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Reservation system on next week's agenda

The B.C. Ferry Corporation's new reservation system, which went into effect Tuesday, will be one of the major topics discussed at the annual meeting next Wednesday of the Salt Spring Transportation Committee.

The meeting will also weigh public sentiment on a number of issues in preparation for another get-together March 27 with B.C. Ferry Corporation representatives, including corporation president Andrew Collier.

Transportation committee representatives last met with Collier and other B.C. Ferries executives in Victoria December 14. That meeting was attended by delegates from each of the Outer Islands as well.

Next Wednesday Salt Spring residents will have an opportunity to air their views on car-parking fees at Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen terminals and elect two new members to the committee. The meeting will be held at 7.30 pm at the Harbour House Hotel.

At the December 14 meeting Salt

Spring delegate Arvid Chalmers pointed out that by raising terminal parking fees more travellers would take their cars on the ferries. Increased parking lot revenue would result on one hand, but B.C. Ferries would face higher costs for having to transport more vehicles on the other.

Chalmers summed up the feelings of most of the delegates by telling the corporation they were looking for dialogue. He said there is little or no advertising when changes are made to island service. Islanders, he urged, should be advised well in advance of any changes and that they could probably assist in making any changes more effective.

Later in the meeting Collier responded to delegates' concerns over advance notice of changes by noting that decisions often have to be made quickly, causing a breakdown in communication.

"My first objective will be to turn that around," he told the meeting.

The March 27 meeting will not include delegates from the Outer Islands.



Gardeners go to work

Beautiful weather brings out the gardeners in the Gulf Islands. Ben Berry was captured by photo-

grapher Barb Woodley last week as he joined other soccer players, collared by Malcolm Legg, to help

plant the new garden in front of Island Savings Credit Union in Ganges.

Benefit planned for 4-H Club organizer

When the Salt Spring Community 4-H Club held its first annual awards dinner last October, Cindy Van Buskirk didn't want to leave. The young mother of one boy, who was expecting a second child, also had maternal feelings for the island's 4-H members.

It was at the 1983 fall fair, where Van Buskirk was exhibiting goats, that she and fellow goat fancier Joyce Hartwig decided to bring 4-H to Salt Spring Island.

Minister to speak at Ganges

The new minister of international trade and investment will be the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting at Ganges March 25.

Don Phillips, who was minister of industry and small business before being named to the new post two weeks ago, will address the meeting at the invitation of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets for the lunch, which will begin at noon at the Harbour House Hotel, will be available later in the week at the chamber office.

Before long others became enthusiastic about the idea.

According to Barb Koski and Ted Baker, parents of 4-H members, no one worked harder for the 4-H Club's success than Cindy Van Buskirk, though she and husband Vic didn't have children old enough to join. It was in the spring of 1984 that the 4-H Club was born here.

On the day of the awards dinner, Cindy's doctor learned that she had a serious blood disorder. She was tracked down at Fulford Hall, where the dinner was about to begin, and rushed off to hospital in Victoria.

In the 4½ months since then, Cindy has delivered a healthy baby boy, named Dylan, but the blood disorder lingers on. She has to undergo extensive testing, and blood is being taken from her brother in Toronto and flown to Vancouver every week.

The 4-H Club, in co-operation with the Fulford hall committee is planning a benefit dance for Vic and Cindy Van Buskirk on March 22 at 9 pm. In addition, an account is being set up at Island Savings Credit Union for people who may want to contribute but can't make it to the dance.

Dance tickets and further information can be obtained at 653-4430, 653-4507 or 537-9848.

Credit union unloads properties through 'astute business deal'

Disposal of eight properties on Salt Spring Island by Island Savings Credit Union was "an astute business deal," says operations manager Ron Morrison.

The credit union was under some criticism last week for foreclosing on mortgages which carried interest rates of up to 14% and selling the properties with the interest rates reduced to the six per cent and eight per cent range.

"That did not happen," stated Morrison.

The credit union had sold eight properties, the mortgages for which had been on the books for up to two years, he explained, with no interest coming in.

Ray Bush, credit union general manager, termed the deal "creative financing."

The price of the properties had been boosted and the interest rate lowered to attract buyers.

Of the eight properties sold, Bush explained, six were vacant land, another had a non-conforming house on it and the last property had been taken in a trade.

The non-conforming house had been built with no building permit.

The deal covered about \$400,000 of the credit union's portfolio of

close to \$18 million in mortgages, Morrison explained. To have written the properties off would have resulted in a substantial loss to the credit union, he said.

The deals had the approval of the board of directors.

Chairman Michael Schubart of Salt Spring explained that the board sets the broad policy guidelines and allows the managers the latitude to run a successful business.

The sales of the properties will generate money for the credit union, he said.

The credit union, Bush explained, carries total assets of close to \$80 million and experienced 16% growth in 1984. Capital expenditures for the new branch in Ganges as well as in the Mayfair Shopping Centre in Victoria resulted in a "modest operating deficiency" of \$84,000 for the year, Bush said.

Other capital expenditures involved introduction of an automated teller system as well.

Bush noted that the credit union has a strong reserve position built on a surplus in excess of \$503,000 in 1983. The credit union will be concentrating on efficiency of operation and cost effectiveness of

service in 1985, he added.

Another change at the Ganges branch will come when the credit union hires a replacement for manager Jack Gowler. He resigned "harmoniously", said Bush. Gowler had expressed interest in looking for a change and the resignation had nothing to do with the recent property deals, Bush said.

Rapist gets 12 years

Ronald McFarlane, 19, was sentenced in B. C. Supreme Court last week to 12 years in jail as a result of a rape and stabbing on Salt Spring in 1981.

McFarlane entered a guilty plea to charges of rape and wounding with intent. On the first charge, Mr. Justice Ross Lander imposed a sentence of 12 years while adding a concurrent four-year sentence on the second charge.

The judge called the rape and stabbing of singer-composer Shari Ulrich "vicious and repulsive." The

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Parents, teachers and trustees discuss communications

Communications between parents, teachers and school trustees in the Gulf Islands may improve as a result of a meeting held last Friday.

The meeting entitled *Partners and Communications*, was part of the conference of education personnel of the Gulf Islands held at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The session for the parents, teachers and trustees had been included in the conference, commented session chairman Mike Hayes of Salt Spring, to raise the profile of what goes on in the schools as an effort to get the community more involved in the process.

He pointed out that school trustees and teachers often get together but parents are, for the most part, left out. The idea was to begin a discussion which could lead to further meetings.

By the end of the session, those in attendance decided to do just that

and further meetings of a similar nature will be held during the school year.

The meetings heard about the recent series of meetings, *Let's Talk About Schools*, held to gather public opinion on education in the province. The information gathered will be passed on to the ministry of education to aid in making changes to the provincial system.

The group also discussed the funding of schools and looked at the role of parents' groups in the Gulf Islands schools.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools, explained that eight meetings had been held in the Gulf Islands to discuss the provincial education study. More than 200 people showed up at the meetings, he noted.

At each meeting, participants were asked to fill out questionnaires which will help district staff formulate a response to the

provincial study, Marshall said.

The concerns at meetings on Salt Spring and on the Outer Islands were similar except that parents from the Outer Islands expressed concern about the children having to travel by water taxi each day to attend secondary school.

Another concern expressed about the study was the relatively short time which the minister of education was allowing for it. The B.C. School Trustees Association has called upon the government to institute a royal commission, but to no avail.

While parents and school trustees have been participating in the series of meetings, a third concern centres on whether the government will listen to what is being said.

During discussion on the school district budget, Marshall noted that the formula used by the ministry to determine the funding level for the district results in about \$500 being lost by the district for each teacher in the local schools.

There are currently 74.5 full-time equivalent teachers in the Gulf Islands as well as about 40 people on the support staff. But the funding for the 1985-86 school year could mean that three teachers may have to be let go, he said.

Marshall emphasized that the loss of staff would not affect Salt Spring Elementary School but would affect the other schools which have not shown growth in the number of pupils.

Tom Watson, principal at SSE, said that to do a "minimal task" at his school would require at least two more teachers. Marshall also noted that the ideal for the district would be from 10 to 15 more teachers but he also admitted that under restraint the addition of teachers was "fantasy".

