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Gale-force winds clocked at 85 mph

Gale-force winds early Tuesday morning were followed by the second snowfall of the season in the Gulf Islands. Power was cut to part of Salt Spring Island and all of the Outer Islands, a Hydro spokesman reported Tuesday morning.

Schools on the Outer Islands were closed for the day and the lack of electricity also caused ferries to run behind schedule.

John Langston, B. C. Hydro manager for the islands, reported that the main feed from Salt Spring to the other islands had been knocked out by fallen trees along Beddis Road and in the Beaver Point area.

The weather watcher for Salt Spring reported up to six inches of snow had coated the island. In the Outer Islands, the snow was not as heavy with each island reporting a dusting of snow in low areas and a thicker fall at higher elevations.

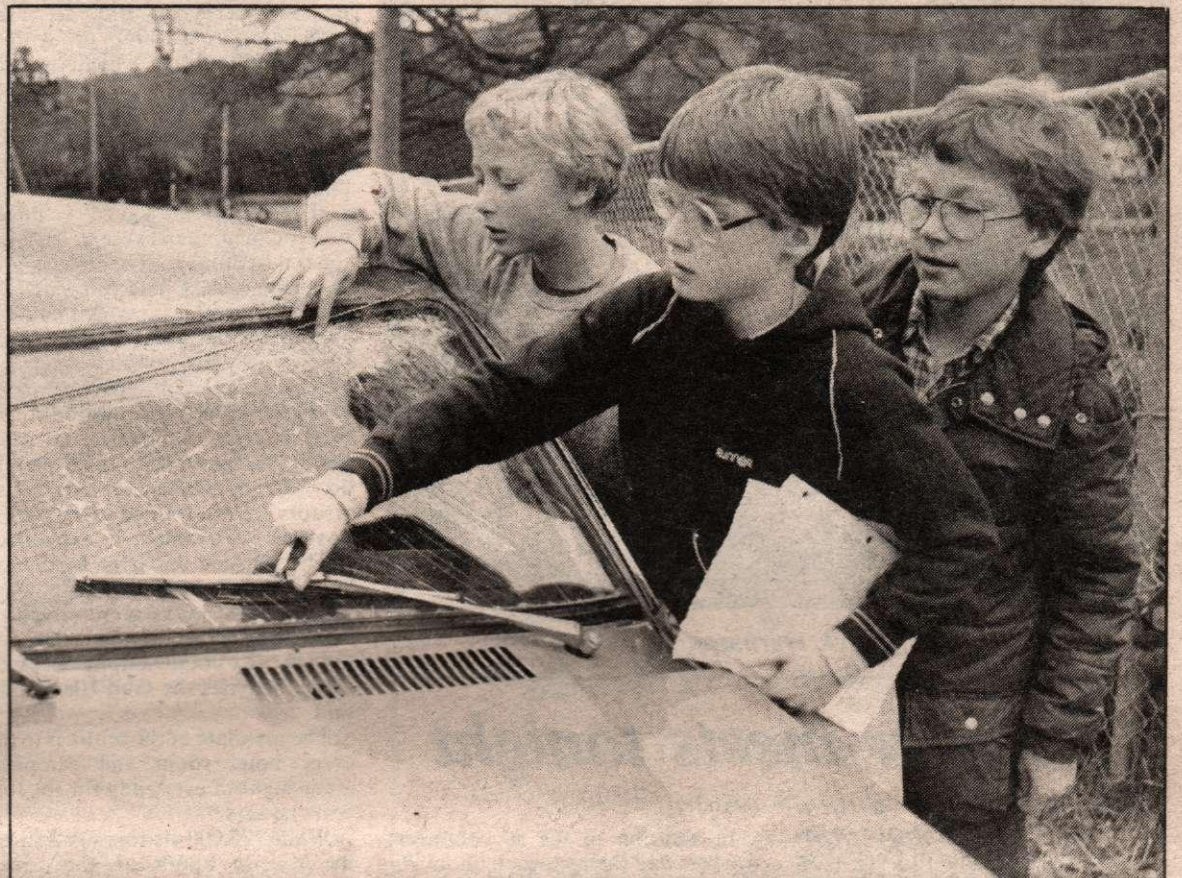
The Victoria airport reported winds from the southeast were gusting up to 85 miles-per-hour at East Point with the strongest winds hitting shortly after midnight.

RCMP had an easy time with no traffic mishaps reported on Salt Spring or the Outer Islands.

Bob Anderson, terminal agent for B. C. Ferries, reported that the *Quinita* plying between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay was running about a half-hour behind schedule Tuesday because lack of electricity at the south Salt Spring terminal.

The *Mayne Queen*, on the Outer Islands route, was experiencing the same difficulty. The *Queen of Tsawwassen*, heading to the mainland from the islands, was an hour and a half late.

Both Fernwood and Fulford Elementary Schools at Salt Spring were closed due to lack of electricity.



Driftwood photos by Alice Richards.

Some jobs may go

The school district budget projections supplied recently by the ministry of education show that jobs could be lost in the Gulf Islands school system.

The school board was sent two sets of figures. The first set covers the six months between January and June of next year and the second set cover the 1985-86 school year from July 1985 to June 1986.

The operating budget projection for the six-month period is \$2,850,102. The second set of figures, for the 1985-86 school year, is \$4,941,731.

The figures supplied by the ministry do not contain items such as the non-shareable capital account or the debt service account.

The comparable figure for this year was \$5,120,946. Also missing

and yet to be calculated is any surplus or deficit from the budget for this year which can be applied to subsequent budgets.

The main difference between the figures for this year and for the 1985-86 budget comes in the two accounts which cover instruction. There could be almost \$433,000 less in those two accounts for 1985-86.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands, said that some jobs may have to go but the administration staff will "fine-tune" the figures to lessen the impact.

There are currently 74.5 full-time equivalent teachers in the eight Gulf Islands schools. Marshall indicated that the figures suggest a teaching staff of 72 or 73 full-time teachers. The

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To recreation commission

Six new members appointed

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has six new members who were named at a meeting of the group Monday.

Regional director Hugh Borsman

Carol sheets available

Extra copies of the Christmas carol sheets in this week's paper are available at no charge from *Driftwood*.

Carols are contained in a special pull-out section beginning on Page 9. The section also contains details of Light-Up Day in Ganges Saturday.

submitted the names of Phil Hume, Irene Fewings, Strick Aust, Merv Walde, Valerie Wanless and Spencer Marr to fill out the 11-member commission.

Hume and Fewings had both reached the end of a two-year term. Aust, former chairman of the Gulf Islands School Board, has been active in soccer on the island.

Walde comes to the commission after completing a term as chairman of the Fulford Hall Committee. Wanless is active in the Salty Sweaters exercise group and Marr has been on the commission in the past.

The other members of the commission, each with a year remaining on their terms, are

He doesn't even play harmonica

A Salt Spring resident seems to have a secret admirer, but he wonders about the gifts being left for him.

The resident, who requested that his name not be used, has been the recipient of five harmonicas over the past two weeks. On each occasion he has discovered the harmonicas in the back of his pick-up truck.

"And he doesn't even play the harmonica," a police spokesman said.

There have been no reported cases of stolen harmonicas during that time.

Police visit schools

Ganges RCMP visited island schools last week to talk about their work and show the youngsters some of their techniques and equipment. Constable Rod Arsenault gave Salt Spring Elementary kindergarten children a thorough look at the police vehicle. There was a great deal of interest in the lights and the siren. Meanwhile, students in the

higher grades were participating in the Read-a-Wreck program which entails analyzing a vehicle which has been in an accident and discovering how it happened and why. In photo above, students from left, Dominic Wales, Jason Geiger and Jeremy Huntley, scour the vehicle and make notes which were later reviewed and discussed.



Tourists spend more than you think, speaker tells dinner



Jack Hermann

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Tourists spend a lot of money, Jack Hermann, executive director of the Victoria Visitors and Convention Bureau, told a gathering of the Chamber of Commerce on Salt Spring last week.

Hermann was guest speaker at the annual dinner put on by the chamber to thank the volunteers who manned the tourist information booth in Ganges during the summer.

More than 15,000 signed the visitors' book at the information booth. Hermann did a quick calculation and came up with a figure of \$7 million which, he said, the tourists left behind on Salt Spring.

"Tourists spend a heck of a lot more than you think they do," he told a sceptical audience.

If 15,000 people signed the book, he explained, there were at least 3.5 times that number of people visiting the island. They tend to spend \$35 per day each, he explained and the experience in Victoria is that tourists stay two days.

They spend money on transportation, accommodation, food and retail purchases, he said.

