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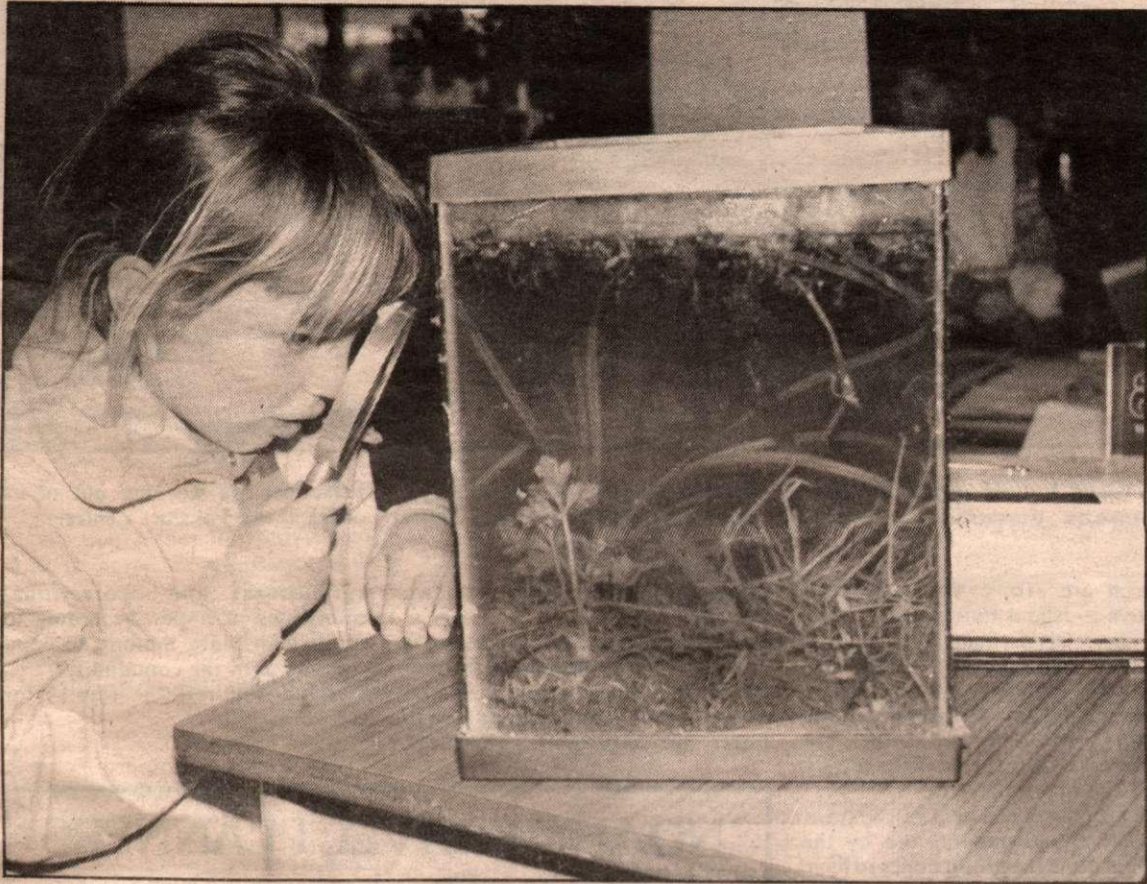
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Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Checking out the fair

Fernwood School held its third annual science fair last week. Grade 1 student Jocelyn Hazenboom takes close look at life in an aquarium during evening open house. More photos appear on Page 16.

Slot machine winner is going back

A man who once won \$1,000 while playing a slot machine in Reno has won a trip to the Nevada gambling city in *Driftwood's* 25th anniversary subscription contest.

Ed Allan of Charlesworth Rd., Salt Spring Island, was named the winner on Monday when the draw was made at the *Driftwood* office. He and wife Katherine will be flown to Reno and provided three nights' accommodation in the hotel of their choice courtesy of *Driftwood*.

Ten other names were drawn Monday for consolation prizes of five-ounce silver bars, worth

approximately \$50 each.

Those winners are: Rosemary Foerster, Muriel Hale, Robert Gall, H. Lisson, Walter Edwards, Don and Lil Irwin, Harvey Reynolds, Lisa Butler-Cole and Joan Thomson, all of Salt Spring, and Dennis Sky of Pender Island.

Ed Allan is no stranger to Reno. He's been there seven times, five trips by bus and two by plane. His last trip was made earlier this year. Allan retired from his position as a surgical orderly in a Vancouver hospital in 1974 and he and his wife have lived on Salt Spring ever since.

His favourite game is keno.

On being told of his win Monday, he commented: "I'm a little lucky at times."

Most of the prizewinners will be picking up their winnings Thursday afternoon during open house at the *Driftwood* office on Rainbow Rd.

Fitness centre dropped

The proposed fitness centre for Gasoline Alley in Ganges has been scrapped.

David Wilkinson had been pushing the idea of a sports and fitness facility in the complex at harbourside in the village.

"Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, the proposed sports facility project has been cancelled," he said.

In concluding his announcement of cancellation, Wilkinson said, "I thank all Salt Spring Islanders for their consideration and support of this project."

The idea was to put squash-racquetball courts as well as a weight room, sauna and daycare centre in the rear of Gasoline Alley.

Confrontation is avoided by trustees

The Gulf Islands School Board came close to a confrontation with the ministry of education over the budget last week but the trustees decided discretion was the better part of financial stability.

The school trustees were in the process of approving the 1985-86 operating budget of \$5,012,049 when a motion to take the ministry to task for the restraint program was put forward by Salt Spring trustee David Williams.

Williams suggested that a covering letter be sent to the ministry along with the approved budget. He wanted the school board to express strong concern about the critical shortfalls due to the inadequacies of the fiscal framework for school funding, and to urge that those concerns be rectified.

He gave as an example \$63,644 in revenue generated by the school district which is claimed by the ministry of education. That money comes to the district from such sources as rental of the teacherages, tuition fees paid by the federal department of Indian affairs as well as interest accrued on short-term deposits.

In such cases, he said, there is no incentive to the school district to economize.

Charles Hingston, Salt Spring school trustee and chairman of the school board, amended the motion to include the inadequacies of the bargaining process as well.

He quoted from a letter from Education Minister Jack Heinrich. The letter contained veiled warnings to school boards to keep within the operating budgets as authorized by the ministry.

The education budget had been set by the ministry of education and talks between local school officials and ministry officials resulted in an increase in the allowable amount. The trustees adopted the adjusted figures but 30 other school districts in the province defied the ministry and submitted budgets in excess of the amount authorized.

Heinrich's letter noted: "It is important that the plans formulated and decisions made by your board properly reflect the fiscal framework within which your board will be required to operate..."

"The purpose of this letter is to ensure there is no misunderstanding as to the budget amount which will be available and the guideline used to develop it."

On the subject of wage negotiations with district employees, Heinrich said: "The guideline amount is based on September 1984 teacher salaries. When 1985/86 budgets are finalized, no adjustments to these

salaries will be made, whatever the results of bargaining, past, present or planned."

That meant, Hingston said, that if the arbitration process awards the teachers a wage increase, there is no extra money in the budget to accommodate it and the result will be layoffs.

"We're caught between the devil and the bright blue sea," he said.

Ron McQuiggan, Salt Spring school trustee, warned the school board that such a covering letter would set up a situation of confrontation with the ministry of education.

He pointed out that "quiet diplomacy" in the past has resulted in the Gulf Islands School District receiving more money than was originally allotted to it.

He suggested an amendment to the motion.

The letter should lay out the concerns of the school board, he said, but he wanted the word "due to the inadequacies" dropped.

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Recreational survey conducted

A survey is being conducted to find out how Gulf Islanders spend their leisure time and in what recreational activities they engage.

The survey of islanders will be part of a Canada Works project employing four people being conducted by TREC Analysis, Inc. (Tourism Recreational Environmental Consulting) of Victoria.

The company, said spokesman Gay Hollingshead, is carrying out the survey of recreational uses and needs throughout the Capital Region.

The Gulf Islands portion will be a mail survey. Names were gathered through various sources, she said, and the people will be contacted on a random basis.

The survey will be seeking answers to such questions as how Gulf Islanders spend their leisure time and which leisure time activities are important to what segment of the population. It will also ask how the recreation being offered can be improved.

Once the answers are in and tabulated, Hollingshead noted, "Recreational opportunities may be left as is, improved, expanded or provided according to resident groups' needs and interests."

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Study will identify local business opportunities

By TONY RICHARDS

Wanted: Business opportunities for one of Canada's Gulf Islands. Must be small in scale, locally controlled and organized and ecologically harmonious.

That, to mix advertising in a news story, is the message to Salt Spring Island residents from Island Futures, an economic development society whose goals include promoting a healthy, diversified economy.

It has other, related goals but they've been well publicized in these columns before. What hasn't been publicized is that this organization is now taking concrete steps toward achieving its goals.

Five people began work a couple of weeks ago—out of an office in the Valcourt Centre—gathering a host of statistics and information that will provide Salt Spring Island with its first overall economic development study. In the words of project manager David Williams, the community is becoming responsible for looking after itself.

Williams, a Walker Hook area farmer, school trustee and chairman of the Advisory Planning Commission, is quick to stress that any business supported in any way by Island Futures will be something new.

No competition with existing businesses

"We don't want to help set up a business that will compete with existing business," he emphasizes.

