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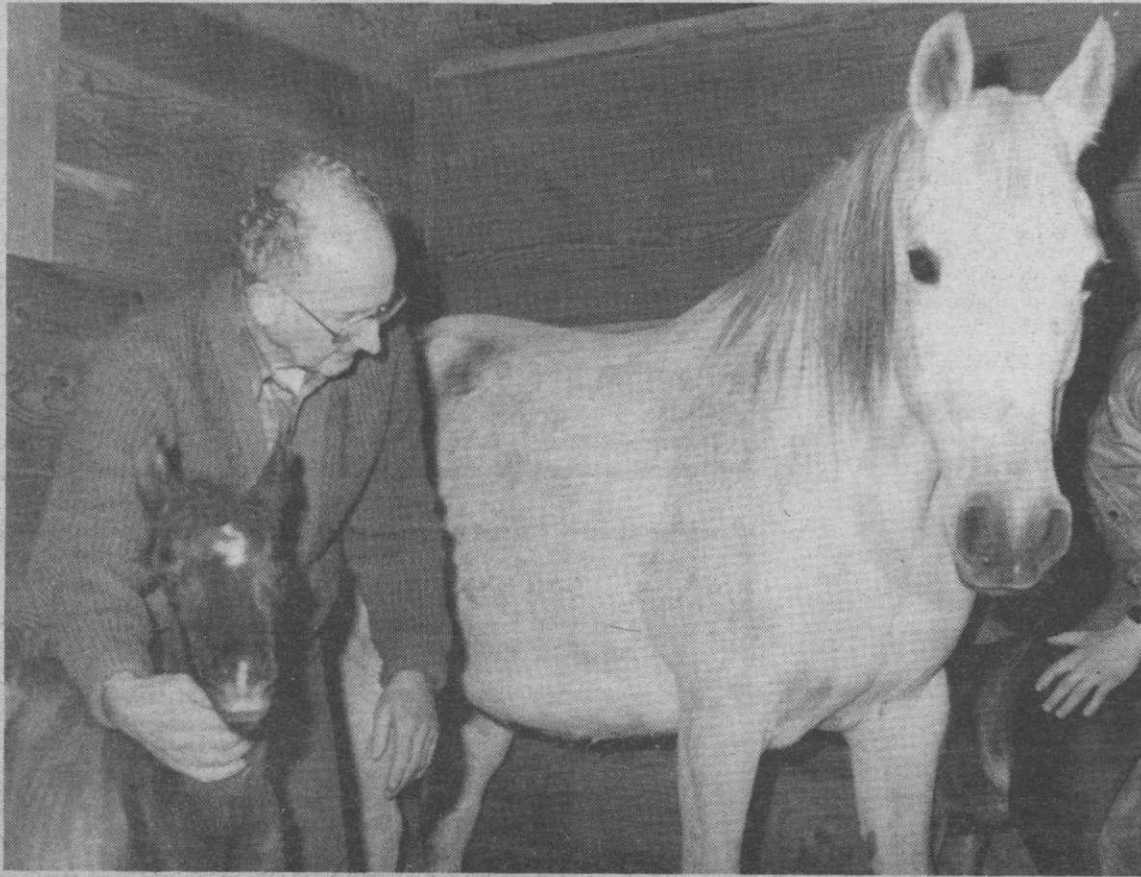
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Slim odds for twins

Rod Pringle is a big winner! He didn't play the lottery, but with the odds at one in several thousand of his mare having twins, there was lots of luck involved. Friday evening his purebred Arabian mare gave birth to two healthy fillies, seen in photos at the tender age of less than 48 hours. Pringle breeds horses at his Sunset Drive farm where he and his son were present for the birth. Pringle said his mare had been so huge during the pregnancy that he and his son were surprised when she gave birth to a normal size filly.

Seconds later, out popped the second one. Above, Pringle is trying to capture the two for a photo. In the end, leaving them alone was the best way of getting the picture at left. The purebred Arabian fillies gained seven or eight pounds in the first day and a half of their lives.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



Spring schedule brings changes next Friday

Ferry runs through the Gulf Islands will be changing to the spring schedule beginning February 17 and effective until the end of May.

For the Fullford-Swartz Bay and Vesuvius-Crofton runs, no time changes are planned.

The Long Harbour-Tsawwassen run has been modified by the morning sailings Monday to Thursday will follow the current schedule. The morning runs on Sundays and holiday Mondays also remain the same.

On Fridays and Saturdays, the *Queen of Tsawwassen* leaves Long Harbour on Salt Spring at the usual 7 am departure time. It stops at Mayne and Galiano Islands on the way to the mainland.

The mid-morning run brings the boat back to the Outer Islands with stops at Mayne and Pender Islands before cruising back to Tsawwassen. Shortly after noon the boat turns around and stops at Galiano before reaching Long Harbour.

The afternoon and evening runs for Mondays through Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays remain the same as the

current schedule.

On Friday, the boat leaves Long Harbour and touches Mayne and Galiano on the way to the mainland. The early evening run takes the boat to each of the Outer Islands before returning to Tsawwassen.

It then runs express to Salt Spring with arrival slated for 11:25 pm.

For Outer Island traffic to and from Swartz Bay, only two changes are in the works.

The late morning sailings on Saturdays run half an hour later than the current times.

While the afternoon and evening runs are the same as the current schedule for each day of the week, changes have been made to the Friday afternoon and evening sailings.

The ships serving the various runs will be changing as well.

The *Mayne Queen* goes in for refit beginning February 15 and returns to service March 16. While she is gone, the *Bowen Queen* will take over.

The *Quintisa* stays on the Fullford-Swartz Bay run until the *Bowen Queen* finishes her tour of duty in the Outer Islands.

Changes to pound districts

A change has been wrought in the North Salt Spring Island Pound District.

In the past there have been two adjacent districts, North Salt Spring and Vesuvius. This week the recorder of brands, W.M. McConnell of the ministry of agriculture, has announced the amalgamation of the two. The new North Salt Spring Island Pound District includes both former districts.

The measure is more housekeeping than functional, as far as the community is concerned. In fact, there is no poundkeeper appointed for the district and, in the ordinary routine, no enforcement of the regulations.

Half of the island is now included in pound districts. The Fullford Pound District and the Isabella Point Pound District will continue, although the lack of a poundkeeper renders their function passive rather than active.

Within a pound district it is the responsibility of the owner to keep his animals fenced in.

KEEP THEM OUT
In those areas where no pound district is established, then it is the responsibility of the owner of the land to keep other people's animals out.

The regulation is enforced by a poundkeeper, appointed from the community and paid by the owners of any animals impounded.

The poundkeeper is entitled to a fee for capture and delivery of the animals to the pound. He then collects a daily stipend for tending the impounded animals. The owner of the animals is also responsible for feeding his stock while they remain in the pound.

The poundkeeper gets his pay when the animal is claimed. If there is no payment forthcoming the animal may be sold to meet the cost of impoundment.

There has been no volunteer to undertake the duties in the three pounds on Salt Spring Island, but the responsibility to keep his animals on his own property still rests with the owner.

DISESTABLISHED

On all five of the Outer Islands the recorder has disestablished pound districts. This week pound districts on North and South Pender, Mayne, Saturna and Galiano Islands were eliminated.

The responsibility for control of animals has thereby been transferred from the owner to the neighbour. Where the district is disestablished the owner of land must fence animals out.

The decision to disestablish the districts was made after investigation by the Islands Trust, said McConnell.

The ministry sets up the pound districts but is not responsible for their administration.

Market should stay in park—society

The Farmers' Market should stay in Salt Spring's Centennial Park, says George Heinekey.

Heinekey brought the sentiments of the trustees of the Salt Spring Centennial Park Society to the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting last week.

He told the commission that the trustees wanted the market to stay but that some form of control may be necessary.

The trustees have been charged

with the responsibility of holding money in trust which the Centennial Society had gathered for the maintenance of the park.