But, he cautioned, some people do not welcome tourists. The visitors are not wanted in the parks, or stores or elsewhere, he explained.

The attitude seems to be one of "shoot those guys," he said.

The tourist and convention centre in Victoria is in place to serve not only the city but the Capital Region, which includes the Gulf Islands, he said.

The mandate of the centre is to fill every hotel room and campsite every night of every day for the full year, he said.

While 175,000 visitors signed in at the tourist booth at the Inner Harbour of Victoria last year, "that's not enough," said Hermann.

It costs \$1.5 million to maintain the local share of the tourist market, he said.

Difficulties in maintaining or increasing the local share include

such factors as high prices and negative attitudes, he stated.

Some people "think in terms of gouging hell out of tourists and then telling them to get lost," he pointed out.

Hermann said the tourist and convention centre in Victoria can help business at Salt Spring. But

they have to know what islanders want. They have to know when islanders want tourists to visit.

"This business is one of co-operation, not just in Victoria," he said, "but total co-operation of the entire region.

"You have to work for tourism, especially in the off-season."

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Chamber meets tonight

Introduction of a new constitution is on the agenda of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce annual meeting tonight (Wednesday) at Ganges.

The revised constitution will be presented to the meeting along with notice of motion for its adoption at the next general meeting, likely in January. One major change will see the officers—president, vice-president and treasurer—elected by the directors themselves following the annual meeting. Under the present constitution, which will be in force tonight, officers are elected by the general membership, with election of directors following.

Meanwhile, the chamber revived an old custom last Wednesday evening with a dinner and dance. Primary purpose of the dinner was to honour the volunteer workers who man the tourist information centre in Ganges. A dinner has been held annually for the workers but with few chamber members

attending.

In addition to the 50 volunteer workers and their spouses, about 70 chamber members and spouses attended the function, held at the Harbour House Hotel. Guest speaker was Jack Hermann, executive director of the Greater Victoria Visitors and Convention Bureau.

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To be Frank

...by Richards

A message from the past

It was a message from the past. I was running through some papers on my desk. Among them was a clipping from the *Advertiser*, of Parksville. The clipping was referring to a story on serving tea: how to and how not to. Scrawled over the page was a message from the late Clair Rivers, once the publisher of the *Sidney Review*. The story on tea described a couple as coming from "Bermin'em". That is the town in which I started life. And I had always referred to it as Brummagen, the old nickname. Obviously, Rivers had listened to me, because his message read, "What is this gibberish? I thought it was Brumijan! It is elided to anything except Birmingham but the traditional dialect used to term it Bainingem which has been turned into Berminem, I guess. Rivers taught me a lot about publishing. He obviously learned something in the process.

A lesson on liquors

What on earth are you drinking? G.K. Chesterton asked himself that question and then wrote his answer in verse. My brother, who is neither Liberal nor tippler, sent it to me.

THE SONG OF RIGHT AND WRONG

*Feast on wine or fast on water
And your honour shall stand sure.
God Almighty's son and daughter
He the valiant, she the pure;
If an angel out of heaven
Brings you other things to drink,
Thank him for his kind intentions,
Go and pour them down the sink.*

*Tea is like the East he grows in,
A great yellow Mandarin
With urbanity of manner
And unconsciousness of sin;
All the women, like a harem,
At his pig-tail troop along;
And, like all the East he grows in,
He is Poison when he's strong.*

*Tea, although an Oriental,
Is a gentleman at least;
Cocoa is a cad, a coward,
Cocoa is a vulgar beast.
Cocoa is a dull, disloyal,
Lying, crawling cad and clown,
And may very well be grateful
To the fool that takes him down.*

*As for all the windy waters,
They were rained like tempests down
When good drink had been dishonoured
By the tipplers of the town;
When red wine had brought red ruin
And the death-dance of our times,
Heaven sent us Soda Water
As a torment for our crimes.*

How to make tea

The couple from the English Midlands were Lily and Alan King, of the Tudor Tea Rooms in Qualicum. And they explained how to make a cup of tea, English style. They use a bone china teapot and warm it before making tea. Fresh, boiling water is poured on to the tea and it is served with milk and not cream. The Vancouver Island restaurant uses Murchie's tea: Earl Grey, orange pekoe or No. 10. That's just in passing.

They gave them away

Bill Webster was looking over back copies of *Driftwood* and I read over his shoulder that Ganges Pharmacy was having a sixth anniversary sale. Door prizes were to be a Swinger camera and two turkeys. I know they gave away the camera and they must have given away one of the turkeys, but I'm sure I was talking to the other turkey a few days ago.

There wasn't one!

I wanted to send a message to eastern Canada. Use Telex, suggested my Ontario contact. So I called a telegraph office and explained what I wanted. There is no Telex in Canada, I was told. So I called by telephone, completed the transaction and then went through the book until I located Telex. They were interested. They've been operating out of Victoria for years, I was told, and the receptionist had the distinct impression that Victoria is part of Canada.

They would haunt the wall

There was a spider in the bath. And that's nothing unusual. But it was the kind of spider that brought me a message. It was the daddy long-legs kind, with a mini-body and long legs. I was back in my childhood and in the toilet that was labelled "lavatory", which is just as inaccurate as referring to the cubicle as a bathroom. The toilet opening off the back yard was brick-built, drafty and no place to be in winter. The walls were whitewashed and the mortar left crevices sought by the long-legged spiders that never seemed to spin a web. My brother and I would squirm past the walls to reach the can. The appearance of a spider on the wall was enough to have us flinch over the other way, where, who knows? There might be another. I was never attacked by the beasts, but I always feared them and I still remember the agony of using the toilet with its accumulations of crawling creatures. It, incidentally, the location of our big clean-up when my twin brother and I were about five years of age and carefully cleaned the wooden seat with black boot polish.

Chainsaw taken

Chainsaw with a value of \$440 is missing from a local store.

Someone lifted the chainsaw, red and black in colour, from Ross and Ganges on Upper Ganges Road. The theft was reported November 22.

Ganges detachment RCMP are checking the case of shoplifting.

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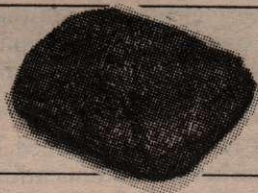


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Positive cause

Given a positive cause for which to work, islanders will generally excel. Evidence of that was seen in Ganges last Friday when close to \$3,000 was collected for Ethiopian famine relief.

According to OXFAM officials, the amount collected here was far higher per capita than in the Victoria area.

Imagine what we could achieve if all our energy was directed in a positive manner.

A move down the dial

Decision regarding island television reception has yet to be made by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). Evidence submitted to the monitoring agency indicates that the proposed switch of Western Approaches' Salt Spring Island transmission from Channel 21 to the 10-spot would bring about a change to the viewing capabilities of many islanders.

First concern among islanders was that the proposal would curtail reception of the Public Broadcasting System's Channel 9. The majority of viewers receive this signal through a cable, but it was made clear at the hearings that the cable services on Salt Spring Island would no longer be able to pick it up. And the cost of modifying equipment to receive it would be prohibitive, the technical hearing learned.

Canadians contribute many thousands of dollars every year towards the cost of maintaining the popular, advertising-free programs from Washington. Many of those supporters are to be found on Salt Spring Island.

Both hearings sounded like television disaster to many islanders. The technical hearing heard evidence that the effect of the switch would curtail three channels from the Fulford cable system, Channels 9, 10 and 11. Other channels might be adversely affected, the hearing was told. The Fulford cable system is small, indeed. It serves only 60 subscribers. But the adverse effects suffered by the cable system could inflict some difficulty on viewers who take their programs off-air, residents feel.

In the Ganges cable distribution area the effects are not so sweeping but the hearings learned that Channel 9 would be lost completely, while Channel 10, the author of the change, would not be usable.

While the evidence referred to cable subscribers, those residents of the affected area who use sophisticated receiving equipment are not expecting to get off more lightly.

Initial evidence suggests that the majority of the islands lie in that cone of silence, although parts of the Outer Islands would not be muted.

The circumstances are unusual. The plea by islanders for consideration of the importance of a foreign transmission is supported by the very clear evidence that many Canadians are contributing to the support of that station. And, again, the nature of the programs disseminated by Channel 9 are frequently not available from other sources.

The commission is constantly called on to make unpopular judgments in the world of communications. In this instance they must decide which is the more important, the desire of the station to get its message through to a wider audience and the corresponding desire of that audience to view its message, or the established privilege of a smaller audience to hear programming from another source.

The obvious conclusion would be to suspend judgment until it is proven that adequate precautions are taken by the station to ensure that its future plans exert no hardship on islanders and other viewers. At the present time correction of the problem represents an expensive investment to those caught in the tide of change. It would seem fair to require that the cost be borne by the author.