Ron McQuiggan, school trustee

for Salt Spring, noted that such ideals wouldn't happen in the "real world." The budget for 1985-86 will be the largest amount of money the school district has yet received to finance education, he noted.

Charles Hingston, Salt Spring school trustee and chairman of the school board, noted that there should be a balance between "vision and the real world."

"We've got a lot of things to be proud of," he said. "We would all like to have more money but let's get together for something important."

The parent groups at the various schools exist in various formats and follow various functions, the meeting learned.

Some parents' groups focus their efforts on fund-raising for the schools while some combine both fund-raising and discussion of educational issues.

Bob McWhirter, principal of Gulf Islands Secondary School, said the group there holds informal gatherings, usually once each month to discuss issues.

When the parent groups were originally set up, the idea was to allow them to discuss issues and advise the school board.

What must now happen, the meeting was told, is for the groups to move back to the original concept of being parent advisory committees.

Rapist gets 12 years

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wounding, he said, could be considered attempted murder.

Crown counsel Dennis Murray said that McFarlane had been on Salt Spring in May 1981 on a three-day bicycle and camping trip. He was in the custody of a juvenile detention home on the lower mainland at the time, and was receiving counselling for sexual problems. He had eluded his supervisors on the island when the rape occurred.

Ulrich had been jogging along Churchill Road and stopped when McFarlane asked her for help finding parts he claimed had fallen from the bike. He drew a knife and forced her into the brush at roadside. She was raped twice.

When she tried to run away,

McFarlane stabbed her in the back. She was in hospital in Victoria for about 10 days afterwards.

The court heard that McFarlane, as a juvenile, had had three convictions with sexual overtones.

Although he was 16 at the time of the incident, he was not apprehended until he was 19. RCMP had received an anonymous phone call telling them to check closely on McFarlane's activities on May 11, 1981.

Schedule change

B. C. Ferries will switch to the spring schedule March 16.

The spring runs will be similar to the ones of last fall featuring more sailings on Fridays and Saturdays.

Copies of the new schedule will be available at terminals several days ahead of time.

Playschool auction March 30

The Pender Islands Playschool Parents are presently organizing their Sixth Annual Playschool Auction to be held at the school-community centre on Saturday, Mar. 30 at 8 pm.

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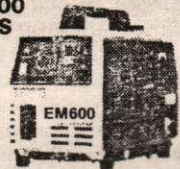
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MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK

A Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce presentation



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Married in 1935

Fiftieth anniversary was celebrated by Mary and Bill Vickers on Sunday at the Legion Hall in Ganges. The Vickers were married

in Liverpool, England, in 1935. The anniversary celebration was a happy one despite the fact that Mary was wearing a cast on broken ankle that

she suffered the previous Thursday. Friends from Fort McMurray and Calgary were among islanders present to pay tribute to the couple.

Teacher makes the difference, keynote speaker says Friday

The teacher makes all the difference in the classroom, keynote speaker Floyd Harry of Delta told a conference of Gulf Islands teachers last week.

"You're in control and you make the difference."

He explained that in the classroom restraint, the principal or anything else did not matter. The teacher should offer inspiration to the children by knowing what to control and what can't be controlled.

Harry is the director of instruction for the Delta School District.

The learning environment in the class should be the best it can be, he said. Things like what is being taught, how long the teacher has taught, the size of the class and the social level of the children may or may not matter. Such things as the cost of education are out of the control of teachers, he said, and should not be a concern.

What does make a difference, he added, are the expectations of the children, how well the teacher knows what is being taught and a demonstration that the teacher cares about teaching and the children.

The teacher should demonstrate that each child is known and that each child is cared for.

Tricks of the trade can be drawn upon to achieve that end, he said.

The teacher should be at the door when the children come in and each child should be recognized by name, he explained.

The teacher should have the children's work ready when class begins.

The children should be told what is to be taught that day and then told what they will be able to do with it after they learn it.

The teacher should review and revise classroom routines and the children should be taught the use of signals in the class. For instance, Harry explained that the use of a thumbs-up or a thumbs-down signal would allow children to show that they do or don't understand what is being taught.

The children should be

encouraged to tell what they learned and at the end of the class the teacher should repeat what it was that was learned.

The teacher's philosophy of teaching is the most important part of education, Harry said. That philosophy should be stated simply and powerfully.

He offered his own statement of teaching philosophy: "In my world, I'm the only person who can make a

difference."

He concluded by noting that the economic situation won't be getting any better and could be getting worse. He referred back to an earlier statement, that the teacher should be willing to ask: "What can I do with what I've got?"

The day-long conference was held Friday at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

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Gulf Islands Community Arts Council

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 1985 — 8 pm
Mahon Hall

AGENDA:

- Minutes of previous meeting
- Treasurer's report
- Committee reports
- Reports from Member Groups
- Chairman's report
- Election of Officers
- Appointment of auditor
- Other business
- Adjournment

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What happened to communications?

It was at a meeting in Victoria late last year that the new man in charge of the B. C. Ferry Corporation, president Andrew Collier, indicated he wanted to improve communications between B. C. Ferries and residents of the Gulf Islands.

Following that meeting, transportation delegates from each of the islands were optimistic that better times were looming in terms of relations between the corporation and the islands. Today, however, there can be little optimism remaining following the announcement a couple of weeks ago that the reservations system was to be overhauled.

There was little consultation with islanders before the corporation announced the new booking system, designed to eliminate no-shows, a problem that had plagued B. C. Ferries for some time. Unfortunately, elimination of one problem has created several new ones.

Advance vehicle payment is now required with a reservation, and payment must be made within five days of the booking. Cancellations made within 30 days of the sailing date are non-refundable and payment must be made to the corporation offices in Victoria or Vancouver.

Advance vehicle payment would seem a logical means of preventing no-shows, but requiring payment to Victoria or Vancouver is of little help to most island residents. Sending a cheque or money order to one of the cities by mail, and expecting it to arrive within five days, would be sheer foolishness.

With regard to credit cards, not every resident has one, and many of those who do are reluctant to give the numbers out to someone on the telephone.

The 30-day cancellation requirement will leave the whole reservation system virtually useless to most travellers. It's unlikely that many residents make plans to travel to the mainland more than a month in advance. And who wants to risk losing his vehicle fare should he be unable to make the trip, due to illness, for instance.

Surely a more reasonable booking system would permit cancellations up to five days before the sailing date. The payment problems could be overcome by placing computer terminals (they're getting cheaper all the time) at each of the islands terminals. When a reservation was made through a terminal such as Long Harbour, an attendant could simply enter the information on the computer, through which it would be relayed to the central reservations computer. At the same time he would collect the vehicle fare.

Admittedly, there must be some hitches in the proposal just outlined, but at least the plan appears more workable than that which has been adopted by the ferry corporation.

And it's just possible that a better system would be in effect right now if B. C. Ferries had done as it said it would do: open the communication lines with the few regular customers it has, the residents of the islands.

Congratulations

Music students at Gulf Islands Secondary School have been the talk of the town since their successful presentation last Friday evening of *Puttin' on the Ritz*. Judging by the comments of parents and others who saw the show, the students—and musical director Dwaine Prosk—can be proud of their accomplishment.

This week teacher and students have yet another reason to be proud. Music students in Grades 8 and 9 scored 94% on Tuesday at the Cowichan Music Festival.

They deserve the community's congratulations. Well done!



Letters to the Editor

Book is a must

Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity to convey the following information to parents, School District 64, and the general public, upon the subject of full-spectrum lighting.

Pocket Books, a division of Gulf and Western Corporation, New York, published a book called *Health and Light* in July, 1976. It was written by John N. Ott, the inventor of slow motion and time lapse photography. During the course of his work in these fields, John Ott was compelled to determine the effects of light upon first his photographic subjects and then, as curiosity piqued his interest, the effects of lighting upon himself and others.