But getting down to actually providing assistance — be it financial or advisory — to a budding island enterprise will have to wait until the 21-week project is over. By that time the five workers — Williams, Del Challenger, Kathi Singbeil, Sherri Neilson and Karen Reiss — will have gathered statistics on unemployment, demographics, information on facilities and community resources, suitable sites for various businesses, market opportunities and existing skills within the community. And their investigations will be broken down into four main areas: forest-related, agricultural, non-wood building products and transportation.

Williams said that Island Futures is operating under the assumption that there are people out there with ideas for business and others with the money to provide the financing. His project will help decide what business opportunities may be viable.

Each of the four people working under Williams has been assigned one of the four key areas.

Del Challenger is looking at forestry, from silviculture to harvesting, and then at the possibilities for local industry, be it logging or furniture making. His study will also take in the possibilities for growing non-native tree species that would do well in the island's climate.

The existing forest industry here, primary and secondary, will be surveyed: how many people are currently employed in that area now and what the possibilities are for upgrading it, including thinning and planting.

Challenger will examine furniture and cabinet making, kiln drying and markets.

Recession more than a hiccup

The time has come for such a study, he says, because we can no

longer rely on the old economic system. Proof of that, he pointed out, is in the fact that the recession has been more than just a hiccup.

Agriculture forms another study area under the direction of Kathi Singbeil, who plans to first identify all the local businesses involved in agriculture and mariculture, from growers and processors to manufacturers and restaurants.

Current problems facing businesses in this area will be identified with operations and marketing research carried out. Singbeil said her study would also consider water problems faced by producers.

She will look at all types of local farming operations, from those who grow for themselves to those who market on a large scale off-island.

Agriculture's history here will also be examined, including why it declined. Singbeil agreed that island farmers are affected to a large degree by transportation limitations so her study will be considering island markets first. Products that haven't been grown here before, a cheese factory and other raw product processing ideas will come under scrutiny.

Exploring the potential of natural resources for non-wood building products will be the first priority for Sherri Neilson, who will be looking at different types of rock and clay to identify their usefulness in construction.

Crushed shale for kitty litter

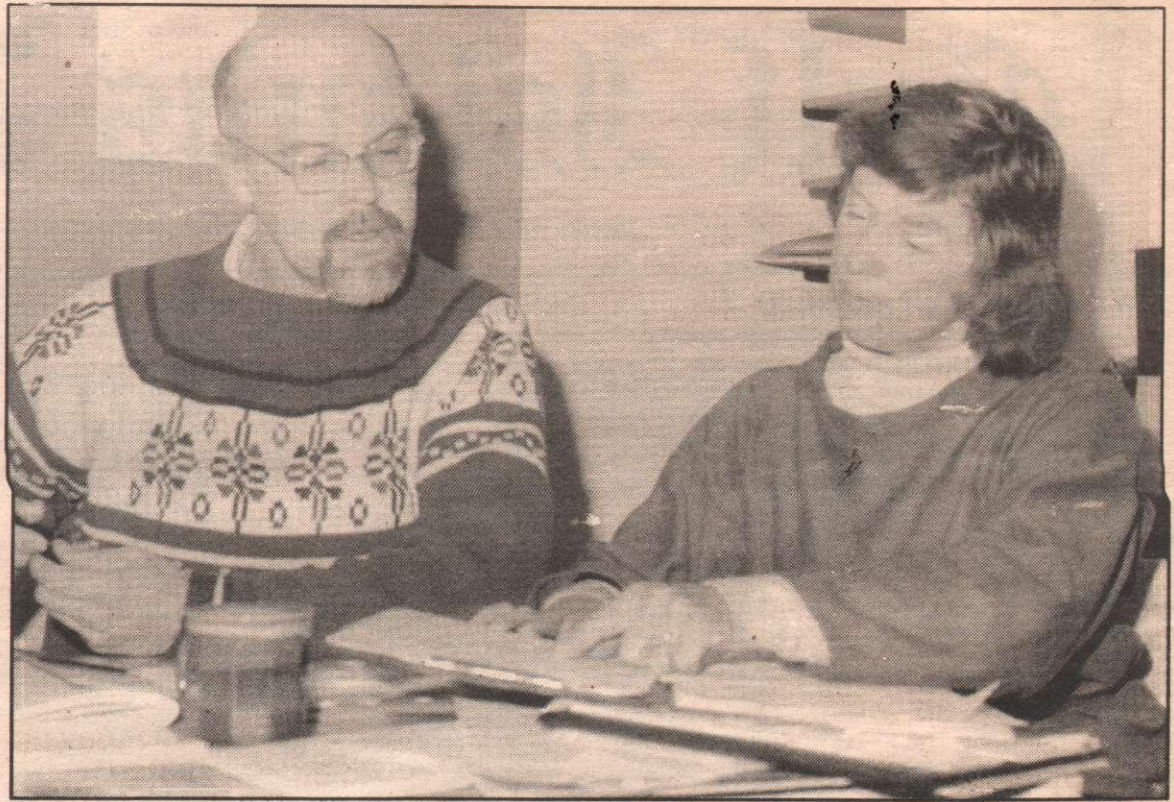
Uses to which sandstone and shale could be put — such as crushing the latter for a type of kitty litter or carving either — will be sought by Neilson. She also wants to determine the viability of brick and tile manufacturing, making concrete fence posts and recycling materials, such as melting down glass.

The latter can also be crushed and used in filter systems, she said, where it is reportedly better than sand.

The last area, under Karen Reiss, is transportation, or more specifically, a local jitney service. Potential users of such a system will be surveyed with a questionnaire while operating and maintenance costs are compiled.

Reiss hopes that such a service could be viable financially and operate without any kind of government subsidy. The service would not only cater to local residents but to tourists as well, with minibus trips around the island. An advantage Reiss foresees is a resultant reduction in vehicle traffic on the island.

The four study areas are also provided input by an advisory committee for each one, members of



Island Futures spokesman Marg Simons discusses economic

development study with project supervisor David Williams. Project

personnel are working out of an office at the Valcourt Centre.

which are people who have been active in Island Futures.

The study is being funded by a Canada Works grant for \$34,000. Williams pointed out that Island Futures needed a feasibility study before it could proceed further, but none of those involved in the society had the time to give for it.

This month and next will be spent gathering information and by the end of June the group hopes to have completed its report.

Modelled after Nanaimo organization

Island Futures is not really an original idea. The group has modelled itself extensively after a similar organization in Nanaimo, the Nanaimo Community Employment Advisory Society. In its 10 years of operation, the society has provided aid to both profit and non-profit making employment development activities.

Those activities have extended into areas such as salmon enhancement, a gymnastic school, an automotive machine shop, daycare centres, mobile hair-dressing, a squab farm, an aviation company and a number of others.

The society operates a corporation whose purpose is to select investment opportunities and provide the technical and financial assistance necessary for their development. It is interesting to note that losses incurred by the corporation due to bad debts and

business failures are less than two percent.

A similar type of operation is envisaged at Salt Spring Island once the current study is complete. But not only does Island Futures plan to foster the creation of business,

agricultural and professional enterprises, it hopes, according to spokesman Marg Simons, to build confidence in the community.

Island Futures, she says is for everyone.

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To be Frank

...by Richards

Where's all the rain?

What's with the garden this year? Two weeks ago I transplanted some weeds from where they were dying off to somewhere else in the garden grave. And I watered them in their new setting. And that's the only way they get any water. Who ever heard of watering the garden in March?

What's with the winter rains? And the April showers. They're just about due. I don't want to get involved in politics, but it's about time one of the governments did something about this rain business.

It's a privilege!

There was the letter. It said, in as clear a language as you can expect from an Honours English man, that he had permitted only one person the right of criticism. I flinched. Not violently, but it was a flinch.

I don't like the word, right. I might be wrong, but I don't like it. Sounds too much like bolstering up a constitution. I like the term privilege. It is my privilege to prefer that word. It is scarcely a right. But, of course, I'm not an honours English man.

A near thing!

I was cooking. Women's Lib was painting and I was preparing a meal. Like I said when I bought the meat, if they read my obit, then the meal was a blunder and they'd know what had happened.

But my shopping companion explained that I wouldn't know that she would be alive to read it. That was the end of the debate in the Trading Company on Sunday morning.

In the evening the stove slowed down. It wouldn't keep its heat. I worked on it. Everything quit.

Towards nine o'clock we were sitting around waiting for the roast to cook on the rotisserie. By the time we got down to some serious eating I began to wonder whether I had been speaking a true word in jest.

The meat was toughened in the process, but we did not succumb. First thing Monday morning I discovered about three things wrong and the stove is working like a charm.

Why do they put these stupid timers on stoves?

He knows wood fires!

With a bunch of painters around you'd expect the language to be colourful, but it wasn't. We had a gathering of local artists and their spouses. One of the unartistic, like me, was Paul Konig.

Now, he spends a lot of time and work on cutting firewood and selling it. When it comes to wood I have to recognize that man!

I was putting a big piece of wood on the fire. He jumped up and threw it on the fire for me.

When I got up in the morning that piece of firewood was still alight. During the afternoon I threw on a couple more pieces and the fire burned up again, nearly 24 hours after making it go. Can he ever stoke!

At \$2,000 a book!

