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Panthers, Fury are winners

Intra-island soccer tourney at Portlock Park on weekend saw Panthers win junior division while Fury captured Laurie Mouat cup in

senior division. Left, Fury player Neil Kerrigan is about to be challenged by Rob Carignan in final match between Kicks and Fury.

Right, parents cheer as Panther Morgan Cuddy kicks ball from under Leaf Jason of Lazars. More pictures, Page 28; story Page 27.

Critical of minister

Trust puzzled and indignant over Bill 30

Island Trust council expressed bitter criticism of the minister of municipal affairs when trustees gathered in Victoria last Wednesday to consider the implications of Bill 30 and the Islands Trust staff.

The new amendment proposed to the Island Trust Act takes the Trust employees out of the Trust and into the ministry of municipal affairs.

The measure not only removes the power of appointments from the general trustees, but it also permits the minister to designate duties of the staff members, trustees agreed.

The minister's explanation of his purpose in introducing the measure was vigorously attacked by a Pender Island trustee.

"That is stupid!" charged Gordon Wallace.

Wallace is a card-carrying Socred, he told trustees.

The Trust employees were already public servants and there was no possible need for the minister to confirm their status, he said.

ISLANDS PAY HALF

Wallace also reminded the

council that the ministry does not pay the entire cost of salaries. The community meets more than half of the cost of the Trust budget.

Wallace had raised the issue of the islands' contribution to the Trust costs with the minister, Bill Ritchie, he told the meeting. He had been assured that it was not necessary at that time to go to the islands people with a plea for more funding.

"The minister is making a mistake," said Wallace, "He is used to talking to bureaucrats. We aren't bureaucrats; we are the elected

representatives of the islanders and we have as much responsibility to our electors as he has to the people of Abbotsford who elected him."

The minister had termed the change a "housekeeping measure".

NO CONSULTATION

Steve Wright of South Pender found it hard to accept the definition. Like other trustees, he expressed concern that the minister had not bothered to consult the Trust on a matter so close to its functions.

"The minister is not open to suggestion," he said, "He is only open to agreement."

It had taken a long time for the trustees to receive a copy of the new measure, said Nick Gilbert.

"We are still left with the question, what are they doing and why are they doing it?"

The trustees are not so dumb as to accept that the change is merely a housekeeping measure, said Carol Martin of Hornby.

"And neither are the people we represent! If it is logical, what are the reasons behind it?"

Hamish Tait, of Denman did not expect to be called on to protect the Trust from its own minister.

John Money, of Saturna also wondered whether the minister would take the bill to a referendum.

CAMPBELL ENQUIRY

The chairman recalled the examination of the Trust by the Dan Campbell enquiry. Late last year the minister invited people to write in to comment on the Trust.

There were some 600 replies,

revealed Humphries, and most were supportive of the Trust.

The enquiry was scheduled for February and then postponed to March. It is now scheduled for June or July.

"It is interesting that the minister would amend the act prior to the Campbell enquiry report. Tinkering with local government without reason is not in the interests of the people."

Wallace did not find it strange that the Campbell report was not in yet. He had seen copies of hundreds of letters in favour of the Trust.

"It is not strange," he told the meeting, "It is part of the system."

It takes time for the island people to get the change into focus, said George Whiten of Mayne. This was

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Regional budget \$42,078,870

Last week the directors of the Capital Regional Board introduced the budget for 1985, to reveal the cost of operating the region for the next 12 months.

Total budget for the year amounts to \$42,078,870 compared with the 1984 figure of \$40,246,480. Increase is \$1,832,390 or 4.6%.

Of this total, \$23,971,040 will be collected from the property owners of the region. The remainder will be derived from other sources.

ISLANDS SHARE

Of the amount sought in this year's costs of operating the regional district, the taxpayers on Salt Spring Island will be called on to find \$163,372 and Outer Islanders will meet a bill of \$163,587. The Outer Islands bill is up \$12,546 over last year and Salt Spring Island has

risen by \$192. The Outer Islands increase is largely due to the increased allowance for maintenance of the Magic Lakes sewer installation.

Major contributors to the big tax bill are Saanich, at \$7¼ million; Victoria with \$5 million and Sidney and Central Saanich at \$2 million each. Oak Bay pays \$1½ million and North Saanich, one million.

Colwood pays \$890,000, with Langford, Sooke and Esquimalt contributing approximately half a million each.

Remainder is found by the small constituent parts of the region.

Special levies in the islands are made for special services. These are in addition to the totals listed above.