In doing so, Mr. Ott became one of the first photobiologists, and has exhaustively studied the effects of all kinds of artificial and natural lighting upon plants, animals and people. In his own words: "The tremendous significance of the rapidly-developing body of knowledge about variations in wave lengths of light energy has finally spurred several big corporations to design products that permit the full spectrum of natural lighting to enter the eye. Too little is known generally, however, about the importance of providing an environment of natural lighting indoors, where so many people must spend a major part of their time. It is our hope at the Environmental Health and Light Research Institute that this book will help chart new pathways toward that goal, as well as toward break through findings in the fields of various ills that plague mankind."

Mr. Ott's research has been documented and presented to various elements of the scientific community, and recognition of his work and pioneering photobiology has come from many sources, including Grand Honours Award of the National Eye Institute in 1967, Doctor of Science Honorarium

from Loyola University, The New York Academy of Sciences, The Illuminating Engineering Society and others. His list of papers and publications upon the subject of lighting is impressive—over 42 between 1947-1976, and lectures to schools, hospitals, professional gatherings, etc. number in the thousands.

Mr. Ott's book documents his most important findings in this field. Among his projects was a pilot project in 1973 conducted in a Sarasota, Fla., school. Two classrooms were left unchanged as a control and two classrooms were equipped with full-spectrum lighting. Time lapse cameras were concealed in each room to take sequences of pictures, and the results were dramatic. "Under standard cool white fluorescent lighting some first-graders demonstrated nervous fatigue, irritability, lapse of attention, and hyperactive behaviour. Within a week after the new lights were installed a marked improvement in the children's behaviour began to appear.

Without the use of drugs, the children settled down and paid more attention to their teachers. Nervousness diminished, and teachers reported that overall class performance improved. In the rooms with the standard lighting, students could be observed fidgeting to an extreme degree, leaping from their seats, flailing their arms, and paying little attention to their teachers to a much greater degree. In the rooms with full-spectrum shielded lighting, the same children were filmed once a month for four months. Behaviour was entirely different. Youngsters appeared calmer and far more interested in their work.

One little boy who had stood out in the first films because of his constant motion and his inattention had become a quieter child, able to sit still and concentrate on classroom routine. According to his teacher, he was now capable of independent study and had even learned to read during this short period of time. Similar results were reported in experiments conducted

at two schools in California.

The book *Health and Light* is a must for any person concerned with personal health and healthy children. In terms of benefits, the cost of full-spectrum lighting is negligible. Your children's health (and your own) should be the priority. *Health and Light* is available through Pocket Books, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, 10020. I urge you to obtain a copy and use the knowledge therein to the best advantage.

RENE BOURGET,
Ganges.

How full the glass?

Sir,
Oh to live in a Barber Shop where all problems are solved; where things were better back then somewhere. The Barber engages in all this. He listens to the old-timer who has been here for so many years, and to the nervous mother who brings her wide-eyed little one for his first cut. The Barber first attends to the mother, quiets her down and behold a quieted down child ready for clipping.

Communication can be the unifying force in the world when the communicator is responsible. I like that statement. There are those who help defuse controversy rather than whip it up with emotional lather (no barber pun intended). There are those who play down division by playing up agreement; after all information should not divide, it should clarify and unite, and friendship is the key. Amazing that barriers dissolve when people communicate and find they are not dealing with hardened arguments and causes, but with other people. It should be entirely natural for those in the media (me ta ya) or (me to you) to provide the channels of connection and communication that allow this process to work.

Bad news? What bad news? What do you see? "Is the glass half empty,

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or half full?" To report that things and structures (mental included) break down to make way for the new required state; well, is that good news or bad news? I would say it wasn't news at all, simply facts. Are the goalies really as bad as they look on the T.V. sports news? After all, you only see the puck going past them. Can there be more to it?

Ben Wattenberg, former newsman and T.V. commentator, is the author of a recently published book, *The Good News Is the Bad News Is Wrong*. He says the bad news bias among journalists skews the way stories are chosen, then written or broadcast and hence the way we view our world. As an example he takes poverty among the black Americans. "Take poverty area A, where the population has gone down from 100 to 50 over 20 years because the upwardly mobile got out." A reporter coming to that area will probably write a negative story, Wattenberg says, because conditions there may be even worse than they were a decade ago. But the real story, he contends, may be in the suburbs where many of the former ghetto dwellers have moved—and that he says would be a story about progress. Bad news bias—a modern journalistic tendency.

"Is the glass half empty or half full?" Only your Barber knows for sure.
GARY LUNDY,
Ganges.

Not a private society

Sir,
In your editorial last week on incorporation, you referred to the Salt Spring Island Planning Association as a "private society". It isn't. All residents or landowners on Salt Spring Island are entitled to be members. There is no membership fee. All meetings are open to everyone. Anyone from the community may stand for election as a director of the association.

I am, perhaps, belabouring the point in order to correct any misapprehension that the current incorporation study is being sponsored by a private society with, perhaps, its own private interests at stake.

Rather, the Planning Association's objectives as stated in our constitution are identical to our objectives in sponsoring the incorporation study: to further the interest and general welfare of the citizens on Salt Spring Island, and to promote adequate planning and preservation of a healthful environment."

MURRAY REISS,
Chairman, S.S. Island Planning Association.

More Letters to the Editor

Flawed reasoning

Sir,
At almost every public meeting at which the subject of increasing the minimum lot size in watersheds is discussed, the argument for compensating land owners in watersheds for down-zoning is suggested.

If indeed one agrees that watershed land does devalue if down-zoned (and this in itself is debatable) then should watershed land owners be compensated for their "losses"? The Minister of Municipal Affairs has stated that large minimum lot size zoning in watersheds is unfair to land owners. Others have stated that such regulations and bylaws are not only unfair but dictatorial and represent confiscation without compensation. Right?

Wrong! Such reasoning is clearly flawed. First, it must be recognized that subdivision of watershed land and its subsequent development causes deterioration of water quality in our lakes. Even perfectly functioning septic systems release most of their nutrients to the surrounding soil and some of these nutrients always reach the lake. And most other normal residential activities cause water quality deterioration. These facts have been well documented by extensive studies done throughout the world, several of which have been conducted on our Island lakes.

Second, the lakes are not owned by the watershed lot owners but by the general public. Therefore these land owners can damage a resource that they do not own. Some of Salt Spring Island's watershed lot owners consistently demand compensation from the community for devaluation of land values which might occur when a minimum lot size bylaw is enacted by the Islands

Trust. It is completely contrary to pollution control philosophy to suggest that those who are suffering from pollution should pay the cost of preventing future pollution. To even intimate such a preposterous plan would be like a pulp mill demanding compensation from residents of a community for installing filters and precipitators to reduce the amount of air pollution for which the pulp mill is responsible.

Third, it must be also pointed out that large lot zoning has been widely used as one of the most effective methods of protecting a valuable resource for the public good. Farm land, for example, is protected for the good of the public by large lot zoning (ALR), and many communities minimize development in watersheds by outright ownership, long-term leases or large lot zoning. Our CRD uses large lot zoning (30 acres minimum) in the uplands and forest land near Victoria.

Salt Spring's lakes and St. Mary's in particular have been quite extensively studied over the past 10 years. The conclusion reached is that our lakes are sensitive to deterioration and much of the past deterioration is related to residential and commercial development in the watersheds. It is always difficult to correct past mistakes, but having gained this knowledge, it seems only sensible to act to prevent further deterioration in the lakes, and the proposed 20-acre minimum lot size is an important step in this regard.

Like all complex situations, there is not one single, easy solution to our problems with our lakes. Steps to protect the lakes have been taken in the past such as preventing further industrial or commercial development in our watersheds, limiting the expansion of those that exist, and limiting residential development to one house per lot. Other steps may be possible in the future. It would be unconscionable

to see gains made in protecting our lakes wiped out by continued extensive subdivision of our watersheds.

We urge everyone to support the Islands Trust 20-acre minimum lot size Bylaw 87 for Salt Spring's potable water-producing lake watersheds.
MIKE LARMOUR,
TOM GOSSETT,
Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society.

Valuable course

Sir,
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ANN McDONALD,
Fulford Harbour.