One of the first dates I learned was 1066, the Battle of Hastings. William the Conk was the last foreign aggressor to invade England. That much was easy. Came Domesday Book and I was always confused between Doomsday and the book.

William wanted to find out the small print details of this place he had wrested from Harold. So he sent out his men to do an appraisal. That was 1086, 20 years after the invasion and when William needed money.

His survey took everything into account and represents the most detailed account of any land in the world at that time.

I learned recently that the public records of England are tops. Nowhere is there an unbroken account of affairs since mediaeval times. But the significance of Domesday is two-fold. The original book was divided into two at least 700 years ago. It is going to be divided again.

In the meantime, it is being scrupulously photographed, page by page. And then it will be published and sold. Not in sterling, but in dollars, United States dollars. The price for a Domesday replica will be \$2,000.

There will be little Domesdays, referring to specific counties, perhaps, for a mere 150 each. This is in sterling.

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The British scene

The Sultan of Brunei is the owner of the elite Dorchester Hotel in London, England.

That will be of vital importance to most readers. The Sultan is reputed to enjoy an income from oil of over \$3 billion a year. That's a lot of pocket money.

I gleaned both these gems of English news from a recent copy of *The Observer*.

No price—no sale

Books, ancient and modern; let 'em all come! I bought a set of encyclopedias cheap and they are still at the office. I reckon nobody else uses them. And 30 years ago I bought a new set. That left me broke for months. We've still got that set.

Until my grandchildren were around I didn't know there was call for any others. Borrow mine, I suggested. My children explained that a thorough-going adult encyclopedia wouldn't serve the purpose. Children don't understand them.

"You did!" I retorted. "We didn't," they responded in unison. So I called around. One Victoria dealer in second-hand books reported having two such sets of reference books. How much? Sorry, but he doesn't give that information on the telephone. So he kept his encyclopedias and I kept out of the deal.

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A 25-year journey

A quarter-century is half the span of the average working life. It is the distance between a wedding and a graduation from university. It is the span between two weddings. It is the journey from callow youth to disillusionment.

A quarter-century is the age of *Gulf Islands Driftwood*.

A newspaper cannot take a bow. Indeed, for an organ that emits a sound ranging from a mousey squeak to a roar of indignation, a newspaper remains remarkably quiet under the pressures of a birthday. Not so its publishers!

This issue marks the 25th year of *Driftwood*. The proprietors and the staff are proud to have been part of this era of island publication.

From the day when Woody Fisher announced the launching of the then Salt Spring Island *Driftwood*, with the Fulford fire truck reaching a fire first, to the present issue of the islands newspaper, there have been a number of publishers and an innumerable range of workers, helpers, contributors and writers.

For 25 years the staff of this newspaper has sought to bring to islanders each week a summary of what is going on through the islands and a presentation of those incidents which are the concern of the people living here.

The staff of *Driftwood*, changing from time to time, always seeking the same purpose, to inform and to entertain, has written, set and printed some 22,000 pages, addressed to those about us and to those who know and love the islands and depend on *Driftwood* to bring them the news and the flavour of the islands.

The 25 years have been filled with incident, emotion, anger, joy and all of the conditions which make up 25 years of living. These patterns of life have been reflected in the pages of *Driftwood* throughout its first quarter-century. At no time in an earlier year could any island newspaper have packed into its columns a summary of life here illustrating so great a change in life and living and lifestyles.

The islands to which *Driftwood* made its bow 25 years ago are not the islands of today. There are new faces and new places. There are new fears and new hopes. There are more islanders than there were 25 years ago.

It has not been an easy quarter-century.

In no sense of the expression have those years been easy. For the staff of *Driftwood* they have been filled with the anxieties of any small business. For the readers they have been filled with the turmoil of changing times, changing conditions and changing thinking.

Every quarter-century in history has been marked by one feature that is so familiar to all people, here and elsewhere, now or at any other time. We look back over 25 years and we realize they have been good years. And looking into the impenetrable future, we know, as all our readers know, the next quarter-century will be even better.

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Tony Richards

LOUISE FOULIS of Salt Spring doesn't feel British Columbians have anything to complain about when it comes to provincial medical insurance. And she has the copy of a bill from an American hospital to back up her argument.

A relative entered the Humana Hospital Biscayne in Miami, Florida, on February 27 last year. He was discharged, after his death, on June 10.

Laboratory charges of \$77,758, pharmacy costs of \$127,694, and respiratory therapy amounting to \$104,470, along with various other charges, all added up to a total bill of \$490,338.

The deceased's family was fortunate in that privately-offered medical insurance paid the bill. Seeing the latter, by the way, was not the cause of death.

SLUGS have been made famous by the local hockey team of the same name, and in the eyes of some, they deserve a place in the sun.

One respondent to the B.C. Provincial Animal Survey published in this newspaper several weeks ago recommended that the slug be chosen to represent B.C.

The reasoning behind the choice was: "Slugs are found all over B.C., drink beer and like the slow pace of life."

SOMEONE SAID he thought it was Grant Carigan of Gulf Island Trading Co. who was wished a "happy birthday boss" on page 5 last week.

It wasn't. I kept my eyes peeled last week as the paper went together, trying to catch sight of any sly winks between staff members and watching out for birthday ads that I didn't know about.

When the paper went to press I was satisfied that my birthday was to be ignored. But my vigilance was in vain. At least no one has commented on how much weight I've gained.

YOU KNOW you've got a weight problem when you get a set of bathroom scales for your birthday.

And it all began exactly one year-ago today when, after a long night of beer, cigarettes and Western Hockey League action at Victoria's Memorial Arena, I was driving back to Swartz Bay for the next boat home.

Actually, it started a little before that, when I found myself out of breath after walking from my sister's home in Victoria, down her driveway and to my car — a distance of 20 feet.

A year later and I haven't had so much as puff of a cigarette, though I know precisely how good one would taste.

THE SAANICH PENINSULA must be a dreary place to live. Or is it that provincial politics are so tiring (or tiresome?) that those involved love to get away now and again?

My speculation is prompted by the information that entries for our contest offering three nights in Reno have come from office staff at both the Social Credit constituency office and that of the New Democratic Party, both in Saanich.

I DIDN'T have to go out looking for those eye-catching little labels we're applying to our outgoing mail these days.

About three months ago I received a brochure from an eastern U.S.-based company called Castle Island Press. It began by wishing us a happy 25th anniversary and concluded by urging us to purchase adhesive labels so we could tell the world about our quarter-century of publishing.

I couldn't resist such a neat marketing trick and bought 1,000.

I'VE BEEN a beer connoisseur for quite a number of years. At one time I used to make my own—gallons and gallons of it and—pardon me for bragging—it was first-class stuff.

Indeed, it was better than any beer you can buy in a liquor store, as far as I was concerned.

It's been several years since I made any—constraints of time and limited space left me with little choice but to start buying it again. But after Monday night I'm not so sure I want to. At least I'll be more selective if I do.

I was three-quarters of the way through a bottle of Carling Black Label when I happened to hold up the bottle to the light for a moment. The upper half of the bottle's inside was mottled with a dark-coloured substance and particles of it were floating in the beer.

It's never happened to me before. And I'll be looking very closely at beer bottles from now on to ensure it never happens again.

ANOTHER FOREIGN subscription renewal came in the other day, this one from Norman Wicks and Joyce Upex, who write that they "seem to be moving further from our favorite place in the sun — namely Salt Spring Island."

They have indeed moved farther afield — from mainland British Columbia to Papua, New Guinea, where they expect to be for a while.

"Although we look out on the same ocean as you, we are separated by an abyss of space and time. *Driftwood* reminds us of where we are from and where we are going"

They also note that if anyone is interested in Papua New Guinea they'd be happy to provide details.

And perhaps a few details would be in order. The first thought that springs to mind upon mention of the place is of cannibals and headhunters.

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Education unaffordable

Sir,
It is evident now with President Pedersen's hasty departure from the presidency of U.B.C. that education in B.C. has "hit the skids". Obviously, dire straights require dire measures. But first, let us review the situation by way of arriving at solutions.

We cannot terminate one of the overriding causes to the present catastrophe: Expo 86, which is consuming provincial resources that could finance lower-level education and which is also commandeering the federal transfer payments earmarked for post-secondary education. Likewise, we must consider the massive provincial debt already amassed from extravagant spending on extravagant mega-projects. Nor is business likely to "pick-up" in the province as the debt-ridden aftermath of Expo 86 penetrates the economy.

It appears, therefore, that we British Columbians simply cannot afford our educational system any longer. Hence the solution is this: we close down the department of

education; we shut the schools. All of them! Primary, secondary, community colleges and, most important, U.B.C., S.F.U., U.Vic.

This way we waste no more money on teachers and on those non-producers — students. Rather, we keep our money and invest it into more likely ventures: the Northeast Coal Development project, B.C. Rail, the B.C. forest industry, B.C. Ferries, BCRIC, ALRT and of course, Expo 86.

Ah, you say. But what about the children, all those young people from all three levels of education?

Again, the solution is remarkably clear. And, this proposal comes with a well-established precedence in Western civilization. I am now referring to the ritual exile of the children that occurs during troubled times. We recall that thousands of children were carted out of Ireland during the great potato blight to become menial labour to North

America's early development. Likewise the homeless children whom European states would not support were exiled elsewhere, South Africa for instance. And we should remember the British children who were packed off during the Great War.