Tony Richards

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY to read a community newspaper and that's from cover to cover without missing a word.

And that's how Club Mongo's lead guitarist Tom Bowler reads *Driftwood* every week. When we make one of our rare mistakes, he's always quick to point it out, particularly when we spell his band's name wrong, like Club Monto, for instance.

However, I do think Tom goes a bit far when he peruses the fine print at the beginning of the classified section—the blurb that tells the advertiser he must contact us before the second insertion of an ad if it contains a mistake for which we are responsible.

Tom was laughing so hard he woke my sister at the other end of the building when he came in Friday to point out our mistake: "...corractions must be made before the second insertion," it read. I didn't think anybody read that.

PEMBERTON HOLMES branch manager Arvid Chalmers was lunching at the Harbour House Hotel recently with company president Pip Holmes.

They were studying the menu and Arvid got down to the part that says, "Daily hot issue."

"I wonder what that is," Arvid said to his companion, who promptly responded with, "It's the sewer, isn't it?"

YES, THAT WAS the leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition on the tennis courts at Portlock Park on Sunday.

John Turner was on Salt Spring Island for the weekend and spent a great deal of the afternoon playing tennis. And while most of the people on the courts were well bundled up in scarves, toques and other winter woollies, Turner wore proper tennis attire, including shorts.

And no, he didn't invite me to be his partner upon seeing my style of play.

Those who played on Sunday, by the way, owe their thanks to Harvard Budgeon of Hastings House who was down there bright and early removing the puddles with the help of scraper and squeegee.

GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY teacher Jon Korrison tells me a headline in last week's paper attracted the attention of a number of the school's teachers, who claim that it was not grammatically correct.

They're wrong. The Canadian Press Stylebook is not our bible but we do consider it an authority and refer to it often. Media, it says, are plural. And the Oxford dictionary says the same.

The headline in question read: "Media don't reflect what people think, feel—Zwicker."

WITH ALL THE RECENT BREAK-INS, it's not yet too late to print a rather old joke, an original by John Steele, Vesuvius Inn bartender, Salt Spring Freight driver and for the most part unsuccessful joke writer.

John wrote this particular joke, over a period of several weeks, shortly after the liquor store was broken into.

Two fellows were sitting in the bar having a drink one night when one of them looks at his watch and jumps to his feet.

"Damn, have to run. Gotta make the liquor store before it opens."

FROM ISLAND SAVINGS Credit Union general manager Ray Bush comes the information that credit union staff raised \$550 for famine relief in Ethiopia. Staff members of all four branches worked through part of their lunch hour November 16 so the extra wages earned could be contributed to the Red Cross.

I should note that information did not come directly from Ray but was contained in a press release bearing his name. We never see the one-time Ganges branch manager these days because he's so busy running around opening new branches.

There's probably quite a demand for them too, particularly in an area that has a branch of the Bank of Montreal.

If I spent as much time banking as I do waiting at the Montreal, there'd be lots of money to be made (and by the bank, not me).

IF YOU'RE WONDERING what I'm still doing working for this newspaper while Luke Harrison is to be a representative on the Islands Trust, you're not alone. In fact, many people are hoping that I will honour the bet I made with Luke that if he were elected, I would quit.

Luke told me before the election that he had a job lined up for me in Inuvik but I haven't heard from him since. In fact, I think Luke is hiding out these days, unable to believe that the electorate actually chose him.

Africa's best bet?

Sir,
How can we not feel pretty helpless, in these days approaching Christmas, when faced with the mounting images of famine and starvation in Africa?

Well, one way is if you come to the Salt Spring Elementary School library on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30. You'll meet two volunteers from Plenty Canada who will show slides and videos and tell us about Plenty's self-help projects in Lesotho, Africa, as well as in Sri Lanka and the Caribbean.

In Lesotho, Plenty volunteers are training villagers to build and maintain gravity-fed water systems for clean drinking water and irrigation. A soy dairy is in operation, teaching villagers how to produce nutritious soy foods. A tree nursery provides training in the care of fruit, nut and hardwood trees. An extension team, which includes foresters, planters, fencing and follow-up crews, has been assisting six villages in establishing their own woodlots. In a grassland country where trees are scarce and soil erosion a major problem, community woodlots can provide

renewable sources of fuel wood, ready for sustainable harvest in about 10 years.

Many development experts are coming around to the belief that small scale, village-based, self-help projects like these represent Africa's best bet for the future. I think we're really fortunate to have this opportunity of meeting with Plenty and learning how we can join in to help.

MURRAY REISS,
R. R. 1, Ganges.
November 23, 1984.

Only one to respond

Sir,
A small miracle occurred at our place last (very rainy) Tuesday. I have, or had, a pile of useful bits of wood (and we all have one, don't we?) that I had been meaning to move for around three years now.

Quietly and efficiently it was removed and neatly stacked under cover leaving a lovely, clean, smooth pasture.

This feat was performed by three clients of the Achievement Centre, together with a supervising friend, for a modest donation. Some money goes to the centre and some goes to the workers. I was amazed to learn that I was the only person, so far, to respond to the ad.

We have a great Canadian, Jean Vanier, to thank for our increased understanding and awareness of the mentally handicapped. It felt good to know that my small donation would make a difference in my own community. Ethiopia is dramatic and horrifying and while obviously needing our help is safely far away.

537-2604 (after 5 pm.) is much closer.

SUE YARDLEY,
Fulford Harbour. November 21, 1984.

Thank you

Sir,
Through your columns I would like to thank the Galiano voters who elected me as one of their representatives on the Islands Trust and congratulate Diane Cragg, the other elected representative.

As promised, as a trustee I will do all in my power to carry out the wishes of Galiano residents to protect, preserve and enhance the unique amenities and environment of Galiano Island. Let me know your wishes.

DONALD C. S. MACDONALD,
R. R. 2, Galiano.
November 1984.

Increasing awareness

Sir,
A heartfelt "thank you" to all for your support of the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Group.

The attention given our fund-raising activities made possible the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign in which nearly a half million Canadians participated by signing. The petitions have been properly delivered and acknowledged: their effects are just beginning to be felt.

Your attendance at recent presentations—Denman Island's Redheart Theatre collective production *Power Play*, and speakers Michael Pentz and Barrie Zwicker—indicate increasing awareness of the global peril posed by nuclear escalation.

Our final meeting of the year will be at the Peace Centre on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7:30. Bring your concerns

and help us translate them into action in 1985.

RAY NEWMAN,
Ganges.
November 1984.

Hard to beat

Sir,
I am very pleased to report that the residents of Salt Spring Island responded in a most generous fashion on Friday last when a campaign for Ethiopian Famine Relief was held. By Friday night the amount collected was \$2,975.23 and some collection tins are still to be counted.

The OXFAM group in Victoria found it hard to believe. In Victoria on the same day they said that about \$2,000 was collected by canvassing the shopping centres. On a per capita basis the Salt Spring effort will be hard to beat anywhere.

Sincere thanks to the Island Savings Credit Union, the Bank of Montreal, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and Mouat's who provided the facilities, and to the volunteers who accepted donations all day.
HUGH BORSMAN,
Regional Director.
November 1984.

Meetings planned

Sir,
The Peace Education Committee that formed from the Salt Spring Elementary School's 1983-84 Parent group is ready to begin a series of evening meetings on the subject of Peace Education. It is hoped that these meetings will lead to a better understanding of this topic and that they might even contribute to the work that is being done nationally in this area.

One point of apparent misunderstanding that I would like to clarify is that the members of our group do not represent any political persuasion. We represent a full range of opinion and are of one mind only in our desire to address the nuclear threat in some way in our system of education.

"Peace Education" is actually a very loose term that covers just about anything that a parent,

teacher or concerned other could do with children in the name of peace. In the primary and intermediate grades it means the emphasis on cooperative games, conflict resolution skills, critical thinking skills, appreciation of diversity, of other cultures, etc. Parents might feel that these things are already being emphasized in Salt Spring schools and homes and I would agree with them—but, couldn't we still try for more? (These are the children who, as adults, will inherit a planet where there is no room for error—any war could become the last).

There is much being done in Canada and the U.S. in the area of Peace Education. Many school districts have developed their own materials and some schools, such as Cararvon Community school in Vancouver, have staged their own "Peace Fair". The Toronto Board of Education adopted a five-year plan last year to deal with "issues of world survival" of which nuclear war was number 1. Curriculum is being developed for those who wish to have it.

Studies of children in the U.S., Canada, Russia and Europe show that a vast majority have heard about nuclear war by the age of 13, that they have almost all learned of it from the media and that the most helpful advice they have received to deal with it is that they can do something about it. There was a striking similarity in the results from these countries.