Still fighting

Sir,
I've been to many talks and workshops on the subject of peace, but none have had the quiet urgency that last Saturday's meeting with Squadron Leader "Giff" Gifford had. There were several other veterans there; during the question and comment period, they spoke quietly of their feelings about war and they too, as well as Major Gifford, had tears on their cheeks as they talked.

"How do Veterans for Multilateral Disarmament answer the accusation that their peace work somehow denies the suffering and sacrifice of our war dead and

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More Letters to the Editor

From Page 5

injured?" someone asked. Giff answered, "We fought for our civilization and for our children and grandchildren's future. That is what we are all still fighting for." **VIRGINIA NEWMAN,** Ganges.

Memorable event

Sir, The Galiano Brownies and Guides would like to thank all of the terrific people on Salt Spring for making our Thinking Day trip a very special and memorable event for us all. We hope that in the future you will join us on Galiano for a weekend.

Since this is a special 75th celebration year, we'd like to wish everyone a happy and memorable 1985 Guiding year. Thanks again, from Emily F., Jamaica G., Jennifer D., Kate H., Kirsty H., Laura G., Tessa H., Yarah H.

GALIANO BROWNIES AND GUIDES, Galiano Island.

Change the lights

Sir, I get bad headaches and sore eyes from fluorescent lights. Many teachers and children at Fernwood and Ganges schools say that they get headaches and nausea from fluorescent tubes. Why must we wait for more scientific verification to be believed when we say that this light is bad for our health? Our bodies are telling us fluorescent lights are bad! Dr. John Diamond, in page 128 of *Your Body Doesn't Lie* writes of experiments with animal tissues under prolonged fluorescent light in which the tissues became cancerous. In Francis Nixon's *Vivaxis Manual Part 3*, Pages 18-19, she writes about warnings received about the dangers of fluorescent tubes.

She says animals fed high sugar diets and living under fluorescent light 12 hours a day developed five times as many dental cavities as animals on the same diet who lived under full-spectrum lights. Mice's tails nearly rotted off, but they

recovered under natural lighting. Other research concluded that if human skin is not exposed to long periods of natural light, disturbances will occur in the physiological balance resulting in nervous disorders, Vitamin D deficiencies, weakening of the immune system and aggravation of chronic diseases.

Natural light is the most important environmental factor for sustaining healthy life (plant and animal). Dr. Ott's experiments with full-spectrum lights and people working under them, showed that there was less absenteeism and complaints, fewer headaches and improved output.

We live in a rainy west coast climate, with very little sunshine in the winter. Fernwood School was built with few windows, so there is little natural light in the classrooms, which are dependent upon artificial light. It is small wonder that children get restless and tired in these rooms.

For our children's sake especially, let's stop the foot shuffling and get full-spectrum lighting, or incandescent bulbs into the schools!! **MARCIA STONE,** Ganges.

Take time to vote

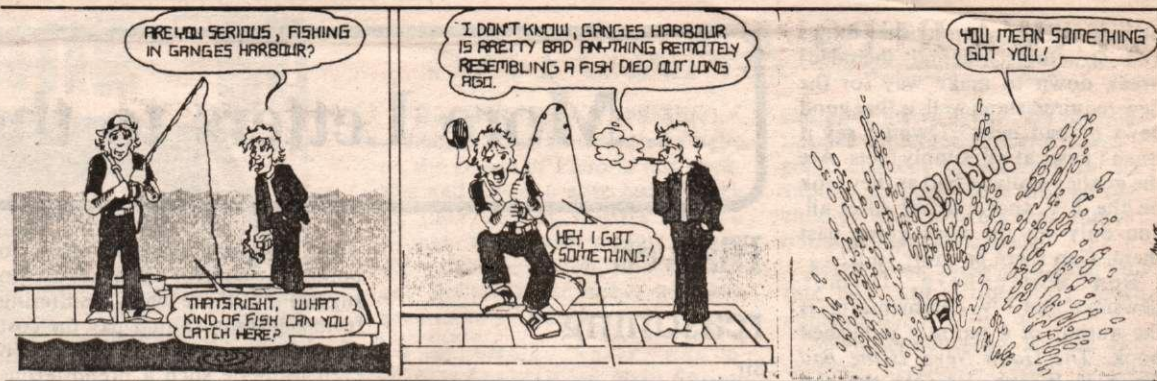
Sir, This past fall during the municipal elections voters on North Pender Island, were satisfied enough with our two elected members of the "Islands Trust" to allow them a re-election by acclamation.

However with three vacancies open for the North Pender Island Advisory Planning Commission, an election will be held with four candidates seeking election.

A public meeting will be held Friday, Mar. 15 at 8 pm at the Community centre. I would like to invite everyone to attend and take the opportunity to learn more about the duties and obligations of the A.P.C.; as well as hear all the candidates.

I hope everyone will take the time to vote, Saturday, Mar. 16, from 10 am. to 6 pm. at the Community centre.

I am asking for the opportunity to serve on the North Pender Island



Advisory Planning Commission, so that I can help preserve and protect our unique amenities and environment. **HENRY LANDRY,** Pender Island.

Are privileges worth the risk

Sir, Considering the interesting talk by Mr. Gifford of the Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament, I am wondering this: What exactly are we planning to defend, with weapons that can extinguish life on earth?

North Americans enjoy the pleasantest lives on the planet, with freedom, democracy and justice, as well as plenty of food, cars, gas, computers, fashionable clothes, leisure time, entertainment and labour-saving devices. Few people, past or present, have been as comfortable, and most people in the world today have a tougher time than we do.

Let's take an extreme scenario. Suppose we said to the Russians, (because that's who we're defending against, isn't it?) "OK. Invade us", and suppose they did so. Our individual freedoms would undoubtedly be restricted, the media would be censored, and we would have fewer consumer goods. Probably we would still have food, clothes and shelter, and it's even possible that our homeless street people, and the very poor, might have more creature comforts than

they do now. Is preserving our privileges worth the risk that nuclear weapons present? "Better dead than red" is a catch slogan, but do we have the right to decide that for the rest of the world?

Canada will pour more billions of dollars into defence, but what for? Are we preparing to defend essential values of life? Or are we seeing the selfishness of people who would rather blow up the world than give up their dishwashers? **MARALYN HORSDAL,** Fulford Harbour.

'Thrilled'

Sir, Dear Patrons and Friends of the "Ritz".

I am thrilled by the success of *Puttin' on the Ritz*. This success was due to overwhelming support from a multitude of island people, businesses and community groups.

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OTTAWA REPORT

Political courage displayed by Conservative MP

By JIM MANLY

I suspect that political courage has always been a fairly rare commodity. Long before the age of sophisticated polling most politicians would intuitively follow the path of least resistance whether it accorded with their own convictions or not.

But always there have been those who dared to follow their own thoughts and convictions. John F. Kennedy talked about some of these people on the American scene in his Pulitzer prize-winning book, *Profiles in Courage*.

This week I want to share an example of a Profile in Courage, Lorne Greenaway, the Member of Parliament for Caribou Chilcotin. To begin with, Lorne is through and through a Conservative and would bitterly resent any attempt to portray him as less than 100% loyal to his party and to his leader. But he believes that to be loyal does not mean a man has to act like a sheep.

I first came to respect Lorne Greenaway in the last parliament when we were both members of the standing committee on Indian affairs and northern development. He took a special interest in questions of health affecting Indian people and became passionately involved in fighting for a decent resolution of the problems facing the James Bay Cree.

With the Conservatives in power, Lorne Greenaway was named chairman of the standing committee on fisheries and forestry. The standard make-up of committees in this parliament is 15 members: 11 Conservatives, two Liberals and two New Democrats. This means that the Conservatives always have a majority and can control any issue that arises. Chairmen are expected to keep their committees in line and not allow them to embarrass the government.

But Lorne Greenaway learned what it meant to be a committee chairman from Keith Penner, the Liberal chairman of the Indian affairs committee in the last parliament. Penner believed that committees should not be totally subservient to the party in power but should take a more independent

role. He allowed issues to come to a vote when not all the Liberal members were present—even though the vote was potentially embarrassing to the government.