Therefore, we should simply declare British Columbia a state of emergency, in fact, a defunct state, and appeal to the nations of the world to take our children in. Perhaps some children, those of Irish descent, could go to Ireland and become menials there. This would right a balance. Then again, the mathematically inclined children could go to Japan and Hong Kong where they could learn how to imitate everything exactly. Perhaps they could write us back and tell us what it's like to be in a class of 80, and if it's true that students there commit suicide when they lose out on scholarships. Possibly the United States would welcome all our young men of military age. For that matter, perhaps Russia would as well. We could send our adolescent girls to Iran. That would certainly educate them.

As for our university students, since we can't have them competing for scarce employment here, we must exile them to parts unknown. Perhaps they could join a space program or study in the Sudan. Or better yet, perhaps we could send them to Ottawa. Surely there are jobs going begging on Parliament Hill. And what an education!

But, perhaps this is too ambitious a proposal however. Therefore, I offer this scaled-down model. Rather than a mass migration of our students to more hospitable climes, we keep the poor things here. We keep the schools open but at a vastly reduced capacity. We can call this "retrenchment", or again, "restraint". For this purpose we eradicate all the costly programs and maintain only those which are "cost-efficient". Since anything to do with technology, research, equipment and computers is costly, we call these "redundant". Hence we can eliminate them. Thus we get rid of all science and technology programs at all levels. Since we have eliminated science we can cancel mathematics, for there is very little other reason for mastering mathematics. It is true business and banks require mathematics, but, perhaps business and banks will become obsolete in our province. Without science and mathematics we cannot have medicine, so bye-bye to UBC Medicine School. But, by the last count, there are sufficient doctors in B.C. to last us a goodly while.

Having retrenched our schools, we can then devote ourselves to educating our children with what we have left — the cost-efficient subjects — English, Social Studies, Phys. Ed., Art. This gives us the basis for a Humanities program. It is true this program would take back in time somewhat, close to the Middle Ages, but thank heavens it's not the Dark Ages, eh? At least with a Humanities program the children would have the opportunity to learn critical thinking. We can call this educational "renewal". Most likely the province could benefit from a population well trained in critical reasoning. Indeed, it could very well be that with critical reasoning our province would not be in its present mess. Certainly we will need critical reasoning to get us out of it.

Failing all this we should at least insist upon a Public Inquiry into the state of education in the province. Obviously, the situation has reached

the crisis level warranting a Public Inquiry. While we're at it, we might question provincial finances as well. At this date, one thing is obvious: the situation can't go on any longer!

JEZRAH HEARNE,
Fulford Harbour.

Dishwasher flaunted

Sir,
I simply must take exception to Maralyn Horsdal's letter in last week's *Driftwood*.

To quote Ms. Horsdal, "Canada will pour more billions of dollars into defense, but for what? 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?"

Frankly, I fail to see the connection between North American affluence and Soviet aggression! What, for example, have modern conveniences got to with the atrocities committed by the USSR in Afghanistan, or the police state in Poland? Are we prepared to defend the essential values of life, indeed? Apparently not, in two cases I just mentioned.

To some of us, freedom of self expression, justice and democracy are essential values of life and the question, as I see it, is really whether or not we in North America have the right to stand back and watch freedom systematically destroyed.

Never-the-less, I am delighted to hear Ms. Horsdal speaking out against the evils of materialism and increased defense spending. In Russia, people who openly oppose government policies are labeled "dissidents", and are routinely sent off to be "re-educated". Ms. Horsdal's letter is a case in point

that freedom of speech is alive and well in North America.

It is a peculiar fact that the vast majority of peace demonstrations tend to manifest themselves in non-Soviet countries whose inhabitants indulge in freedom of expression and whose media are uncensored. Of course, in Russia, they have a habit of parading their weapons openly through the streets - let us be charitable though; perhaps their own peace marchers haven't been able to book space...

Incidentally, I am one of those irresponsible, selfish individuals who happens to own a dishwasher, and is crass enough to flaunt it. However, I assure you, I would gladly crate it up and send it special delivery to the Kremlin, if I thought such an action might, in some small way, help solve the problem of Nuclear Arms (and poverty, for that matter!)

I am afraid, however, that I am too depraved and corrupt to so willingly forfeit the privilege of freedom and must therefore be prepared to suffer the consequences.

By the way, keep up the good work, *Driftwood* staff!
CAROL RAMSEY,
Ganges.

It Pays

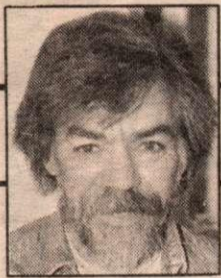
Sir,
You might have noticed the fractured rear window of my car last week . . . but only for a day. By evening it had all fallen in.

I was lucky, the I.C.B.C. adjuster happened to be on the island the next morning and within minutes arrangements were made with Don Irwin for replacement of the window. His wife got up at 5:30 am and picked up the glass and when I picked up the car there was a nice bonus.

It had been washed, vacuumed and even the ashtray had been emptied. It pays to do business with islanders.

Thanks, Don's Collision!
LIBBY JONES,
Ganges.

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Bill Webster

Way down upon the smarmy Rock-Pile-by-the-Harbour in Vic's City, Billie's Bunch have decided to give the folk of Bee Cee a break today.

So instead of making mincemeat out of the good burghers, he and Hugh of the Many-Turned-Coat throw carrots to the busy-ness community.

Somebody took a look at what Bee Cee business paid in taxes and compared the gouge to other jurisdictions, not only in Canada but also south of the line. The bite from the hand which feeds many people of the province ranked near the top of the list of any of the places looked at.

That is one of the reasons, folk, that Bee Cee is hurting. When busy-ness isn't busy, dollars have a tendency to dry up. And the thirst can be felt even in the Gulp Isles.

Billie's Bunch are going to ease the burden slightly. They are going to reduce the tax on gas for farmers, fishermen and for those who use offroad machinery.

They are going to ease property taxes which went for school funding. Business has been called an unwed mother or the offspring of unwed parents but it doesn't have any children running the halls of education.

Easing that tax seems reasonable.

And just to make sure that others don't get pinched from the loss of school bucks, the difference won't be passed on to homeowners.

Which seems reasonable as well.

The ordinary folk, that's you and me, get it in the cigarette butt. A pack of coughin' nails will cost about 5c more. And if you puff while watching pay TV, it'll cost you the 7% solution of sales tax on the service which brings all those soft-porn movies to entertain your children.

The cuts and snips have been made in many areas of the province's income while certain other areas, such as the butts,

receive their annual raising attention.

Smiling Bob turned his finance critic, David D. Stupich, loose on the budget.

The Nanaimo Indeeper, who at one time also sat as Gulp Isles rep in the Stone-Pile, points to the rising deficit as proof positive that Hugh and the boys don't know how to spend money wisely.

The portion of the \$16.7 billion deficit which should worry Nanaimo Dave and others is the \$2 billion shortfall piled up by crown corporations.

A plank in the leaky platform of the Indeeper calls for public ownership of large corporations. Which in any other language is what the crown corps are. Yet they lose money while similar companies in the private side of business break even or manage a profit.

It isn't one of the finer things in life to know that as a citizen of Bee Cee and part owner of crown corps, one has to pay and pay and pay for the privilege. Turn them loose and let them survive or fall on their own.

Meanwhile that other stalwart of the Indeeper side, Barb Wallace of the Cowichan place across the narrow chuck, is vitally interested in regulating, not the pocket-books of folks, but blue haze in public places.

She wants the province to state bluntly that cigarettes have no business in the public places of the nation. Wow.

On the labour side, the bosses of the unions unanimously reject the budget and its promises. It don't, don't you see, do enough for unions.

Business and industry might make a few bucks and the union bosses are watching closely to see what can be extorted through the next rounds of wage talks.

The province wants jobs created and presumably so does business and industry.

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More Letters to the Editor

Moral issue

Sir,
David Lange, New Zealand's new prime minister, has recently captured media attention with his country's refusal to allow U.S. nuclear-powered or armed ships to enter her ports or waters. This action strains the agreement under the Anzus Treaty binding the two countries and Australia. It is not his intention to jeopardize the alliance by taking such action. However he has stated that "The Western Alliance is morally indefensible." It's a strong statement, one that strikes the heart of the nuclear issue.

It might be asking too much to expect the U.S. to respond "directly" to Mr. Lange's very poignant argument. However it has challenged the terms of the alliance and gives the U.S. cause for alarm.

I think Mr. Lange and the people of New Zealand deserve to be applauded for their efforts to stand by their convictions in a time when little political attention has been given to the question of morality and nuclear weapons. It's time we all demand that nuclear war become a moral issue.
CONNIE KENNEDY,
Galiano Island.

A way to healthy economy

Sir,
Under the auspices of Island Futures Economic Development Society we are doing an overall economic development study of Salt Spring Island. The goal is to identify not only what we have on the island in the way of material resources and such comparative advantages as a mild climate and proximity to large markets, but also the human resources which are in many cases languishing for want of apparent opportunity.

It is our intention that the study point the way to matching those human resources with the material advantages available in such a way as to result in meaningful jobs.

So, if you are someone who has an idea for creating a local business

but lack the means to do it please let us know. If you are retired but possess certain skills, knowledge or ideas which might help us in this study and perhaps ultimately our community, then we want to hear from you. If you are intrigued by the idea of investing some capital in such a way as to help local entrepreneurs, then perhaps in time we may be able to show you how to do that in a safe and rewarding way. Get in touch with us.

