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Trustees call for increased autonomy

The Gulf Islands School Board has issued a call to the provincial government to allow more local autonomy for school boards in such areas as taxing authority.

The nine trustees attended a special meeting of the B. C. School Trustees Association (BCSTA) held in Vancouver last week. They presented a motion to the meeting calling for local autonomy and it was accepted by the provincial group.

The special meeting had been called to allow the trustees to look at issues facing them in light of the government's restraint program.

The Gulf Islands trustees had decided against supporting the idea of referenda to raise more money for education. The referenda, they figure, favour those school districts which have a broad residential tax base.

The minister of education has eased the rules on referenda to allow school districts to go to the taxpayers for more money.

The Gulf Islands School District is favoured with a broad residential tax base but some of the other smaller districts do not have that advantage. The situation would create inequality in education across the province.

When the session began, the trustees learned that the executive of BCSTA had decided to ban the press and the public.

Jim Campbell of Saturna, a former Gulf Islands school trustee, is a life member of the group. He and current school board chairman Charles Hingston objected strongly to the banning of the press. They pressured the executive to open the meeting to allow the public to sit in and were successful.

Two return with medals

Two Gulf Islands athletes, Brian Rowley of Salt Spring and Ian Middleditch of Saturna, brought home four medals from the B.C. Winter Games in Osoyoos last weekend.

Middleditch took the silver medal in light middleweight boxing.

Rowley gathered a gold for the 400-metre speed skating, a silver in the 600-metre event and a bronze in the 800-metre race. He finished out of the medals at 200-metres.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Firemen called out Tuesday

Salt Spring volunteer firemen were called out Tuesday afternoon to a house fire at 144 Fairway Drive, the home of Rhett Faire. Fire trucks

from Ganges and Fulford attended the blaze. No further details were available at press time.

Problems and conditions are paralleled

Trustees report on islands activities

What's happening in the islands? On Friday and Saturday representatives from the 13 islands of the Islands Trust attended the meeting of the Trust council on Salt Spring Island. The first item on the agenda was a brief presentation by some of the trustees of their concerns on their various islands.

Hamish Tate of Denman reported that there was considerable concern over home industries and home occupations.

"I realize we've opened up an enormous can of worms," he told his colleagues. A public meeting is planned, when islanders will be able to express an opinion on the subject. Gordon Wallace of North Pender will take the chair at the Denman Island meeting.

It is hoped to come up with some form of regulation that is generally acceptable, explained Tate.

Denman is also examining its lot-averaging bylaw, reported Glen Snook. The proposal was to average

down to one acre, in a 25-acre parcel, he told the meeting, but it was now planned to make a 12-acre minimum size and a corresponding minimum of half the parcel size in other instances.

Snook also explained that he keeps a daily diary of all his calls and duties in connection with the Islands Trust. It not only keeps him aware of what is going on, but it makes an interesting exhibit when the Trust is discussed.

ISLAND TRAILS

The Galiano Chamber of Commerce received a grant from Canada Works for establishing trails on the island, reported Diane Creighton. The Historical and Cultural Society on Galiano is to play host to the conference of the B.C. Historical Association in May.

The same society, reported the Galiano trustee, is sponsoring an architectural contest for a 500 sq. ft. guest cottage.

Galiano is also facing the issue of home occupations, commented Donald MacDonald, the second trustee. It has been a concern of the Galiano Advisory Planning Commission for the past four years. The commission now has a list of 72 different home occupations, of which 64 are already active on the island.

ONE-SEVENTH

"There are over 100 people on Galiano, or one-seventh of the total population, engaged in some kind of home occupation—other than cleaning the house!"

On Galiano a bylaw is also under way to regulate tourist accommodation. The bylaw must be fair to existing operators, noted MacDonald. The Galiano proposal will not concern itself with the use of accommodation buildings after a permit is issued. MacDonald shrugged off reference to the use of resorts as permanent rentals.

"I feel it is none of our business to

tell a man how he can use his buildings once he has a permit to build them," he told the meeting.

Luke Harrison of Salt Spring left the report to his fellow-trustee, Nick Gilbert.

Many trustees have the opportunity of reading *Driftwood*, said Gilbert, and are well-informed on what is going on.

CHANNEL RIDGE

He spoke at length on the new Channel Ridge subdivision at Vesuvius. The proposal will provide 577 new lots on the island, but there is still a fair amount of enthusiasm for it, he told the council. The cluster development will overlook St. Mary Lake, but the development scheme will safeguard the lakeshore. The biggest problem is access, said Gilbert, and there is some concern over the use of an existing road to reach Channel Ridge.

He expressed the hope that there will be no need for a marine outfall

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District buys two new vehicles

Two new vehicles have been purchased by the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District, the annual meeting of the district was told on Tuesday evening last week.

Making his last report as chairman, Frank Richards told the meeting that trustees of the district have on order a new diesel-powered tank truck and an inspection vehicle for the fire chief or his staff.

The new tanker will replace the GMC tank truck which is 25 years old and had already seen long service as an oil truck before coming into the service of the fire department.

The smaller vehicle will be used for travelling on inspection of premises and other duties. The rescue truck which has been used for general running around will be relieved and housed in the fire hall at Ganges. It is hoped, said Richards, that the new vehicle will delay the need for a replacement of the nine-year-old rescue truck.

The chairman's report showed an analysis of future needs of the district. The study of the growth of the district was carried out by the staff of the fire district. secretary-treasurer Spencer Marr carried out the survey with the assistance of the Salt Spring Island Trust planner, Dave Morris. The study was assisted by the B.C. Telephone

Company, who also keeps a close watch on development trends in the province.

A summary of the trends for the next five years and 10 years was prepared by Marr and the deputy fire chief, Les Wagg, prepared a set of maps.

The study shows that the next decade is likely to follow the same pattern of the past as far as the areas of population are concerned. The only extensive change is signalled by the Channel Ridge project at Vesuvius. A community with a population equal to that of Ganges is planned in this subdivision.

The report explained that the two fire halls already in use are likely to suffice for five and probably for another 10 years.

Fulford Fire Hall was put into service last year. It is a new building and the study showed no pressure for additional facilities during the period of life of the study.

There has been some debate in the past over the location of Ganges Fire Hall. Speculation has revolved around the proximity of through-traffic and the possible traffic problem attending a big alarm call at peak traffic periods.

The board had considered the possibility of moving the fire hall to a quieter location, said Richards. The building is the property of the fire district but the land on which it stands is leased from the provincial government. While trustees considered its purchase the ministry of lands raised the price from some \$50,000 to about \$100,000, he reported. Finally, the government decided that it would not sell the land to the fire district. The province will only sell to a regional district, trustees were told.

An assessment of the hall and its location showed that the traffic has not represented a problem in the past. If there should be competition for access to the road, some form of emergency traffic control could be implemented, trustees felt, and obviate the need to move the hall.

The Ganges Fire Hall provides accommodation for four units. There is a firemen's recreation room, which includes showers and kitchen facilities. The dispatcher's accommodation forms one wing of the building and storage and maintenance workshop uses the rest of the structure.

It was felt that, should the need arise, the hall could be extended upwards or sideways and that eight or more vehicles could be accommodated.

The establishment of a hall for one vehicle at Fernwood might prove necessary in the coming years, but it was not seen as a need within five years at the earliest.

The chairman listed the vehicles operated by the department and their estimated length of service in the future.

At Fulford are an International tanker, new in 1980, and the Chevrolet La France pumper acquired new in 1960.

In the Ganges Hall are the 1959 GMC tanker, the Ford pumper acquired in 1972 and the Jeep pumper, also acquired new in 1960. The 1976 Ford panel rescue truck is also located at Ganges.

Trustees had hoped to acquire a mini-pumper, with a small capacity water tank for quick response to fire calls and for areas where access is poor. The need for a new tanker had scotched the plans, said the chairman.

During the past year the older tanker experienced brake troubles and for three months it was mostly out of service while the cause of the brake deficiency was probed. When the vehicle was brought back into service many volunteer firemen no longer felt confident with the truck and asked trustees for a replacement.

The district has also acquired a new radio system. The transmitter has been re-located at Sky Valley Road. As a result, the meeting was told, there is constant communication between the firemen and the fire hall in most parts of the island. In the past there were many dead areas where the radio signal could not reach.

The original system remains in the Ganges hall in order to ensure that there is a radio in service even when there is a power failure at Sky Valley Road.

The meeting attracted members of the fire department and some three visitors without a connection with the department.

Driftwood photo by Frank Richards



Visitor gets the book from Lions

When the Lions District Governor, Ron Drayton, visited Salt Spring Island Lions Club last Thursday evening, he was presented with a copy of the Lions telephone directory.

The picture shows Drayton, left, shaking hands with Bill Toulmin, one of the club members engaged in the production of the telephone book. Toulmin is reading an excerpt from the publication.

Dr. Benson appointed health officer

The new medical health officer for the Capital Regional District is Dr. Ken Benson, 59, a former assistant deputy minister and provincial health officer.

Dr. Benson, who was serving as medical health officer for the Upper Island Health Unit in Courtenay, is expected to assume his new position in Victoria by April 15.

He was hired on contract by the Capital Regional Board at a starting annual salary of \$75,451, the same amount he was paid by the provincial government.