Consequently, when a delegation of Indian leaders from his own riding and neighbouring ridings appeared before Greenaway's fisheries and forestry committee he wanted to make sure that their concerns were heard. He invited members of the Indian affairs committee to sit in on meetings that discussed Canadian Nationals' proposal to double-track the railway through the Fraser Canyon.

These Indians testified about the danger double-tracking posed to the Fraser River salmon run and the importance of this run to their own economic survival as well as to the total economy of British Columbia. They detailed the shortcomings in the environmental assessment process and they asked for a moratorium on any further work until a proper socio-economic and environmental impact study had been done.

They also suggested practical alternatives to double-tracking such as combining CN and CP tracks into a single system where "one goes East and one goes West" just like the old nursery rhyme says.

When Ray Skelly, the NDP fisheries critic, moved a motion calling for a moratorium on double-tracking, it would have been easy for Greenaway as chairman to derail it or to have stalled so that it did not come up for a vote. Instead, he spoke in favour of the motion.

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Salt Spring riders compete in Vancouver Island show

By SUE YARDLEY

A group of young (and not so young!) Salt Spring riders have recently been competing in the Winter Hunter Jumper series on Vancouver Island. These young people have been riding for almost two years and working very hard in order to be ready to show for the first time.

The winter schooling shows give young riders and untried horses a chance to jump a small course without the pressure apparent at the more formal summer shows. The horses don't have to have their manes braided and "anything goes" in the way of clothes. Hard hats, however, are mandatory. A sportsmanlike attitude is expected and good manners have to be shown in the ring and all the schooling areas.

The most recent show was held at Seaward Farms, the home of Fred Ball, well known on Salt Spring as farrier to many island horses. The judge was Sally Cupples.

Our group of riders did commendably well.

In the children's hunter, two-foot division, Meggie Coombes, 11, came first riding Jay Jay Nooner, owned by Dentons Equestrian of Bridgeman Road. Meg also placed fourth in hunt seat equitation.

Robin Coombes, 13, placed third in the children's hunter, two-foot-six division, and fourth in the beginning horse and rider, riding Dad's Tanny Bear. Thomas Yardley, 12, placed third in hunt seat equitation riding Hyline Hustler and also provided spectator entertainment (and nearly gave his mother a coronary) by flying solo head first over several jumps and gave a perfect demonstration of retiring gracefully and cheerfully from the ring.

Ben Yardley, 9, riding Taco Chips got clear rounds in all his classes in his first off-island show.

The writer, riding Bic, managed to place second in the adult amateur hunter, two-foot-six, and beginning horse and rider and third in the adult amateur hunter two-foot division, in between tightening girths, finding lost tickets and feeding the humans sandwiches and keeping the horses out of them!

After the show the whole gang went to Mr. Mike's in Sidney for refreshment before catching the ferry home. The horses entertained shoppers by sticking their noses out of the trailers and munching alfalfa.

Special thanks to Sara Krye for coming along as groom! Thanks too to drivers and supporting parents.

The series continues March 16 and 17 at Oak Meadows.



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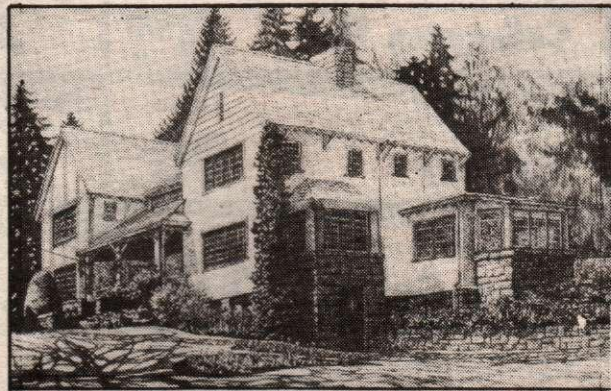
Student program repeated

For the second year in a row the provincial government is offering financial assistance to enterprising students wishing to start their own business.

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17 gather for Galiano meeting with superintendent

By KATHY SHARP

Sixteen women and one man met with superintendent of schools Mike Marshall Monday evening to talk about education. The small turnout enabled people to sit around a double table, which seemed to encourage discussion.

The government has produced a paper on schools, asking questions about a wide range of subjects. From these, Marshall has extracted a number of questions which apply to the Gulf Islands district, and used them to form a "report card". As on other islands, people were asked to fill out this report.

Marshall has promised to read all of these local questionnaires himself. (The responses to the government paper go directly to a central analysis committee.) The report card asked the level of satisfaction with various things, including courses, communication with the public, and the actions of the school board. Respondents were also asked to indicate the relative importance of various elective courses and experiences.

Discussion of education matters followed. The assembled people seemed to agree that there should be a mandatory upgrading of teachers' skills. This is now done on a voluntary basis by most teachers. The school board, they felt, should pay for the training, which could be accomplished in summers, on leave, or combined with part-time teaching. It need not be done through university training, which would increase teachers' pay. Instead, observation and discussion between teachers could enable the profession to improve itself.

The group was divided on teachers' right to strike. The majority felt that teaching was an essential service. However, some thought that teachers should be unionized and have the right to strike. (Teachers must now be members of the B. C. Teachers' Federation, which is not, strictly speaking, a union).

The question of compulsory education aroused much discussion. Currently, students must attend school from age seven to 15 or receive permission to take an approved correspondence course. This is of interest to Gulf Island parents because the only high school is on Salt Spring. Students must forego extracurricular activities and face long water taxi trips, or be boarded away from home if they wish to attend school. Students on

correspondence do very well or very poorly, and do not have the social contact or facilities provided by school.

Students who drop out often hang around schools with nothing to do. Marshall pointed out that the existing law enables parents and himself to keep troubled early adolescents in school, after which the students often perceive the value of education and stay to graduate. The Galiano group was interested in the drop-out rate (two-three percent) and also in the future success of children educated under the various systems. There was some feeling that students educated entirely in the Gulf Islands might experience difficulty with city life and large universities. Marshall promised to investigate this.

The parents who were present expressed great satisfaction with the accessibility of Galiano and Mayne teachers. They also felt very comfortable coming to Galiano elementary at any time, and suggested that this kind of openness at the secondary schools would allay some of their uneasiness at having their children away from them so much.

Funding of private schools was also discussed. At present, private schools which follow the provincially-approved curriculum receive government funding. Some people spoke against public monies going to private schools, while others were more interested in the reasons people send their children to private schools, and the difference from public schools. Marshall deplored the negative feeling toward public schools generated recently by the government and the press.

Compulsory province-wide examinations were also touched on. Most people felt that Grade 7 students were too young to have their marks depend on a single test, but could see value in such exams at the higher level if students were properly prepared. Apparently, polls show a widespread support for these exams, but there have been big problems in preparation. For example, students have been tested on items they were not taught, and exams have been prepared from textbooks which are not on the curriculum.

A related matter is the question of federal involvement in education. Just as province-wide exams set a standard for the province, federal input could ensure easier transfer between provinces. At present,

education is under provincial jurisdiction.

These and many other questions are posed in the government paper, *Let's Talk About Schools*. Copies of the paper, a summary, and a response booklet are still available at the school for input on these or any other education questions. The information will be used to facilitate a revision of the School Act.

Ukulele Trip

A group of Galiano School ukulele players travelled to Victoria this week to take part in a mass concert. Elizabeth Brinson and Susan Friend were the drivers, and the students were Sarah Stang, Kate Hennesey, Isabel Jarvis, Kirsty Hales, Leah Wilson, Alex Wilson, Jennifer Dunn, Mercy Peterson and Karrie-Anne Friend. Five pieces were learned in advance, and these were played by 500 musicians.

The rest of the three-hour concert included music from more advanced students and adults, as well as music played on other instruments. The length of the concert was compensated for by a gigantic, rich cake and the friendliness of the Braeside students who provided billets.

Mrs. Brinson was very proud of the Galiano students. The children also went bowling. They enjoyed this very much, but discovered that bowling balls are heavier than they look!

Art Show

Many people turned out to see Alistair Ross' show *A Traveller in Europe*, on Thursday. The sketches and paintings had never been exhibited before, although they were executed during Alistair's trip

to Europe in 1959. At that time, he spent a month in Arles and a month in Collioure (both in the south of France), as well as travelling.

