishevelled but innocent-looking, stood beside it.

"By golly," he said, "this is just fine. Don't you feel better for spending your time working?" He headed for the cabin and added, "You lads clean up and take a little rest while I made a good venison stew with dumplings."

Student exchange planned

Students in the French immersion program at Gulf Islands Secondary School will be part of an exchange trip with students from Quebec.

Irene Wright, co-ordinator of the program, has asked the Gulf Islands School Board for approval in principle to allow planning for the exchange trip to begin. The 23 students will be heading for Quebec

in February or March next year.

The exchange program will be funded by the federal secretary of state. The students involved will pay a token \$10 plus their personal expenses. They will be billeted in homes in Quebec.

The contingent from that province will be billeted in homes on Salt Spring.

Salt Spring Sheepskins

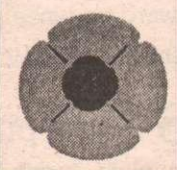
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OTTAWA REPORT

A worthy recipient of award

BY JIM MANLY

Dorothy Livesay of Galiano Island doesn't fit the popular idea of a poet as an impractical soul wandering "lonely as a cloud" through life, having no contact with the realities faced by other people.

On October 18 Governor-General Jeanne Sauve recognized the outstanding quality of Dorothy Livesay's life and poetry by naming her as one of the five women to receive the "Persons" Award. The award, given each year, commemorates the five Alberta women who brought their case to the Privy Council in London to establish that women were "persons" under the British North America Act and were therefore eligible to be appointed to the Senate. Like these five women,

Educational channel may soon be available

Knowledge Network, the educational television channel, may be available to Gulf Islands schools soon.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands, reported to the school board at last week's meeting about talks he has had with officials of Knowledge Network.

He said the officials had suggested that the school district could receive the television channel through use of a dish antenna. The network would work out the cost of the dish so there would be no expense to the district.

Marshall also reported that network officials were interested in supplying a transmission facility for the school district to allow access to the channel to the schools at the Outer Islands.

The transmission facilities could be a source of revenue for the school district, he said.

The school trustees urged him to continue talks with various officials to see what can be worked out.

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Your Wednesday Marketplace

Livesay has been a fighter all her life.

Her parents were journalists and this probably influenced Livesay to become a writer; at the age of 13 she had her first poem published in the *Vancouver Province* and at the age of 19 she produced her first book. In the early 30's, however, Dorothy Livesay abandoned middle-class security when she encountered more radical ideas as a student, first in Toronto and later in Paris where she became a communist.

On her return from Paris in 1932 she trained as a social worker and worked in Montreal where the depression was at its worst. A poem from that time shows how much she wanted to identify with the workers.

So damn little I knew
Wanting, since fifteen, to work in
a shirt factory
Terrible longing to understand
And it was stifled, so many years
stifled
With leisure, literature, learning.

Reaching that identification was like a painful but exhilarating birth:
Now I have broken free!
Sent prejudice sprawling
With my quick thrust into living.

Now I am alive, having created
My breath one with yours, fighter
and toiler.

During this period Livesay subordinated much of her literary work to the demands of her politics, and some of it was no more than "agit-prop" (ie. agitation and propaganda). In later years she realized that she had been duped in her support for the communists:

"This did not cause me to hate the communists, or to red-bait, rather I was disgusted with myself for having been so duped. But I believe I let myself be duped because no one else except the communists seemed to be concerned about the plight of our people, nor to be aware of the threat of Hitler and war."

Some of Livesay's longer poems have been brought together in a volume called *The Documentaries*. These give the reader an understanding of Livesay's appreciation for the harshness, the beauty and the continuing drama of life, whether it be on an Ontario farm, an American steelmill, or a North Vancouver shipyard.

My favourite from this collection is *Call My People Home*, about the dispossession of Japanese Canadians from our coast. A few lines encapsulate what many of

these fishermen must have felt when they were told to bring their boats down to be impounded:

"How speak about the long trip south, the last
We ever made, in the last of our boats?
The time my life turned over, love went under
Into the cold unruly sea. Those waves
Washing the cabin's walls
Lashed hate into me."