Dr. Benson was appointed deputy provincial health officer for B.C. in 1968, became assistant deputy minister for public health programs, and provincial health officer, in 1973, and transferred to the position of MHO for the Upper Island Health Unit in 1979.

He replaces Dr. Allan Arneil, who resigned as C.R.D. MHO in October, 1984, to become MHO for the Simon Fraser Health Unit in Chilliwack.

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To be Frank

...by Richards

A rhyme in time

That *Driftwood* should mark its 25th anniversary is something of a surprise. The years go by without reminder. A reader very warmly wrote last week of the quarter-century, and she wrote in verse. Mary Johnson of South Pender Island gave a poet's blessing to the anniversary in the following manner:

*Just think of the deadlines you had to meet,
In the 25 years since you hit the street:
Always endeavouring to give us the news
With a cross-section of info to suit all views.
Impossible to please everyone: so you went
your own way,
Yet allowing your readers to have their own say.
Forthright, vigorous and full of zest!
No wonder the Driftwood is considered the best!*

That's one letter I enjoyed reading!

What's the price?

How much do you pay for gas? When I asked the question of six people, only one could tell me. One buys gas in \$15 lots. Never more. Never less. Just \$15.

Most fill the tank. All pay the bill and try to put it away from their minds.

The question arose because on Friday Gordon Wallace, local trustee from North Pender, reported to the Trust meeting in Central Hall that the price of gas on his island is 54.9 cents per litre. He knew, but few others did.

A receipt revealed that the last price I paid was 55.5 cents for a litre of leaded gas and my daughter-in-law, Alice, knew the figure without hesitation. She pays 57.9 cents for a litre of leadless fuel.

Catherine McFadyen went one better at the weekend. She was in Vancouver, buying gas at 46.9 cents the litre during the gas war.

Oh, no you don't!

I had a bill and I wanted to pay it by credit card. Not at all, said my creditor, part of the total is insurance and you have to pay that by cheque. I didn't ask why. Mine not to reason why; mine but to pay and sigh.

Embracing the feminine

The masculine embraces the feminine. I can remember learning that important fact of life at school: a boys' school.

Each of him and her was him. Each student in my school had to use his own judgement. But had we been a school embracing both boys and girls, each student would still have used his own judgment.

It was that way when they wrote the language and it's stayed that way until the war on words was declared by indignant women.

The *Martlet*, which word has masculine heraldic significance, published from the University of Victoria, has proposed an impersonal generic pronoun to avoid slighting women in a mixed crowd.

Each student must use per own judgement, says the *Martlet*. Per is derived from the word person, the sexless creature.

But why stop there? Why not use this new impersonal pronoun in all cases and really confuse the issue? Imagine one standard pronoun throughout the classics! And the improvement!

Like Tommy Hardy's Jude, getting obscurer every line: "Had *per* promised to call for *per*? Surely *per* had! *Per* would wait indoors, poor girl, and waste all of *per's* afternoons on account of *per*. There was something in *per*, too...."

Any improvement? Perhaps not! For mine, it's all nothing at all. Preferably nothing at all. I had nothing against embracing the feminine, *per se*.

Where they land up

It's surprising how many people set out for OB City without thinking about it. There are more people striving to get back than there are eager to be there. Mind you, I've never been there myself!

The dog's favourite

Dogs just go for me in a way of speaking. I've written about the way dogs bark at me as soon as they see me. But they don't even have to see me. I called the island trustee, Gordon Wallace, at his Pender Island home. And while Gordon was coming to the phone, there was his dog barking away at me. Even over the telephone they know me!

Rhino to the right?

I was driving my aging Peugeot in Victoria last week, with its license legend, "I Grit". Just bowling along a three-lane highway and minding my own business, I glanced at the car in the right-hand lane.

A late model import, it bore the license plate, "I Rhino". If he didn't argue my plate I couldn't argue his.

Only odd thing was that I find him in a lane to the right of mine. I would have seen him more to the left. Even when I had to turn off, I went to the left of I Rhino. I guess I should have taken a right turn.

Lapel badge needed

I need a lapel badge that says, simply: "I wish I could remember your damned name!" And in all fairness, it should bear my own name.

She knew my name

And thinking along those lines: Last week I went to a business house in Victoria after an absence of some years. I told the receptionist what I wanted and I was surprised when she mentioned my name, because I hadn't expected it and I didn't know hers.

But it was a reminder that as I get older, I lose that faculty of instant recall of names. Yet I am gratified to be thus recalled. It's a good reminder for anybody in business, a name is worth a hundred greetings!

Thieves at work on Tuam

Thieves have been busy in the Mount Tuam area of Salt Spring recently.

Twice in recent weeks, someone had attempted to break into the transmitter site of TV station CKVU but with no success. The latest attempt was reported to police on March 1.

But the thieves had more success at the building housing equipment for the Victoria airport beacon. They walked off with \$12,000 worth of high-tech equipment. And to rub it in, the thieves took the sophisticated electronic burglar alarm as well.

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Incorporation

Incorporate Salt Spring Island? Why? These questions were addressed to a spokesman for the island's planning association, a private society, when he spoke to Islands Trust members on Saturday.

The incorporation of one island has significance for its residents and, perhaps, for the government. Why all the interest on the part of trustees?

Looking back over the 10 years of the Trust, there has been no municipal component of the area since it was formed. It has been assumed in the past that any community forming a municipality would continue as a regional district and that the Trust would continue to administer planning and land use regulations for that community just as it does for the Capital Regional District, for example.

The Islands Trust has lost the affection of its progenitor, the provincial government. The gurgling, bouncing baby of land use regulations has grown up into an embarrassment. It asks questions, pointed questions; it is vocal, opinionated, forceful, independent and curious. The Islands Trust is not only a regulatory agency; it is a spokesman for many philosophies.

An anxious government, eager to relinquish an offspring no longer recognized, might well modify its approach to the land use controls in a new Islands Trust municipality. If such an island as Saturna or Bowen were to incorporate, the effect would be minor.

Half of the total work of the Islands Trust centres on Salt Spring Island. If the incorporated island were sliced out of the Trust area of influence, there would remain an organization with half its duties shelved.

The trustees have to be vitally aware of the destiny of Salt Spring Island, because the whole pattern of island protection and preservation could hinge on incorporation of so large a chunk of the Islands Trust.

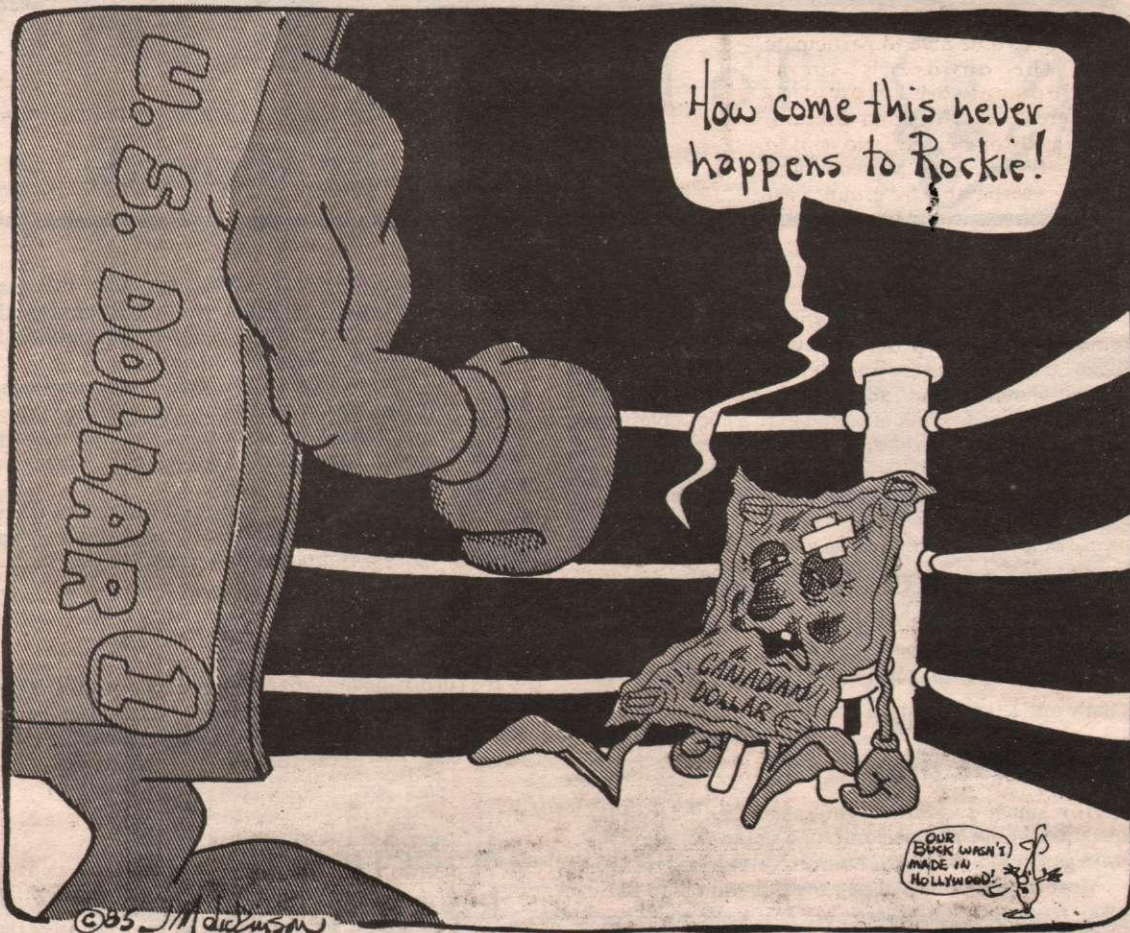
When the question is debated by the general public on Salt questions, pointed questions; it is vocal, opinionated, forceful, not be forgotten.