We believe that it is through local entrepreneurial activity such as we are seeking to identify and support that our community will develop a healthy and stable economy that will be able to employ local people.

One of the criteria we would require of anyone seeking our assistance in setting up a small business is that it not compete directly with an already existing business. We want to discover gaps in existing services, manufacturing or resource related industries.

If you are interested please call us at 537-4313 or 537-4335, or write to Island Futures Economic Development Study, Box 1382, Ganges.

DAVID WILLIAMS,
Project Manager,
MARG SIMONS,
Press Officer.

Best ever

Sir,
Many thanks for taking time to join us at our Science Fair and for judging the projects entered.

We believe this was our best Science Fair ever and we are grateful for people from the community, like you, who take an interest and assist in these events.

T. WATSON,
Principal,
Salt Spring Elementary School



Regional director's report

By **HUGH BORSMAN**
Salt Spring Regional Director

While the problems, foreseen or unforeseen, concerning the Ganges sewer, will no doubt be with us for a while, we at least can start looking to other matters of general interest. I can't help thinking how the time and money expended on the sewer problem could have been put to so much community advantage over these many years.

When I wrote recently about parking spaces for the handicapped I got a very useful letter from Mr. Ken Horton. He is concerned about pedestrian patterns in Ganges, and I'm sure many share his concern. Certainly it is only a matter of time before a pedestrian is injured. Saturdays are particularly hazardous.

The Chamber of Commerce, I know, is concerned about parking and traffic problems, so I will approach Highways personnel, the Police, and the Chamber of Commerce to see if we can suggest some useful changes in these areas.

From time to time you will have noticed letters and articles concerning possible problems associated with having our land-fill operation on Blackburn Road on watershed. The Water Protection Society and the Islands Trust, and a number of concerned citizens, such as Mrs. Eva Temmel, have been studying the problem. Although this is a legitimate concern one must point out that, so far at least, quite thorough testing has shown no damage to the lakes from contamination from the dump. However, alternate methods of garbage disposal are being studied, including shipping waste to the Hartland Road dump in Victoria.

Regardless of how this is eventually handled we must pay more attention to the recycling program, presently being competently handled by the Community Society. Last year we subsidized this operation by \$4,600 and revenue was about the same. From an environmental standpoint recycling is important enough to be pursued even with an operational deficit. We can easily double our performance, and we will be meeting shortly to see how this can be done.

A particular interest of mine is surely shared by many. What major structural changes are made in Ganges because of the sewer I do not know. But what can be done now is a study of how a rather shabby Ganges can be "perked" up without

any major expense. I know the Chamber of Commerce and the Ganges Centre Association make very real efforts to do that. The Design Panel have a number of ideas, and there are many other interested groups. I am suggesting that these, and other interested bodies, take a leisurely walk around Ganges and take notes concerning where a little paint, or a little labour by volunteers etc., could greatly improve the appearance of the Village. I am confident that homeowners and businesses will be only too ready to do their share.

In the meantime the Committee planning for the refurbishing of Centennial Park is making tremendous strides. I hope they will soon be ready to let you all know of the exciting plans they have made.

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- Annual report
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Trustees avoid confrontation

From Page 1

Another Salt Spring school trustee, David Eyles, supported the amendment. He said the school board should approach the ministry in a "co-operative, non-confrontive way."

When the vote was put on the amendment of the original motion, it passed with only two trustees, Williams and Jeannine Dodds of Mayne, opposed.

When the vote on the amended motion was put, the vote was unanimous.

School district business manager Gordon McRea supplied the trustees with a comparison of the proposed budget for 1985/86 and the budgets for the past few years.

The budget process has changed twice since 1983 and the figures are as close to a valid comparison as he could make them.

In 1983, the operating budget was set at \$4,940,445. Included in that amount was a surplus from the previous year of \$155,000. The actual amount from the ministry was \$4,785,445.

In 1984, the budget was set at \$5,120,946 with an included surplus of \$310,904. The amount from the ministry for that year was \$4,810,042.

McRea adjusted the 1985 short-year budget to cover the full year. The short-year budget allows a

switch in fiscal year from the calendar year to the school year.

The 1985 short-year budget calculated over the full year would be \$5,008,502. The surplus had been calculated at \$101,892. The amount without the surplus would be \$4,906,610.

For the 1985/85 school year, there will be no surplus. The operating budget as set by the ministry of education and approved by the school board shows an increase over the 1984 budget of slightly more than \$200,000.

One of the reasons for the yearly increases in the Gulf Islands school budget is the steady increase in enrolment. The schools locally are among the few in the province which show more students enrolled each year.

The education portion of the budget contains \$3,353,212 for the 1985/86 year. Of that amount, \$3,189,682 goes towards salaries

and benefits or 95.1% of the amount. That leaves \$163,530 to operate the classes. That figure represents 4.9% of the education portion of the budget.

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League organizer Rob Tranter requests that parents sign their children up at those times.

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Full-spectrum petition signed by 143 people

The Gulf Islands School Board found out how many people wanted full-spectrum lighting in the classes at Fernwood School on Salt Spring but postponed a decision on the matter until at least April.

The trustees received a petition signed by 143 people who urged the installation of the full-spectrum light system.

At an earlier school board meeting, chairman Charles Hingston wondered how many people wanted the change from fluorescent to full-spectrum lights. The petition revealed the answer.

But the school board also heard from Dr. Paul Munson who was studying the effects of various lighting systems on school children for the Victoria School Board.

Munson wrote a letter to the local school board outlining his position on the matter.

"I would consider it inappropriate for me to make any recommendation for or against a particular type of lighting given the amount and validity of information that is available at this time," he wrote.

The school trustees received a packet of information on full-spectrum lights from parents of children attending Fernwood School. They decided to study the information before making a decision.

But Joy Ridley, Pender Island trustee and chairman of the building and grounds committee, expressed agitation at the actions of the Fernwood parents' group.

They had installed full-spectrum lights in part of the gymnasium which had been used as a classroom last fall while the two-room addition to the school was being completed.

She said that parents doing it themselves "has got to stop." Her concern centred on a possible accident and the reaction of the compensation board to such an occurrence.

She wondered who would be responsible if a parent got hurt installing the lights.

David Williams, a Salt Spring

school trustee, added a note of levity to the discussion when he read from a report of the effects of various lighting systems on the sex life of rats.

In his letter to the school board, Munson noted that "research on the effects of fluorescent lighting on human health and behaviour is in its infancy."

But, he continued, "there is reason to suspect that cool white illumination may have some insufficiencies for application in settings where people spend a large proportion of their daytime hours."

The school district uses cool white fluorescent tubes in most areas of the schools.

Munson continued: "However, it will be years before the information gained through research will provide a sound basis for selecting one type of lamp over another."

The research conducted on school children in Victoria, he noted, "indicates that there are differential effects of full-spectrum and cool white illumination on school children."

He added that "the next task is to gain a better understanding of the nature and implication of those effects."

Another question on the matter, he said, was the value gained for money spent. Full-spectrum lights cost several times the price of the cool white lamps.

"In the meantime, the consumer of fluorescent lamps will be confronted with making a decision with very little information to guide that decision," he concluded.



Players meet Saturday

Islanders interested in community theatre are urged to attend the quarterly meeting of the Salt Spring Players 7:30 pm Saturday at St. George's Hall. People interested in all facets of theatre, such as appearing on stage, set construction and design, costumes, lighting and makeup, are invited.

An evening social will follow the meeting with skits, sketches, readings and refreshments.

The following day, Sunday, is audition day for the season's closing production, *Living Together*, a full-length, two-act comedy from Alin Ayckbourn's trilogy, *The Norman Conquests*. Directed by Pat Desbottes, the play will require three females and three males aged 25-50.

Auditions will begin at 2:30 pm in Mahon Hall. Production dates are Tuesday to Saturday, May 21-25.

Players spokesman Susan Wyatt said everyone is welcome to both events, and quoted another local thespian as saying: "The worst you can do is make a fool of yourself."

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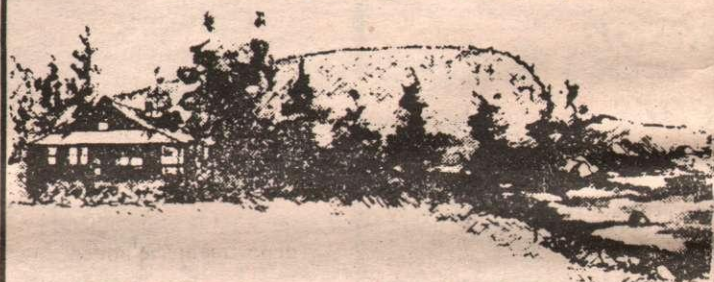
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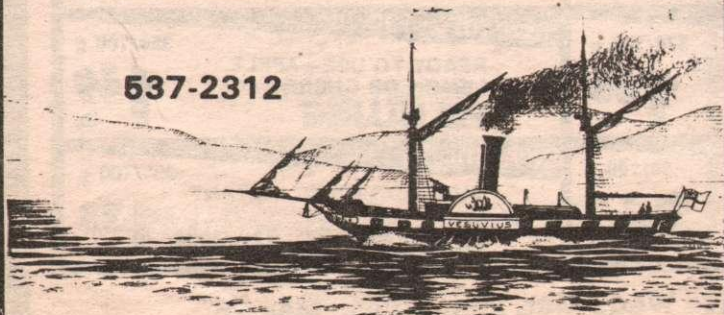
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The name Arion comes from a semi-legendary Greek poet and musician who composed, sang and played the lute for the court of the king of Corinth in 625 B.C. The

name has since become a symbol of good fortune to travelling musicians.