But hate does not have the last word in Livesay's work. She also celebrates the way in which Japanese Canadians put down new roots, established new communities, and gave themselves to new struggles.

Home, we discover, is where life is:
Not Manitoba's wheat
Ontario's walled cities
Nor a B. C. fishing fleet.

Home is labour, with the hand and heart,
The hard doing, and the rest when done:
A rougher ocean than we knew,
a tougher earth,
A more magnetic sun.

I don't want to give the impression that Livesay limited her poetry to political or social topics—far from it. *The Phases of Love*, some of her shorter poems from almost 60 years of writing, illustrate the manifold nature of love both physical and spiritual. It is obvious from reading these poems that Dorothy Livesay refuses to become a victim of the aging process.

"O do not put me down
teach me to be more human

and to learn
in the clutch of loving

how small miracles
shatter the facts—
explode!

Dorothy Livesay is a worthy recipient of the Persons Award and a wonderful Canadian.

Trustee objects to jargon

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School board accepted the policy but not the procedure.

David Eyles, a Salt Spring school trustee, introduced the policy and procedures for counselling standards and qualifications at the school board meeting last week.

The policy reads: "That the standards and qualifications as proposed by B. C. Schools Counsellors Association in their 1982 handbook be adopted by School District 64 (Gulf Islands) for personnel counselling in the district."

Ron McQuiggan said he could support the policy but not the attached procedures. The

procedures, he said, could not be understood because of the jargon.

He pointed out that such phrases as "helping relationships" and "facilitative skills" are jargon which might not be understood by those not involved in counselling.

Eyles noted that the language used in the procedures was general and similar to a course description for university.

Superintendent of schools Mike Marshall said, "It's not unlike other policies across the province."

A compromise was reached when the school board decided to accept the policy but leave the procedure aside.

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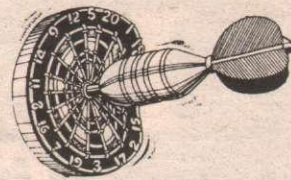
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Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

Costume contest

Fulford Inn celebrated Hallowe'en a bit early with a costume party on Saturday night. First prize in their costume contest went to Ron and Darlene Ulansky, at left. Their handmade Raggedy

Ann and Andy costumes won them a steak and lobster dinner at the Inn. In photo at right, the happiest people on the island stopped by for a joke or two.

Grants total \$675

Total of \$675 has been approved as grants-in-aid by regional director Hugh Borsman of Salt Spring Island. Two grants were confirmed last week by the Capital Regional Board.

The South Salt Spring Residents Association received a grant of \$125 in respect of copying and mailing costs of its community plan for the south end of the island.

Second grant, of \$550, was approved for the Salt Spring Community Society, in respect of its counselling facility.

Four named to Saturna water board

Four appointments to the Saturna Island water commission were approved by the Capital Regional Board last week.

Debbie Graham will serve in the place of Robert Bruce on the Lyall Harbour-Boot Cove Water Committee. Her term will expire September 30, 1985.

Three were named to serve until September 30, 1986.

They are Walter Ratzlaff, Money Road, Saturna; Jack Rush, 4476 Chaldecott St., Vancouver; and Alredy Reynolds, Saturna.

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Jeweller, weaver prepare for annual sale at Ganges

Not many Gulf Islands craftspeople can boast of the diversity to be found in the work of one of their number, Terry Warbey of Salt Spring Island.

At one end of Warbey's Old Scott Rd. workshop is a jeweller's bench, where bracelets, earrings and rings are produced, mainly of silver.

At the other end is a bench containing woodworking tools, where Warbey manufactures mandolins and dulcimers.

The island craftsman became an apprentice jeweller in England at the age of 17 and has been making a living at it since 1969.