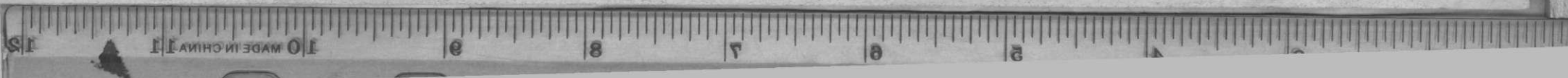
There are five trustees: Heinekey, Norman Mouat, Tom Toynbee, Les Ramsey and Peter Bingham. They are responsible for the trees and bushes which are memorials to Salt Spring pioneer families, the cenotaph and flagpoles, the cairn of H.M.S. Ganges and the time capsule buried on the property.

Currently, a committee of

community representatives is negotiating with the ministry of lands, parks and housing over the lease for the park.

The commission representative on that committee, Linda Hoover, expressed confidence that a solution to the problem could be found.

The committee will hold a public meeting in the activity centre at the elementary school on February 16 at 7:30 pm. They will offer a progress report at the meeting.





Six teams play in tournament

Salt Spring Elementary School hosted the fourth annual Salt Spring Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament last Friday. Six teams participated, including Fernwood School. The two winning teams were Fairburn and Gordon Head,

with the Salt Spring team coming third. Salt Spring won the tournament in 1983. Above, Ryan Davies of Fernwood Flyers checks player from the visiting Crofton team.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Three businesses entered

Three businesses on Galiano Island were visited late at night recently and RCMP are looking into the matter.

On the January 27 weekend, someone entered the Galiano Garage and took \$290 from the cash box. There was no indication of forced entry and police are curious about how the culprit got in.

A week later, on February 2, Galiano Trading was the object of attention for a midnight visitor. Entry was forced through the door and when the premises were checked the next day, \$7 was missing.

The midnight visitor didn't have much luck at the Corner Store. It was entered last Friday night. The visitor forced bars from a window, tore out a plywood panel and went in through the bathroom window.

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Probation for threatening letters

A Salt Spring Island man was given two years' probation in Victoria provincial court Friday after he pleaded guilty to two counts of uttering threats by letter.

Lady Minto Hospital administrator Malcolm Pinteau, 39, was also ordered to have no contact with his ex-wife, Vivien, her solicitor, several judges and master of the Supreme Court in Victoria.

Pinteau sent threatening letters to Elissa Rachue, his ex-wife's lawyer, on June 17 last year and to county court judge Robert Hutchison August 23. Copies were sent to Vivien Pinteau, other judges and the master of the Supreme Court.

Crown counsel Donald Laughton said the letters were "immature outpourings" and followed a divorce between the couple March 30. Laughton told the court that jail wouldn't help and that Pinteau was "a responsible person in all other respects."

Judge Lawrence Brahan also imposed a five-year weapons and explosives prohibition.

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Ah! That late late ferry!

Cheap ferry fares of long ago took Jack Ready back to another era, when he was driving a Vancouver Island Coachlines bus. He used to meet the late ferry for Fulford on Saturday nights at 11:15. One late ferry a week for Salt Spring Island in years long gone. It sounds like the 75¢ fares, something out of a ferry tale.

It's the same colour

You'd think Paul Hellyer would be courting the Green Party. After all, he invented the green uniform!

An early lesson on waste water

I learned about aromatic water purification when I was very small. I acquired a glass jar with a string handle and a small fishing net on the end of a bamboo pole. Accompanied by my equally small brother, I set out for Hamstead Hill, about five miles from home.

The only other claim to fame by that hill is the location of a mine shaft whose subterranean coal borings run many miles from the foot of the shaft.

At the bottom of the hill was a marsh. The stream feeding it had gathered moss while rolling through the industrial villages and it meandered through the meadowland in a green and slimy ribbon. The green and the slime and the offensive odour, I was to learn later, indicated a need for oxygen.

Despite all these negative factors, the sticklebacks flourished in those waters. The stickleback was a fish of about two inches in length which was easily netted and readily carried home to be petted and prodded to death in about 24 hours after capture.

I sprang gaily from rock to slimy rock in my search for the best and the biggest and the most attractive of all sticklebacks. Alas! The very nature of the marsh which made it so attractive to spiky fish also rendered the rocks perilous to the careless walker. My feet went from under me and I sailed off, to land full-length in the slimiest, greenest, stinkiest puddle in the whole bog.

More than half a century later, I can still smell it. But there was nowhere to wash: nowhere to clean up. I had to start out on my five-mile walk looking like a walking bog and stinking like the city sewer. Sure, I learned all about waste-water treatment! I learned it the hard way!

He was upstanding and sleepy

Fr. Gus Bergin, of the Catholic parish on Salt Spring Island, suffered a sharp indignity last week. He was crossing the road when a truck met him half way! He went to the hospital for treatment and by the weekend he was able to go about his normal duties. He had one word for his parishioners. He was learning, he explained, how to sleep standing up.

Why in California?

It doesn't worry me too much that Big Brother is checking on my income tax. As long as he checks everyone else's, I might save money on my tax. What worries me a lot more is that Big Brother gets his movies made in California. We all know they make some good movies down there. But we also know that there are some pretty good movies made in Vancouver; even in Toronto. We should be looking closer to home.

Made in United States

In the same vein, I went to the income tax office in Victoria recently and an announcement was neatly printed loudly to invite me to take a ticket and wait. I didn't wait all that long, but long enough to see that the ticket had been imported from the United States. I've operated a Canadian print shop enough years to choke over such revelations. Charity still begins at home and nobody called the income tax office charitable.

Grants to nine recreational groups

Grants to nine Salt Spring recreational groups total \$4,900 from the Parks and Recreation Commission on the island this year.

The commission's grants budget for 1984 had been set at \$7,300, which leaves \$2,400 yet to be distributed.

The grants committee of the commission, Linda Hoover, Irene Fewings and Dan Evanishen, reviewed 12 applications for money but decided to deny one request while giving two others a second look.

Top amount given away to date is \$1,500 to the Salt Spring Achievement Centre to run a bowling program for 10 retarded adults.

The soccer association, involving up to 400 children, has been allowed a provisional grant of \$1,400 for transportation costs to off-island games. Hoover said the grant will be checked a second time because last year the association gave away a number of trophies. If such is the case this year, the grant will be reduced.

"They'll have to decide if they want transportation or trophies," she said.

Two groups of seniors on the island, B.C. OAPO Branch 32 (Ganges) and Branch 170 (Fulford) each receive \$500 to help cover the costs of bus trips.

The Ganges group has a membership of 100 and the Fulford group is currently attempting to increase its membership.

A grant of \$450 goes to the Girl Guides to buy a canoe trailer. The grant was deemed appropriate because it also could be used by the Boy Scouts and other community groups such as the summer day camp run by the commission.

The Boy Scouts, however, were not left out. The group will receive \$100 to help complete the purchase of camping units.

Tumbling mats for the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road will be bought with a \$300 grant. The centre wants to offer an exercise program for children and the grant was approved as a means of encouraging other organizations to offer such classes for islanders.

The Beaver Point Hall committee was given \$100 to purchase a volleyball net. A further request from that group to buy a motion picture projector to allow them to show National Film Board films was put on hold.

The final grant of \$50 went to the Fulford junior baseball group to buy equipment.

A grant request from the Heritage House Museum for \$1,350 to help

cover the cost of insulating the building was turned down. Hoover said the committee considered the request to be outside the guidelines for grants.

She suggested that the museum people approach the community for help. The insulation is needed to help reduce the heating bill. Antique artifacts in the museum require a certain minimum temperature to avoid deterioration.

A review of the request from the Salt Spring Community Society for \$2,500 to rebuild the playground will be made. The grants committee had suggested a grant of \$1,900 but some members of the commission considered the request to be on the high side.

The committee will check again to see what the exact plans for the playground are.

The Gulf Islands gymnastics group had asked for \$2,500 to buy equipment. The group employs four coaches and a choreographer and the commission questioned whether a group using paid help should be eligible for a grant.

The total amount asked for was

\$14,250 but the grants committee recommended lower amounts on many of the requests.

Any island group offering recreational or leisure activity can apply for money by writing to the Parks and Recreation Commission at Box 197, Ganges.