Trying times

It has occurred to few Canadians to challenge the truth of the bloody campaign against European Jews during the Hitler-Nazi administration. Many Canadians serving in the second war had first-hand knowledge of the prison camps and inhumanities of the program. A few Canadians were victims of the Holocaust and have markings and maimings and memories to take to the grave.

When the Hitler campaign against the Jewish race was examined in an Ontario court the procedure was followed with interest.

The nation is left to wonder what would have been the sequel had a Canadian court solemnly declared that the incidents of history had never happened.



Letters to the Editor

Forces of materialism

Sir,
The words of *Driftwood* do indeed drift far and wide!

I had a note recently from my friend Anthony Netboy. Amongst other items enclosed were copies of a few letters (one written by him) relating to Ganges "sewer politics". One can understand the passions such matters arouse. Over here in "merrie England" we still have cess pools and private outflows in many areas. Often our local newspaper is the forum for equally heated exchanges on the same subject.

Obviously, I am ignorant of the ins-and-outs which have stirred such lively rhetoric. And it may be that Professor Netboy has been a bit sharp in his criticisms. One only hopes that the comments of Lois Codd and Rita Dods will not undermine the value and contributory potential which Professor Netboy could and should have for your community.

Your readers may or may not be aware that he has contributed much to one of the major industries of the Canadian and American Northwest—the Pacific salmon fishery. Through his writings, lectures, representations to various governmental, research and voluntary fisheries institutions and agencies in both Canada and America over the past 20+ years, he has served as perhaps the single most important influence in seeking to curb those excesses which currently so threaten this resource upon which so many depend. In recent years he has been joined by others. I happen to be one who is attempting similar objectives in relation to the Atlantic salmon here in the UK. We recently started a Salmon Conservancy. We feel privileged to have professor Netboy as a founder member.

It occurs to me: we have started a Salmon Conservancy here. Has anyone thought of starting a Salt Spring Conservancy? I gather Salt Spring is a very beautiful island. Will it stay this way? Every locality has business, commercial and

industrial requirements. In England there are quite rigorous laws controlling development and expansion. Yet numerous voluntary community amenity/resource protection/enhancement groups continue to play vital roles. Mainly, they serve to inform people, and to act as watchdogs. In our East Grinstead area (which is within the largely Green-Belt outer-London commuter periphery) we have, for instance, found that the initiatives of developers and certain Council Planning authorities need close and constant watching.

Perhaps you already have a Conservancy group? If not, might not this be a useful way to ensure that what you've got, in that unique and unusual Gulf environment, can be maintained and enhanced; that those who live there, and particularly the young, may gain a greater appreciation of the island's positive qualities along with an informed commitment to its future? It is frightening and distressing to see what devastation has been wreaked on our English countryside by the increasing forces of materialism ("the almighty buck"—or, rather the "not-so-mighty-pound") over just the past 10 years; and this despite fairly strong controls. One wonders whether the same forces are operative on lovely Salt Spring?
MICHAEL VICKERS (Dr.),
West Sussex, England.

Name wanted

Sir,
The group called together to support "Women in Economic Hard Times" is looking for a more inclusive and positive name.

At our second meeting today we heard of new regulations which affect those who have to deal with the Ministry of Human Resources.

Our agenda for next week includes projects and action to be struck.

Everyone will be welcome at the Community Centre at 1 p.m. next Friday, and please bring suggestions

for a significant and attractive name for the group.
PHYLLIS TATUM,
Ganges.

Sea lions smarter

Sir,
There is a lot of things wrong with the fishing industry.

The other day I was anchored and as the tide was lower I could see oysters that I could get and I got eight delicious morsels for my supper. The whole thrust of fisheries regulations is against anyone being able to obtain fresh fish from the ocean in British Columbia. For two months fishermen are allowed to fish salmon which at tremendous expense must be frozen or otherwise preserved so that people can eat them in the other 10 months. This doubles the price while reducing the quality.

People won't buy this kind of product here so that it has to be shipped out of the country to foreign markets. The only ones that can get fresh fish these days are the seals and the sea lions. They are smarter than us.

GEOFF HOWLAND,
Sidney.

Goals need funding

Sir,
"Restraint"—an ominous word when it relates to our school programs. Today's schools carry an awesome burden in their responsibilities to the future of society. Apart from equipping the students with fundamental skills, our schools are expected to further educate the children in a variety of different fields to enable them to realize their personal potentials and develop into productive members of our society.

The Salt Spring Elementary School Parents Group Committee

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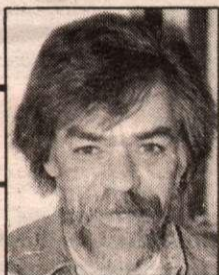
would like to be able to participate with the children's social development by promoting exposure to the Arts and Cultural Heritage by organizing field trips to the Art Galleries and Museums and to have visiting theatre groups visit our school. We would like to update the playground equipment, etc.

None of the above are unreasonable goals, but unfortunately ones that do require funding. We would like to remind you all about our upcoming Goods and Service Auction. We need everybody's support for this fund-raising event, through your donations and attendance. Past Auctions have gained reputation of being a very enjoyable evening for one and all so please help us to maintain this good reputation. Details of the event will be appearing in this paper, and posters have been distributed around the village.

C. JENSEN,
Parents Group Committee.

For whom do the ferries run?

Sir,
Re: B. C. Ferries: Service for



Bill Webster

Billie's Bunch at the Stonepile-by-the-Harbour in Vic's city are doing nasty things to this province.

And the consensus seems to be that not much can be done about it.

After all, we in Bee Cee really don't have much alternative, do we?

Several years ago, Billie and his bunch decided that what this province needed was a tighter belt. So he and Hugh of the Many-Turned-Coat introduced RESTRAINT.

And look what has happened. He cut and carved to pare fat from the body politic. With popular support he did battle with the servile servants to reduce their numbers.

As a result, unemployment in Bee Cee doubled. The per-person provincial debt doubled. Government spending, which Billie and Hugh promised would be cut, increased.

Where has all the money gone? Bucks of the large variety go into people-oriented programs such as the coal fields. More large bucks go to ensure that the people of Bee Cee don't have to pay for Expo 86.

And just to keep the money funnel greased, we pay for the expansion of the Wacky Hydro company. Dams dam rivers, the better to export power to bring Yankee dollars to the provincial coffers.

But we don't send that many kilowatts south these days and Hydro lost money last year which means we pay more for a lighted bulb this year. Guess who pays for those dams?

The people, to be sure, have diversions from the cares of financial matters. They can lay out money in the hopes of winning some back. The idea behind the lotteries was that excess cash could be generated to help the people create projects for themselves.

But applications for lottery grants these days come back with

Islanders or Crewmembers?

The evening of Saturday, Mar. 2, I was aiming for the 6:30 ferry from Crofton to Vesuvius. Knowing it was the last ferry, I gave myself ample time for arrival.

When I reached Osborne Bay Rd., there was a member from Crofton Fire Department stopping traffic, stating there's been an M.V.A. involving two cars—one of them on fire and that there was a possibility of an explosion.

At that point there was some waste of time because I had to wait for the traffic behind me to get turned around before I was able to get moving again.

So I headed for the only alternate route—back to the main Highway and around to the Red Rooster corner and back into Crofton past the pulp mill.

I just made it down the ramp as the ticket taker was walking down to the ferry. At that point I made sure he knew immediately what had transpired and that there was a good

possibility that a few others were behind me and could the ferry wait another five minutes in case.

The ticket taker indicated to me that it was up to the captain; and also in the same sentence that the B. C. Ferry Corporation didn't like to hold back the ferry because it meant the crew had to be paid overtime.

So when on the ferry I paid my fare. The passenger beside me indicated that it looked like the ticket man was talking to the man with a "cap" on—therefore I thought, oh good, they're going to consider waiting.

But both men went into their cubby-hole and the ferry left.

We counted about five sets of headlights come down the wharf shortly after take-off.

It took me a few minutes of collecting myself after the rushed drive and then I went up to talk this matter over with the Captain of that shift. He indicated that "had he known about the accident he definitely would have waited another five minutes or so". By this time I'm so upset all over again!

How could there be such lack of communication!! Does the ferry corporation need a two-way radio from the deck to station!

I can very well imagine the frustration of the fellow members in our community that were left behind that day! But to add to your frustration—I did tell the ferry personnel as soon as I could that there had been difficulties on the road and that probably there were others following!