While his bracelets and earrings are fabricated from long thin strips of silver which he buys pre-formed, most of Warbey's rings are made using the lost wax cast method, a very old technique.

A copy of the ring is first made of wax, which is then invested (or embedded) in plaster. After the plaster dries it is placed in a furnace at 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit where the wax is burned away, leaving the shape of the ring in the plaster.

The next step is to fill the mould with molten silver, which is spun

into it using a centrifuge. All that remains to be done is some light filing and polishing. Most of Warbey's rings are inset with stones such as carnelian, a type of agate, or jade, lapis lazuli and moonstones.

Some of Warbey's earrings bear designs which appear to have been cut into the silver but in fact are made from two thin pieces of the metal. The design is cut out of one piece, making a hole right through. The two pieces are then soldered together to look like one.

Warbey's earrings and bracelets run from \$16 and up while his rings average \$50 in price.

At present he is learning the art of engraving and "having a lot of fun doing it".

Meanwhile, Salt Spring Island weaver Aino Tamm has been a "serious" weaver for three to four years, although she bought her four-harness floor loom 10 years ago.

Tamm, who came to Canada from Estonia 30 years ago, spends four to five hours a day weaving, and would spend more time at it but "someone has to do the gardening".

She makes blankets, shawls, place mats, rugs and wall hangings. A

four-foot by six-foot hanging commissioned by a Vancouver company was her most challenging piece of work to date. A photograph of Tamm and the hanging were published in *Driftwood* last year.

In addition to some commission work, she sells through Artcraft and the forthcoming guild sale.

The Sky Valley Rd. resident describes her hobby as rewarding and says it provides an opportunity

to create. Although she has taken some courses, she is mostly self-taught. Tamm is modest about her work and says she has a lot to learn yet.

"There are other more advanced weavers around (on Salt Spring) in the way of technique."

Tamm spins and dyes most of the wool she uses, but employs commercial wool for items such as blankets, where homespun is too

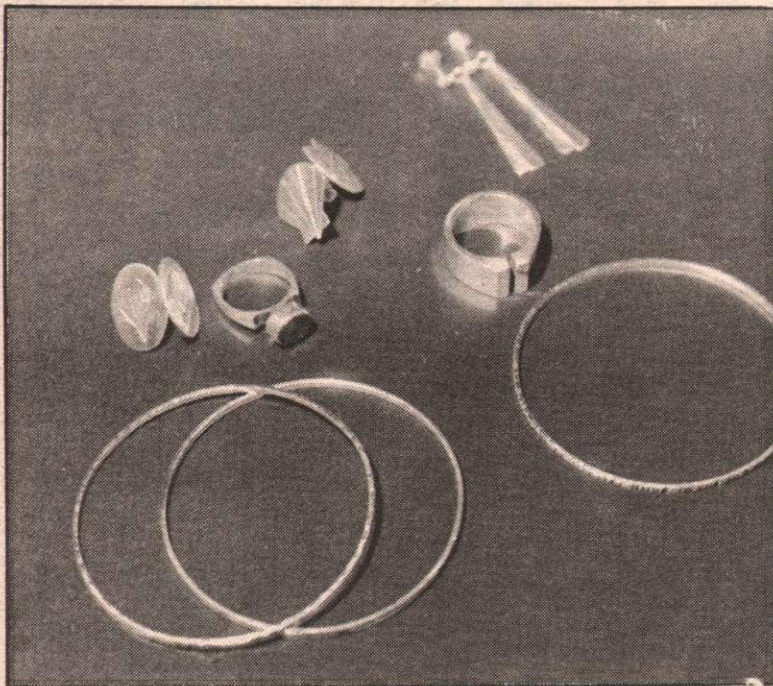
heavy.

She and her husband have lived on Salt Spring for five years.

The work of both Tamm and Warbey will be seen at the pre-Christmas craft sale at Mahon Hall November 16, 17 and 18. Five guilds are represented at the sale, the Weavers, Jewellers, Potters, Painters and Woodworkers.