Many of the works were inspired by those two places. Some pleasant homemade wine made the show as enjoyable to the palate as it was to the eye.

Firemen's Ball

The North Galiano Fire Department will be holding a Firemen's Ball on Saturday, Mar. 23. A sit-down roast beef dinner will precede the dancing. The purpose of the ball is to raise money toward the purchase of some portable pools. These could be filled from the fire truck at the scene of a blaze, enabling the truck to fetch more water if required.

A new type of fire extinguisher is also needed. Details of the ball will be published next week, or one may contact Arne Haksi at 2466.

Coming Events

Free tetanus (lockjaw) shots will be given in the lounge of Page Dr. on Thursday and next Tuesday

from 1-2 pm.

The Galiano Preschool is holding a garage sale and open house on Saturday from 11-4 at the Sunday School House (used during the week by the preschool) on Burrill Rd.

The monthly book sale of the Women's Auxiliary of the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department will be held at the fire hall on Saturday 16 from 2-4 pm. Bookworms should turn out in force—only 25¢ for paperbacks!

The popular Newmans, who played at the Chamber of Commerce New Year's bash, will be at the Hummingbird Inn Saturday evening. They have a broad repertoire of hits from the 30's to the 60's.

Padre Pocock will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at St. Margaret's Church on Burrill Rd. at 10.30 am., preceded as always by the Praise Sing at 9 am.

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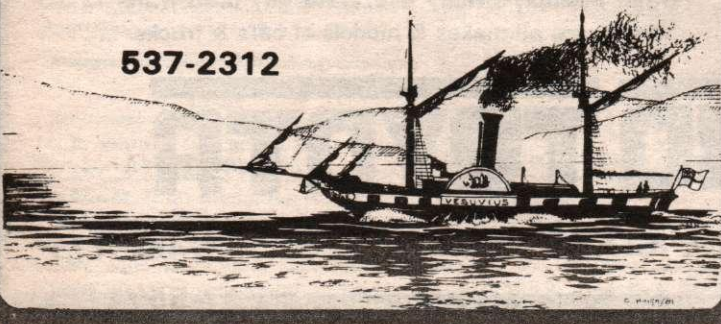
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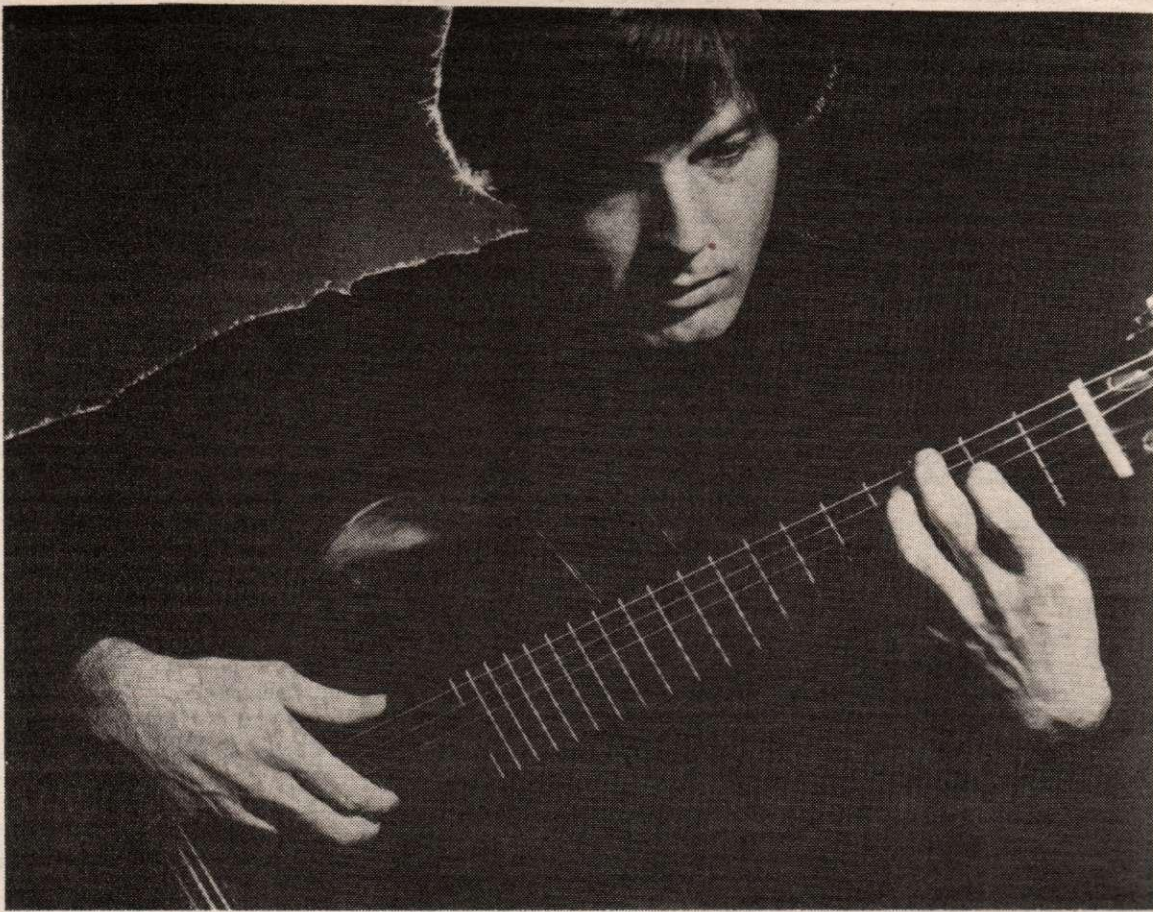
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The winner of Canada Council competitions for grants in two successive years, Bankes began his formal musical studies in Toronto in 1971 at the Royal Conservatory of Music. Later, in Vancouver, he completed a bachelor of music degree at the University of B.C. He also completed courses in musicology and composition at the University of Washington.

In 1976 Bankes participated in master classes in Spain under Spanish virtuoso Jose Tomas and in Italy under Oscar Ghiglia. He has also studied briefly with American guitarist George Sakellariou of San Francisco.

Bankes last played on Salt Spring in May last year.

Sunday's concert will be heard at

the Ganges United Church upper hall beginning at 2 pm. Admission is \$4.

Last group arrives

The last group of Katimavik participants to be stationed at Salt Spring Island has arrived from their stint in Quebec.

The new arrivals are inviting islanders to meet them at an open house at the Katimavik home, 800 Lower Ganges Rd., from 2-4 pm Saturday.

Anyone interested in billeting one of the participants, from March 24 to April 7, is invited to the open house for more information.

Motorists must have devices in by April

The regulations of the Motor Vehicle Act have been changed to include mandatory use of seat belts or safety restraints for children less than six years of age.

The changes came into effect March 1 but motorists will have until April 1 to install the devices before charges will be laid.

Failure to comply can cost up to \$100.

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The Trust has drawn attention to shortages of water in the islands for many years. Its members and its staff have also constantly reminded the community and the province that salt intrusion into island drinking water is a serious pollutant.

In the pattern of water protection is the most recent publication of the provincial government, *Island Water Conservation*. *Water Conservation* is a large pamphlet offering cautions against reckless use of water in the islands and providing advice on saving water for other users. Pamphlet was prepared by the Trust.

"Fresh water supplies on the southern coastal islands of B.C. are limited," says the opening statement. In some locations water shortages are experienced during summer, the reader is warned. This is followed with the reminder that the season of maximum use is also the season of greatest drought.

QUALITY REDUCED

Quality of the water is also imperilled in the island through salt intrusion or from well contamination from domestic or agricultural wastes.

The pamphlet is devoted to the provision of advice on the conservation of water in and around the home or summer cottage.

The publication of the pamphlet is a joint venture of the ministries of environment and municipal affairs. The Islands Trust is a function of the latter ministry.

A family of four uses, on an average, 200 gallons of fresh water each day. The more extravagant use up to 400 gallons a day. The family uses most water for bathing and for flushing the toilet. If the toilet is flushed 20 times a day, or five times a day by each of four occupants, this represents a total consumption of 43,000 gallons of water a year, based on a six-gallon flush.