FIRE PROTECTION

The Capital Regional District

provides fire protection services for two communities; North Pender residents contribute \$42,970 for this purpose and South Galiano property owners pay \$29,410 for the fire department.

Another service enjoyed by various communities is the activity centre shared with the Gulf Islands School District. Community share of this provision costs Salt Spring \$6,070; Galiano, \$22,170; North Pender, \$10,810; and South Pender, \$1,290.

Recreation represents a cost of \$31,800 on Salt Spring.

Water supply costs Saturna Islanders \$46,784. The Highlands district on Salt Spring Island pays \$78,933 and Magic Lakes, on North Pender, meets a levy of \$129,160.

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Holiday Friday

Most businesses and government offices will close Friday for the Easter holiday weekend. Post offices will close on Monday as well, though the only statutory holiday of the weekend is Friday.

Driftwood office will also be closed Friday but will re-open as usual on Monday. Next week's paper will not be delayed by the holiday.

Friday's deadlines for display advertising will be moved to Thursday.

Regional district budget up 4% to \$42 million

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Sewer costs to Maliview Estates represents a levy of \$6,882 and the Magic Lakes sewer system on North Pender comes in at \$177,310.

Basic tax levy for the islands is made up of general administration, health services and other functions performed by the region.

Administration and general government costs Salt Spring Island \$26,095 and the Outer Islands contribute \$27,836.

The contributions made by the components of the region to these costs are based on the total assessed value of the community concerned.

Elections are budgeted at \$4,627 for Salt Spring and \$4,936 for the Outer Islands.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Capital Regional Board is a member of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. The cost of being a member is distributed among its components. Salt Spring Island electors pay \$1,400 and Outer Island taxpayers are charged \$1,494.

Grant-in-aid made by the regional director for each electoral

area cost Salt Spring Island taxpayers \$7,130 and Outer Islanders, \$3,500.

Big collector is community health service, with a levy of \$45,275 against Salt Spring Island and \$48,295 for the Outer Islands. Salt Spring Island contributes nothing to regional parks. The Outer Islands go for \$32,800.

Islands Trust

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his first opportunity "to know what's going on."

"Why are we always under attack?" asked Wright. "We go to the polls: we support the Trust." **HE WAS CYNICAL**

Elmer Bichel was cynical of the minister's explanation. He explained he found it difficult to understand why Ritchie would be introducing special legislation simply to benefit the government employees. The minister is trying to do away with the Trust, he said.

Glen Snook of Denman glanced back a few months.

"When the minister said he didn't distinguish between the islands and Terrace he lost me."

Trustees are devoting as much energy to "staying alive" as to administering their areas, he warned.

Tait reported that he carried out a cost efficiency study of the two trustees on Denman, Snook and himself.

They work for roughly 2.5 cents an hour.

"That is somewhat below the minimum wage."

HE DIDN'T KNOW

Wright recalled the first visit to the Trust by the minister. "He told us, 'My goodness! I didn't know there were so many islands!' He didn't know their names."

Gilbert explained that the Trust was seeking the co-operation of the press to urge the minister to "talk to us".

He spoke of the government's emphasis on partnership. It exists nowhere else, said Gilbert. The partnership between the Trust and the rest of the province lies within the efforts of the Trust to preserve something for the province in the future.

Animal control costs Salt Spring Island \$8,335 and the Outer Islands, \$8,890.

BUILDING INSPECTION

Building inspection represents a bill to Salt Spring Island of \$25,835 and the Outer Islands, \$27,557. Outer Islands contribute \$2,490 to community parks, while Salt Spring Island, pays \$17,834. Community

recreation programming costs Salt Spring Island \$18,726 and the Outer Islands nothing.

Soil deposit removal costs Salt Spring Island \$2,127 and the Outer Islands \$2,270. Refuse disposal costs Salt Spring Island taxpayers \$5,988 and Outer electors \$3,519.

These figures all show the amount of money to be collected from the property owners of the region.

Treasurer Diana E. Trueman submitted a number of comments on the budget to explain some variations.

MORE MAINTENANCE

Magic Lakes Water System budget shows an increase of \$65,210. The budget reflects an increase of \$31,030 for increased maintenance and repairs, an increase of other operating

expenditures of \$9,420 and a contingency of \$10,760 said Trueman.

The Highland Water System budget is up \$11,530, she noted. This reflects a debt servicing increase of \$6,890 and an increase of \$8,990 in repairs and maintenance.

General increases were also mentioned.