Terry Warbey at work at his jeweller's bench



Bracelets, earrings and rings made by Warbey



Driftwood photos by Tony Richards

Aino Tamm working at her loom

Police issue caution

RCMP have issued a caution to children and parents about Hallowe'en.

The concern of the police centres on pedestrian safety when the young folk are out visiting neighbours for treats, or tricks.

They suggest that instead of masks, the youngsters wear make-up. Masks have a tendency to obstruct vision which can be doubly dangerous at night.

And drivers should also exercise care during the evening to make sure that the goblins and other creatures of the night are seen.

The final warning goes to parents. They should check each treat before the children are allowed to open the packages or bite into the fruit. In the past, some people with a twisted sense of humour have put more into the treats than just harmless fun. Such things as razor blades and rat poison have been known to show up on Hallowe'en.

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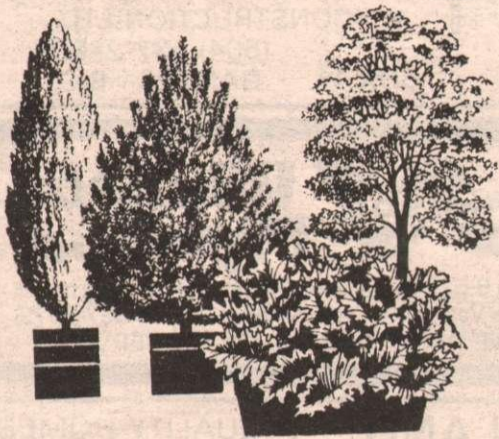
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Contract negotiations proceeding 'satisfactorily'

Contract negotiations between the teachers and the Gulf Islands School District are "going satisfactorily," says school trustee Ron McQuiggan.

He was reporting to the school board at a meeting on Galiano Island last week.

The two sides have until November 15 to reach agreement on a six-month contract. After that date the matter goes to binding arbitration.

The six-month deal is necessary because the ministry of education is changing the school budget fiscal year to match the school year. The two sides will sit down again in the spring to hammer out a longer deal.

The school district is using the services of A. Keylock, at approximately \$60 per day, as its negotiator in the contract talks.

Richard Tallboy of Pender Island, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers Association (GITA), would not comment on the negotiations. He said that the two sides had agreed not to negotiate in the press.

So far, McQuiggan said, the talks have been "productive." Neither side will say what matters are being

talked about and neither will discuss money issues. Teachers in other school districts are after wage increases of up to nine percent.

When the two sides discussed contract terms last year, GITA had been after a four percent increase. But when the deal was settled in December, there was no pay increase awarded. However, the teachers did qualify for increases for such things as experience and length of service with the school district.

The teachers at the top end of the pay scale did not receive any increase.

Money taken

There were two more break-ins at Salt Spring Island last week.

Nan's Cafe at Fulford and the Gulf Islands Driftwood office were both entered Tuesday night.

There was \$55 reported missing at Nan's and about \$300 at Driftwood.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Pensioners hold bazaar

Fulford OAP's held their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday at Fulford Hall. As well as selling

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At school board

Ski trips under fire

Ski trips may be a thing of the past for pupils in Gulf Islands schools.

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board will be discussing field trips at the next school board meeting, November 15, and the ski trips will be under fire.

The trustees have issued an invitation to anyone who has an opinion on the matter to attend.

David Eyles said at last week's board meeting that the board

should not approve ski trips and the schools should be encouraged to find other trips "of more value educationally," to replace them.

The children have been travelling to Mount Washington on Vancouver Island for ski trips for a number of years.

Tom Watson, principal of Salt Spring Elementary School, said the ski trips have been held each year for the past seven years. The Grade 7 class from that school goes on the trips.

At Gulf Islands Secondary School, the students have formed a ski club and organize their own trips.

The Mayne Junior Secondary School Grade 9 class, said head teacher Ian Cocker, goes for ski trips on weekends and raises the money to pay for the outings on their own.