SHEILA REID,
Ganges.
November 18, 1984.



Bill Webster

Just when one gets used to snow, the rain washes it away.

But then again, that's life in the fast lanes of the Gulp Isles.

Louis Boliver-Finchley came to the mansion recently to talk about life in that lane. He came to expound on several theories, which he claimed would end strife on Salt Spring.

"I see," said he, "that the letter writers are busy again. They complain about spending tax dollars to help a community solve its problems."

Louis went on to point out that a buzz word used by opponents of the sewer had been "affordable". Then, he went on, they added "legally acceptable" to their repertoire of verbiage.

"If they keep stringing words together to describe an acceptable solution to the problem," he said wonderingly, "that definition will be longer than the pipe in the harbour."

Louis sat there attempting to remember exactly what it was that they had said.

"The solution must be environmentally sound, financially feasible, politically acceptable, democratically legal...." At that point he paused. "What else?" he asked.

Louis explained that the ones complaining about tax dollars being spent on people were way off base.

"Look at it," he said, squinting his eyes.

Louis explained that if the money which was being asked for was actually given, the solution would follow very closely and the province could make bucks on the deal as well.

Louis was getting excited and he began to wave his arms about. Rat and Fink ran for cover, fearful of being whacked on the wide of the ear by one of his stray hands.

Louis explained that he had checked with a financial wizard about the scheme which the Crippled Region had in mind to finance the pipe dream in Ganges. The wizard, he said,

aided and abetted the Mafia in money matters.

"Give the CRD all the money it asks for," Louis said.

"Let them build the system and invest whatever money they can," he continued.

He charted the figures on the steamy window of the mansion and explained how money can make money.

He listed \$1.5 million as excess bucks which could be invested in high-gain endeavours such as the Ganges Condominium Society. Those bucks would generate at least nine percent each year, Louis claimed.

"Now that's more than 150 grand every year," he said excitedly. "With money like that flowing down the pipe, nobody, least of all the nasty developers, would have to pay anything."

"Put in the system and let the Condo Society get moving," he went on. "The interest would help and so would the added revenue from property taxes," he said.

The wizard had told Louis that any profit each year could be sunk back into the Condo Society to make even more money. At the end of 20 years, the CRD could be richer than Alberta, Louis claimed.

"Think of it, my boy," he said. "Free enterprise at its best. Why, those people in the Condo Society would be able to develop to their hearts' content and not have to pay too much more than the retired seniors down the road."

Louis sat back in amazement at the scheme suggested by the wizard. As he watched the steamy window, the figures began to drip and run, making fancy patterns on the glass.

It's not often that Louis comes up with an idea that makes sense, but this one did. He commented that just because such financing had not been done before was no reason not to try it now.

Louis quoted the wizard: "Try it, you'll like it."

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More Letters to the Editor

Will we ever learn

Sir,
Is it well known that nitrate fertilizers are dangerous, and causing harm, due to nitrates running off into wells? Sickness is the result, is it not?

Some people consider that reduction of nitrates in agriculture would reduce crops, whereas some farmers say that "we have gone raving mad the amount we are using," poisoning soil and crops.

As for Round Up, it is known to cause soil contamination and as a result, poisoning of wells.

Each pesticide, in succession, from DDT after World War II, to malathion, parathion, etc., has been officially designated "relatively harmless," and each has had to be discontinued or controlled, when found to be harmful.

Round Up is no exception—will we ever learn?

EVE SMITH,
South Pender Island.
November 13, 1984.

Disappointed

Sir,
I would like to clarify a few points about the dog that was destroyed Friday, Nov. 9.

I am very disappointed about the way the issue was handled. Although the pound official knew whose dog it was he made no attempt to contact me and tell me the dog was to be destroyed. Instead he told my two young teenagers who were so shocked they didn't know what to do.

That dog had won a ribbon and a cup for obedience training and didn't usually wander from home. The dog was a gift to my children and had shown exceptional promise during its training. It had never bitten anyone before.

The dog had behaved perfectly normally at home, and was friendly and happy to see my daughter when she last saw it penned up in the back of the police van. Something must have happened to the dog to make it so fearful as to nip a child that approached it.

What's done is done, and nothing can bring my children's pet back, but I want to express my deep concern that the decision to take the dog's life was made without notifying me.

Surely a little more compassion could be shown when such a decision must be made.

DAISY STEGGLES,
Ganges.
November 19, 1984.

Peace begins at home

Sir,
I found myself offended by remarks attributed to Susan Noakes, (*Driftwood*, November 21). Standing with other members of my family at the Remembrance service November 11 at the Ganges Cenotaph, I felt moved remembering those men who served, some of whom died fighting two world wars so that we could hopefully continue to live in peace. Surely we should remember peace begins at home.

Ms. Noakes like a few other members of the Peace Movement make their organization so difficult for some of us to support by personally behaving in such a war-like manner! The attack on local families and businesses, attempting to contribute to the efforts of the Legion in some small way, was unwarranted. I for one did not hear the names read out, however I learned from a three-minute phone call that names of families and businesses were called out quietly so those laying the wreaths at the Cenotaph would know when to come forward.

Had Ms. Noakes really been interested in peace she too could have made an inquiry and her shoddy letter could have been left unwritten.

Y. L. TOYNBEE,
R. R. 1, Ganges.
November 23, 1984.

Swindled

Sir,
Taxpayers are being swindled! The Municipal Act states private property owners throughout B. C. shall pay 100% of sewer construction costs (exempting all schools and hospitals from construction contributions—institutions pay higher user fees).

The Ganges sewer has received commitments for: A Federal Grant covering 44%, a provincial grant covering 42%; total tax subsidies: 86%. Costs remaining to be paid by private property owners in Ganges: 14%.

Now, additional tax monies are being sought from Health and Education and Municipal Affairs so that Ganges commercial property owners can lower their fiscal contribution from 14% down to 0.

CAROL FOWLES,
R. R. 3, Ganges.
November 1984.

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Salt Spring is firmly on peace map of the world

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

The peace movement in Canada has come of age, and, according to Barrie Zwicker, the Peace Caravan has put Salt Spring Island firmly on the peace map of the world.

We were seen off in Victoria on September 29 by Mayor Peter Pollen and eight members of the Legislature. In Vancouver we were welcomed by Deputy Mayor Libby Davies, and in Vernon and Calgary by their respective mayors and council members. In Red Deer the mayor took part in a luncheon at the new museum and in Edmonton we were hosted at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre.

In North Battleford we were greeted by the mayor and the local Conservative M.P. In Saskatoon Project Ploughshares gave us a Thanksgiving dinner at which the keynote speaker was a recent appointee to the United Nations advisory on disarmament. Regina met us with a cavalcade of 25 cars. We drove into the city led by a police car—sirens blaring, lights flashing. We went through all the stop signs and red lights! Police held up rush-hour traffic so we could turn left to City Hall, and as we disembarked, nearby church bells rang *Give Peace A Chance*. The Anglican archbishop and a deputy for the Roman Catholic bishop welcomed us.

That evening we were entertained at the university. We were a featured attraction at St. John's Lutheran Church at Wapella which hosted us to lunch en route to Winnipeg. Here we were welcomed by the deputy premier and our Press Conference was held in the Caucus Room at the Legislature. In Kenora we were hosted by Knox United Church. In Thunder Bay we were welcomed by the local M.P. at the Unitarian Church. In Sault Ste. Marie we ran into competition with the University Pub Night and an NDP convention, but they still mustered an ex-Liberal M.P. to tell us about his crusade against acid rain.

In Sudbury our media event took place at St. Vincent's, under the auspices of the Labour Council, the church and Physicians for Social Responsibility. In North Bay we had a police escort and a walking parade. In Huntsville and Bracebridge we were greeted by the mayors; in Gravenhurst by the deputy mayor and a survivor of

Hiroshima. In Orillia, at the United Church, we were welcomed by the chaplain of a provincial institution. In Newmarket our guest speaker was Jim Stark of Operation Dismantle. In Brampton we formed part of the peace and religious instruction at the Cardinal Leger High School, where we were held up as role models to the students!

In Guelph we occupied the town centre, being entertained by the University political science students in some fine street theatre. In Hamilton's City Hall we had a civic reception attended by three mayors. Toronto's mayor and MP greeted us at City Hall and again we were entertained at the university. Farley Mowat and the local MP met us at Port Hope, where we were presented with lapel buttons (replicas of City Hall) and lunched at the Anglican church. Peterborough had a potluck supper for us at the United Church.