The election budget is up by \$25,260, reported the treasurer. This year is an election year. The electoral areas hold elections only once in two years.

Animal control budget is up by \$27,590. There was no surplus carried forward from the previous year as had been the case 12 months ago.

Building inspection budget showed a similar increase due to the lack of a surplus in 1984.

Youths caught

Ganges RCMP are contemplating charges against three youths who were knocking down road signs.

The youths, two from Vancouver and the other from the island, were caught in the act on Lower Ganges Road at 1 am Sunday.

No names will be released until the charges have been processed.

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Contract awarded

Collection system for the Ganges sewer will be completed by the end of July, Capital Regional Board was told last week.

The board confirmed the recommendation of regional engineer R.C. Sommerville that the tender of Fidelity Blasting Co. Ltd. be accepted. The tender was in the amount of \$683,292.

Director Martin Levin asked whether a legal challenge to the bylaw defining the area to be sewered would affect the project.

Executive director Bill Jordan reported that legal advice had been sought regarding the position. The board had been advised to proceed with the work.

Sommerville told the board that the collection system project is expected to take 80 working days. He also reported a number of applications from property owners outside the boundary of the sewered area for inclusion.

TENDER BY MAY 8

Tenders on the construction of the treatment plant will be received by May 8, the engineer told directors.

The board also approved Sommerville's recommendation that two pumping stations be purchased after seeking quotations from suppliers instead of calling for tenders. He explained that the bidding procedure would entail two month's delay.

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Change forest industry rules, speaker tells seminar

Problems which began at the turn of the century could spell doom for the forest industry in B.C.

Bob Nixon, managing editor of the magazine *Forest Planning - Canada*, brought that message to a seminar held at Central Hall on Salt Spring Saturday.

Canada and B.C. could well follow the examples of forest management set in the United States and Sweden, Nixon told the seminar participants.

In B.C., he explained, forest management determines land use but there is no commitment on the

part of government to involve the people in the use of forests and the matter of forest use is a non-subject in the legislature.

Nixon related that the government, in 1907, began to turn the forests of the province over to private interests. The turnover came in the form of crown grants and forest leases.

The problems today stem from the fact that the political decisions of 80 years ago have proved to be politically difficult to control over the years.

The early efforts in forest management began with hundreds of claims and leases but have shrunk to control by about half a dozen interests today, he said.

He pointed out that the United States has set up a system for forest management with a mix of private and public ownership of the land involved.

But in B.C. forest land belongs to the crown while the management of the land is held by private corporations. He stressed that corporate management of forests is not necessarily bad.

In Sweden, for example, there are up to 60,000 forest land owners. They are grouped into nine regional associations to guide the manufacture and sale of wood products. The national government becomes involved in the system through 29 regional district forestry councils which ensure application of the national forest protection legislation as well as allowing people to have a direct voice in decision making.

The result, Nixon said, is an efficiently run forest industry.

But in B.C., the politicians have not yet reached an understanding of the need for forest management on the human scale as in Sweden.

The land belongs to the crown, Nixon explained, but the trees belong to the lease or licence holders. And the licence holders are reluctant to have either government or the people to tell them how to manage the forests.

In 1979, the B.C. government passed legislation aimed at decentralizing forest management. But the legislation has not worked as intended because the cabinet routinely interferes in forest matters, he said.

The government talks about moving the forest industry towards "sustained yield" but the problem is that no one has defined the term. It means, Nixon said, just what the politicians want it to mean in any given situation.

Nixon explained that forests can be renewed on an 80-year cycle. Until they reach that age the trees gain value as they gain size. Up to about 70 years, the value is in pulp logs but the international market for pulp logs is extremely competitive.

As the trees exceed 70 years in age, they can be used for saw logs.

Under the provincial set-up for forest management, the chief forester of the province should be the arbitrator of forest use, he explained. The task of the chief forester is to find a balance in the use of forest land.

But, said Nixon, the chief forester is not allowed to do his job. If he were, such incidents as the Meares Island controversy would not happen.

The chief forester has the authority to ask for a forest management and working plan from forest operators. From such information, he can determine the annual allowable cut.

The regulations, however, hamper the task. Nixon gave as an example a forest tract in Nelson area. The growth there is spruce and

aspen. The operator is allowed to count all the trees and that figure is divided by the number of rotation years or the time it would take to renew the growth.

The problem comes from the aspen which has no value but is counted in the total. Nixon pointed out that the spruce will disappear long before the stock can be renewed.