P. JORGENSEN,
Ganges.

Working on guidebook

Sir,
We are working on a guidebook about Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. We are especially interested in featuring unusual or little-known shops, services and recreation—normally known only to locals.

For instance, where is the best rummage sale bargain to be found? Where is your favourite out-of-the-way beach or scenic lookout? Where can you buy handcrafted items that are really different?

These are only a few of the hidden gems we are unearthing for our book. We would like to ask your readers to share their island secrets, by sending us a card describing

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**JILL STEWART,
CAROLYN THOMAS,**
Victoria.

Ribbon to mark anniversary

Sir,
On August 4 a ribbon will encircle the Pentagon. This ribbon will be made up of individual sections created by thousands of North Americans. The theme of this project is: What I cannot bear to think of as lost forever in a nuclear war.

This event will mark the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Participants may applique, batik, embroider, hook, needlepoint, quilt, silkscreen, reproduce photographs, weave or whatever, to tell our nations that we love the earth and its people.

Readers interested in adding to "The Ribbon" may phone me for details on size, date, and where to send finished work.

MARG SIMONS,
Fulford Harbour.

Thanks to coach

Sir,
On behalf of the Sounders soccer team, we would like to thank Ron Hatch for stepping in to coach the team.

We all benefited from his expertise and appreciated his giving up his time to help us.
**DAVE AND SHANNON
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Ganges.

Radiation reduced

Sir,
In keeping up with recent advances in technology, the Radiology Department of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital has recently installed the Fujii Orthochromatic Green Sensitive Rare Earth System film and cassette screens. The radiation dose to the patient is decreased by 50% or more.

There is no capital outlay. As we continue to purchase Fuji film, a percentage of the film purchase price goes toward the purchase of the screens.

There will also be available in Victoria by late spring a new mammography unit which will use one-fifth the radiation presently used.

DR. A. TAYLOR-LEE,
Radiologist,
Lady Minto Hospital.

Auxiliary hears of foundation's work

There were 41 members present on Monday afternoon last week for the regular monthly meeting of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary. Guest speaker was Pat Desbottes who told the meeting about the work of the Bessie Dane Foundation.

The late Bessie Dane went about the Salt Spring Island community helping the sick and the shut-ins and it was in her memory that the foundation was formed.

Through the group's volunteers, palliative care is provided in the home or hospital for those in distress, either physically or mentally.

Funding for the foundation's work is obtained through donations by islanders.

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Association looks at Salt Spring Island

Incorporation study ready by mid-month

Clair Nutting of the Salt Spring Island Planning Association outlined his group's investigation of incorporation of Salt Spring Island for the benefit of the Islands Trust on Saturday.

The Trust council met in Central Hall, on Salt Spring, and invited Nutting to explain his experience.

The investigation into incorporation was divided into two groups. There was the project team, of which the speaker was a member, and there was the steering committee.

The planning association turned its attention to incorporation in October and asked the speaker for a project outline. In November they received a grant of \$2,000 from the provincial government to fund the survey.

THE CONSEQUENCES

The project is to ascertain the probable consequences of the incorporation of Salt Spring Island. The steering committee will then decide whether to proceed further

with the concept of a municipality.

His committee was initially engaged in the determination of four considerations, said Nutting. They established the services enjoyed presently by islanders and under what authority they were delivered, as well as the cost of those services.

Second consideration was the services required in the case of incorporation and their cost.

The tax basis for such services was to be established.

Final concern was to establish what help might be offered by the province as an incentive to form a municipality.

MARCH REPORT

By the end of 1984 the information had been gathered and at the present time the association is collating that information, reported the speaker. It is hoped to have the report completed by the middle of March.

Is it cheaper to incorporate or to carry on as in the past?

The speaker did not know the answer yet.

The model municipality which had been chosen was North Saanich, similar in many respects to Salt Spring Island.

"What instigated the group you represent to toy with the idea of incorporation?" asked Gordon Wallace. "What made you initiate anything at all?"

Nutting could only speculate. New to the island, he came in on the scene after the decision had been reached, he told trustees.

HISTORY

He glanced back at the Salt Spring Island district municipality of a century ago and studies made in the last 20 years on the same subject.

Wallace was still curious.

"I am interested in knowing what is the problem with the way Salt Spring is running. There must be some thought that it would improve your lot."

Wallace had talked with a number of people who understood

that a search is on but were not aware of what was being sought, he added.

"Our role is the honest broker," explained Nutting. "We're not pushing it this way or that way."

FOR AND AGAINST

He cited advantages and disadvantages of incorporation.

The island has a natural boundary, compared with artificial borders: governing oneself is the process of democracy. The disadvantages he saw were: the municipality seen as an additional level of government with additional cost. His association would look carefully at that aspect. Political processes subject to dissension and the feeling on the part of one section of the island that it was done in the eye, like the problems in the 1880's.

Rob Botterell of Bowen Island described the terms of reference as narrow. His island is looking at improving those areas without incorporating. He could see the work put into the study and then

have it rejected when the costs were ascertained.

NEXT STEP PUBLICITY

The next stage of the enquiry is public awareness, explained the speaker. On the basis of its consultation with the island people, the association will decide whether to recommend to the minister of municipal affairs to present a referendum on incorporation.

The implication of incorporation in relation on to the Islands Trust's services had been considered, said Nutting. It represented a considerable concern to a great number of people, he said.

The island represents 46% of the Islands Trust's activities. How much participation with the Trust would an incorporated community have? It could range somewhere between the association enjoyed at the present time to none at all, said the speaker.

There is, as yet, no incorporated municipality within the Islands Trust area.

Problems and conditions are paralleled

Ground water licensing seen as protection

Most of the island within the Islands Trust mandate are dependent on ground water, stated Mike Larmour of Salt Spring Island when he addressed the Islands Trust council on Saturday morning.

The importance of ground water varies according to the island, he told trustees. Salt spring Island has four major lakes from which to draw water. Mayne Island is entirely dependent on ground water.

Even on Salt Spring Island, large areas of the island will long remain dependent on ground water because of the high cost involved in distributing lake water to sparsely populated areas.

On an island, ground water forms a fresh water reservoir on top of the sale water in bedrock. Larmour explained the formation of water reserves.

Ground-water depends on precipitation. It is estimated, on Salt Spring Island, that about one inch of rain annually is available for ground water recharge. The rain runs through the soil and into the bedrock and lies there until it is pumped to the surface again for the use of residents.

Long-term rainfall records indicate a wide variation in annual precipitation. Minimum annual rainfall on record was in 1929 when 21.62 inches of rain was recorded. The highest on record occurred in 1968, with 55.71 inches. The dry periods often occur in succession.

Two new trustees elected

Two new trustees were elected to the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District on Tuesday evening last week.

Newcomers are Tim O'Donnell of Fulford and Joe Clarke of Byron Road.

They will fill the seats of Bob Patterson and Frank Richards, neither of whom sought a further term on the board.

There were no other candidates for the offices and both trustees were elected by acclamation.

Sand and gravel are scarce on Salt Spring Island, said Larmour, and the main source of storage is in the bedrock. It is thought that the capacity of the bedrock, rather than the annual rainfall, is the limiting factor for stored water on the island.

Large areas of Salt spring Island depend on this ground water. This is not dissimilar to other rural communities on this continent, said Larmour. In the United States about 95% of the rural population is similarly dependent on ground water.

On this island over 500 wells of a depth greater than 25 feet have been recorded at the north end. Average depth of those drilled in 1976 is 177 feet.

The flow from these wells appears to be quite low, said the speaker. Not all are used for domestic water. Some have been abandoned and others are used only for irrigation.

RESTRAINTS ON USE

What are the restraints on the use of ground water? Larmour listed them with the warning that as the island develops these restraints will become more significant.

He listed the lack of assurance of a continued supply. Groundwater sources cannot be seen and measured. The sources are not licensed by the provincial government and this has resulted in competition for the same supply.

Cost is an important consideration. The cost of developing a drilled well frequently exceeds \$4,000. Even if the well is undertaken, despite the cost, there is the danger of reaching an inadequate flow of water or poor quality water.

An increasing Salt Spring trend is towards deeper wells, with one recent well down to 600 feet, said the speaker. Among the substances found in island wells is salinity, from salt water intrusion.

POLLUTION

Man-made ground water pollution is a major constraint to its use.

As water passes through the zone of aeration of the soil many of its contaminants break down or are filtered or removed by absorption. Deeper in the ground there is little such cleansing action. Pollution frequently associated with septic disposal systems is bacteriological or viral pollution. High nitrate

content is also common.

Chemical pollution in the United States is introducing such pollutants as pesticides, fuels and solvents, said Larmour.

The groundwater study is not complete, but Larmour offered some conclusions and recommendations.

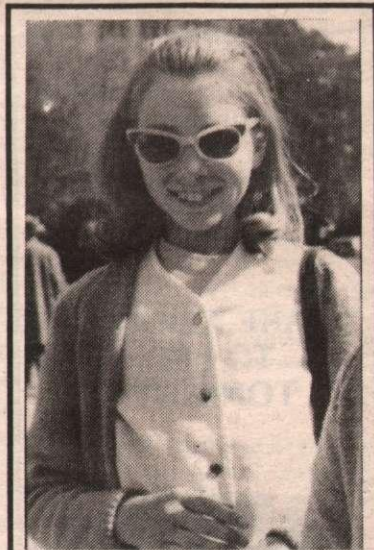
LOW DENSITY

Densities in areas served by ground water should be kept low. New land uses likely to discharge significant amounts of pollutants should not be permitted in ground water areas.