On October 18 we made six stops: three of them at Marmora, Madoc and Tweed. At Madoc Model School the children sang for us: "Let There Be Peace On Earth" and rang the Peace Bell (only the second time this has been done). Napanee's mayor and Conservative MP (who not only favours capital punishment, but also wants the lash restored) insisted on having their picture taken holding our banner. Kingston's mayor greeted us and we had supper at the Masonic Hall. Carlton Place lunched us at the Canoe Club and accompanied us to

Ottawa, where a champagne dinner awaited us.

We were joined on the stage at Parliament Hill by Bishop Remi de Roo, of Victoria, Denis McDermott of the Canadian Labour Congress and Laela Raphael of World Religions for Peace. Our evaluation meeting was held at City Hall with 42 representatives from across the country.

On Monday, Oct. 22 we met with Ed Broadbent, John Turner and the prime minister. Our 434,000 signatures were presented to Joe Clark, Herb Gray and Nelson Riis, and were tabled in the House of Commons last week.

My personal name-dropping includes the primate of the Anglican Church, Ted Scott and I shared the front page of the local Orangeville paper after taking part in an ecumenical peace service.

The point of this report is to bring home to our friends back here on Salt Spring Island that peace is now an honourable undertaking in Canada. We were welcomed everywhere as ambassadors, not only from our various home towns, but from every one of the 36 stopping points between here and Ottawa.

People said, with tears in their eyes: Thank you so much for doing this—for us.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island resident who travelled to Ottawa with the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign.

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More Letters to the Editor

Great success

Sir,
Another Mendies Lunch is over, and the volunteer committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who made it a great success.

Thanks to *Driftwood*, which again provided much appreciated and bountiful publicity.

Thanks to the volunteers who came forward spontaneously and worked so cheerfully.

Last, but not least, thanks to the wonderful people of Salt Spring Island who, year after year, support the orphanage so unfailingly and with such open-handed generosity.

Thank you all so much.
SUE MOUAT,
Publicity,
Mendies Fund Volunteer
Committee,
Box 16, Ganges.
November 17, 1984.

Corrections

Sir,
I would like to make some corrections re: The Gulf Islands Community Music School article by Bill Webster November 14:

The founders are: Madge Kimball, Lynn Quinn, Tao Kimball, Peter Taschuk and Lillian Slanina. Only these people have worked on the project and are the ones to contact.

Those presently teaching in the centre are Madge Kimball, who loaned her piano temporarily, Peter Taschuk, Tao Kimball and Lynn Quinn. The cottage was generously loaned by Mrs. McKay and was the dental office of her late husband. The space is being shared by Inner Learning Resource Centre led by Ariadne Sawyer and David Smith.

The music school was initiated to stimulate students and teachers by providing a centre for interaction. In addition it will provide the community with a recognized school of music offering high standards of teaching while at once being adaptive to students. Teachers interested in affiliating are welcome to contact any of us or leave a message at 537-4556.

Also, we need a piano badly if anyone would be willing to loan or donate one.

TAO KIMBALL,
R.R. 2, C. 27,
Toynbee Rd., Ganges.
November, 1984.

Hard facts

Sir,
The media are in a very powerful position in this country. Through their "power of selection", creation of negative images and simple lack of balanced coverage, media establish the conditions for war. Witness the current coverage of Nicaragua. This is one more reason the peace movement is "three minutes to midnight" in the arms race.

Barry Zwicker delivered some hard facts to an audience of 60 in his talk on "Media and the Arms Race" in Ganges. He said that in a study of Toronto newspapers over a few months he found 126 articles on Soviet spies, 147 opinion columns—only four favourable to Soviets, and a total of 43 editorials—25 hostile, 18 neutral, 0 favourable. There was no coverage of basic issues such as medical care, food, transportation, etc. He stressed a real need for increased dialogue between the East-West, creating news that creates peace—and writing letters.

He quoted E.P. Thompson as saying two things keep the peace movement down: the need for a permanent war economy and a perpetual enemy. It is a method of internal order—lampooning the civil rights and peace movements.

On the positive side he stressed that "each of us is media" and one to one we have a powerful effect just by talking to our neighbours over the back fence. It seems the old John Prine song isn't quite enough: "Blow up your TV, throw away your papers, move to the country, get yourself a home."

There is a need for coverage that is "fair, balanced and comprehensive" for all the news that is the news!

SUE HISCOCKS,
Ganges.
November 19, 1984.

Excellent investment

Sir,
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COLIN NICHOLSON,
Box 1087, Ganges.
November 23, 1984.

Puzzled

Sir,
I am puzzled that our regional director is so strangely in favour of using school and hospital funds (maybe illegally) to help pay for the sewer.

As a taxpayer I am already helping to pay for about 80% of the cost of the sewer, I think that's enough.

I don't think a further cut in education and health can be carried by our Hospital and School. Apart from which don't you think \$4½ million is slightly too much to cure the hospital and school's sewerage problems?

JIM BRADFORD,
Long Harbour Rd.,
Ganges.
November 23, 1984.

Council to meet November 30

The first meeting of the newly elected Islands Trust Council takes place in Victoria on November 30 and December 1.

The new members as well as the experienced group will gather on the first day to talk about how the Trust works. That meeting begins at 2 pm and lasts until 5 pm.

At 9 am the next morning, everybody will be sworn into office. At 9:45, voting for the three-man General Trust begins. The new chairman of the Trust will be selected as well as two vice-chairmen to make up the General Trust.

The General Trust and two representatives from each major island in the Trust area make up the Islands Trust Committees for each of those 13 islands.

There will be five newcomers from the southern Gulf Islands to join the seven incumbents for this area.

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Students may sing for ferry passengers

Fernwood School children may be singing Christmas carols on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen ferry this year.

Charles Hingston, chairman of the Gulf Islands School Board, explained that Kevin Vine had asked permission for his Grade 4/5 class from the Salt Spring school to be allowed to sing for the ferry passengers.

But, Hingston said, he was having difficulty getting in touch with B.C. Ferries communications officer Bill Bouchard to iron out the details. Hingston said his understanding of the situation was that the ferry company would allow the children free passage to sing their songs but would not give them a meal on the trip to and from the mainland.

Bouchard, on the other hand, told *Driftwood* that he had tried unsuccessfully on several occasions

to get in touch with Hingston. He termed the efforts "telephone tennis."

Bouchard said the children would be welcomed by the ferry company to sing carols. Such events have happened before, he said, and on those occasions the children had been fed as well.

Other than the two individuals being unable to reach each other, Bouchard said, there is "no problem."

He added, "We'd like to put something together, hamburgers and all."

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Wharfage fees triple for pleasure boats

The cost of tying up at government wharves will increase next year for both recreational boaters and commercial fishermen.

The proposed increases result from the federal government's belt-tightening announced recently. The costs for recreational boaters will triple by April 1 but the fishermen get a break. The cost for them will double and will be phased in over 1985 and 1986.

The department of fisheries and oceans, in announcing the increase, noted that revenues from the small craft harbours program come to \$2.6 million each year while the costs of operating and maintaining

the harbours is \$40 million.

The proposed increases are expected to generate about \$1 million per year.

The current prices for tying up at the government wharf in Ganges Harbour include a cost per metre of boat length plus a wharfage fee.

The base rate for one day for a recreational boat is set at 35¢ per metre plus a fee of 34¢ per day. A nine-metre boat would pay about \$3.50 per day to tie up.

At a private marina, the same boat would pay close to \$14 per day.

After April 1, the recreational boat will cost about \$10.50 at the government wharf.

The increase announcement from fisheries and oceans notes: "The tripling of berthage fees for recreational boaters will lessen government competition with private operators."

At the government dock, the commercial fisherman pays seven cents per day per metre of boat plus the wharfage fee of 34¢ per day. The monthly fee, for up to three months' stay, is set at \$1.31 per metre per month with a fee of \$10.41 per month added on. Monthly or longer stays are payable in advance. For stays of longer than three months, the fee structure is \$1.10 per metre per month plus the added fee of

\$10.41 per month.

For recreational boaters, the monthly rate for up to three months' berthing currently stands at \$3.47 per metre per month with added fees of \$10.41 per month.

When the stay will last longer than three months, the rate is reduced somewhat to \$2.94 per metre per month and an extra fee of \$10.41 per month.

The new fee structure for fishermen is to be implemented as evenly and as fairly as possible, say fisheries and oceans officials. Current exemptions will stay in place.

Caravan is over but enthusiasm remains

Although the Peace Caravan to Ottawa has completed its task, the enthusiasm remains.

The participants from Salt Spring Island, Lou and Art Rumsey, Mary Williamson and Louise Beijk, began the trek to Ottawa on September 29. Beijk went as far as Edmonton but the others continued the journey and arrived in the capital October 19 after spending 22 days on the road and visiting 38 towns or cities.