PEACE NEWS

FEB. 8: Wed., 7 pm, Elem. Library. Video "Paying for Peace", report by Louise Bejk on last weekend's conference of National Peace Petition Caravan Campaign. All islanders welcome! Your contributions helped us start this project—come hear about it!

FEB. 9: Thurs., 7 pm, St. Mary's Church, Fulford. "Anatomy of the Arms Race", Peter Pentz. Fee \$1.

"Physicians, of whatever their background, as they practise their new specialty—preventing nuclear war—are living up to the most noble aspect of their calling: the preservation of life." —**Dr. Frank Sommers**, founder & president of Physicians for Social Responsibility.



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Change in procedure

The Campbell inquiry into regional districts did not comment on the disparity between regional handling of planning and land use controls and the pattern long established by the Islands Trust.

The Islands Trust from its inception introduced the system whereby the two local trustees and the three general trustees formed the basis of the planning function. Each designated island within the Trust handles its planning deliberations through this five-member committee.

The Trust chairman, two other general trustees and two local island trustees make the decisions on land use.

In the Capital Regional District the 19 directors have long deliberated on planning and land use in the electoral areas. Much of the time of the board is devoted to this aspect of regionalism.

The province, however, is looking at the same issue and is moving in the general direction of the Trust procedure.

At the end of the year a new process will come into operation whereby planning and zoning questions will be considered only by directors from the electoral areas. Municipal directors will not take part in such affairs unless they specifically ask to be included in the deliberations, the decision-making and the cost of processing. Few will.

It does create something of an anomaly because the directors from Salt Spring Island and the Outer Islands are representatives of the electoral areas. Yet the function of land use and planning for the islands is undertaken by the Islands Trust. Islands directors will not be directly involved in planning their own communities, only the electoral areas in other parts of the region.

Canadian history

For 16 years this nation has been led by Pierre Elliott Trudeau, with one short interlude.

When history comes to be written of the present day the prime minister may well be notable for his indifference to public opinion. He may be remembered for Fuddle Duddle, despite the fact that four and seven-letter words are less shocking to the national sensitivity than they were a few years ago. History will undoubtedly remember the Trudeau single-finger salute. But historians will see these things with the benefit of an objectivity that eludes us today.

These are incidentals, the painting of the wall behind the men of history. The internal policies of Canada under the direction of Pierre Elliott Trudeau will be revealed to us by historians, yet bearing the stains of prejudice, perhaps, but stripped of the emotional upheaval of the present day. The list is endless. As also is history.

Yet it is likely that Trudeau will be characterized as the voice from the humanitarians. The past several months of labour undertaken by the prime minister to bring the warrior nations of the world to a bargaining table will undoubtedly be his epitaph in history. Indeed, this nation of Canada will be respected and admired by the writers of history far more for its prime minister's fight for a curb on nuclear weapons than for any action he has taken in the administration of his country.

Trudeau has shown courage and determination in his presentation of David seeking to disarm two mighty Goliaths. Many Canadians find in his actions good judgment as well. Those Canadians who see nuclear armaments as the only barrier to world conflict and ultimate destruction will not share that assessment.

When we examine our own leader against the backdrop of nuclear holocaust, we are not examining a Canadian politician. There is no Liberal, no Conservative, no New Democrat buried beyond recognition in a nuclear conflict. This is not a political issue.

If we want rational debate on nuclear armaments, then we cannot dismiss the work of the prime minister. And who can hope for survival without rational debate on any subject?



Letters to the Editor

Women and Words meeting planned

Sir,
The West Coast Women and Words Society held their annual General Meeting from January 27 to January 29 at Langara College in Vancouver. Delegates from Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and many areas of British Columbia were able to attend as well as representatives from the Native Writers' Circle.

A number of key resolutions were passed, including a structural proposal to establish a national organization, and a Task Force was elected to meet with all regional groups, and with their recommendations draw up the Constitution and Bylaws. It was a very productive AGM. My own resolution to research and submit a proposal for a national, bilingual newsletter was accepted unanimously. Representatives from the Canada Council and the Secretary of State expressed interest in funding the newsletter project.

As Regional Representative for the Gulf Islands group I invite all members on the islands to attend a meeting to share the details of the AGM and discuss my newsletter proposal. I encourage all women interested in the organization and those who wish to learn more about Women And Words to please attend. One of the aims of the West Coast Women And Words Society is to facilitate an exchange of information and expertise among women working with the written word. It is an organization concerned with every aspect of women's writing and your contributions are valuable.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 pm—(cabin) 343 Price Road. For more information please call 537-2538, evenings.
DIANA HAYES,
R.R.2 Price Rd.,
Ganges,
February 6, 1984.

Pat on back can be shared

Sir,
Just a note to underline an item near the end of your article on the accreditation report for the Secondary School.

As the sister and sister-in-law of teachers—Tom and Irene Wright—I know from observation how much spare time is spent at lunch time, after hours at school, and then later at home, in preparing and providing for extracurricular activities.

I'm sure the evaluation team's pat on the back can be shared by all the teachers at the various schools on the island.

NANCY WRIGHT,
Lang Rd., R.R.1
Ganges.
February 4, 1984.

Lack of support kills program

Sir,
It is with regret that the Fullord Community Hall Association announces that we must cancel our Teen Dance program due to lack of support.

When we began the Teen Dances, we thought we were filling a very real community need by providing our young people with a recreational outlet, even if it was only one night per month. It seems we were wrong.

While we did not launch this program in an effort to make a profit, we also did not anticipate the losses we have incurred. The Recreation Commission offered to underwrite these losses, but set a limit to the amount they would donate. Unfortunately, if we carried on, our deficit would far exceed their donation.

MERV WALDE (PRESIDENT),
for the Executive,
Fullord Community
Hall Association,
February 6, 1984.

Active role can be played

Sir,
As you are already a member of the Community Planning Association, by virtue of living on Salt Spring Island, why not take an active part in your association and become a member of the Board?

If you are vitally concerned about all those issues which affect our lives as islanders, you owe it to yourself to express your concern as a member of the Board.

If you prefer to sit at home and grumble about what "they" are doing to our lovely island, that of course is your privilege, but if you prefer to play an active role, you could do so as a member of the Board.

Don't be afraid of power—there isn't any! Don't be shy of publicity, there's very little! Don't be afraid of losing an election— you may well get on by acclamation. If you happen to be an also-ran, at least you tried—and that's more than the guy next door, or the gal across the road. And next time they engage you in conversation about what "they" are doing to ruin our lovely island, ask them: "What are you prepared to do about it?" Did you even try to get on the Community Planning Association?"

Your big chance is coming up on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Be at the School Board Office at 7:30 pm. It's our Annual General Meeting and we're accepting nominations. If you want to know more about it phone Ray Hill, Richard Nemeth, Sid Wigen, Murray Reiss or myself.
MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
Ganges.
February 1984.

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Rotary program sends island student to Tacoma

The Salt Spring Rotary Club has chosen Susanne Terrick, 16, to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program in Tacoma, Washington, in mid-March.

Terrick, a Grade 11 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, will be part of a four-day program at Pacific Lutheran University. Rotary International describes the event as "not a conference, a convention or a training program."

"Rather, it is an experience for people on the threshold of taking their place in the adult world."

She had not known about the program until GISS vice-principal Hugh Archer told her and some friends about it. She filled out the application form and was subsequently interviewed and chosen by a group of Salt Spring Rotarians.

"I thought it would be an interesting experience to meet new people," she said of her decision to apply.

Terrick is a Grade 11 representative of the GISS students' council and maintains a C+ average. She enjoys geography, she said.

In the school band, she plays trombone and is also a member of the Sockeyes in the island soccer league.

She came to Salt Spring from Richmond three years ago and lives with her mother and brother.

Her plans after graduation from high school are geared towards being able to work with handicapped children.

The RYLA program began in Australia in 1972. The idea then, as now, was to provide young people with an opportunity to come together and prepare for leadership.

Rotary lists four main purposes for the program:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect for youth;
- provide a leadership training experience;
- encourage continued and strengthened leadership for youth by youth; and
- publicly recognize the high qualities of young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

For those who attend the program in Tacoma, activities start on March 15 with the youngsters getting acquainted with each other.