Once a supply dries up the cost of finding alternative supplies of water may be prohibitive. A pre-requisite of all subdivision, said the speaker, should be proof of an adequate supply of potable water.

Soil on Salt Spring Island is shallow and water tables are seasonally high. These conditions lead to contamination of wells. A separation greater than 100 feet between well and water source is advisable.

Licensing of ground water sources should be instituted to protect users by encouraging greater



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(this is what you were like, Jill, before you had five!)

government investigation of ground water resources in a given aquifer and a more rational sharing.

Steve Wright suggested that there is some fear of lawsuits that might result from licensing ground water sources.

Gordon Wallace did not like approving a subdivision of more than five lots on a ground water supply. It is not logical to approve a source of water of which the Trust committee has no knowledge, he said.

Capacity of water varies. John Gaines observed that Saturna Island, fully developed, would have less lots than the Magic Lakes development on North Pender.

Jim Money suggested looking above the ground and considering cisterns. This would require a capacity of 12,000 to 15,000 gallons for the average family.

Trustees listed composting toilets and electric toilets as well as water desalination by osmosis. Although effective, osmosis is expensive, suggested Peter Campbell. It is only available to communities or waterfront properties.

John Gaines urged that the nature of the islands demanded a different approach from building in the city. A house on posts is more suited to the islands and allows continuous use of the ground on which the building stands.

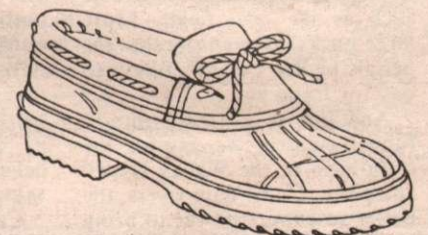
General Trust will approach the minister of health to ascertain whether the requirements for water and for sewage disposal might be amended to meet the special needs of the islands.

Larmour addressed the council meeting as the spokesman for the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society.

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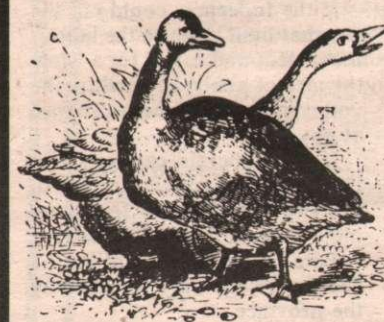
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Four discuss nuclear weaponry at Rotary meeting

A student at Gulf Islands Secondary School won a trip to Edmonton last Tuesday night when he took top spot in the Salt Spring Rotary Club's annual oratorical contest.

Morgan Kent was one of four Grade 11 students who addressed a dinner meeting of the club on the topic of nuclear weaponry. Second place was awarded to Donna Gosnell, who will go to Tacoma, Wash., to take part in the Rotary Club's RYLA program at Pacific Lutheran University, and runners-up were Krista Sadler and David Bremner.

Kent looked closely at the testing of cruise missiles in Canada. He noted that very few people know much about the missile.

"All we have is the very biased propaganda fed to us by the news media," he said.

He went on to describe what a cruise missile is and what it is capable of doing. Kent also examined what happens when a cruise missile is tested and observed that dangers during testing were minimal.

Asking what Canadians thought of the testing, the speaker told of the protests that had been mounted against the cruise. But he also wondered if the protests were "worth the effort". But he said people are standing up for what they believe in and are showing that they care.

"But," he added, "I feel some of their ways are not appropriate," citing the Greenpeace net, the supreme court action and the bombing of a factory making guidance systems.

Kent's final question was what

practical uses could there be for the missile. The only one he could see was using the guidance system in planes and helicopters and "maybe save lives."

He concluded by observing that the cruise missile is causing a lot of unnecessary turmoil in Canada.

Second-place winner Donna Gosnell looked at what role Canada could play in the nuclear age. Canada must take a firm stand on the peace issue and be a leader in disarmament, she stated, noting that Canada has "quite a bit of strength in the form of international credibility."

She felt certain, she explained, that other countries would follow suit if Canada took a step towards "being a totally peaceful country."

That step, said the speaker, would entail becoming a nuclear-free zone, "the only way the threat of nuclear war will be lifted off our shoulders."

She noted that the country's financial security would be threatened by such a break with United States policy. But, said Gosnell, "our independence would be gained because other countries would see we do have a mind of our own."

She pointed to the strength of conviction shown by New Zealand by not welcoming nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed vessels near her shores.

Canada, Gosnell concluded, must take a stand now or take a chance on having no future at all in the nuclear age.

Krista Sadler also looked at New Zealand's stand on nuclear weapons, wondering why Canada "doesn't have the guts" to make such a move and what the consequences would be if she did.

She concluded that declaring

Canada a nuclear weapons-free zone would be "a pointless act of hypocrisy" if she continued to support U.S. nuclear policies. Canada must go beyond the "not in my back yard" mentality and realize that the whole world "is our back yard."

David Bremner spoke about

nuclear war and its being "the greatest threat the human race has ever had to face." He outlined some facts on the nuclear arms race and looked at the effects a nuclear bomb would have on a city like Vancouver.

He listed a number of steps that could be taken to prevent a nuclear

war and finished by pointing to the need for understanding and compassion towards others. "We must work with determination to beat the arms race and build a better future for Canada and the world."

A fifth finalist in the contest, Kirsten Rolfsen, was ill Tuesday and unable to speak.



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Contest winners Donna Gosnell and Morgan Kent with Rotarian Don Harrison. The two students

addressed the Salt Spring Rotary Club last week.

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Choir rehearses in Ganges

Primary choir from Salt Spring Elementary School performed outside Mouat's Mall last Wednesday as a rehearsal for the Cowichan Music Festival at which they will perform this week. Above,

young singers from Grades 1, 2 and 3 are led by Debbie Magnusson. Also performing at the festival is the senior choir under Ethel Magnus. The singers from Grades 3-7 were adjudicated following their performance at the Cowichan Community Centre Tuesday.

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Some 'fine musicians' present original songs

REVIEW

By DAN JASON

Handspun Hour on Sunday night at St. George's was an evening of original songs by fine local musicians.

Caroline Rine and Louise Escallier performed the first half of the concert together, first doing Caroline's songs and then Louise's. They were accompanied in a few numbers by Cathy Roy on bass and Ken Hamm on guitar.

These women have sung a lot together: they exude a warm respect and admiration for each other's talents and their voices blend beautifully and powerfully. Both write unique and effective lyrics.

My only criticism was that some of Louise's songs were diminished by unnecessary guitar licks. Many of the numbers would have been more effective if they had ended

right with the words instead of with fading instrumentals.

Ken Hamm did the second half of the concert. He is a fantastic guitarist and all of his pieces were totally compelling. His voice has the magic of a J.J. Cale or a Willie Nelson and each of his songs was a joy to hear.

Don't miss any of these talented musicians next time you get a chance.



First-class honours for two

First-class honours were obtained by two pupils of Salt Spring music teacher Jean Knight at recent examinations.

Micaele Maddison received her certificate for Grade 1 violin while sister Kirsten Maddison received hers for Grade 4 violin.

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Thirteen-year-old Jeremy McDonald shares the stage Saturday evening with Grizzly Frank Metcalf, left, and Keith Malcolm. The two Vancouver musicians played to a full house at St. George's in a concert staged by the Salt Spring Folk Society. Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Lovely music and light humour entertain packed house Saturday

Review
By TONY RICHARDS
From the opening jigs and Irish polkas to the closing "resisting pieces", Saturday's concert with two Vancouver musicians was a dandy. Grizzly Frank Metcalf (more than just a party trick according to a Vancouver *Sun* music critic) and Keith Malcolm entertained with beautiful music and light humour before a packed house at St. George's Hall.

Jigs, polkas and hornpipes, interspersed with (for the most part) funny jokes and humorous banter, kept the audience in great spirits for the entire two-hour performance.

Keith Malcolm learned to play classical violin at the age of eight. Many years later, after a 10-year hiatus, he picked up the instrument again but this time it was a fiddle. On Saturday night the unemployed typesetter fiddled his way into the hearts of his listeners with some very lovely music.

Meanwhile, Frank Metcalf (who would make a great party trick) rattled his spoons and bones with a rhythm that could set even the most unmusical foot to stomping. And for tunes such as *Nancy*, a Northumbrian pipe tune, and *Fanny Power*, a 17th-century song, Metcalf set his percussion instruments aside and picked up a

harmonica to produce, with near-perfect synchronization with the violin, some very beautiful melodies.

The faster tunes often had a bit too much in the way of percussion (the 230-lb. Metcalf could really stomp his foot) and sounded as if they could use some bass notes. Not so the pieces such as the *Fiddler's Lament*, where the harmonica and violin made a beautiful combination.

Following the *Belfast Hornpipe*, "an endurance test for harmonica players" that contained long, breathless, descending runs, the audience learned how to drive a Newfie crazy: nail his shoes to the floor and play a Don Messer record.