Founded in 1893, the choir performed its first concert outdoors in the following year on a decorated barge in Victoria's Gorge waterway. The choir's original membership was 13 and it has had as many as 60 members. It is Canada's oldest continuously singing male voice choir and holds the distinction of being the oldest on both the west

coast of Canada and the United States.

Arion has performed in musical festivals in Canada and Great Britain and in concerts in Oregon and Washington State and in many centres in B.C. The choir's repertoire includes sacred works, light operatic melodies, Broadway show tunes, Negro spirituals, sea shanties and folk songs.

Several accomplished vocal and instrumental soloists take part in each concert and audience participation is sometimes encouraged.

Admission to Saturday's concert is \$4 or by Salt Spring Concert Society member's ticket. It is the group's last concert of the season.

Band wins three awards

The Gulf Islands Secondary School White Band played award-winning music at the Cowichan Music Festival in Duncan last week.

The White Band is composed of students in Grades 8, 9 and 10 and is under the direction of D. Antone Prosk.

The ensemble brought back three awards from the festival held March 12.

They placed first in their category with an adjudicated mark of 94% which earned them a second award for the highest mark for bands in the festival.

The third award was a bursary of

\$100 for the best performance by a band.

Prosk reports that the adjudicator, Dale MacIntosh of Victoria, was impressed by the young band. He termed their performance as "mature musicianship," Prosk said.

MacIntosh also commented favourably on their tone and deportment, he added.

The adjudicator, however, made no recommendation for any of the bands at the Duncan festival to participate in the provincial music festival which will be held in May, said Prosk.

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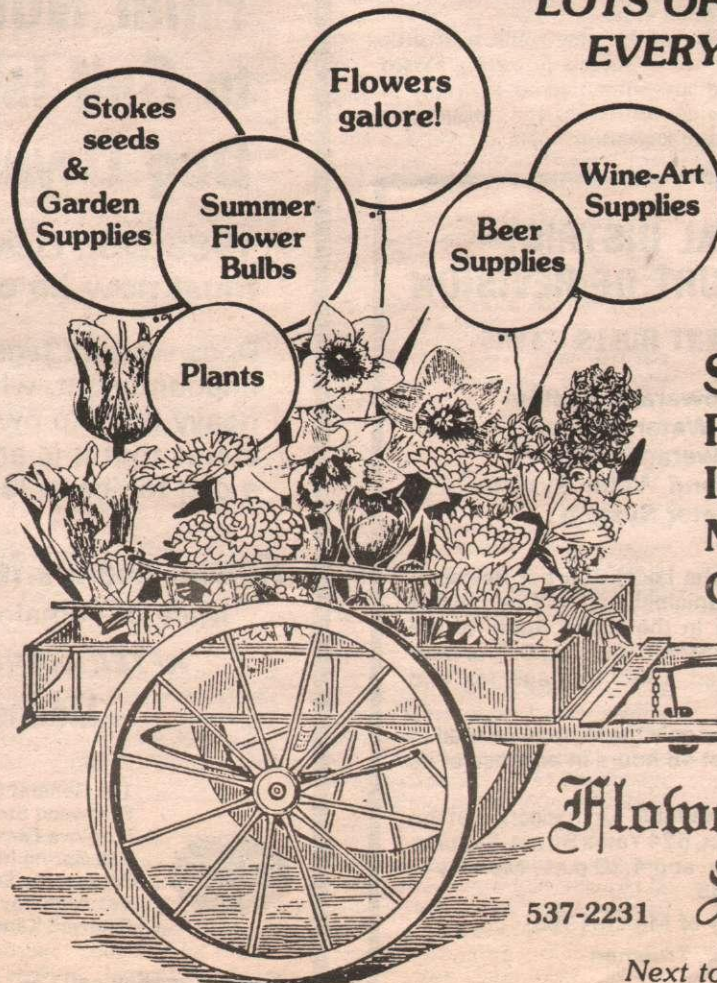
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Honour roll on display

Betty Galt, executive member of Branch 92 Royal Canadian Legion, and Arthur Gale, branch president, flank second world war honour roll that is now on display in Legion

Hall at Ganges. Calligraphy is work of Marion Lucas, who graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School last year. Honour roll lists

all Salt Spring Islanders who joined armed forces between 1939 and 1945. Stars beside some names denotes they were killed in action.

Manly bill calls for Railway Act amendment

Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands MP Jim Manly has introduced a private member's bill in the House of Commons calling for an amendment to the Railway Act.

The bill calls for Section 2 to be amended to require all railway companies under federal jurisdiction to "comply with the laws of the provinces in respect of health and environment."

It would require railway companies to seek provincial authorization for any spraying that takes place on rights-of-way.

Manly said in a news release that CN sprayed its railway rights-of-

way in the Lake Cowichan and Youbou areas with Spike 80W without seeking approval from provincial authorities. The company claimed it was under federal jurisdiction only because it owns the land the track is on and 25 feet on either side.

Lake Cowichan village council delivered a flyer to warn residents of the spraying, said Manly, and advise them not to pick berries in the affected areas.

Private member's bills have little chance of success in getting passed and are submitted as a means of raising an issue and influencing future legislation.

Next meeting to elect officers

The Salt Spring Island Catholic Women's League met last Wednesday for its March meeting, following the celebration of Mass. The conveners gave their annual reports covering the various activities of the league.

Of particular interest to the members was a letter from the Grandmothers of Argentina with the details of the successful recovery of a kidnapped girl who had been "adopted" by a security officer when her parents were imprisoned and killed. Eight years later, through court procedures and blood tests, the Grandmothers' association was able to restore the child to her rightful family. The league has been a supporter of this association for

several years. Ursula McEwen gave a detailed summary of the ecumenical meeting held in Nanaimo, which introduced a year of study and dialogue between the Anglican and Catholic churches on the subject of unity. Weekly meetings here on the island are planned for further dialogue.

President Elsa Drummond gave a report on the regional meeting of the league which she recently attended in Ladysmith.

The next meeting of the local league, on April 10, will include election of the new slate of officers. Members have been issued nomination forms which they are asked to fill out and return to the election officer by March 20.

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Take notice that the first sitting of the Local Court of Revision, pursuant to Section 484 of the Municipal Act, will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, 1985 in the Board Room of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. to hear appeals against the aforementioned 1985 frontage tax and parcel tax assessment rolls.

The Local Court of Revision will hear only those appeals filed in writing with the undersigned at least 48 hours in advance of its first sitting

A copy of the complete rolls will be available for inspection at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, commencing March 19, 1985.

Dated at Victoria, B.C. this 18th day of March 1985.

Diana E. Trueman
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People poisoned by foolish, unnecessary pesticide use

Once upon a time, there was a photon. A sparkling little photon, a perfect bit of light, dancing with energy and precisely complete, it was born in the heart of a sun. As soon as it was born, it began its eternal journey, at the speed of light, from the womb of its sun and across 93 million miles of empty space, to arrive on the Earth as sunshine.

It so happened that it arrived in the leaf of a carrot and found its way into a chloroplast, wherein it joined with an electron and set the electron dancing in a greater circle. Soon their circle was joined with other circles of dancing electrons, the circles linked in intricate, moving patterns, and the dancing photon wound its way, spinning and twirling, from partner to partner in endless, patterned changes, until it arrived to dance within the growing root.

There it danced, with many others of its kind, until the root was pulled, broken into little pieces, and swallowed by a giant. Within this giant, the photon danced, according to a new but just as intricate and harmonious pattern, from partner to partner in an endless polonaise of electrons, until it arrived in the brain of the giant to weave patterns of a different kind, patterns of thought.

And thus the dancing photon became part of this pattern, the pattern of these thoughts, to dance the story of its journey. In this light then, as it were, it seems a bit of a shame what we are doing to

ourselves. The March issue of *Organic Gardening* informs us that a test developed by the Environmental Health System has found pesticides in the blood of 99% of the first 3,000 people tested. Most samples registered the presence of four pesticides in the blood, and some samples contained as many as 19 different pesticides. The most common pesticides found were hexachlorobenzene, heptachlor, DDT-related compounds, dieldrin and lindane.

I shall now give a few of the recommendations for commercial carrot production as prepared by the B.C. department of agriculture, dated 1976-77, the latest one I have.

For weed control: Preplant incorporation; Treflan EC at one quart per acre. Pre-emergence application: Maloran 50 W at two pounds per acre on sandy soils, or at five pounds per acre on muck soils (do not apply more than once or within 70 days of harvest). Early post-emergence; Agricultural weedkiller No. 1 at 60 to 80 gallons per acre (do not apply within 30 days of harvest). Late post-emergence; Linuron 50 W at two to three pounds per acre.

And now to insect control. For carrot rust fly, for carrots seeded after April 15. Apply in the furrow at time of seeding; Furadan 10 G at 20 lbs. per acre. Do not use Furadan on carrots grown for bunching. Drench 40 days after seeding with Basudin or Parathion and repeat at

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

10-day intervals at 20 lbs. per acre for rows 16 inches apart, and at 40 lbs. per acre for rows 16 inches apart (do not apply within 15 days of harvest).