Friday features a full day of activity. Breakfast is at 7:45 and various programs with guest speakers take up much of the day. The structured activities end at 9 pm that evening and are followed by a recreation period.

The programs continue the next day until 6 pm when a buffet supper is scheduled. The evening will be given over to a pizza party.

Sunday, March 18, is the wind-up and time for goodbyes.

But when the program in Tacoma is over, Terrick will be required to talk to a meeting of the Salt Spring Rotary upon her return to the island. She will tell what she learned and how she viewed the weekend.

In addition, she is to write a story about her adventure.



Susanne Terrick

More Letters to the Editor

Defected

Sir,
I think that I may have detected what's happened to "Moscow's Elected".

I don't think Andropov has died or been pop'd off - I think he has simply defected!

HELGA WILLIAMS
Box 730,
Ganges,
January 1984.

Disappointing reaction

Following letter to Progressive Conservative MP Sinclair Stevens was submitted for publication.
Dear Mr. Stevens,

I am disappointed in your latest reaction to the Prime Minister's peace initiative. I believe you said that in asking whether N.A.T.O. would respond with nuclear weapons to a non-nuclear attack by the Soviets against Europe, Mr. Trudeau was raising questions which should not be asked. In fact, you are suggesting that the answers to these questions be suppressed.

However, since any first-strike response made by N.A.T.O. would likely result in an all-out nuclear war, it is our right and duty to ask as many questions as possible.

The best security we can achieve will not be acquired through the ability to threaten and destroy each other. Nations which pursue this policy are promoting and encouraging an image of themselves as separate from the rest of the world. Instead, we should be working towards mutual dependence because the truth is that the survival of one depends on the survival of all.

In his *Outline of History*, H.G. Wells wrote, "Human history is becoming more and more a race between education and catastrophe". The outcome of this race promises to be very bleak if we stop asking questions because someone else does not like the answers.

PATRICIA A. SWIFT,

Earlier era recalled

Sir,
I'd like to compliment Peter Pentz for his article on Jim Harney's slide presentation about El Salvador (*Driftwood*, January 25).

I recently had the good fortune of hearing Harney speak at the Fairfield United Church in Victoria.

The Salvadorans' heroic struggle against fascism and U.S. imperialism recalls an earlier era - the battle of the Spanish Republic against Franco, Mussolini and Hitler in the 1930's.

We cannot afford to forget!

PETER RAMSEY,
2738 Graham St.,
Victoria,
February 1984.

Doesn't live on Arbutus Rd.

Sir,
In view of the number of enquiries put to me as a neighbour of Scott Fraser, Arbutus Road, may I put the record straight and say that the Scott Fraser who figured in a recent traffic violation reported in *Driftwood* does not live on Arbutus Road.

P.F. WRIGHT,
R.R. 1, Ganges,
February 1984.

Trees should be saved

Sir,
I too would very much like the fir trees across from Kanaka Place to be saved. The one tree on the Moutat's property would have to be moved for building, but the others are so valuable that their removal would be a shame.

There is no way to replace mature firs: it would take a lifetime. When

whatever we do have. The trees are in healthy condition and should be built around.

THOMAS HALL,
Nurseryman,
Ganges,
February 6, 1984.



Bill Webster

Sauvé appointment a good one

Murmurs from the undergrowth indicate actions can be expected on the federal political circuit soon.

The Libs of local persuasion hold weekends of business and delight while the federal version of Indeepters spread the word to all concerned.

And the Tories, at least on Salt Sprung, prepare to prepare.

Which brings us to the point, if this space can afford to do that. Federal ballots will be marked and certain members of society will be sent to the purgatory of parliament.

And guess, if you can, which party is in deep trouble.

The Tories lead the popularity polls by a wide margin and the Libs manage to come in third behind the undecided.

Party talkers say the Libs aren't in trouble, it's Pierre of the One-Finger.

And he says nothing.

The troubles of the Libs come not from anything they have done, which is very little, but from actions they declined to take. Unemployment is being looked at, if latest reports can be taken at value, in those areas of Canada astute enough to send a Lib to Camp Ottawa.

alarming rate. Industry has slowed to a crawl.

Be that as it may, the Libs have another plan to keep down the unemployment figures. Favoured party hacks obtain life-long employment running the many, many crown corporations which the government owns.

The Senate suddenly has a full complement of sitters who are, guess what?

Arrogance is a word which doubles for the attitude of the federal Libs. They tend to make Billie's Bunch look tame in comparison.

Hark back to when Joe was prime minister. An item of great debate during the election which he so graciously allowed revolved around the price of gas.

They, the Tories, were quite willing to allow the price per litre to rise to about 30 or so cents.

That would, the Libs chorused, cause hardship and we won't let the price go to that level.

And wonder to behold, they didn't. The price hovers around 50¢ today, thanks to the Libs. The only consolation is that at least they didn't lie about it. They just didn't say how high it would go.

the new Canadian salute would be.

All, however, is not doom and gloom on the fed scene. The denizens of the power office around Pierre have made one move which seems to be a good one.

They decided, for whatever reason, to appoint Jeanne Sauve as our governor-general.

Which isn't a bad move.

It keeps the tradition of one English, one French going but adds a neat but long overdue twist. While we Canadians may have a Queen to sit at the front of the pack, we are notoriously reluctant to admit a woman to the realms of real power.

Israel, India, England and *Playboy* Magazine have opted for female leaders. But not hoser territory.

Sauve showed spunk while she was speaker of the house. In the beginning of her term she made some horrendous decisions but did rise to the position and learned as she went along.

The inhabitants of this space will go out on a short limb and say that the Libs are down the tube when the votes are counted.

Letters to the editor are welcomed and should be in our office by 3 pm Monday for Wednesday publication. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and legality.

plan isn't working because far too many of the nation's residents are similarly not working.

Businesses go boom at an

count in the scheme of things? Not bloody likely.

Ask the people who went down to the train to see Pierre. Their curiosity taught them what

Tona Campagnolo as their leader.

If they are sincere in wanting new directions for this country, that would be a realistic start.

Island Futures to examine local production for local use

BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN

A grass-roots economic movement is catching on around the country as a result of a very simple, even old-fashioned concept—local production for local use.

This concept is based on the thinking of economists like Schumacher and McRobie who join many others in pointing out how the trend to bigger and bigger business has contributed to mass unemployment and massive damage to the environment.

The alternative is intermediate technology which serves local needs, doesn't pollute the environment, doesn't cost an arm and a leg to set

up and provides jobs for local people.

Sound too good to be true, like unrealistic dreaming?

Come to the Island Futures workshop February 17 and 18 and hear how community economic development corporations (CEDC's) are happening in many places in B.C. (in fact, around the world).

On Friday the 17th at 7:30 in Mahon Hall a town hall meeting will hear Don McMillan from the Nanaimo Community Development Advisory Society speak on some of the experiences and conclusions from their eight years of operation. He will be joined by Clive Dayson of the National Research Council and Bill Warren who has worked for B.C. Research and the Department of Indian Affairs.

Each of these men has extensive knowledge and interest in appropriate technology, as it offers affordable options for democratic community economic development.

The evening will consist of an informal talk, discussion to kick off Saturday's all-day "exploration" at the Community Centre.

Those activities will include displays, a videotape of Mondragon, brain-storming sessions with local production ideas, a very special "soup-kitchen" lunch (everyone is brown-bagging it and Jo Logan is looking at the idea of creating a giant pot of clam chowder) and two afternoon meetings dealing with finances and organizational strategies.

Featured will be off-island resource people with experience in co-operative and private enterprise. The afternoon will end with all participants meeting to discuss the desirability of establishing a CEDC on Salt Spring.

For more information, watch for the Island Futures posters in public places, or call or drop in to either the Community Centre on Ganges Hill or the Continuing Education office in Mouat's Mall (across from the Thrift Shop).