MODIFIED TOILET

A diagram illustrates the manner in which a toilet tank may be fooled into using less than the standard six to eight gallons a time. The reader is instructed in the adding of weight to the valve and the provision of an empty plastic container, a "bottle dam", to reduce the space available for water.

Check all leaks. Use water-saving appliances and try to get by with the least quantity of water in the bath. These are two of the projects recommended for islanders, residents and visitors.

Watering the grass is heavy on water. A sprinkler running at the

average four gallons a minute will use 2,000 gallons in an eight-hour stint.

The do's and don'ts of water wasters are listed. Some of them include using a shower by turning on the water to wet down and then, after soaping without water, turning it on again to rinse off.

Don't fill the bath tub.

Don't clean your teeth under a running tap. Shave from a basinful and the same for washing your hands: don't let the tap run. Reduce the water reservoir in the toilet tank. Dishwash in dishpans. Use the short cycle on the automatic dishwasher and the washing machine.

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Swimming pools, green lawns and clean cars in the summer are not compatible with a water shortage.

Water the garden by the can, the reader is told. Mulch the garden,

don't over-water.

Conservation of water requires a close watch on the disposal of sewage and other wastes. The disposal system should be checked regularly to ascertain that it is working properly, says the Trust.

Supplementing the water supply is recommended. Roof water is good for gardens, animals and fire fighting. It should not be used to augment drinking water supplies without filtration and disinfection because the seagulls are too potent a source of contamination.

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The Trust also looks to the day when the bath and wash-water might be recycled. At the present time regulations require that the wash-water go down into the ground with the sewage.

And the last thought to be left with the reader: If water is really

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The pamphlet was prepared by Tom Ovanin, of the Islands Trust staff.

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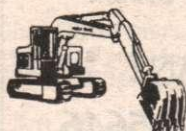
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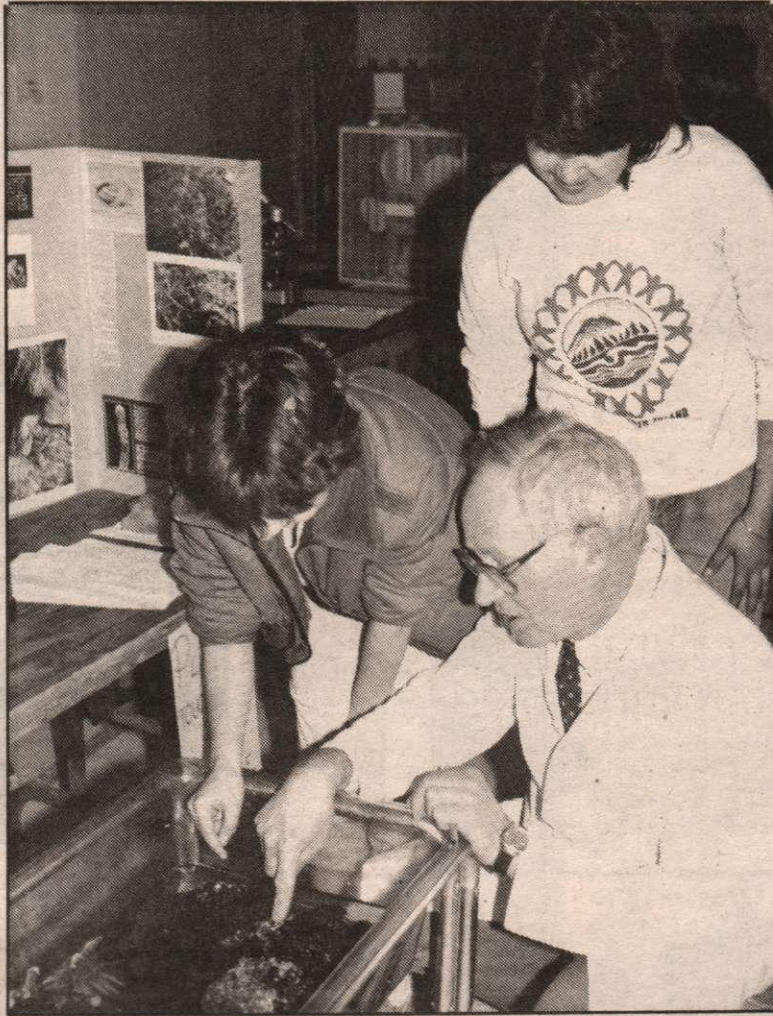
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Science fair entries total 325 at Ganges school



Second prize overall in last week's science fair at Salt Spring Elementary went to Grade 7 students Kelly Brown and Amber Jensen for their project on the heart. Their display included a dissected cow's heart that proved interesting to other students and the general

public. From left, Penny Vanderwekken and Robin Coombes discuss the project with the winners Amber Jensen and Kelly Brown. Above, Lisa Koski shows seashore project to high school science teacher David Stacey and student Melissa Ollsin.

Flight was the subject of a science project that took first place overall last week in Salt Spring Elementary School's annual science fair.

A comprehensive, well documented look at man's achievements in flying won the first-place award for Grade 6 student Cathy Gay.

Second place went to Grade 7 students Kelly Brown and Amber Jensen for their project on the heart and third place was awarded Elaine Gardam of Grade 6 for her project, entitled Continental Drift.

The three overall winners were among 325 entries encompassing a wide range of projects in the fair. The affair proved popular with parents as an estimated 250 visited the school's activity centre on Wednesday evening.

Other winners were as follows: Grade 7: first, Thomas Yardley and Meg Coombes for Horse Diseases; second, Robin Coombes for Soils; third, Angie Geiger and Melissa Ollsin for The Body.

Grade 6: first, Tanya Trory for The Solar System; second, Duncan Magnus, Sheep; third, Robin Warbey and Chris Mackey, Acid Rain.

Grade 5: tied for first, Stacey Proctor for a Hurricane Generator and Eva Von Krugel for The Ra Expedition; second, Aaron McCarthy, Aerodynamics; third, Anthony Marks, Xuong Lam and Jason Beaumont for the Solar System.

Grade 4: first, Keith Hack and Jeff Greenway for The Moon; second, Sarah Hills and Cathy Akerman for Farming; and third, David Collette for a logging exhibit.

Primary grades were also involved in the fair but awards competition doesn't begin until Grade 4.

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Sell-out crowd for cabaret

The dinner was sold out and the entertainment was viewed by a standing-room-only crowd on Friday night as students of Gulf Islands Secondary School presented a cabaret and dinner show entitled *Puttin' on the Ritz*. Pomp and glitter for the grand finale was provided by dancers and the big band sound came from the combination of the junior and senior bands.

flute and Max Burton on guitar. There were two dozen numbers performed during the evening, all provided by the students of the music program, led by musical director D. Antone Prosk.

In photo at left, Jayna Adshad accompanies title number on the flute as photo fades to Kathleen Mout and dancers in the background. Above, classical number was given by Susan Box on

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards

GALIANO NEWS

From Page 9

Margaret Rendall of a heart attack at her home in Vancouver on March 6 came as a shock to her many friends on Galiano, where the Rendalls have maintained a second home for many years.

Those privileged to have known her will admit that a ray of sunshine has gone out of our lives. In spite of the crippling disability of a stroke suffered in her early life, she was able to cope in a way that allowed her friends to ignore her physical problems.

Her keen appreciation of art and beauty was reflected in her daily life. Our life was enriched beyond measure by her presence.

Stop Press

The Peace Group would like to inform the public about a conference on disarmament called *Students Talk Peace*, March 29 and 30 at Beban Park Recreational Centre, 2300 Bowen Rd., Nanaimo.

For more information call Kathryn Barnwell (753-3245, Local 440) or write to Malaspina College Disarmament Grp, 900 - 5th St., Nanaimo.

Arson charge laid

A charge of arson has been brought against Rhett Faire of Salt Spring Island as a result of a fire last Tuesday in a house at 144 Fairway Drive.

Ganges RCMP had been called to the house shortly after 1 pm to answer a domestic dispute complaint. But when they arrived at the scene, the house was in flames.