For root knot nematodes in muck soils; apply Telone at 30 to 40 gallons per acre.

These are just some of the recommendations for one of the most trouble-free of all our crops, and the recommendations for cole crops or onions would take more space than this article allows, even in condensed form. Only some of the names might have changed by now, but whatever they are now, they still retain the spectral connotation of their nature, as we continue to turn the dance of life into a dance macabre.

It is a foolish thing we are doing to ourselves here, especially since it is not necessary at all. Last year, our carrots received second place at our fall fair, and they had been raised without any of this stuff. We did have a few carrot rust fly tunnels in the odd carrot, and curiously, these carrots came from the bottom end

of our 400 feet of row, where the self-sown parsley did not come up. The top end, with a fair bit of parsley among the carrots, was just fine. This is doubly curious, since parsley is said to be another host for carrot rust fly, and our agricultural experts advise strongly against parsley in association with carrots.

But there it is, and a friend of ours, Matthew Coleman, has had exactly the same experience. So we will grow our carrots with parsley again, and it seems that the curly kind, an Italian variety which goes by the name of Darki, is especially effective. For us, a 10% mix of parsley with our carrots seems to do the trick, and since we love parsley anyhow, so much the better.

As carrots are notoriously slow to germinate, and as weeds suffer from no such inhibitions, there ensues then a truly heroic battle to preserve the tender carrot seedlings among the mighty weeds.

As I still carry mental and spinal scars from last year's heroic efforts, I have devised a clever stratagem to thwart the rapacious attacks of the rampant weed.

This year I will till the bed as usual and then cover it with a sixfold layer of newspaper, leaving only four-centimetre-wide rows of soil exposed. Into these narrow rows of the paper-covered bed I shall then sow my carrots, and as a further experiment, cover these two with lengths of sixfold newspaper for a period of three weeks, or

thereabouts. It will take periodic checking for signs of carrot, at which time the paper over the carrots will be removed and added to the paper between the rows.

It should work. Carrots germinate in the dark anyhow, and the paper will admit moisture, even hold it and, upon its decay, add its organic substance to the soil.

Upon writing this article, I decided to light a fire in the fireplace and to muse about the mysterious matter of life and of light, only to see, when I struck a match, the dancing photons of its sudden light. And as the logs crackled with fire, I watched the released photons dance with the light of flames, and I understood their journey from the sun, and their weaving dance that had made a tree, and now, my fire.

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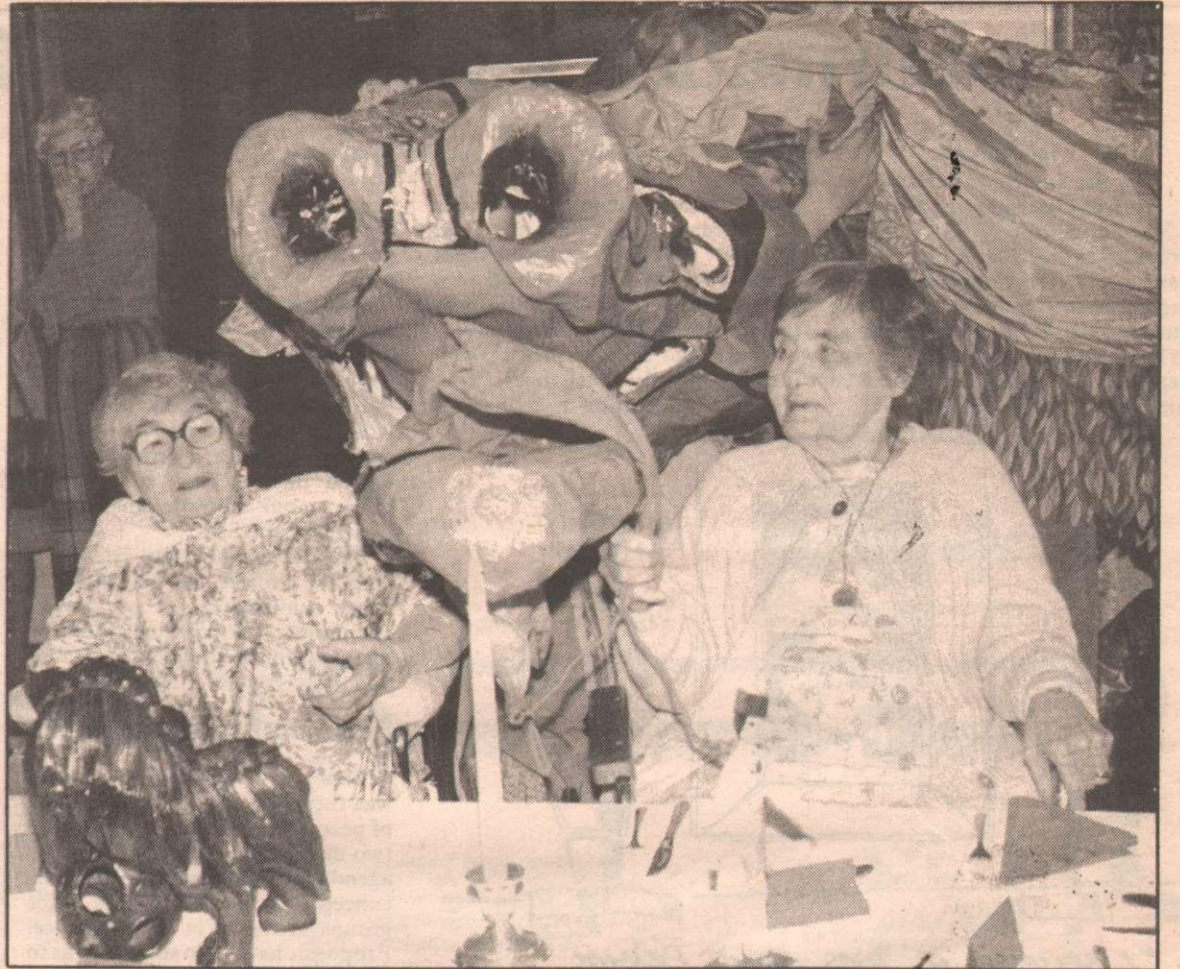


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Celebrating new year

Residents of extended care wing of Lady Minto Hospital were treated to belated Chinese New Year feast last week, complete with attendant dragon. Above right, Mrs. Clara Bell, left, and Mrs. Gladys Hammond greet friendly

dragon before being served Chinese meal. At right, Rev. Tom Wright wants to know who is inside costume. Dragon, on loan from Greenwood's, was powered by junior candystriper volunteers from high school.



Search for beer ends up in court

Sean Logan of Salt Spring court last week a guilty plea in provincial court for breaking into the clubhouse at the golf course.

Sentence was suspended and he faces two years' probation.

Logan and another individual had entered the clubhouse on February 21, 1984, to look for beer. They had left a party to obtain the

beer, court was told.

Judge R. E. Hudson imposed the probation order against Logan and in addition to the usual restraints,

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Confirmation awaited on Soviet twinning project

Contributed by the Salt Spring Island Nuclear Disarmament Group
 The Salt Spring - USSR twinning project has been launched. In the past month individuals and local organization representatives have attended two information meetings to learn about the cultural exchange between our community and a similar one in the USSR.

The aim of the project is to learn about each other's unique way of life and to become friends. And friends don't make war. France and Germany have had youth exchanges since World War II, resulting in a generation of more accepting and understanding European peoples. The Salt Spring project will include people exchanges, too. Under consideration is a plan to

send a small delegation bearing a goodwill package of photos, residents' greetings, children's art, etc., from our community. It is hoped that this initiative can take place within the next half year. Regional director Hugh Borsman expressed that this is a project he can imagine the entire community supporting. It is hoped that individuals and organizations alike will join with the already long list of supporters to learn how they may extend their message of love and hope to our fellow world citizens living in the USSR.

The next community session to plan the project will be scheduled when confirmation of our Soviet community has been received. For further information please call Wilf and Jesse Peck or Louise Beijk.

Just keep the message to 15 words. Call CNCP Telecommunications and say you wish to send a public affairs message. The number is 112-800-663-3696.

Interested in adding to the ribbon to go around the Pentagon? Contact Marg Simons for details. Interested in viewing slides of completed sections of the ribbon? Coming soon to Salt Spring. Making a panel for the ribbon would be a good project for kids. The panels must be completed by May 1.

Anyone wishing to be included in the twinning project or one of the other disarmament projects or if you have peace-related news to pass on, please phone Maggie Schubart.

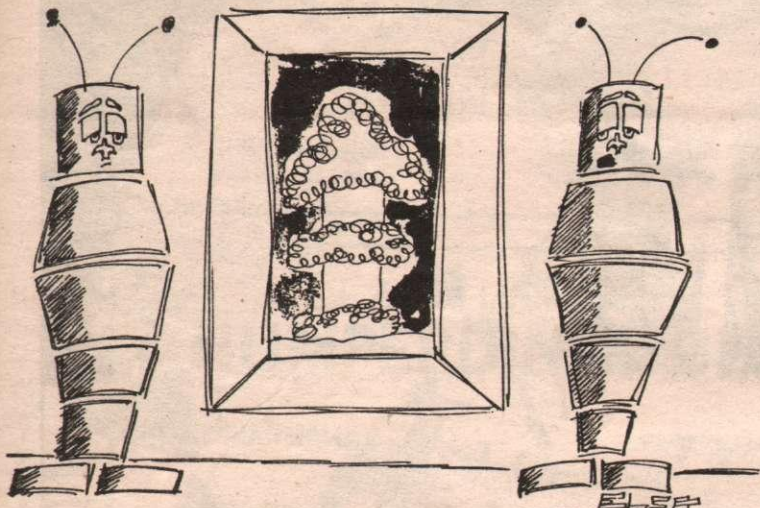
Peace won't come about through the work of a few leaders, however hard and skilfully they work. It'll be won through the cumulative efforts of a multitude of people, each contributing in large ways or small.