European caravan leaves Sunday

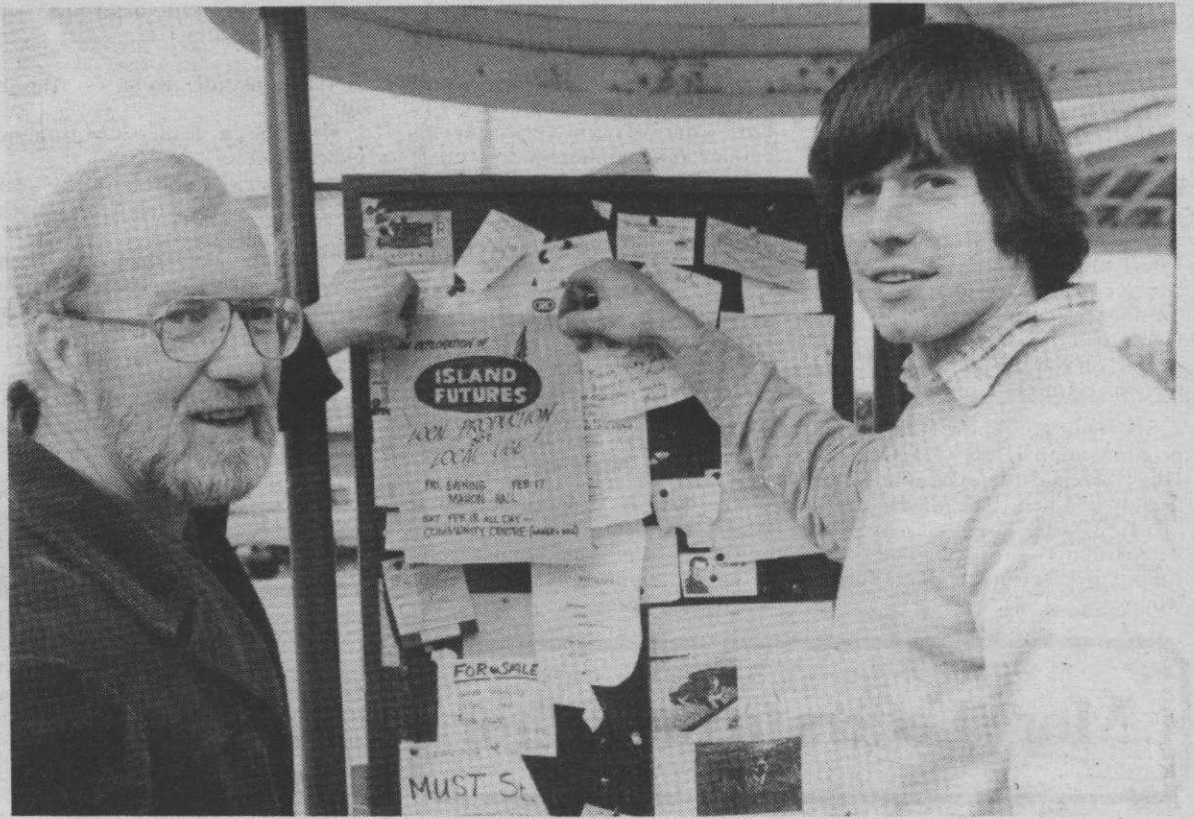
While Salt Spring Island residents have been among those planning a cross-Canada peace caravan, another group of British Columbia residents have been preparing for a similar project in Europe.

On Sunday a "Peace and Friendship Caravan" will leave Vancouver on a 30,000-km journey, through Europe, carrying the message of peace to heads of state, mayors and councils.

The tour has been organized by Sigurd Askevold of Creston, B.C., and sponsored by Dr. Linus Pauling, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962, and the Quaker Society of Friends, among others. The caravan has been in the planning stages for the past three years. At least 65 European peace groups are expected to assist with the project.

Vancouver Mayor Mike Harcourt will present the caravan with a peace proclamation at a send-off in front of Vancouver City Hall at 3:30 pm. The proclamation will be delivered to Odessa, Vancouver's sister city in the Soviet Union.

Following the presentation a cavalcade of supporters will escort the caravan to Vancouver airport.



John Mullan, left, and Simon Webb were in Ganges last week promoting Island Futures

conference by placing posters around town. The two Salt Spring Islanders are among the organizers

of the affair, slated to take place in Ganges next week.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

This workshop is a joint effort of these organizations plus many volunteers from the community at large.

Conference is free but tax-deductible receipts will be available for all contributions to help defray expenses.

Virginia Newman is director of the continuing education department of the Gulf Islands School District.

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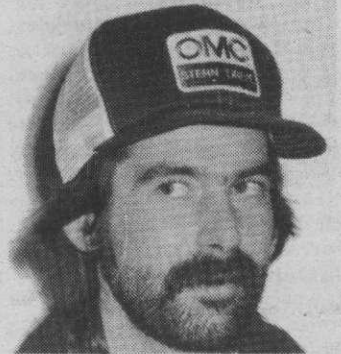
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Salt Spring wedding is family affair

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When Petronella J.C. Schwagly Tenholder married Frederick Towers Gilman, the matron of honour was Mrs. Schwagly's oldest daughter Marijka Oudshoorn. Her son, Frank Schwagly gave the bride away.

Best man was the bridegroom's eldest son, Ed Gilman and ushers were the bride's youngest son, Henry and the bridegroom's youngest son, Don Gilman.

Guests were the family of the married couple and a few friends. They came from Palm Springs, Holland, Manitoba, Victoria and Edmonton and the lower mainland.

Rev. Fr. P.A. Bergin officiated at the wedding.

Bride and bridegroom are both from Salt Spring Island and will continue to make their home on the island. Both have been engaged throughout their working lives in the hairdressing business.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gilman

Plaque awarded

Winner of a contest for the best decorated store in Ganges during the Christmas season was presented with a plaque last week.

Pat Barnes of The Loom Room in Mouat's Mall received the award at a meeting of the Ganges Centre Association.

New guild

The first organizational meeting of the Altar and Flower Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland Church was held at the church following service on Sunday.

Chairman is Ena Hooley, treasurer is Frances Druce. First order of duty was to make Mrs. Charlie Morshead and Mrs. G. Philippson honorary life members, in recognition of their many years of service to the church guild.

A schedule was set up for regular rotation of changing fair linens and flower arranging for the coming months. It was also noted that Mrs. Morshead will be teaching fine sewing in the near future. A further announcement will be made in regard to times and place.

Sunday's service at St. Margaret of Scotland was given by Rev. Sydney Bell, M.A., from Victoria. He will be welcomed back the first Sunday of each month for the next four months.



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Commission abandons Cusheon Lake park plan

The Parks and Recreation Commission has dropped plans for a park on 60 acres of crown land at Cusheon Lake on Salt Spring.

The commission met last week to discuss the proposal to turn the area into a passive park. Opponents of the idea were also at the meeting.

The property had been given to the province in 1958 by the Powell River Lumber Company, now MacMillan Bloedel. The stipulation for the transfer was that it be turned into a park to serve the community.

When the commission tried to gain possession of the area, the province put restrictions on the exchange. The province wanted a development plan for the property as well as an environmental impact study.

The commission found the two studies would cost up to \$6,000.

They had asked the Capital Region for costing and put in a request for the engineering department from the CRD to do the environmental impact study.

The answer to the request was negative. The CRD did not want to become involved in a project which could be carried out by an engineering firm.

Opposition to the proposed park came from residents of Cusheon Lake as well as from all the waterworks districts on the island.

Each group sympathized with the efforts of the commission to create a recreational area for islanders but each group also expressed concern about possible harmful effects on Cusheon Lake.

The Salt Spring Water Preservation Society sent a letter to the commission outlining its concerns.

"...the community places a heavy reliance on its major lakes as water sources.

"Our lakes are generally very sensitive to degradation and that fact, combined with the almost complete private ownership of the watershed area, is cause for great concern."

The society suggested that the commission look into the possibility that the land be placed under an

order-in-council reserve or a map reserve "for the purpose of preserving it permanently as an important part of the Cusheon Lake watershed."

When the commission voted to give up the idea of a park at the site, it also decided to try to have the land left as it is.

The group will continue the search for a suitable site for a public swimming beach.