It wasn't until the concert's second half that Grizzly Frank began using some of the more odd-looking of his musical tools. He gave an interesting demonstration of the nose flute ("you spend a long time learning how to pick it") which is played by breathing out the nose and into the flute.

He finally satisfied the curiosity of many of his audience when he picked up the jaw of a moose that had been lying in readiness on the table all evening. Grizzly Frank stuck one end through his belt to hold the instrument at waist level

and then scraped another piece of bone along the teeth. The results were very effective, particularly when he began playing the harmonica and rattling some spoons at the same time.

Metcalf played nothing else during the concert, despite the fact that he's played the banjo for 20 years. An arctic archaeologist, Grizzly Frank started out by studying English literature, in which he has a master's degree (He was quick to point out after the concert that while studying music at Harvard he wasn't able to do any better than D-plus).

A highlight of the evening came when 13-year-old Jeremy McDonald joined the two visiting musicians on stage. The young Salt Spring Island fiddler, who began playing classical violin 2½ years ago, now plays bluegrass, "his favourite music."

For a youngster who has only just started playing, he was sensational and it shouldn't be long before he starts giving his own concerts.

Galiano boat yard to build schooner

When a tall ship is launched at the Expo 86 site next year, there will be a Gulf Islands connection.

The tall ship is to be built by the Sail and Life Training (SALT) Society of Victoria and heading the work crew will be Greg Foster of the Whaler Bay Boat Yard at Galiano.

The 74-foot vessel, Foster explained this week, will be constructed of wood from the forests of British Columbia. It is to be a replica, and will be named after, the Swift.

That vessel was a square topsail packet schooner with two masts.

Martyn Clark, executive director of SALT, described the original Swift.

"In her day, Swift was the overseas mail service and fast transit rolled into one," he said. "It was a very graceful, old-fashioned vessel complete with figurehead, poop deck, aft cabin and stern windows — straight out of Treasure Island."

Foster said that the building of

the vessel will begin at his boat yard on Galiano this summer. Next April, the crew will dismantle the vessel and move it to the Expo site for actual construction.

He expects the 15-man crew to finish the construction in time for the September 1986 launch.

Another replica of the Swift had been built in Massachusetts and was used in the movie *Mutiny on the Bounty*, Foster said.

The SALT spokesman said the design was chosen for both its noteworthy place in the history of transportation and for its reliability as a sail training vessel.

SALT currently has a 105-foot schooner, Robertson II, and is in the process of building a 65-foot brigantine, Spirit of Chemainus, on Vancouver Island.

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Trust council hears reports from islands trustees

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for sewage. The Salt Spring Island trustee also looked back on the proposal, two years ago, to amend the subdivision bylaw to prohibit lots smaller than 30 acres within a watershed. The minister declined to sign the bylaw, he recalled.

The bylaw has been reconsidered by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee and members may ask the minister to reconsider his objections.

The Salt Spring committee has also been examining the zoning for resorts, explained Gilbert, with a view to amendment. In the meantime there has been some direct communication with the minister.

TUMBO ISLAND

Logging on Tumbo Island has been a disappointment to Saturna Island, reported John Money. Islanders had hoped some years ago that the government would buy the island and protect it as a park. No action was taken and it is now privately owned. The establishment of a log dump needs rezoning, said Money, and it is hoped to set it up on a temporary basis.

He was echoed by John Gaines, who reported that many property owners who would not have considered logging their properties a few years ago when logs were at a premium are doing so now in order to retain the property.

"Everything is for sale and nothing is selling. Building activity is at an all-time low," said Gaines.

He told his colleagues that a Class "A" provincial park will be approved for local use. A ball park is to be built in the park on Saturna.

THEY WANT A BRIDGE

The Gabriola trustees and the Gabriola Chamber of Commerce do not share the same views on their island. Russ Bates, referring to the chamber as the "Gabriola Flat Earth Society", explained that the island group had approved a resolution calling for a bridge to Vancouver Island. It was based on the preamble that the Gulf Islands were useless, reported the trustee.

A second move towards bridging had consisted of a circular to islanders from Nanaimo. The circular told islanders, said Bates, that a "non-reply would be considered a 'yes' answer."

Bates' running mate, Graham Sheehan, told the meeting that among recent approvals on the island has been the establishment of a campsite for the Nanaimo Credit Union. When the application was

made previously it was turned down by the islanders. At a recent public hearing it gained approval.

The island Chamber of Commerce is a minority group, he noted. The trust committee on Gabriola is staging public meetings before hearings to permit wider debate and participation.

Problem facing the island, he stated, is bylaw enforcement and it gets tougher.

Wendy Munro, of South Pender, explained that the use of vessels for permanent accommodation was not permitted. Enforcement of the regulation presented no problem at the present time, although it could in the future.

Munro also reported some changes in the South Pender Island development plan and the provision of a 300-acre public park.

Steve Wright had nothing to add.

COMMISSION COMPLETE

The Mayne Island Advisory Planning Commission is now complete, reported George Whiten. The commission has held four public meetings in four weeks. The Mayne Island Trust Committee is taking a look at Vancouver's action in making temporary amendments to zoning in order to accommodate the crowds expected at Expo 86. It may be proposed to follow the same course on Mayne if pressures should extend this far.

Mayne is quiet. Both hotels are temporarily closed and visitors to the island are able to find bed-and-breakfast accommodation only. There is a state of lull, he told his colleagues.

There is some objection on Mayne to the possibility of the island becoming a senior citizens' centre, said Whiten.

"We want people of all ages."

The islanders are seeking means of keeping young people on the island.

Another change has been evident on Mayne, said the trustee. When the Islands Trust declared the island a nuclear-free zone, there was a small response from the island. In the past few months the trend has broadened and the island's volunteer firemen have taken a keen interest in nuclear weaponry, said Whiten. The concern over such weaponry is spreading to many groups which had not previously considered the matter, he reported.

PUBLIC ACCESSES

Marie Elliott told the council that they are checking public beach accesses on the island.

Water zoning bylaw has been signed by the minister after a contentious passage, said Elmer Bichel, of Thetis. Bill Dickie had nothing to add.

Thetis is quiet, noted Bichel. The community association is in the process of building a community hall on three acres of land donated for the purpose. No lottery money was available, he noted, because all such moneys are devoted to Expo 86.

Bo Helliwell reported the construction of a ball diamond on Hornby on property originally scheduled for a community hall.

Home occupations represent a serious problem on North Pender, reported Gordon Wallace.

"You can do almost anything in a residential area on North Pender that you can do in a commercial zone."

SELLING CORNFLAKES

Wallace suggested that a resident may purchase a carton of cornflakes and break it open in the basement as long as there are not more than three people involved and there is neither

noise nor smell, and then sell the cornflakes by the pack.

It is unfair, he stated, to demand a licence for some and not for others.

The trustees also referred to the proposed limitation on the height of a hotel building which had been rejected by the minister of municipal affairs, Bill Ritchie.

There is interest in Trust affairs on the island, commented Peter Campbell. There were four applicants for three vacancies on the advisory planning commission.

New firehall on Lasqueti brought comment from one of the island's trustees. It's the place to stay, said Jack Barratt.

Review of the island's community plan is in the second process, as required by the minister, he continued.

There has been a 10% drop in population on Lasqueti as a result of two factors. Parents with children of high school age have moved away to seek somewhere near to such a school, and some residents have left to find employment.

"Retired people are starting to come," he commented.

Water is also a Lasqueti problem. Wells as deep as 400 feet are producing less than 10 gallons a minute, said Barratt. There was some envy expressed from other islands.

Mariculture is an increasing problem of Lasqueti. Beaches are picked clean of shellfish by commercial licensees and there is an increasing concern to institute commercial growing, with the accompanying closure of the beaches.

The island committee is also mapping watersheds.

INCORPORATION

There is talk of incorporation on Bowen Island as the advisory planning commission takes on the role of a town council, reported Rob Botterell. Islanders are also looking at other means of administering the island.

There is some concern on the island over announced plans of Education Minister Jack Heinrich to amalgamate the Bowen Island School District with North Vancouver.

On Bowen people don't go through the path of due process, reported Botterell. They go direct to the minister.

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Trust cites grandfather clause

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The land was originally zoned to permit the division, but the change in zoning left the four houses permanently on one parcel.

The meeting decided to cite a grandfather clause and to permit the change under the regulations which applied when they were built.

The proposal will be considered by the Mayne Island Advisory Planning Commission.



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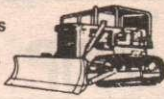
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Rehearsing for festival

Gulf Islands Secondary School teacher Tom McKeachie, left, provides students Mike Butler and Venessa Volkommer with some direction during rehearsal of *I'm Herbert*, the school's entry in the forthcoming Victoria schools drama festival. A performance before the high school students will follow the March 14 performance in Victoria.

Zenith number no more

As of April 1, there will be no Zenith number for the Islands Trust.

On Saturday the Trust council heard a report from administrator Mary Lee that the service will be curtailed on the grounds of its cost.

A Zenith call costs \$1.15 per call more than a directly dialled call,

said Lee. It is too much and the service is doomed.