Such practice has been resulted in almost all the best timber in the province having been taken. Area such as Meares Island gain more significance but the handling of the situation has resulted in a lack of confidence in the way the province plans forest management, Nixon said.

The recession, Nixon explained, has reduced the price of lumber but B.C. companies continue to flood the market. As the value of the

goods cheapens, reforestation becomes less valuable.

Stumpage fees cost the companies \$1.21 per cubic metre but replanting costs \$1.25 per tree.

Nixon concluded by saying that if the rules of the game are not changed and logging practices continue as they are the forest industry in B.C. will continue to go downhill.

Harlan's truffles chosen for award

Harlan Olsen's truffles were award-winners at a chocolate festival in Victoria last weekend.

Olsen, owner of Heritage Boutique in Ganges, entered the festival sponsored by Bastion Theatre and held at the community centre in Oak Bay. He shared a booth at the festival with the Gourmet Platter, the Victoria outlet for his homemade chocolates.

The truffle competition required that each delicacy be filled with chocolate and Harlan's Truffles were awarded first place.

Olsen has been making his own truffles for about two years.

Organizers of the event, staged this year for the first time, had good response and are looking forward to staging the festival again next year.

Islander drowned Saturday

A Salt Spring resident is believed to have drowned in the waters off Prince Rupert early Saturday morning.

Albert Galbraith, 52, had been piloting the freighter *World Shanghai* into that port but while transferring from the freighter to the pilot vessel, *Pacific Pilot #4*, he slipped from the ladder and fell into the sea.

Rescue attempts began immediately but were unsuccessful. The search continued for about 24 hours and involved 11 vessels and a helicopter from the search and rescue unit of the Coast Guard.

Galbraith was employed by Pacific Coast Pilots and had worked for that company since last December. He had previously been employed with Straits Towing, B.C. Ferries and on the department of highways ferries.

At the time of the incident winds were from the southeast blowing up to 25 knots and a heavy rain was reported.

Galbraith lived at Fulford with his wife, Maureen, and three sons, Ryan, Curtis and Craig.

RCMP from Prince Rupert, who were in charge of the later stages of the search efforts, report that a Coast Guard inquiry of the incident will take place.

Awarded degree

Ariadne Sawyer of Salt Spring Island has been awarded a master of arts degree in counselling psychology by Norwich University in Vermont.

Sawyer's graduating thesis for the degree was entitled *Counselling Psychology*. She already has a bachelor of arts in Orff music and anthropology from the University of Costa Rica and the University of California at Los Angeles.

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Unfair competition

The people of the Gulf Islands are luckier than most Canadians when it comes to postal service. We enjoy a quick and efficient service from our island post offices—it's only when our mail leaves the area that it runs afoul of the system.

It's too bad that other communities—and particularly the newspapers that serve them—are deprived of the same service. But what's worse is that community newspapers across the country are being threatened with a loss of revenue due to unfair competition by Canada Post.

The competition is over the advertising flyer business. Both newspapers and Canada Post are after the flyer distribution business, a business that contributes the revenue needed by many small papers for their survival. Canada Post needs to generate additional revenue too so as to try to balance its awesome budget.

It would be fine if it ended there, if newspapers were able to compete fairly with the post office for flyer distribution. But there's more to it than that.

Canada Post requires that a supplement line, or dateline, be printed on flyers contained inside the newspapers it delivers. Flyers carried by this newspaper, for instance, will bear such a line, printed on the front or back, reading: "Advertising supplement to *Gulf Islands Driftwood*," followed by the publication date.

If a dateline is forgotten, Canada Post will penalize the newspaper by charging it first-class postage to deliver those papers containing flyers. Last month in Williams Lake the newspaper inadvertently omitted the dateline on its TV guide. Canada Post charged the paper an additional \$500 but the paper refused to pay. As a result, the post office has refused to deliver subsequent issues of the paper.

In many other towns across B.C. Canada Post is trying to enforce the "thumb and finger rule" which requires that papers mailed third-class must have flyers inserted into the centre of an open newspaper. Under that system the flyers will not fall out of the paper when it is held in one corner by the thumb and finger. That system also ensures that the newspaper cannot possibly compete with the post office for the flyer trade because of the high cost of inserting the flyers.

Finally, what rankles most small newspaper publishers is the fact that taxes paid by weekly newspapers are being used to take their own business away.

This situation cannot be allowed to continue. The government must step in and prohibit Canada Post from competing unfairly with private enterprise. For many small newspapers across the country, it's a matter of survival.