Public reception along the way was "terrific," said Lou Rumsey.

One of the best things which came out of the experience was the networking of Canadians across the country, she added.

She said that many people had been engaged in the eight-month campaign to gather signatures of Canadians to urge the government to work for peace in the world. But as the caravan unfolded, she said, those people discovered that many others were working toward the same goal.

The island group left Salt Spring with approximately 1,800 signatures on a peace petition. By the time they reached Ottawa, the petition had grown to 430,000 names, including 55,000 from the Vancouver Island area.

"We met some terrific people," said Art Rumsey. "It was a grand experience."

Williamson agreed. "The people and the press, until we got to Ottawa, were very co-operative, very interested and very impressed," she said.

The Canada-wide caravan participants met at Parliament Hill at the end of the journey for a 48-hour peace vigil.

They presented the petitions to Nelson Riis of the New Democrats, Herb Gray of the Liberal party and Joe Clark of the Progressive Conservatives.

Delegations of the caravan met with the three parties' leaders.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Lou Rumsey said, was less than impressive.

"He did a lot of talking but said nothing."

But overall, the reactions of the politicians were satisfactory, the three agreed.

"It was a success," said Lou Rumsey. "We brought everybody together from across Canada. And that was the idea."

Plans are being made for a conference next spring to keep the enthusiasm going, she said.

Fined \$400

David Gordon Lacey of Salt Spring entered a guilty plea in provincial court two weeks ago to a charge of having care and control of a motor vehicle while his ability was impaired by alcohol.

Judge R. E. Hudson was told that an RCMP patrol on the evening of September 22 saw evidence of erratic driving in the wet pavement of Lower Ganges Road. When the police car turned on to Leisure Lane, the Lacey vehicle was in the ditch.

Judge Hudson imposed a \$400 fine and Lacey lost his driver's licence for at least six months.

Rock Crusher scene of accident

Rock Crusher Corner on Fulford-Ganges Road was the scene of a traffic accident early Saturday morning.

Tom Toynbee, Jr., driver of the vehicle, was taken to Lady Minto Hospital for treatment of neck injuries. Passenger in the automobile, Tracy Anderson, was treated for a shoulder injury.

RCMP report that Toynbee lost control of the 1984 Honda and the vehicle skidded into the ditch. The accident occurred at 4 am.

Both people were released after treatment.

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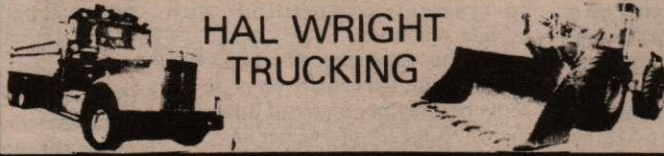
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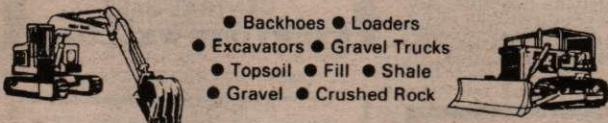
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Students report on Michael Jackson concert, Expo

BY DEBBIE ANDERSON

On the 16th of November, I took off in a seaplane from Victoria to Vancouver. During the 30-minute flight I kept wondering how the trip I won to see Michael Jackson and tour Expo '86 would be and to my surprise it was more fun than I ever expected.

After landing in Vancouver I met with 33 other winners from across B.C. and our tour director, who

took us to the Four Seasons Hotel.

There we relaxed in our rooms until it was time to tour Expo '86.

At 3:30 we were off to Expo '86. There we viewed the display model of Expo '86 and learned many things about it. We learned that 33 other countries have already signed up for this project and by the end of the month there should be 40. Then the photographer was busy taking individual pictures for everyone to

keep as a souvenir of Expo '86.

Our next and last stop was B. C. Place. Here we toured the Place and learned many things about it. B. C. Place was so huge and hollow, considering we were the first arrivers before the concert, besides the workers. We then went to the government's suite and enjoyed a pre-concert dinner put on by caterers.

Later, before the start of the

concert, Premier Bill Bennett joined us for picture taking, conversation and to watch the concert with us. At 7:30 pm the concert started off with a professional juggler doing a few acts. After he finished, there was a long intermission before the Jacksons came out.

During this time I really noticed the stage and audience from our box seats. The stage, which took five days to build by 240 people, was huge. It had seven levels to it with elevators inside, (which you couldn't see). It has many different lights and a large screen above for a close-up look of the performers on stage.

The audience began "the wave" and by the sixth time around the stadium it stopped. "We want Michael," became a continuous chant until he suddenly appeared up through the stage. The chant became a loud cheer and Michael, along with his brothers, began to perform. Their sound system was good and clear.

The Jacksons sang many different songs accompanied by fancy footwork, excellent lighting effects, a few smoke bombs and wandering robots. The song that seemed to be enjoyed the most by all was *Beat It*, because of the special effects

involved. Two hours later the Jacksons were looking tired and I would be after all that dancing.

The concert ended and they left. It was hard to think that a handful of singers could make 37,000 people so enthralled, but it worked. Once everyone had left the loud sounds had become a ring in my ear.

Soon I found myself asleep in the hotel. The next morning I flew from Vancouver to Victoria by aeroplane. As I was getting off the plane I asked myself, "Would I like to be rich and famous?" and in an instant my answer became a yes.

BY SHERI LYN FENLON

I went to see the Michael Jackson concert. It was fun. I flew to Vancouver. I have not been on a plane before and when we got there we had lunch then we went to the Expo 86 and we watched a movie about Expo 86, and we went to B. C. Place.

We had supper in the dining room. We had chicken and rice and salad and chips and pop and the Concert started at eight and it was over at 11 and when we went back to the hotel and then we had fruit salad, sausages and weiners.

Thank you to all the people who helped me to go and see Michael Jackson.



Debbie Anderson, far right, was one of two local students to win a trip to see Michael Jackson at B. C. Place. While touring the site of Expo 86 she had her photo taken

with Premier Bill Bennett. Also shown are the premier's wife Audrey, left, and another student. Sheri Lyn Fenlon was the other

student to win the trip, sponsored by the B. C. government, *Driftwood* and several other corporate sponsors.

December program prepared

The December program of the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club begins December 4 with a regular walk and a hike. Al and Dorothy Black will lead the walk on Mt. Belcher. The hike will be leader's choice with the leader to be announced. Meeting place for both activities is Centennial Park at 10 am.

There will be an easy and regular walk on December 11 in the

Channel Ridge area. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 10 am. Leaders are to be announced.

Both walks will end at the Golf Club at 1 pm. for the club's Christmas Party. Reservations are necessary and can be made by phoning 537-9338 or 537-9890.

The club's first events of 1985 will take place January 15. Details will be announced later.

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Lewis Thomas a treasure, and so is Constance Spry

It seems that some people are accident prone, akin to walking calamities constantly on the alert, so to speak, for such things to happen. I fall into this category as well, almost literally, as I am liable to fall in love at the slightest nudge.

One would suppose that after a while the novelty would wear off. This does not seem to be the way I do things, though. For I have done it again, twice, just recently. Perhaps it all comes from a curiously recurrent coincidence of finding the most precious of all treasures at times like this. Or it may just be a certain giddiness, accompanied by vapours in the head, which, after a while becomes addicting.

Lewis Thomas certainly is such a treasure, and I might warn you right now, extremely addicting. His authoritative knowledge of current biology, and the essential harmony of all life processes, has led him into a consequent sense of wonder, so vast and abiding, to leave him, in his own words, permanently astonished. His exquisitely readable essays will leave his reader entranced with his humble dignity, the beauty of his style, and his outrageous sense of humour and, perhaps, also permanently astonished. "The lives of a cell" and "The medusa and the snail" may therefore become treasured heirlooms to be handed down, lovingly, from generation to generation.

The other subject of my many undivided affections is a lady; actually, two new ladies. One is of English descent, a dark and entrancing beauty, and the other's lineage is not that well known, though her beauty, if not her pedigree, is beyond question. "Constance Spry", the former, is a stately and vigorous lady, with deeply dark green leaves, to offset her luminous, bright pink blossoms in the most charming manner. She may grow to an impressive, beautifully arching shrub, three by three metres all around, to cover herself with exquisitely beautiful blossoms in mid-summer. Her blossoms are fully double, seven to 12 centimetres across, strongly and enticingly fragrant.

My only regret is that I limited

Pole hit

Another telephone pole at the Booth Canal corner on Lower Ganges Road required replacement as a result of a traffic accident Saturday night.