Islands Trust telephone service has cost in the region of \$2,000 a month. The cost is not solely the responsibility of the Trust. If a trustee is listed as a local trustee he is charged a commercial rate, said Gordon Wallace.

Better attendance for Day of Prayer service

By ELEANOR HARRISON

It was a very windy evening but St. Peter's Church at Pender was nearly filled in spite of the weather for this year's World Day of Prayer service.

Those in charge of the planning decided to have the service in the evening instead of the usual afternoon time with the hope that more young people and men would attend. It worked. At least a third of the congregation was composed of this group and it was very pleasant following the service when the Guild of St. Peter's served refreshments in the Parish Hall and all could mingle.

Elsie Barnes played the organ and the choir's singing added to a beautiful service. The hymn, the Prayer of St. Francis, to me was the highlight of the service.

This year the service was written by the women of India who asked sisters and brothers all over the world to join with them in prayers for peace.

Connie Auchterlonie, the people's warden, led the service and Mrs. Elsie Apivor gave a talk on the importance of each person following the Christian truths.

Many members of St Peter's and the Church of the Good Shepherd on South Pender joined in the readings.

The Rector of St Peter's Church, David Apivor, and his wife Elsie have just returned from a delightful holiday in Barbados, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Homer Rogers of Pender Island. The Rogers have a home in Barbados where they spend their winters.

Grant ends March 31

As of March 31 the federal government is ending the program of grants which assist homeowners to convert heating systems from oil to other energy sources.

The Canadian Oil Substitution Program (COSP) allows up to \$800 in aid to cover the costs of converting to natural gas, electricity, propane, solar or wood heating units.

The grants covered 50% of the costs up to a maximum of \$1,600.

The department of energy, mines and resources is responsible for the program. It began in October, 1980 and has proved popular, said a ministry spokesman.

Ian Rowe, a heating contractor from Saturna, can attest to that. Since the announcement to end the program was made he has been busy

making changes to heating systems in the Gulf Islands.

While conversion to electricity is popular in urban areas, Rowe said that Gulf Islanders are opting for wood furnaces and in many cases keeping the oil burning units as backup.

The homeowner contacts a heating contractor to arrange for conversion of the heating system and the contractor will obtain the rebate on costs from the federal government.

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GALIANO NEWS

Many island veterans attend disarmament discussion

By KATHY SHARP

On Saturday evening C.G. Gifford addressed about 35 people on the subject of disarmament. Gifford is the president of Veterans for Multilateral Disarmament, an international group formed in 1982.

The first part of the talk dealt with the formation of the 300-member group. It includes German and American veterans as well as Canadian and all ranks and services are represented. The members stress the need for all countries to disarm. While total disarmament is a long-term goal, the group is currently concentrating on multi-lateral nuclear disarmament.

Gifford discussed Canada's relationships to other NATO countries. He feels that Canada is ideologically close to such countries as Norway, Denmark, Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands, and that we should join this faction rather than slavishly follow the lead of the USA.

Next came a description of a recent trip to Moscow to investigate the function of the Soviet veterans' organization.

The talk became more personal with Gifford's discussion of his just-completed odyssey to Dresden. Gifford was a Pathfinder navigator for the infamous bombing of Dresden in World War II. He returned to take part in a film, *Face to Face*, which recorded encounters between the bombers and the survivors of the bombing. It was obviously a very emotional meeting. Gifford did not acknowledge any guilt for his part, but professed a deep grief for mankind, that such a thing could take place and be contemplated again.

The audience was composed largely of veterans, and they asked some searching and knowledgeable questions, which Gifford fielded well.

School news

Galiano Elementary School is having a busy spring. Last Thursday the whole school went on a field trip to Victoria. The trip was financed by the parent group, and four or five parents accompanied the school. The kindergarten parents took charge of that group and took them skating. The rest of the students went swimming at the Crystal Pool in the morning, and then skating at the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre in the afternoon.

Next Tuesday, Mrs. Brinson will take a highly trained group of nine or 10 ukulele players to Victoria. They have been invited to participate in the tenth anniversary of the schools' mass ukulele ensemble. About 600 students will

take part. The Galiano contingent will be billeted overnight by the students of Braeside Elementary.

Next Thursday, the whole school will again set out, this time for Mayne Island. There, the students will celebrate Outer Islands Day by attending joint classes with the Mayne students.

World prayer

About 20 people met Friday to take part in the World Day of Prayer. The service was prepared by lay Christian women from India and distributed by the Canadian Women's Inter-Church Council. Joan Callaghan was the Galiano organizer.

Prayers and songs were interspersed with readers discussing some of the problems which prevent world peace. The arms race, the frustrations and lack of direction of youth, lack of respect and dignity for all people, inequality, urban slums, strained family relationships, drug problems and unemployment were all shown to be stumbling blocks which individuals must help to remove.

These topics had been investigated on Wednesday as well, when a group of 12 people from Mayne and Galiano met here for a preparatory Bible study on peace through prayer and action.

The service closed with a symbolic passing of peace and lighting of candles, followed by refreshments in the Sunday School House.

Portrait draw

The Dandelion Gallery draw for a portrait by Keith Holmes was held Friday. The winner among 90 entrants was Christa Weiss. Ironically, a portrait of Christa by Tish Saunders has been shown in the gallery for the past month.

Perhaps a lesson in comparative portraiture can be provided when Keith completes his work!

Pre-school

The Galiano Pre-school is holding a garage sale and open house on Saturday, Mar. 16 from 11-3. Any donations of goods from the community would be appreciated. Drop off at Akasha Forest's (2780) or Christine Axmann's (5338), or for pickup call Val Sibelius (2917).

Badminton clinic

Bob Walker is well known on Galiano as a good badminton player. Perhaps there is something in the blood, because his nephew, Marc Petreman, is a highly-ranked

player who has participated in the Canadian Open.

This weekend he brought his expertise to Galiano. About 50 members of the badminton club attended a valuable clinic. Everyone, from experts to beginners, received sound instruction. Court running, backhand shots, services, returns and strategy were all covered. A video was made so that members can have a permanent reference.

This is fortunate, since many players found that their heads were full of new techniques that weren't quite being transmitted to their limbs! However, with the help of Marc's encouragement and excellent demonstration, players can now confidently hope that practice will make perfect.

African news

Dr. Kingscote has received another letter from his missionary daughter Phoebe. Despite the ravages of mosquitoes, she has managed to plant a vegetable garden with seeds she has scrounged. (None are available in Zaire.) The native people were amazed to see a white person doing her own hoeing!

Phoebe and Pierre have recently seen wild boar, antelope and hippos, and eaten the latter two. After much prayer, they have spent the money donated by the Galiano Thrift Shop to buy second-hand clothing to give to the many children dressed only in rags. Adam's friends may want to find Rethy in an atlas, since he is now going to school there. Jake is talking a confusing mixture of four languages, plus baby talk. Their third child is due sometime in April, so Phoebe and Pierre would like to thank those who have been praying for them — they need it!

Back on Galiano, Dr. Kingscote has seen the first skunk cabbage in bloom. A rose by any other name may smell as sweet, but skunk cabbage definitely sounds prettier, if not smells better, under its alternate name of arum lily. Stinging nettle shoots are also in evidence. These make excellent greens. Wear gloves to pick them, then steam the young shoots to get rid of the sting. Those who live by ponds will be aware that frogs have started their reckless chorus, which often results in a frog dinner for eagles.

Lockjaw

Lockjaw may sound like a disease from a bygone century, but in fact one can easily contract it through spores found in the soil today. These spores enter the body through any

wound, even a minor abrasion, and the resulting case of lockjaw (tetanus) will be fatal in up to 70% of unimmunized people. This tragedy can be easily avoided by inoculation.

To be effective, a series of three tetanus shots must be given sometime in life, followed by a booster shot every 10 years. Free immunizations will be given by the public health nurse at the Page Dr. lounge between 1 and 2 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 14 and Tuesday, Mar. 19.

The tetanus vaccine is one of the most innocuous, and it is urged that anyone in contact with the soil, such as children and gardeners, take advantage of this opportunity.

APC

The minutes of Advisory Planning Commission meetings will now be posted after every meeting at the post office and at Spanish Hills Store. The next meeting will probably be in about three weeks.

Coming events

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Service Club will be held Monday, Mar. 11 at the home of Eva New at 2 p.m.


The Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at the North

Galiano Community Hall on Mar. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

A Traveller in Europe, featuring the sketches and paintings of Alistair Ross, will be shown at La Berengerie tomorrow (Thursday) from 2-5 p.m.

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Help things along with some spring greens

It is time to gather my solar wits about me, not an easy task by any means, as they have a tendency, ever since they realized their solar origin, to wander all over this universe of ours.

Consequently, since me and my wits are sort of connected, in some as yet obscure but direct fashion, I find myself far too often in the strangest places. From this perspective, the earth and its life has become a homely, familiar, yet utterly fascinating place to be. I like it a lot, all of it. Take my thoughts, for instance; now I have begun to wonder where they go after I have made them.

Right now they go into this article, but I know for a fact that they have been picked up as far away as Ontario, although I was not aware of this at the time. Only much later, when someone else's thoughts came back, on paper, did I realize how far they had wandered.