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'Higher education faces crisis across Canada'

The federal government is cutting off higher education at its roots and reducing equal access to university for young Canadians, NDP MP Jim Manly said in the House of Commons February 2.

Speaking on a government bill which would restrict federal spending increases on education to six and five percent, Manly said higher education is in a desperate situation.

"Right across Canada there is a crisis in higher education. In B.C. Socreds want to close the departments, or faculties, of law and of human and social development at the University of Victoria. They want to axe the departments of music and theatre," Manly said. "Cutting these funds will only exacerbate that situation."

Manly pointed out that a shrinking job market has drawn young people to the doors of the university, but now the universities are increasing tuition fees and even closing their doors on qualified students.

The situation is worse for low-income students and those from areas farther away from colleges and universities who have to live at home and pay for room and board, Manly said.

"In addition to higher tuition costs, which in B.C. are going up between 19% and 30%, young people face very high room and board. They cannot even find

summer jobs. The people who will suffer most from this are the young people from working class homes in rural areas."

Manly argued that Canada cannot be economically healthy if its universities continue to suffer from overloaded classes, crowded laboratories and libraries with inadequate facilities.

"In the University of Victoria, the computer science program is going to be cut by 50% next year. Computer science is one of the edges of the future and yet it is being cut," Manly said.

In an attempt to cut costs, UBC recently passed a motion to limit enrolment of new students to the top 3,250 applicants regardless of how many students apply and regardless of whether they made entrance requirements.

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Exhibition of paintings this month by Greenwoods resident Ida New

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

Ninety-year-old Greenwoods resident Ida New will be having an exhibition of oil and watercolour paintings at Greenwoods during the last two weeks of February.

The paintings will include British Columbia landscapes in addition to English nautical scenes in oils. Watercolours deal primarily with flowers and fauna.

Although New's life revolved around music before her retirement, painting and drawing have been her favourite pastimes during the last 15 years.

During her youth she attended the School of Art in Liverpool, England. She studied anatomy and still-life in watercolour while also taking voice lessons.

New received an award from the London-based Royal Drawing Society in commendation of her marine watercolours. The society noted in a letter to New in 1913 that she had a great deal of talent for drawing boats. That talent has not diminished and much of New's work that will be exhibited this month deals with marine and harbour life.

Before moving from Rock Ferry in Cheshire to Nanaimo, British Columbia, in 1914 New would spend her holidays sketching ships on the Mersey. She recalls climbing to the foretop of the training ship, *Conway*, to enjoy a better perspective of the boats on the river.

In 1915, the New family moved once more to settle on Galiano Island. Despite the seclusion of the Gulf Islands, Ida New's teen years were spent painting and singing on Saturna and Galiano in preparation for a life dedicated to voice and song.

When New was encouraged to study voice through formal instruction she studied under two different teachers over three years of scattered lessons and disappointments.

"In desperation, I collected a group of five others and we gave four concerts among the islands ending with James Island," New remembers. "The next day, tired



Surrounded by her oil paintings and watercolours, Ida New enjoys her home at Greenwoods where, she

notes, she is grateful for the time to paint.

out, I was interviewed by Signor Morando and Mr. Gideon Hicks, the Canadian bass-baritone. On Nov. 2, 1920, I had my first lesson with Mr. Hicks. I was with him for the next 29 years, first as a student and later as an instructor."

For 40 years, New kept busy in the Gideon Hicks studio in Vancouver. She found little time for painting until her retirement in 1967.

"With the horizon in view, I joined the Western Art Circle and took a three-year correspondence course with the Famous Artists' Schools in Westport, Connecticut." Until New registered in the three-year course she had not worked with

oils. About 80 paintings will deck the corridors of Greenwoods this month. Much of the work will come directly from New's own collection while some will include privately-owned paintings on loan for the occasion.

Trustees want to be consulted

Changes in ferry service for the Gulf Islands are being looked at by B.C. Ferries and the Gulf Islands School Board wants to be consulted on the matter.

Mayne Island school trustee Jeannine Dodds said she had heard stories that changes to the Outer Islands routes would see a ferry based at both Saturna and Mayne Islands.

She said a phone call to the ferry corporation office in Victoria revealed that the story was just a rumour. A subcommittee of the ferry company is looking at service to the Gulf Islands but has not

released its findings, she was told.

The ferry official confirmed that the subcommittee was seeking ways to reduce the service to the islands by up to 25%. The report is due sometime after the middle of February.

The trustees decided to write a letter to Stuart Hodgson, chairman of the corporation, with a request that the school board be consulted on any changes in ferry service.

Outer Islands students make use of the ferries to get to and from junior high school on Mayne Island as well as the secondary school on Salt Spring.

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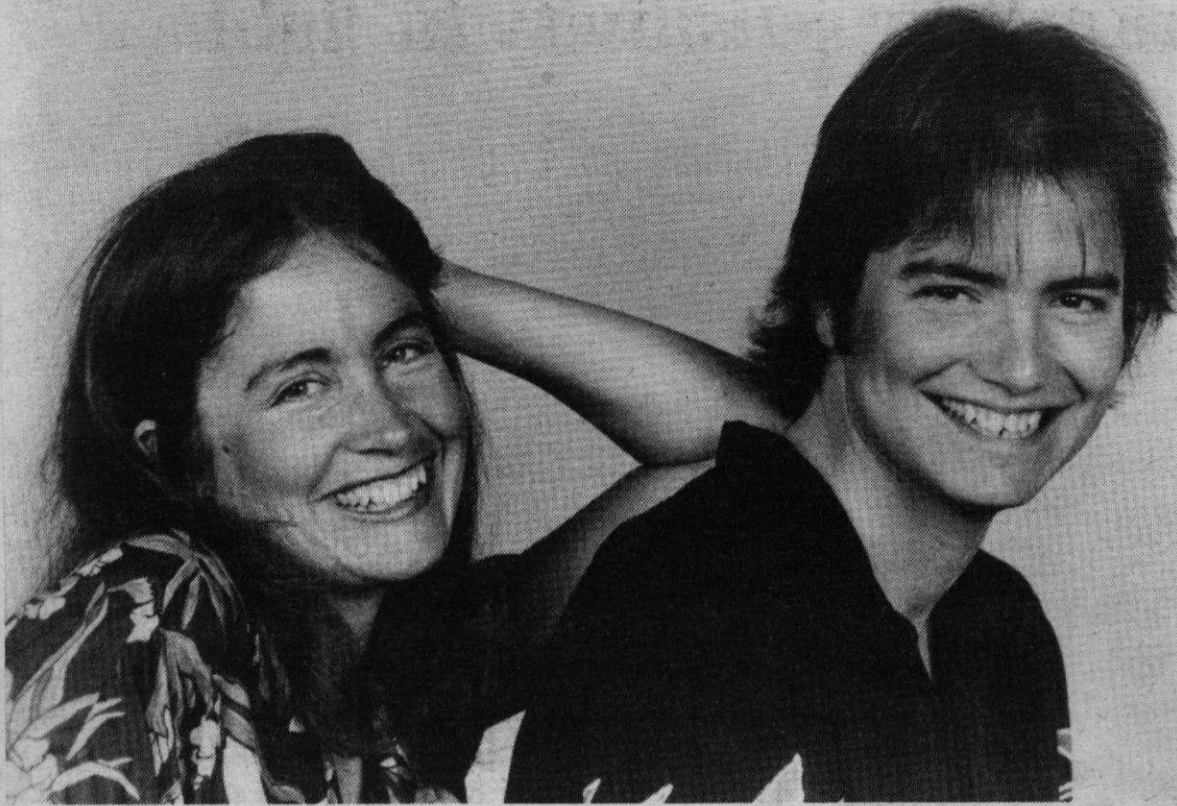


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Nygaard's jazz, with doses of rock, rhythm and "general down-home exuberance." The concert is being staged by I-IPACS and begins at 8 pm. Tickets are \$3.50.

Pianist electrifies Ganges audience

Review
BY JOHN GUERIN

The composers (such as Haydn, Mendelssohn and Rachmaninoff) were known to most people in the audience but the works performed by Jane Coop at Ganges January 27 were not.