Watson said the cost of the trips is covered in part by the school district which chipped in \$1,000 last year. The remainder of the money is raised through the school and the parents' group.

Ron McQuiggan said that he did not think ski trips were any reason to take the kids out of school.

But Watson disagreed. He said the trips are a learning experience for the children involved. The youngsters learn to ski and learn to get along in a group. The experience is positive and healthful, he said.

"It's particularly gratifying to see children, who through no fault of their own have academic problems, earn the respect of their peers by doing well on the ski slope," he said.

The trips offer motivation for academic learning, he said. The children are aware that if their studies suffer, they may not get to go on the trip.

The school board, said chairman Charles Hingston, will be considering a policy on ski trips after the trustees have heard from the public on the matter.

China will be topic

The public is invited to spend an evening hearing about China next Wednesday at the lower hall of Ganges United Church.

Molly Phillips of Victoria, national tour director of the Federation of Canada-China Friendship Associations, will show slides of her trips to China. A mini-fashion show of traditional Chinese costumes will also be seen.

Phillips was born in China and is currently writing a book about the country, *Experiencing Three Chinas*. It will focus on the experiences she encountered in Imperial China, the Republic of China and Communist China.

The affair begins at 7.30 pm. There is no admission charge.

Money transferred

The money was switched from one capital expense account to another to allow the Gulf Islands School Board to keep it on the books.

The money, \$100,000, had been in the capital account used for renovations to the school at Galiano Island. It was to have been used for a couple of extra classrooms at that school but enrolment figures did not justify the additions.

When the capital account was to be closed off, the ministry of education suggested to the school board that the money be switched to the Fulford school capital account.

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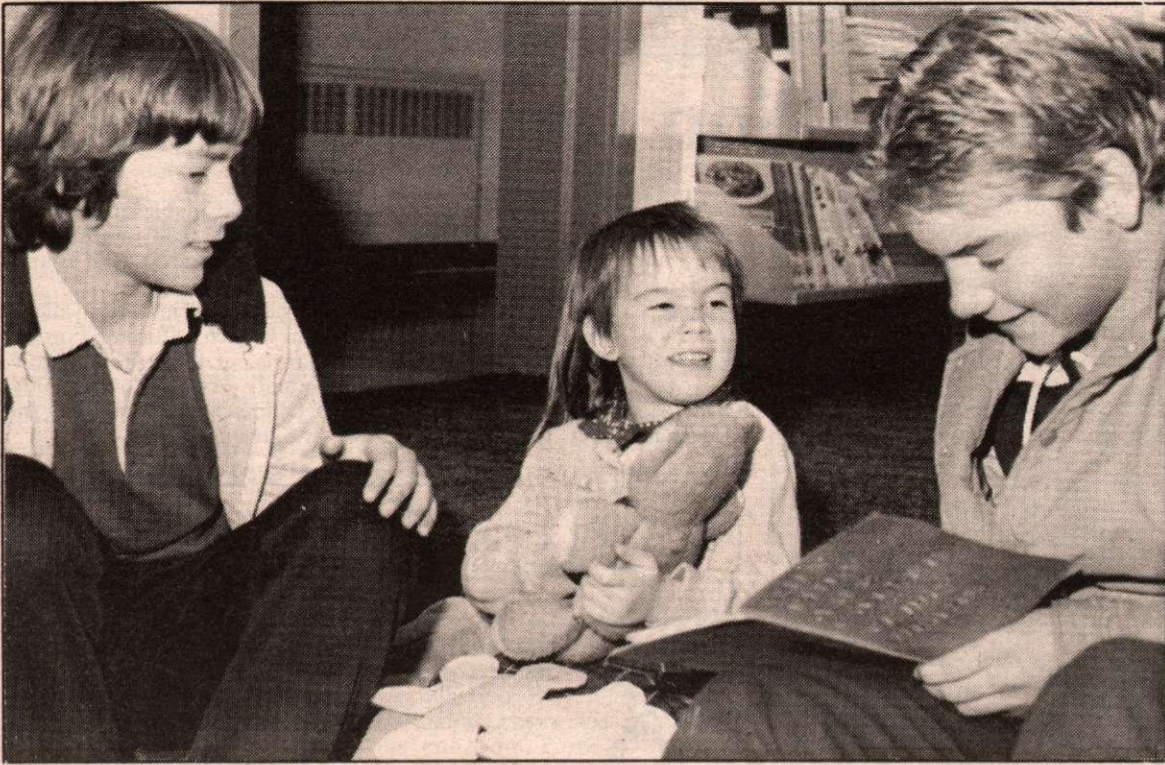
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common in the teddy bear and when the kindergarten children met with the Grade 6/7 students, there was lots to talk about. The ideas were flowing and it was the job of the senior students to write down the stories told to them by the younger