Ted Ogden, of Salt Spring, lost control of a 1972 Oldsmobile, police reported, and the vehicle smashed into the pole. Ogden was taken to Lady Minto Hospital for treatment of facial and chest injuries but later released.

The auto was considered a write-off and the sheared pole was replaced by B.C. Tel crews on Monday.

myself to only one of these beauties, purely out of financial consideration to be sure, before they were sold out. On the other hand, though, this lack of selfishness on my part allowed various other friends and acquaintances to share my affection for this lovely member of the rose family.

"Buff Beauty" is the other subject of my adoration, and I might add, worthy of it. She is an equally impressive lady which may grow to two by two metres all about, an extremely vigorous shrub with dark green, glossy leaves, profusely covered with seven-centimetre blossoms, delightfully double and with a strong tea rose scent. All that is known about her is that she is a hybrid musk rose, and her origin and age are now lost, perhaps forever, in the dim mists of time and history.

Fortunately for us, though, she and her progeny are as beautiful and vigorous as ever, to delight, enchant and bewitch us in her timeless charming ways. And to top it all off, she carries her delicate apricot-yellow blossoms from the beginning to the end of the season, as may be fully expected from an ever-blooming musk rose. Compared to Buff Beauty, Constance Spry is a youngster at 24 years but given her obvious charm and outrageous beauty, she is destined to keep on finding her way into the heart and affection of man for ages to come.

As "old roses" these two lovely ladies may nowadays only be found

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

in specialty nurseries and are therefore about double the price of our current roses, but well worth it, and actually, worth a lot more. They like an arbour, a trellis or a gate, for instance, or a well designed post and trellis fence to show off their incomparable beauty. This is what I have in mind for these two lovelies, a lengthy arbour as it were, or will be, as soon as I get around to it.

Their massive beauty will be the background for more modestly growing shrub roses between the uprights of this lengthy trellis. The whole thing will encircle our herb garden. Herbs and roses go well together as both are healthier for each other's presence; the arbour fence will also be a visually pleasant deterrent for our deer who have, of late, acquired a taste for some of our herbs; and since the herb garden is the most often visited garden by us, the collection of fresh herbs will be more of a pleasure than ever.

I just hope that some of the fragrances do not clash. For the far end of the herb garden I am still looking for one or two fragrant rambling roses, the kind that go on for 30 feet—oops, 10 metres—or

more, but I should really wait for the trellis to be there, though. And since fall is by far the best time to plant roses, as well as all other hardy growing things, and since there were still a few Buff Beauties the last time I looked, along with some other old fashioned ones, I am letting you in on this adventure now.

And in case you would wonder why a book review is included in a gardening article, reading Lewis Thomas is just as much of an adventure and a pleasure, which is

only natural, since his prime subject is biology, and as he points out, we and our green life are far more intimately interwoven than we have realized until recently.

Strange as it may seem, we share a common ancestry with the green life in the ancestral forms of all life, along with some direct descendants of that early stage of life, and hence we have a lot more in common with our roses than we thought we had. But this I shall leave for you to find out for yourself.

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Pedallers, others gather for slide presentation

BY KATHLYN BENDER

Cyclists from Vancouver, Salt Spring and our Galiano pedallers met in the South Galiano Community Hall last Wednesday evening and were joined by a Galiano audience to share in a slide presentation of the Pedallers for Peace journey from Vancouver to Ottawa earlier in the fall.

Through Connie Kennedy's commentary and the slides we were able to experience vicariously the rain showers, the head and tail winds as well as the cyclists' sense of achievement. The real accomplishment was not merely of gobbling up the miles, but of each individual on the ride talking to perhaps a thousand people en route, and in discussion crystallizing their own thoughts about the nuclear problem.

Plans are afoot to strengthen the cross-Canada network of communication achieved by the gaining of 4,000 signatures to the peace petition by the cyclists.

Thrift Shop

At the annual general meeting of the Thrift Shop staff last Wednesday, the following officers were installed: Barbara Scoones as president, Emily Switzer as vice-president, Marion Michaelson as secretary, Mary Gustin as treasurer and Margaret Edgar as Parish Council representative.

Improvements to the premises are being carried out. Generous donations have been voted to the heart machine fund, aid to Ethiopia, and Tools for Peace in Nicaragua. In addition, the shop is assisting in a White Gift Christmas Appeal for the inter-faith coastal mission boat. Christmas wares and gifts are now on display in the Thrift Shop on Friday and Saturday between 10 and 12.

New enterprises

Two new enterprises will open their doors on Galiano this coming week. The Dandelion Gallery is an artists' co-operative which has secured an advantageous site at Sturdies Bay across from the garage and post office. The gallery will mount an opening exhibition of work by local artists between 7:30 and 9:30 pm this Friday and from then on the gallery will be open from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm from Wednesday to Sunday each week.

For a monthly fee and a time commitment of two days a month, members will receive 100% of the selling price of their work. Although priority will be given to the showing of works by members, non-members may offer consignment items at 30% commission to the gallery.

Feature shows will be held, although not until the new year.

Debbie Holmes is the co-ordinator of the gallery and will be working there every Monday from 1 to 4 pm or may be reached at home on Mondays after 7:30 pm. She will not be available for gallery business while she is working at Burrill Brothers Store, and asks that artists do not discuss business matters with her there on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday marks the opening of the Trincomali Bakery at the home of Jennie Jarvis on Porlier Pass Road. Jennie and her partner Susan Friend will be holding open house between 10 am and 5 pm with free coffee and cake as well as items for sale. For the winter months the bakery's delectable pastries, cakes and bread will be on sale every Thursday, Friday and Saturday between 10 am and 5 pm as well as at Burrill Brothers and the Corner Store.

Dorothy Livesay—Feeling the Worlds

Dorothy Livesay published her first book of poetry 56 years ago. Her latest book of poems, *Feeling the Worlds*, has just arrived from the publisher and shows that her skill with words is as fresh as ever and her power to charm, to delight, to provoke and to warn is undiminished. The poems in this collection, like Dorothy herself, are multi-faceted. Of special interest to Galiano readers is the fact that many of these poems are derived from her experience while living on this island. "Wednesdays on the Island" describes the phenomenon of Gulf Islands weekends when Sunday is the day of least peace and residents look forward to Wednesday as the quiet day.

For Dorothy "Poetry is like bread—it should be shared by everyone—must be a message for survival." As Margaret Atwood wrote, survival is the dominant theme of Canadian literature. In Dorothy the poet has survived—her causes, her passions, her disappointments and now her aging which she does so gracefully and courageously—for more than 60

years. The disillusionments she must have experienced in that long period have not produced in her the bitterness of cynicism. She is still optimistic and in the poem *Bellhouse Bay* she writes, "This is not paradise/but it is a rung on the ladder/upwards/towards a possible/breathtaking landscape."

Dorothy is a feminist, but with compassion rather than anger, which she reserves for injustice and oppression. She is a humourist in *Salute to Monty Python* and *Let me in*; nature lover in several bucolic poems about Galiano; a traveller in *The Panic Syndrome* and *Fable: the bare necessities*, and always a protagonist—for peace, for women, for life and for love.

Dorothy Livesay will be introducing her latest book of poems to Galiano readers at a salon in the Earthen Things Gallery, now moved to the new home of Marie-Claire von Hausmann on Shopland Road. On Saturday, Dec. 15, from 4 pm, Dorothy will be signing copies of her book and at 5 pm will give a short reading of some of the poems from *Feeling the Worlds*.

Sheep losses

The Brines of Hunterstone Farm at Retreat Cove have suffered anxiety and anguish over the past two weeks as the result of the depredations of a nocturnal marauder. Several sheep have been killed and others savaged. From a brief twilight glimpse the dog doing the damage appeared to be dark in colour, weighing 60 to 80 lb. with resemblance to a German shepherd.

Ralph has slept out in a camper and in a barn in an attempt to put an end to the trouble. If the dog is seen attacking the sheep it can be shot, but if it has an owner that irresponsible person will probably escape scot-free. This discouraging experience may result in the Brines abandoning sheep ranching.

Paradise Lost

Pools Paradise, held over because of popular demand, played to a standing-room-only house one last time on Saturday. Within the last 10 days the cast have performed five

times, four before live audiences and once, in eerie contrast, for a videotape camera. The latter brought home forcibly to the players how a responsive live audience carries the play and the actors along. Without feedback the players are unable to judge their own performance or whether their lines are really humorous.

To all the people who came to see the play, the players offer their sincere thanks for encouraging them.

Winter visitors

The Howards of Porlier Pass lighthouse report seeing a northern shrike this last week. Shrikes are songbirds with distinctive long, heavy, hook-tipped bills, grey-black above and white below, and robin size. These shrikes are winter visitors to southern Canada. Their song is a strange succession of harsh and musical notes.