It is a marvellously mysterious business, this interchange of solar energy thoughts, and now I am also

beginning to wonder if thoughts are as eternal as the energy they are made with. Plato and Shakespeare certainly have little trouble bridging time, and it is clear that even unwritten thoughts that have gone before us, have left their imprint on us. This is a mystery that requires a lot more thought, methinks.

To accomplish this, one needs more oxygen in the head. This can be got by breathing in oxygen liberated from carbon dioxide by plants when they make carbohydrates for us. One also needs some water, which the green life of the planet husbands and distributes so we can collect it from a handy well, or what have you. And then one needs some solar energy, of course, to think with. Plants absorb this from the sun, and stash it in high energy carbohydrates and in complex arrangements of proteins, made with solar energy stored by their mitochondria.

We can eat this directly, mitochondria and all, as in greens, fruit, seed, and so forth; or we can

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

let an animal eat it first and then eat the animal. We then pass this on to our mental mitochondria who hang on to it, akin to little living storage batteries, as our energy reservoir, for thought. As I said, it is a marvellously complicated enterprise, and the outrageous wonder of it all is that it works without thinking about it, without knowing about it, even.

With this in mind, and now that I know, I can sort of help things along a bit by growing some nice greens. This year we are going to try some of Territorial Seeds' spring greens. Foxglove had their spring-fall greens sampler last time I was there, a blend of six different greens, suitable for early spring or for fall sowing. In most places raised beds will be necessary for better drainage and for faster warming of the soil.

Sow as early as possible in March, and repeat if seed fails to germinate due to cold soil, until late March. As soil microbiotic activity is rather slow in cool soils, it helps a great deal to work a balanced organic fertilizer into the soil under the seeds. This may be made out of four parts fishmeal, one part dolomite lime, one-half part bonemeal, and one-half part seaweed or kelpmeal.

All these quantities are given by volume, and apply either to cups, or to buckets. Work one cup of this fertilizer under each 10 feet, or three meters of row; sow the seeds half an inch (1 1/2 cm) deep, two seeds to the inch, in rows 14 inches (35 cm) apart, cover and firm. Upon emergence, side dress with a fine band of bloodmeal over the root zone to promote rapid green growth.

Thin slowly to eight inches (20 cm) apart in the row, and harvest leaves and stems like leaf lettuce, leaving the plant to grow more leaves. In May, when most of these phototropic plants will start to bolt, use stems and unopened flowers as a gourmet treat in salads. Store leftover seeds, if any in a cool, dark and dry place for sowing in late July and August for fresh fall greens. If by any chance we should have a mild winter, some of these may survive for early spring greens next year.

Another candidate for early spring sowing is Territorial's cold-hardy fava bean, Aquadulce Claudia, which can be sown at the same time as peas. This bean will grow 4 1/2-5 feet (120-150 cm) tall bushes, bearing an abundance of both shell or dry beans of excellent eating quality, in mid-summer.

Banner is another fava bean which will usually survive our winters and has survived temperatures of seven degrees F. (-10 degrees C.) in Washington. This



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Theatre isn't really what Salt Spring architect Jon Yardley is engaged in. He is supervising the construction of the interior of a theatre to be used in the preview activities for Expo 86 in Vancouver.

Local architect working on theatre for Expo

Salt Spring architect Jonathan Yardley has become involved with theatre in Vancouver.

Yardley is supervising the construction and installation of the interior of a theatre in the preview centre for Expo 86. He has been commuting to the project two days per week since November and expects the job to be completed by April.

The preview of Expo 86 begins in May.

The theatre is situated in the domed building at the end of Terminal Avenue.

It is designed to accommodate a slide and light show, *Oracle: a Theatre of Futures*, which is being produced by another islander, Gary McCartie.

Construction of the interior is being done by All Set Design, a

company which specializes in building stage sets.

Yardley explained that the theatre will be interactive in that the audience participates in the 20-minute show. At certain points in the show they will be asked questions and can respond by pushing one of three buttons at each seat.

The results are collated by computer and flashed on a sign near the screen.

The 350-seat theatre will have a screen which is 18 feet high and 36 feet wide. The show will be flashed on to the screens by rear-projectors. Laser beams will flash against a series of mirrors and the sound system is "state-of-the-art," Yardley said.

"It's a feast for the eyes and ears," he said.

one will grow to six feet tall (180 cm), from a late October to early November sowing. Both make absolutely massive green growth, without irrigation, on poor soils, and are first-class nitrogen fixers. The seed comes from England and both beans are ideally suited to our climate. Thus these beans could become a major source of food, of nitrogen-rich green manures, an excellent source of organic soil conditioning material, all at the same time. At this time, I do not know if the greens would be suitable for animal fodder, but if this were so, so much the better.

One thing is for sure, though, these beans are excellent collectors of free nitrogen from the air, of much assorted other stuff that is

good for us, and last but not least, they are first-class collectors of free solar energy, which comes in handy to think with, about these and other matters of importance.

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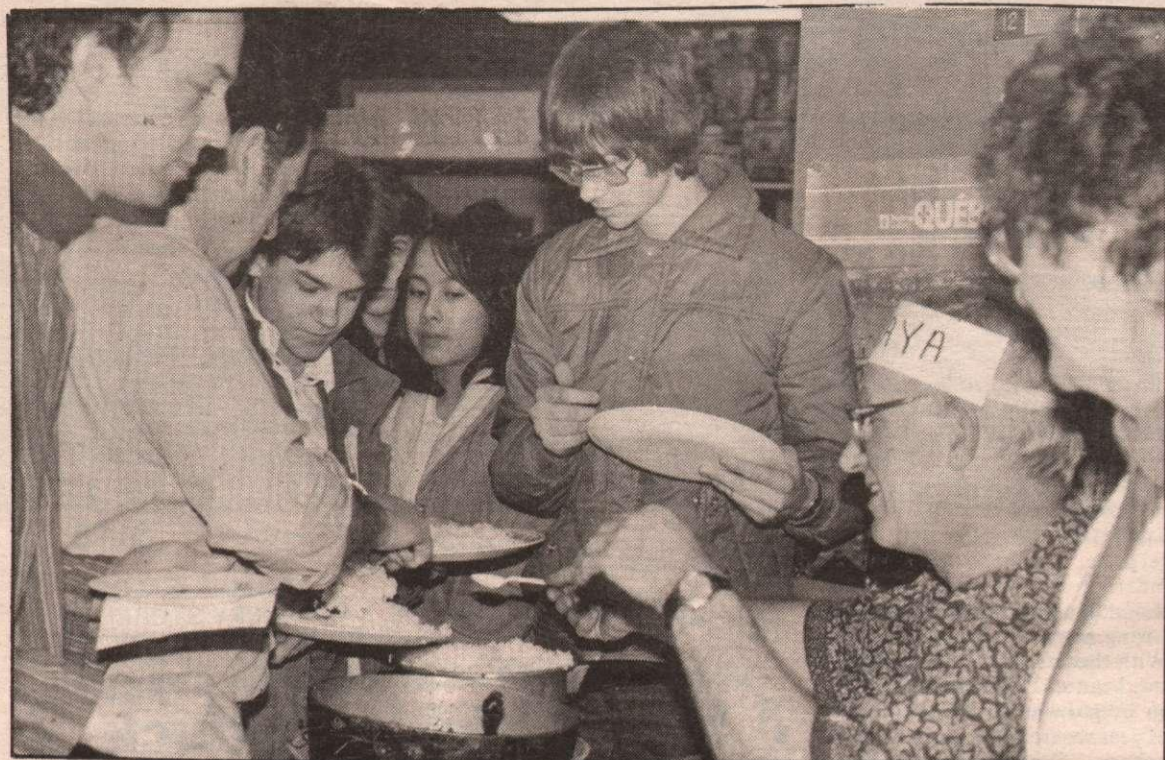
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Multicultural week observed

Multicultural week was observed at Gulf Islands Secondary School last week. Highlights included speakers, displays and an ethnic lunch. Members of the community set up display booths and music was provided. Above, Dave Stacey feeds the hungry hordes with Malaysian delicacies such as curried rice. At right, Mano Sandhu and Jessie Sandhu serve East Indian food to Chris Ratz.

Pensioners receive grant

A lottery grant of \$2,908 will help the seniors at Central Hall on Salt Spring with their recreational pursuits.

Ganges OAPO Branch 32 received the money from the Seniors' Lottery recently.

President of the group, Lydia Purser, said the money will enable them to buy a bingo machine and cards. The 100 members gather on the fourth Thursday of each month for a business meeting. After that meeting ends, they play bingo.

For the recreational afternoon, held on the second Wednesday of the month, the group will have new card tables, new playing cards as well as checkers and chess sets.

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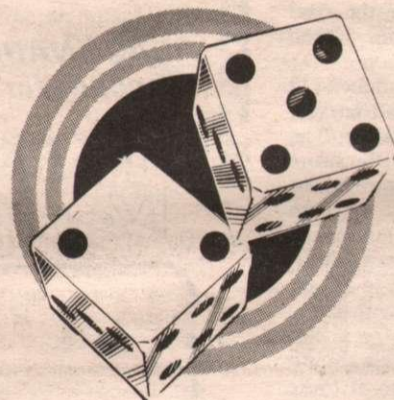
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