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Gail Burandt of Jabberwocky Too

Jabberwocky Too opens at Port Washington

By ELEANOR HARRISON

Those of us living on the Penders will remember Griff and Barbara Hobday's Jabberwocky store located in the old barn, a real landmark in the Port Washington area.

About three years ago Barbara and Griff moved to the Saanich peninsula to be nearer the hospital facilities, and their property was bought by Manfred and Gayle Burandt. Because they wanted to build their own premises to house their real estate business, the old barn had to go to make room for a new modern building.

With the Hobdays' departure Jabberwocky went too. It was missed on the islands as a great place to pick up those odd pieces of furniture, kitchen pots and pans or the occasional picture to decorate the walls.

Now, Jabberwocky Too has arisen and will open on Saturday.

The proprietress is Gayle Burandt, who has accumulated a very large stock of lovely dresses,

blouses, children's clothes, jewellery, shoes, bags and scarves all tastefully displayed with a private dressing room for try-ons. Everything is on consignment from the islands and Vancouver and Victoria. The charge for handling, displaying and selling merchandise is 30%.

Gayle is looking forward to Pender residents bringing her their unneeded articles. The price is negotiated with the seller.

There will be 600 square feet of space underneath the dress shop available very soon for hardware, kitchen, furniture and garden items. It's just awaiting an additional door and one wall.



SPCA can offer financial assistance

The B. C. SPCA is anxious to reduce the number of unwanted animals.

Veterinarians of the Victoria area, including Salt Spring Island, together with the Victoria branch of the SPCA are offering assistance to owners who are unable to have their

animal sterilized at the regular veterinary fee. The program is financed by the veterinarians volunteering to give up part of their income and donating their time and hospital services. Money from the Victoria branch is provided by the work of volunteers and from

donations and bequests.

The Salt Spring auxiliary urges animal owners to make an honest appraisal of their financial position, keeping in mind that the fund has a limit. The SPCA wants to help those whose need is greatest.

Further information is available from the local auxiliary.

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Climate is ideal for regal rhododendron

This may well be our sixth annual rhododendron article, though the exact number and whereabouts of these articles escapes me at the moment. It is, nevertheless, the first anniversary of my promise to submit this column typed and double-spaced.

The double spacing was the easiest part of learning to type and I now have a reasonable consistency in this skill. The actual typing was surprisingly easy too, although the reading of what had been typed was far more difficult and, at times, impossible, at least for anyone not fluent in ancient Kurdistan.

However, all this has changed now. With much patient persistence, liberally tempered with understanding and tolerance for one another's foibles, the little machine and I have achieved an unprecedented degree of proficiency in speed and readability—for me, that is. Surprises are now few and far between, no more than two or three words per line, and our typing speed has increased to 60 words per hour.

There is the matter of startling transpositions and the puzzling origin of excess letters yet to be accounted for, but aside from these minor mysteries, we now look forward to even greater skill and facility with next year's annual rhododendron article.

We are indeed fortunate that England and the Pacific Northwest present the two ideal climates for the regal rhododendron. And since this spectacular evergreen is also extremely easy to care for, we have two excellent reasons to treat ourselves and our homes to the

4-H meeting Friday

The next 4-H meeting at Salt Spring will be held on Friday.

Spokesman Jenny Barnes reports that the last meeting saw speeches given by talented pee wees and members.

Three judges attended and gave advice for improvement.

The club is starting a rabbit section under Bob Owen. Anyone interested should contact him.

shrubs.

To fully realize their beauty and ease of care, we only need to approximate the natural surroundings of these woodland natives, and this is quite easily done. At home in the dappled shade of trees, the rhododendron requires the semi-shade of trees, or else the northern or eastern exposure of a dwelling. The second most important requirement is an approximation of woodland soil conditions. Rhododendrons thrive in the loose, airy, and moist layer of semi-decayed leaves, needles, twigs and pieces of bark which cover forest floors.

This may be easily obtained directly from the forest floor, or by the addition of fine bark mulch to the soil. A mixture of one-half soil with one-half loose, organic material would be about best. This does not have to be very deep, as rhododendrons are naturally shallow-rooted, and a depth of 18 inches (45 cm) is quite sufficient.

This is by far the best investment we could possibly make towards healthy, beautiful, and carefree specimens of this glorious evergreen, and it will save us no end of trouble and expense, both immediately and in the long run. The provision of conditions similar to their natural habitat is the single and most important contribution we could make to their health and well being. For a massed planting a five-foot (166 cm) wide bed, and as long as required, would be best, and it should be wider if the rhododendrons are to be planted two or three deep.

Allow at least four feet (133 cm) in circumference for the root zone of each medium-sized shrub—more, or less—for large or dwarf rhododendrons. The same applies to single specimens, and where soil conditions are limited, a raised bed of sufficient depth, bordered with stone, will provide the required conditions. As our soils, and woodland soils, are naturally acid,

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nothing needs to be done in this regard, unless the soil is alkaline, in which case some sulphur needs to be added.

Semi-shade, loose woodland soil, constant moisture, and acid soil conditions are thus the prime factors for easy success with these lovely and rewarding shrubs. The fertility requirements of rhododendrons are very modest and only adequate phosphorus is necessary to sustain their profuse blooms. Nitrogen and potassium requirements are minimal and in most cases are sufficiently present in most soils. A pound of bonemeal worked into the soil at planting time will provide sufficient phosphorus for four or five years, and an equally occasional surface application of this long-lasting source of phosphorus for established plants is normally all that is required.

As rhododendrons set the buds of next year's blossoms in fall, this would be the best time to apply bonemeal. If rapid and profuse green growth is desired, an application of high nitrogen fertilizer at blossoming times, just before the green growth cycle is initiated, will provide the necessary resources. A touch of seaweed for minerals in summer, and a touch of potash in fall, for winter hardiness, will supply a well-rounded base of these minerals.

This leaves only the matter of shaping the shrubs for fullness and for a consequent profusion of blossoms. It is best to remove all spent blossoms to prevent the rhododendron from going to seed,

as much plant energy would be diverted to this process. Immediately below the blossom there is a somewhat ridged area, and with slight pressure towards the centre of the shrub at that point, most blossoms come away easily.

At the same time, one or several new green shoots will be visible just below the blossom as well. If there is one dominant green shoot, or two, break these off as well, as these will grow at the expense of any others. Keep checking and removing new green growth, until there are three, four, or more equal new shoots, to result in a well filled shrub and an equal density of blossoms.

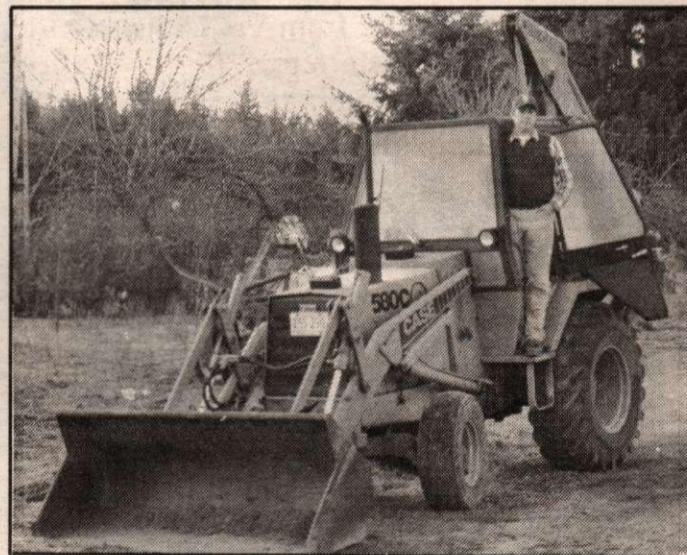
Do not worry about yellow and dying leaves in or about the bottom of the plant; it is natural for rhododendrons to drop bottom leaves as they are shaded out by new growth above, and leggy shrubs can be concealed by planting small and dense shrubs in front of them.

Thanks to providence, who resides in Vesuvius by the way, its gift of a typewriter has also led to a new, if still somewhat intermittent, skill. For all of this I shall be forever grateful, especially since the same skill applies to the word processor which, curiously enough, makes entirely different mistakes for some inscrutable reason.

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