These pieces are too intricate to read for most amateurs and too difficult or too time consuming for many concert pianists. Still, Jane Coop sustained the interest and enthusiasm of her audience both through her choice of these heroic pieces and through her fiery playing.

It was a very strenuous program which left no breathing space to the performer and which had the listeners sitting on the edge of their seats, spellbound by such virtuosity and charmed by such artistry.

The recital opened with the Sonata in D Major, HobXVI, 42, by Haydn. Short and playful, it was played with beautifully clear runs in a lively tempo.

The Mendelssohn Fantasia in F sharp minor, Opus 28, then followed. Those who prefer music with a melody that they can remember and sing were pleased with this piece. The rich theme stood out through Coop's very melodic playing.

She took the last movement at breakneck speed and kept it up with great ease for 10 pages until the last two closing chords. By that time, Coop had really electrified her audience!

The Polonaise-Fantaisie, Opus 61, by Chopin was familiar to some concert-goers and to those who have recordings of all the Chopin polonaises. Jane Coop's terrific technique enabled her to build up passionate crescendos which left the audience in awe that such power could emanate from this tall but slightly built pianist.

The first movement of the Sonata No. 3 in F sharp minor, Opus 23, by Skryabin is dark and sombre; its lull harmonies are still tonal but rather strange. In the Allegretto, both the theme and the obligato accompaniment are in octaves. The pianist played them in a very decisive and brilliant fashion.

In the strettos, her hands were flying so fast over the keyboard that the human eye could only see a blur like that of the wings of a hummingbird. The Andante, with its haunting theme, enabled Coop to show how softly she could play and still obtain a velvety singing tone. Under the virtuoso's fingers, the last movement, "Presto con fuoco,"

became a furious tornado of sounds and left the audience gasping when the last thunderous chords were heard.

The three Rachmaninoff Etudes-Tableaux, Opus 39, which concluded the program, are picture studies evoking different images according to the mood of individual listeners. The Etude No. 6 with its recurring one-bar runs in triplets followed by a strongly accented chord, the Etude No. 8 with its restful melody and its complicated harmonies, the Etude No. 1 with its agitated and passionate tempo and bravura ending, were a display of virtuosity, musicianship and artistic ability of near epic proportion.

As an encore, Coop played very softly the poetic Etude in A flat Major by Chopin (the second of the three Etudes composed for the Moscheles and Fetis Method).

After hearing such a recital, one realizes why Jane Coop is in demand on the concert circuit and one can be proud of having a pianist of her stature representing Canada internationally.

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As long as the length of daylight is increasing they direct their growth energy into leaf growth. As soon as the length of daylight begins to decrease they will direct their growth energy into bulb formation.

So after June 21, when days begin to shorten again, bulb formation will begin. If we have spindly little leaves by that date, tiny bulbs will result, as the leaf size is the limiting factor for bulb size.

Conversely, if we have big, strapping leaves at that time, big, beautiful bulbs will result. It is clear then that rapid, sustained leaf growth is the key to a bumper crop of onions.

As onions are also quite cold-hardy and will germinate in fairly cool soils, they may be started in the unheated greenhouse at this time. Sow onions thinly in six-packs in rich, loose soil, well fortified with manure and organic content.

Abundant fertilizer and moisture are the key factors for rapid growth. Space onions about an inch apart in the pack so that root development may be unhindered. Providing additional light, up to a total of 12 hours per day until March 21, when natural light will be of that duration, will help to induce rapid growth.

NO MORE THAN 12

Do not provide more than the recommended 12 hours of light as the onion might misconstrue the situation. If used to a total of 18 hours of light in the greenhouse, which might be reduced to 15 hours per day after transplanting outdoors, the onion will conclude that it is time to bulb.

As onions have a very small root system close to the surface, availability of nutrients close to the roots is essential. Top dressing with well rotted manure or bloodmeal will provide the required moisture. Onions may be transplanted outdoors around the beginning of April.

Outdoor conditions should maintain a high degree of fertility and moisture for continued rapid growth until bulb formation begins. Either a handful of rich compost under each transplant or top dressing of manure, bloodmeal or rich compost close to the plants will sustain good growth.

After bulb formation begins, nutrients and moisture should be withheld for harder, better storing bulbs. When about one half of the tops are down the remainder may be bent over.

Wait about a week and harvest thereafter. Cure onions under warm and dry conditions until the outer skin is hard and dry. In our climate with its dew-producing cool nights, drying under a roof under well ventilated conditions is recommended. A south-facing porch is ideal along with a few turnings to expose all sides to full drying conditions.

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These may be sown from early March on, and depending on weather conditions, may have to be resown. Most of these will "bolt", go to seed near the end of May. However, the unopened seed buds and the stalks below are considered by many a very special culinary treat.

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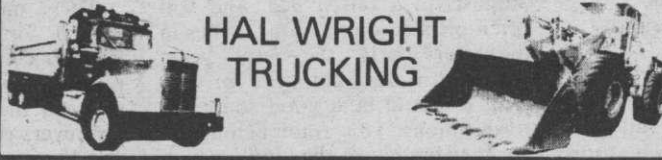
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Lions bingo Saturday

Galiano Lions Club is holding a giant bingo at the South Community Hall on Saturday at 7:30 pm.

At the regular Lions meeting on February 2, another new member was inducted into the growing club. Paul Elliott is the 32nd member to join this group.

President Art Wood was pleased to have a letter of thanks from the St. Margaret of Scotland council, to thank them for putting in place a log rail fence to mark the boundary of the Galiano Cemetery. A small lych gate is almost completed, and this will mark the entrance to the cemetery.

Lions are also busy with plans for their annual Seafood Dinner, this year to be held at the Ken Gaylor Gym, on March 17.



Fence building team

Springtime activities such as building fences have already begun in the islands, as evidenced by the labours of brother and sister team, Jim and Jan Hull. The pair have been building a 150-foot fence for Lois Popkin-Clurman at the corner of Lower and Upper Ganges Roads on Salt Spring Island.

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Recovery of Magic Lake being studied by region

Magic Lake on Pender Island is a source of problems for the subdivision on its shores and the Capital Region is looking at ways to correct the situation.

"The CRD is looking at the recovery of Magic Lake as a water supply but it is only in the thinking stage at present," Outer Islands regional director Vern Roddick told *Driftwood* last week.

The lake was formed some years ago when a dam was built at one end of a slough. The ground beneath the lake is composed of peat which causes the water to take on a brownish colouring.

When portions of the subdivision were constructed on land adjacent to the lake, rainfall and surface runoff of water added such things as

effluent, detergents and fertilizer to the lake.

When a sewer system was installed, the situation eased.

"Magic Lake has made a considerable recovery," said Roddick, "in fact more than anticipated."

One suggestion put forth is to drain the lake, remove the peat and allow water back in. The lake has a slow drainage system into it and is basically stagnant at present.

Development around the lake has not proceeded as developers had hoped, with only about 50% of the properties having been built upon. Water supply has been the drawback.

Another suggestion is to drain the lake and allow it to return to the bog it once was.

Immunization reduces childhood infections

High rate of immunization in the Capital Regional District has been held responsible for a reduced number of cases of childhood infections.

Medical health officer for the region, Dr. Allan Arneil, reports nine cases of diphtheria, seven of measles, 12 of rubella, two of mumps and one of whooping cough in 1983. There were no cases of tetanus or polio, he said.

Arneil said the marked drop in cases of infectious hepatitis continued last year, with only 13 confirmed. Ten years ago the region averaged 150 cases in a year. There were 415 cases of gonorrhoea reported, compared to a 10-year average of 679. Five cases, or half the 10-year average, of syphilis were reported.

However, the number of cases of salmonella (98), campylobacter (93) and amoebiasis (20) were well above the 10-year average, said Arneil. Protection against those infections is not by immunization, but by good food handling, he noted.

Last year the Capital Region's community health service set up a communicable disease service. It has the responsibility of receiving reports of diseases, investigating them in co-operation with family physicians and operation of adult clinics. The service also compiles statistics and shares information on infectious diseases with the public and health professionals.