children. Above left, Briana Prosk recites her story to Grade 7 students Willie McBride, left, and B.J. Severs. At right, Jenica Ulansky is happy to have her teddy with her at school.



Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

New officers elected by institute

Election of a new slate of officers as well as a review of the year's events were part of a recent meeting of the South Salt Spring Women's Institute.

The ladies gathered at the home of Louisa Adshead on October 11 and Evelyn Lee presided. Adshead stepped aside as secretary-treasurer of the group, a position she has held for the past 7½ years.

Lee was re-elected president. Gladys Slingsby will be vice-president and Val Gyves will act as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. D. O'Sullivan and Mabel Holtby were selected as directors.

Report was made about the two scholarships given to graduate students of Gulf Islands Secondary School this year. One scholarship went to a student who sought further studies in agriculture while the other went to a student studying home economics.

Slingsby reported on the June provincial convention in Vancouver.

The South Vancouver Island W. I. held a workshop in Royal Oak and four of the Salt Spring ladies attended with a display of vegetables. The judge expressed surprise that such vegetables as

corn, lettuce and peas were available at this time of year.

He recommended that the ladies obtain a copy of a booklet, *Exhibition Standards of Perfection for Vegetables*, which is available from the B. C. ministry of agriculture.

In other announcements, the South Salt Spring W. I. and the Pender Island W. I. will co-host the Adelaide Hoodless luncheon next

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Retirement party

Bank of Montreal employees at Ganges honoured former branch manager Sandy Gordon, above, with dinner at Bay Window Restaurant last Thursday evening.

Gordon retired recently after 15 years with the bank. Seated next to him is new branch manager Charlotte Gibbs.

LEGION NEWS

BY BETTY GALT

My, oh my, it's getting to the end of another month and members will be receiving an annual newsletter from the president. So you can excuse me if these few words are the same as in the letter.

What is uppermost for us all right now is Remembrance Day, November 11. From Nov. 2 to 10 we shall be on the street, in the shops, on the ferries and most of all in your hearts, so please, if you can, come out and help with the poppy sales.

The lists and times are posted in the Legion. Add your name for a shift, take an hour during the week to help, we need you! So do our comrades who share the results of

this once-a-year remembrance of their years in the services.

This year, owing to a large number of members, the dinner after the parade will be buffet-style except for handicapped veterans and out-of-town guests. The auxiliary will provide for us all with excellence as usual.

Two plaques bearing the names of past presidents will soon be hung in the Legion, the Ladies' Auxiliary will be in memory of Marilyn Ryles.

If auxiliary members can help with street poppy sales, contact Lucie Moore. Next general meeting of Branch 92 is November 5 and of the auxiliary, November 12.

Grey Cup Breakfast is at the Legion on November 18—don't forget!

Injuries minor

Seat belt injuries, says ICBC, are minor compared to what could happen in an accident without the use of seat belts. Muscle strain, bruises, sore ribs or other minor injuries caused by seat belts hardly compare to the risk of breaking an arm or leg, injuring your head, or even dying when tossed about during an accident.