A worthy project

In our letters section this week is an announcement that should leave many of our readers disappointed. On the other hand, it may serve to find someone interested in taking on a project that is worthy of the community's support.

Salt Spring museum worker Sandy Lucs writes that the museum, located at the Farmers' Institute property on Rainbow Road, will open by appointment only this summer and there will be no public displays mounted.

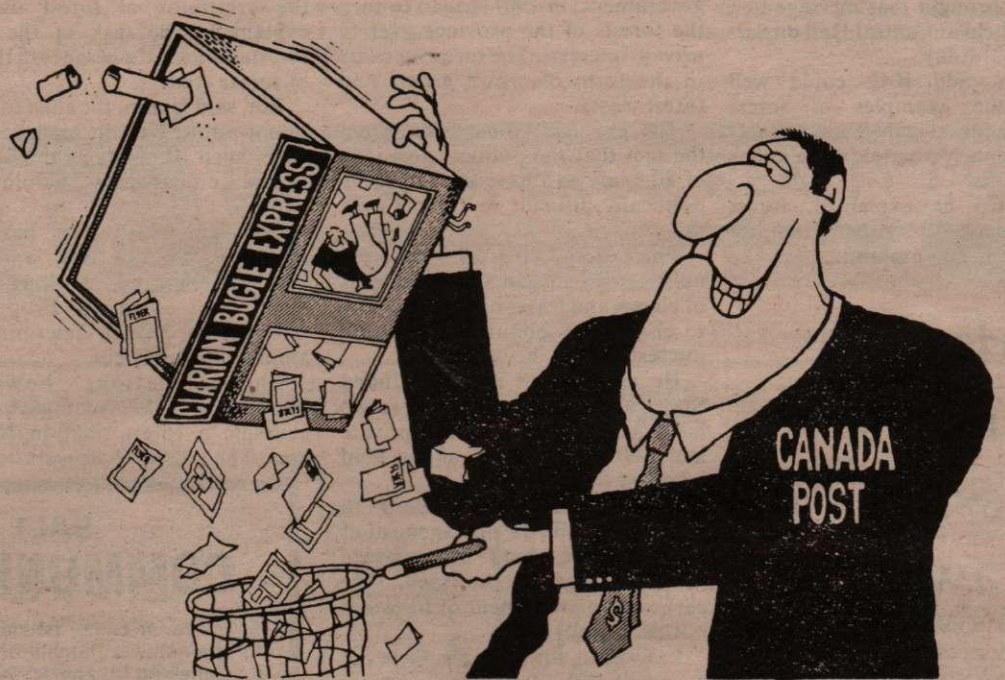
The museum was an idea whose time had come when it was set up a few years ago. Unfortunately, today it seems its time has passed.

Surely there is someone in the community with the time, the energy and the interest to create the institution to which Lucs refers. And surely this community is mature enough to make a commitment towards the preservation of its heritage.

The task won't be easy. The building in which the museum is housed is probably not suitable as a permanent facility while the location is too far from Ganges for it to be a successful operation. On the other hand, we have the history and the irreplaceable objects that go with it.

All we need is someone to make it happen.

THE "THUMB AND FINGER RULE..."



Tony Richards

DESPITE THE PATCHES of blue sky and occasional rays of sunshine, Monday morning was a bleak and dreary one for *Driftwood* employees, who now are known for their gullibility.

Catherine McFadyen was dumbfounded and distraught upon reading the note on her desk as soon as she arrived. In it she was advised that none of the Outer Islands had seen last week's paper and that ferry crews had reported seeing several bundles of papers floating near Active Pass.

Anne Lyon discovered that the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce was having us do their 16-panel, three-colour tourist brochure and we had one day in which to complete it.

Bill Webster learned he had been assigned to spend the entire morning covering a chrysanthemum club tea and Valerie Richards was apprised of an advertising sale that would pay her a huge commission.

Alice Richards walked into her darkroom and found an order from realtor Arvid Chalmers for 500 prints of last week's front-page photo and Frank Richards arrived at the office to be greeted with the news that *Maclean's* wanted him to take Allan Fotheringham's place on the inside back cover.

More than half of the aforementioned people didn't for a moment question the veracity of the information given them.

But then neither did I when my sister came rushing in at 8:30 the same morning with the news that the elementary school was on fire. I spent several frantic moments peering out the window looking for smoke before I heard a chortling sound from behind.

"April fool!"

GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL'S finest newspaper—and the Gulf Islands' second finest—is back to its old, legal-size format with its March issue (their delivery system's a bit slow) after using up four of our pages back in February.