A common name for the shrike is

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Galiano News

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"butcher bird" because of its habit of leaving its prey (small birds, mice, lizards) impaled on thorns or barbed wire.

Last Friday's *Times-Colonist* noted the spotting of two cattle egrets recently and this reminded us that a cattle egret in previous years has been seen consorting with Ollie Garner's cows near Bluff Road. These sub-tropical birds have been gradually moving north from California and it is puzzling why their appearance in B.C. should coincide with the advent of winter. Do they survive our cool, wet weather or, realizing their mistake, return south in order to avoid the worst of it?

Coming events

Today (Wednesday) the Galiano Players will hold a meeting at 8 pm in the senior classroom, Galiano School, to discuss future plans. New members are welcome.

Thursday all citizens concerned with the increase of irresponsible hunting are urged to attend a hunting information meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in the South Community Hall at 7:30 pm. The Fish and Wildlife Branch and the RCMP will be represented to listen to complaints and hear suggestions.

This Friday will be the last chance to patronize the North Community book shelf until the New Year. Stock up now!

On Saturday at the South Community Hall the third annual Christmas Craft Fair hosted by the Twelve Weavers will be open from 11 am to 3 pm, while at the activity centre there will be an Aid to Ethiopia Sale with proceeds going to the Vancouver branch of OXFAM or to other agencies if the donator wishes. This event begins at noon and goes until 3 pm. Donations may be left at the school, pre-school or Walkers on Cain Road.

St. Margaret's Church will have an Ecumenical Service 10:30 to 11:30 pm on Sunday, led by Colonel and Mrs. Frank Watson of the Salvation Army, Victoria. Following the service everyone is welcome to take part in a sandwich lunch at Galiano Lodge.

Advance notice is given of the Aid to Ethiopia Christmas Tea to be held in the South Community Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 12 to 3 pm. Tickets from Wendy Hales at 9-2735.

The *Pools Paradise* video is currently with the censor being classified. No doubt it will receive an X rating in view of some of the "characters" who perform in it. It will probably be available from all the Galiano White Hot Video outlets in the near future.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Craft sale

Beaver Point Community Hall will be staging its fourth annual Christmas craft sale this weekend and Fulford Harbour artist Kay Catlin has been busy preparing. The hall committee will be raising proceeds for the Beaver Point hall by raffling off gingerbread church

which Catlin designed and built. The church is distinctive in that the building is wired and the lights can be seen through the windows. Other than that it is completely edible and will be raffled at the end of the weekend sale. Tickets can be purchased at the hall.

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When Gordon Henschel, left, came to show his watercolours at Salt Spring Island's Ewart Gallery two weeks ago, he was sharing the

limelight with Denys A. James, of Ocean Clayworks, Ganges. Picture shows the two artists looking closely

at one of James' pieces. Behind them are some of the watercolours in the exhibition.

Landscape painter exhibits

Gordon Henschel is a painter who likes to take his palette and paper out on location and translate what he sees there. He doesn't make a sketch and complete it in the studio unless he has to. He wants to communicate from scenic nature to views.

The artist from Port McNeill was exhibiting his work at Ewart Gallery when he appeared in person two weeks ago. He was not alone. His

wife, Ann, was here with him. She works with her painter husband. He makes the pictures and she frames them.

Youthful looking painter from northern Vancouver Island, he showed scenes of the Port McNeill-islands area as well as some he had painted in the B. C. interior. His fondness for the colours of nature is evident in his paintings. It is also evident in his enthusiasm for the brilliance of an autumn which is not

to be seen in the north of Vancouver Island. There are virtually no deciduous trees up the island.

Henschel learned his fondness for the colours of nature when he grew up in Manitoba. Fall was a splendour of coloured leaves when he was growing up on the prairies.

While his family was growing up he taught school, but since 1972 he has been a full-time painter.

The exhibition at the Ewart Gallery, on Salt Spring Island, was the close of a tour of the province. He and his wife have visited large and small communities to show his work and to enjoy the opportunity of painting scenes and colours he doesn't know at home.

Courts are slow

There's no business around the courts of revision this year.

The Salt Spring Island court of revision, under the chairmanship of Jack Potheccary, sat at Ganges on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The court sat again on Tuesday.

The Outer Islands court of revision is scheduled for five sittings. Chairman of the court is Dr. Ralph Chatwin of Mayne Island. Two of his sittings are on Pender Island and three at Sidney.

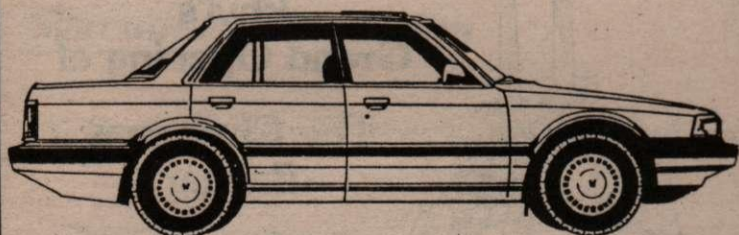
Majority of assessments have been reduced this year and the owners have lodged few complaints.

The fall sitting marks the beginning of the new pattern of assessment procedures in the province. Properties are assessed every second year and the valuation established this year will remain in effect until 1986.

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Jobs may go in schools

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actual number of individuals in the various positions is 91.

He said the original projected budget figures sent out by the minister earlier had shown a much bleaker picture. Those figures indicated a teaching staff of 68 fte teachers.

Nevertheless, Marshall is optimistic about the financial picture.

"It's not bad. At first blush it looks like many of the arguments we put to the ministry in the past year have impacted on this budget."

A major change comes in the transportation and housing account.

The projected budget for 1984 sent out by the ministry in January showed a transportation account of slightly more than \$333,000. The ministry at that time did not recognize that islands are separated by water.

Marshall argued the case successfully and the budget for transportation was increased to \$403,684.

For the 1985-86 projected budget, \$402,057 has been indicated. The transportation and housing account

for the six-month budget is projected at \$241,234.

Marshall indicated that jobs might be saved when the budget is combed more thoroughly. He said if the district can avoid hiring a secretary-treasurer, savings could be made in that area.

Marshall holds the positions of school superintendent and secretary-treasurer but is paid for the superintendent's position only.

He said the district will question calculations put out by the ministry. The various accounts are based on school enrolment as a factor combined with the average salaries for district and provincial teachers.

Included this year in the average salaries for these projected figures are the wages for principals and vice-principals. Those salary figures had not previously been included in the calculations.

The calculations for the two projected budgets, said Marshall, had used an average salary figure of slightly more than \$33,400. The similar figure used to calculate the 1984 budget had been \$33,856. The provincial average in the 1984 budget had been \$34,233.

The projected budget figures will be reviewed twice more by the ministry before the budget is finalized. The figures will be checked again in January to adjust for data errors as well as when the school district submits the budget for approval later in the spring.

Wages issue on hold

Agreement on a contract between the teaching staff and Gulf Islands School District has been reached but the two sides won't be talking salaries until next spring.

The agreement, covering the first six months of 1985, results in wording changes. The clauses which cover professional development and education leaves have been combined into one clause to be known as professional growth.

The school district will co-operate with the teachers to expand their skills to meet changes in the needs of education.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools, said that the wage issue was

put on hold until both sides reviewed other circumstances in the school district's financing. They had been negotiating the new contract without knowing how much money would be available.

The ministry of education is in the process of changing the fiscal year from the current calendar year set-up to coincide with the school year.

The deadline for decision on salary increases has been set for April 30.

The next step for both sides will be to begin hammering out an agreement which will cover the new fiscal year which begins July 1, 1985.

CN won't use sprays

Although Canadian National Railway is a federal crown corporation and not regulated by provincial legislation, poisonous sprays will not be used in the vicinity of blackberries during the growing season.

The Capital Regional Board recently protested the use of herbicides in areas where blackberries were growing and children, and others, could be affected by the sprays.

Protest was carried to both the provincial and the federal governments.

Two weeks ago the board received a reply from Environment Canada, in Vancouver, offering support of that ministry in the regional concerns.

The federal ministry also noted

that the provincial pesticide control branch had supported the plea and would include the provisions in future permits.

The CNR is prohibited from discharging deleterious substances into fish-bearing waters, under the terms of the federal Fisheries Act. There are no federal regulations requiring the notification of landowners or controlling the spraying of edible berries.

The ministry of the environment has discussed the request with the railway company and the spraying will be restricted.

The provincial environment ministry has asked the CNR to obtain provincial pesticide use permits in this province, the board was told. There has as yet been no reply.



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