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In Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands

\$1.5 million for job creation

Funding of about \$1.5 million is available this winter for job creation in the federal riding of Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands.

The federal government has announced that \$250 million will be made available for Canada Works programs across the country. British Columbia will get \$25 million.

Employment Development Branch spokesman Judy Liefshultz of Victoria told *Driftwood* that the money earmarked for this area will mean about 230 jobs of about 20 weeks each. Her office is looking for proposals from non-profit organizations to provide both employment and some type of service to the community.

To be considered by the branch a project cannot be part of an organization's ongoing activities, but must be a special type of project. Renovations to community halls or clearing park trails are the types of proposals that may qualify.

Deadline for applications is November 16, and jobs should begin around February 1.

Liefshultz said the branch has been directed to concentrate on target group hiring. Overall, 38% of jobs should go to women, 31% to youth, 19% to native people and five percent to handicapped.

"The applications will be looked at in terms of their ability to hire from these target groups," Liefshultz said.

Business may also apply for funding from the program, she said. But the new Conservative government has issued a directive that calls for giving first priority to non-profit groups.

"A business will receive consideration for a proposal that may provide ongoing jobs after the

project is over."

But, added Liefshultz, the branch must be careful about providing unfair competitive advantage.

The local riding received \$1.2 million when the program began last year, and an additional \$300,000 later.

Liefshultz said there may be

more money available later this year as well. She said there were about 10 projects funded in the Gulf Islands last year.

Application forms are available from the branch's office on Fort St., in Victoria, or from the Peninsula Community Association Employment Outreach office at 9788 2nd St., in Sidney.



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David Suzuki and Shari Ulrich

Island entertainers on CBC television

It's island season on CBC this year.

Two famous Salt Spring Island performers are taking part in popular shows on the Canada television network. Valdy and Shari Ulrich are seen, and heard, every Wednesday evening in the series, *Music! Music! Music!*

Ulrich is also co-host, with David Suzuki, of the probing *Futurescan*, over CBC on Tuesday evenings.

Valdy is at home in almost any part of Canada, but he's most at home here on Salt Spring Island, at the south end.

Ulrich comes home to the north end, where she lives near Ganges.

For many years the island has been home to many entertainers, at the national level as well as local performers.

The two entertainers are part of the singing team with *Music! Music! Music!* They are to be seen every week with a group of nationally-known singers.

BACK IN YEARS

The show, produced by Ken

Gibson of *Good Rockin' Tonite*, brings new age performers into a past-age performance. The various singers are presenting the hits of half a century ago. It is bringing the hits of the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's back to the 80's and modern singers like Valdy and Ulrich are doing it.

They sing to a 14-piece orchestra under the direction of Terry Frewer.

The second CBC show featuring Shari Ulrich is a complete switch. *Futurescan* explores and investigates humans and humanity and everything around them. It centres on ideas and develops them on the television screen.

Futurescan relates people to technological change and the changes in information sources. It is offered as a video magazine of interviews, documentaries, reviews and demonstrations.

The Wednesday musical series runs for 13 weeks and *Futurescan* has a seven-week run.

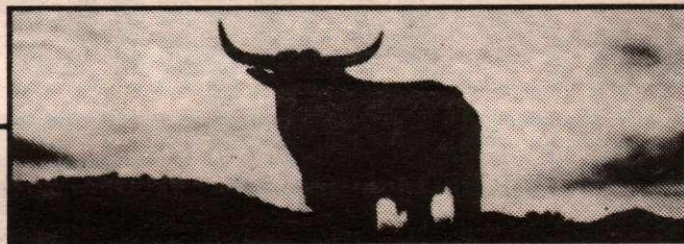
Where are the Salt Spring Island entertainers?

Tune in to CBC!



It's *Music! Music! Music!* and it's on the right. Between the two Salt Spring Island artists are Tom Lavin and Ra McQuire. Shari Ulrich on the left, with Valdy

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