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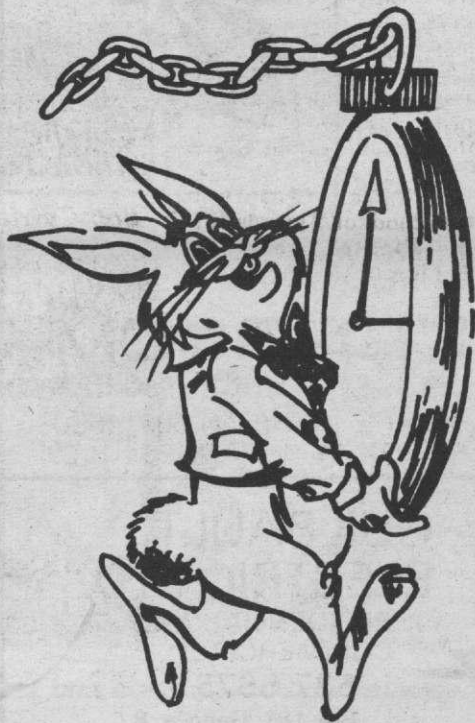
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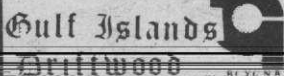
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GALIANO NEWS

Budget implications discussed by school officials

BY KATHLYN BENDER

School board members and officials visited Galiano January 30 to discuss the implications of next year's budget on the staffing and operation of Galiano School.

Over the next three years the total annual amount available to the school district is planned to decrease by \$500,000 assuming that there is no unforeseen change in school population or the rate of inflation.

The original statement from the ministry of education decreed that the pupil-teacher ratio was to rise to 25. This would mean 1.7 teachers for Galiano's present enrolment of 46. However, a school board delegation to Victoria was able to obtain from the ministry an additional allotment of \$163,000 for the Outer Islands as a "geographical adjustment", which together with additional funding for special education might result in there being 3.0 to 3.2 teachers for Galiano—depending on next September's enrolment.

Superintendent Mike Marshall warned the parents that the situation would be tough and might get tougher until 1986, when there would likely be a 20% increase in school population due to the current baby boom. The parents were assured that the school board would spend many more hours in the near future attempting to solve the problem of staffing in the best possible way and would likely not make any official announcement until March.

The sum of \$78,000 is already earmarked in the budget for boat travel. It is interesting to note that this method of transportation is, per capita, four times as expensive as bus travel. It is unlikely that board funds will be available for field trips and expeditions.

Burns Night

As in the past, Burns Night is celebrated on Galiano one week later than elsewhere. This enables the Cairngorm Dancers of Vancouver, whose dancing adorns festivities on the mainland, to return to Galiano to demonstrate their grace and skill and lead the Scottish Country Dancing here.

This year the demand for tickets to this increasingly popular event was so great that the North Galiano Community Association was in a

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dilemma. The small community hall at the north end would not hold all the diners, let alone dancers.

They chose to move the venue to the activity centre at the south of the island. The logistic problems to the valiant group of northerners was multiplied as was the number of participants, but the spacious new Ken Gaylor Gymnasium was equal to the task of seating the 120 suppers and still leaving sufficient space in the centre for the sets and circles of dancers.

The gymnasium was elegantly decorated by a team led by Alistair Ross whose black and white sketches adorned the walls. Twelve of Aini Haksi's beautiful heather table decorations were the centre-pieces. Ladies too numerous to mention helped with the supper preparation and other arrangements.

The evening opened with due ceremony as the haggis was piped in. After being deposited in the place of honour it was praised or blessed by Bob Currie of the Dancers speaking in Gaelic, Glaswegian or some foreign tongue but with such fervour and wealth of gesture that he needed no translation. With a host and hostess at each table dispensing the food a delicious meal followed.

The international appeal of Robert Burns as poet and songwriter was demonstrated in the after-dinner speeches introduced by Canadian M.C. Alistair Ross. The toast to Burns was introduced by a discourse by Irishman Joe Fleming. The toast to the lasses was preceded by the facetious ranting of an English Mr. Banger—a pseudonym presumably, as the sausage is the English equivalent of the haggis.

The gracious response was made by Flo Dodwell, a lady of Norwegian ancestry who claimed that Scotland was originally populated from her country.

Dancing followed, a judicious mix of Scottish country dances, demonstrations of technically difficult dances with intricate patterns of movement by the Cairngorm Dancers and more simple dances in which the less experienced Galiano dancers could join.

Included in the program were two dances composed by one of the Galiano group, Jane Edwards, who was present to take part. One was the prize-winning St. John's River, a descriptive and beautiful strathspey. The other dance, choreographed

only a month ago, was entitled *Tour of the Islands* which of course were the Outer Gulf Islands.

The North Galiano Community Association is to be complimented for arranging this very successful and enjoyable evening.

Coming Events

Saturday evening the Lions Club will run a bingo at the South Community Hall beginning at 7:30 pm.

The Galiano Ladies Service Club will hold their annual general meeting on February 13 at 2 pm at the home of Mrs. Eva New, overlooking Whaler Bay.

Tickets for *Under Milk Wood* for Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18 are on sale at Burrill Brothers and the Spanish Hills Store. Members of the cast will also be selling tickets.

The annual general meeting of the Galiano Housing Society will be held in Page Drive Lounge on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2 pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

The Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Federation will hold an evening meeting at 6:20 pm in the senior classroom of Galiano School on Monday, Feb. 20, when Ralph Brine of Retreat Cove will share his theory of exactly where Simon Fraser was when he first saw the Pacific or that part now known as the Strait of Georgia. Ralph, who has been researching this topic for many years, first presented his views at the annual convention of the B.C. Historical Association four years ago.

The Galiano Peace Group will meet at the school on Thursday at 7:30 pm. Please remember membership fees of \$5. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday afternoon there will be a Valentine Baroque concert at 2 pm featuring music for the lute by Evan Plommer. Plommer began by playing classical guitar, featuring the music of the 16th and 17th centuries, but changed over to the lute in 1974.

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Guest speaker Patricia Hynds, centre, with Ten Days representatives David Reid, left, Sheila Reid and Rev. John Bailey at Monday's luncheon meeting in Ganges. Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

News of Central America is often distorted, speaker tells meeting

News of events in Central America often goes unpublished and that which does get into print is often distorted, a meeting in Ganges was told Monday.

Patricia Hynds, a Maryknoll lay missionary working in Nicaragua, was guest speaker at a luncheon meeting staged by Ten Days for World Development. Hynds works for the Central America Historical Institute, a group that publishes a monthly newsletter as an alternative source of information about events in Nicaragua.

She noted that the newsletter operates independently of the Sandinista government and involves 20 people. Hynds touched on the failure by the media in the United States to give complete coverage of what was taking place in Nicaragua and other countries in the region.

On one visit to the States, she recalled, she had seen an account in a daily newspaper of the activities of Americans, including herself, in Nicaragua. In the headline they were referred to as "Sandinista groupies".

The speaker summarized attempts by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to topple the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua, the government that replaced former dictator Anastasio Somoza. The U.S. administration has tried to do so both militarily and economically.

During a question period following her address, Hynds was asked what she would do, if she had the power, to resolve the situation in Central America.

She said she would stop military aid to El Salvador and Guatemala, dismantle the U.S. military

apparatus in Honduras, cease backing the counterrevolution in Nicaragua and stop pressuring Costa Rica to take military aid.

She said the U.S. had to stop trying to find a military solution to problems that are social and economic.



Guatemalan refugee and her child in Mexican camp

Refugee camps topic of series' last speaker

Fifth and last speaker in the current Ten Days for World Development series will give a slide presentation and talk on Thursday at Ganges.

Barbara Wood will speak of her visit last summer to the Guatemalan refugee camps in southern Mexico.

Wood is currently a youth minister at Ryerson United Church in Vancouver and is co-chairman of

the Canadian section of the North American ecumenical youth coalition, Young Christians for Global Justice. She is active in Project Ploughshares and has helped to form a peacemaking ministry at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver.

Thursday's meeting will be held at the library in Salt Spring Elementary School at 7:30 pm.

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