Events

Voice of Women's next meeting is Wednesday, Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Women's Place at the Community Centre.

Victoria and Vancouver's Walk For Peace is April 27.

A conference called Women's Alternatives for Negotiating Peace is being held at UVic May 10 - 12. It is open to women from all over B.C. and Yukon. If you would like more information contact Beth Hill.



"I BELIEVE IT WAS SOME PRIMAL FORM OF WAR FARE BACK IN THE 20TH CENTURY."

National peace alliance

This past weekend Vancouver was the scene of a national meeting of peaceworkers. The purpose of the two-day session was to set the agenda for a conference to study the concept of linking Canada's peace groups in the form of an alliance. Proposals have been submitted as to the nature of such an alliance. It is felt that an information sharing and communication network would be a logical first step.

Given the size and diversity of Canada it is perhaps important that we avoid building a centralized, bureaucratic structure but rather develop a regional focus. The 1984 Salt Spring Island initiated Peace Petition Caravan Campaign laid the foundation for the study of a national peace alliance.

Good News

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Amnesty continues to work for prisoner

Amnesty International at Salt Spring Island continues to work for the release of its adopted prisoner-of-conscience, Valery Tyurichev of the Soviet Union.

The local group had learned that Tyurichev was transferred from a special psychiatric hospital in Smolensk to an ordinary psychiatric hospital in his home town of Dnepropetrovsk.

However, an Amnesty spokesman says he was asked to admit in writing that he was ill, that he had always suffered from mental disturbances and had hallucinations. Tyurichev refused to sign and was transferred once again to a special psychiatric hospital.

Amnesty says letters to Soviet authorities on the prisoner's behalf are more important than ever. Anyone interested in writing is invited to write first to Amnesty International Group 72, c/o R.R.2 Isle View Drive C11, Ganges, for more information and an address list.

The winter issue of the Amnesty publication *The Candle* carried an extract from an open letter written by a former victim of psychiatric abuse in the USSR, who was adopted by Amnesty.

He wrote: "Direct pressure on the hospital administration is the most

effective and fruitful way of protecting human rights . . . The western public has a real chance of freeing any victims of psychiatric abuse . . . It is a paradox but only Amnesty's voice is taken seriously by the administration of psychiatric hospitals; the opinions of the prisoner's family count very little, and those of the prisoners themselves — not at all . . .

"On behalf of my friends who have stayed behind in psychiatric hospitals, I beg you to help. I beg you and I hope that your efforts will break through the stone walls and bars, and reach the most helpless and humiliated prisoners of conscience in the USSR."



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GALIANO NEWS

Cigarettes, Easter eggs are among stolen goods

By KATHY SHARP

The Deli and Galiano Garage were broken into on March 10. The RCMP have already resolved the case. An off-island man, aged 23, has confessed to both break-ins.

Nancy Quist of the garage reports that the only things stolen were cigarettes and 16 Easter eggs. She commented, "What is the world coming to, when grown men break in to steal Easter eggs? It sure is crazy." Her Sunday was ruined by the ensuing investigation.

The Deli has been the victim of robberies in the past, since its liquor section is a particularly tempting target. This time, the stolen goods were seen by many people stashed in a ditch on Cain Rd. Clair Cadieux, owner of the Deli, is very upset by the repeated break-ins.

The RCMP were unable to find a connection between Sunday's break-ins and a number of house robberies which have been reported since the beginning of March. Four houses in various locations on Galiano have been hit. Islanders should take suitable precautions, especially when leaving houses for extended periods.

Senior Citizens

For some years now the seniors of Galiano Island have been hoping to get a "home of their own", and many efforts have been made, but to no avail. They have enjoyed the use of Page Drive Lounge, which is a charming place for small gatherings. All the meetings are held there, as well as potluck suppers, and the very popular whist nights, but the lounge is bursting at the seams when there are full houses.

For the past several meetings it has been proposed that the lounge might possibly be extended to give more space, a better kitchen area, and storage space for chairs, etc. CMHC has been approached first as they hold the mortgage on the property, and have indicated their approval in essence. The Galiano Island Housing Society, who are the owners, have had a submission made to them by the seniors to extend the lounge to add approximately 300 square feet.

They have given their permission

to proceed, provided there will be no cost to them or to the tenants. The seniors are willing to donate the extension as a gift for the benefit of the tenants, themselves, and the community, and are proceeding to find the ways and means through lotteries, donations and money-making projects. It is hoped islanders will pull with the senior citizens, who over the years have given many fine things to the residents for their use and benefit.

(Contributed by Mimi L. Wishart).

St. Margaret of Scotland

The church council meeting will be held at 2.30 pm Saturday, March 30, not on March 23 as reported earlier. Easter is approaching, and anyone wishing to donate flowers or their time to decorate the church can get in touch with Ena Hooley at 2534 or Margaret Edgar at 2842. All are welcome to participate in this festive celebration.

The Rev. Leonard Pocock will officiate at the Palm Sunday (March 31) and Easter Sunday (April 7) services. The service on March 24 will be taken by the United Church minister, Rev. John Bell. Praise sing will take place as usual, every Sunday at 9 am before the church services at 10.30 am.

Pre-school

The pre-school garage sale and open house, held last Saturday, was a great success. People of all ages turned out in the lovely weather to see what the young children do, and where they do it. Besides the usual artwork, the children had made special "stained glass" pictures with construction paper and coloured cellophane.

Daffodils bloomed cheerfully in pots, where they had been planted by budding gardeners. (Sorry—bad pun!) Coffee, tea and juice were served to the visitors. A goodly sum of money was raised to help continue this much-needed school. Thanks are given to all who contributed baked goods, garage sale items, cash and time.

Garden Club News

Guest speaker Bernard Moore, radio's B.C. Gardener, was welcomed by a large audience at the regular meeting of the Garden Club last Wednesday. Moore spoke mainly about annuals, and gave a talk that was interesting to the experienced as well as the new entrants to gardening. He touched on many aspects of gardening, from seeds, including the seed houses' method of buying, packaging and marketing, to landscape planning and the use of colour.

Moore highly recommended buying only seed which is sealed in foil packages, suggesting that if all the seed could not be used, the package could be resealed by passing an iron over the opened edges. He cautioned against planting too early, urging us to relate the time of planting to the time when seeds could be sown outside. We were told that the faster an annual grows, the better the bloom, and that single flowers give better colour and resistance to spoiling by damp than double flowers.

It was a privilege to share Moore's wealth of experience and quite impossible to pass on all his good advice in this short space.

The garden club was most appreciative of his time, his gifts of seeds, and books from his own library as a donation to our library.

The next meeting will be on April 10 at 1:30 pm in the North Galiano Community Hall when the guest speaker will talk on greenhouses.

(Contributed by Margaret Edgar).

Vet Clinics

Islanders have their choice of vet clinics this week. Dr. Vanderwekken from Salt Spring will hold a clinic this morning (Wednesday) from 8.30 - 10.15 am. at the South Community Hall. Appointments may be made through Carolyn Hoebel at 2003.

Another clinic is tentatively scheduled for Friday. This will be held at the Ark, and the veterinarian is Dr. Jamison. For appointments,

call Rose Partington at 2025. It should be noted that the Ark is open only for this clinic.

Antony and Rasmussen. Tickets are \$5 at Burrill's, the garage, and the Corner Store. Babysitting is available—call Kathy at 2868.

The Firemen's Ball will commence at 6 pm at the North Community Hall. Tickets for this dinner-dance are \$15, and may be obtained from Arne Haksi at 2466. Another fund-raiser for the firemen will be held April 6. This will be a modern antique sale. Donations of household goods and small appliances would be appreciated. For pickup, call Norm Russell (2196) or Tom Liddell (2892).

The Gulf Islands branch of the B.C. Historical Federation will meet on Mayne on Wednesday, Mar. 27 to learn about Mayne Pioneers. Galiano members will leave Galiano on the 10.30 am ferry, returning at 6.10 pm.

Coming Events

The first in a series of Tafelmusik Concerts will be held at La Berengerie Friday, featuring cellist Terry Sturge and an accompanist. For reservations, call 5392.

Study of the Human Figure—Pages from Sketchbooks is the current show at the Dandelion Gallery.

The Galiano Club is sponsoring an evening of music and dance at the Activity Centre on Saturday. This cabaret-style event will present classical jazz and other contemporary styles with Nu Impressions and dancers M.

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Electronic science quiz was a prize winner at Fernwood science fair for Jenny Marie Lomas, Grade 4 student. Trying to light up the bulb in photo at left is Philip Bazzard. Giving advice are Danny Wilkin and Vanessa Lomas. Above, Gord Herman and 19-month-old daughter Rachelle are interested in the tanned raccoon skin displayed by Amber Cartwright.

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