The story that interested me in this issue was about a trip to Vancouver by four students to hear some music at the "collisium."

Upon reading Max Burton's report I was surprised to discover that the Kinks are still around and still popular. I used to dance to their music when I was in school 20 years ago.

I WAS REMINDED of how small the planet is during a visit last week to the washroom of a Vancouver hotel during a party staged by the province's community newspapers.

I struck up a conversation with a fellow visitor to the facilities who was interested to hear where I was from. This fellow, who is involved with a

Vancouver communications firm, turns out to be a nephew of the late Dr. Cox, the Vesuvius dentist, who pulled a tooth of mine nearly 20 years ago.

YOU OFTEN READ of books that have been translated into different languages for distribution around the world. But you never hear of it being done with newspapers, particularly community papers such as this one.

But two Galiano Island residents plan to change that.

News from the Chinese city of Zhengzhou has it that students and interpreters at the Yellow River Conservancy Commission are considering translating some stories from *Driftwood* for reprinting in the commission's *Journal of Yellow River*.

And the news comes from *Driftwood's* foreign correspondents Basil and Kathlyn Bengier who are teaching English to Chinese technicians. The Bengiers have taken a leave of absence from the Galiano Island correspondent's position, now being filled by Kathy Sharp.

A letter from the Bengiers arrived Tuesday. They report that they've come across enough material for dozens of articles, the first of which will appear next week.

TOM SELLECK was not at Island Savings Credit Union Friday. I know because I called to inquire after seeing television cameras busy filming inside the Ganges credit union.

And while Selleck may not have been there, one of his admirers was. Rita Dods, I understand, will be playing a major role in the TV commercials that were being filmed.

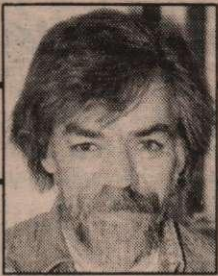
However, people—particularly those at Island Savings—should be warned that television advertising is not as effective as it once was. The people who count read community newspapers.

I WAS INVITED by Conservative association president Clair Nutting to Saturday's breakfast meeting with Esquimalt-Saanich MP Pat Crofton. But the reception I got upon entering the room was less than fair.

The first person I spied as I walked in was Gil Humphreys, owner of at least one unofficially-proclaimed heritage building in downtown Ganges.

In a very loud voice Gil announced the arrival of a Liberal, pointing his finger at me. But at that very moment, in walked the guest of honour, Pat Crofton, leaving many of those present puzzled as to whom Gil was referring.

But perhaps they assumed—particularly if they'd lived here long—that Gil had got his meetings mixed up. After all, it wasn't too many years ago that he was a mover and shaker in the local Liberal organization.



Bill Webster

And so the smoke and thunder rolls inevitably from the Trusted Kingdom towards the Stone-Pile-by-the-Harbour in Vic's City.

As one sits in wonder watching the display of verbal pyrotechnics issuing from both sides of the fray, a note of cynicism creeps in.

On one side, the stalwarts of the Trusted Kingdom gird their loins and heft their stone tablets to do battle with Just Another Bill From the Bunch. He who would have the audacity to try for control of the inner workings of the Kindom should have read the signs and portents of past efforts at the same game before proceeding.

The Trusted Kingdom, in times of less hectic bureaucracy bashing, extends northward from Saturna's East Point in Denman Island near Courtenay. The tranquility of the area oft times lulls the poli-thinkers of the Stone Pile into believing that what is good now can be made better with less interference from the Stalwarts.

But can it? The stalwarts gather together at times of crisis and chorus in righteous voice that they have the mandate to persevere and protect the gems of the gulf. They brandish stone tablets upon which are carved the rules and regulations pertaining to how that preservation and protection should occur.

But what the stalwarts can't seem to see is the growing size of those tablets. Although life in the Kingdom assumes an air of simplicity when compared to the fast pace of such places as Crofton, the rules and regulation as laid down by the stalwarts can become a burden to rock sitters who attempt to do things.

While rock sitters raise a hue and cry against what is considered as outside interference, when the problems stem from within the Kingdom the phone lines between the rocks and the Stone Pile hum quietly

but usually effectively.

One can look a how the stalwarts of the Kingdom conduct affairs on Salt Spring. Much to the dismay of many that rock, being the largest and most populated of the group, becomes the focus of the melee from without and within.

To be sure, many of the rules etched in the stone tablet for the island aim at the developers who circle and salivate at the chance for big bucks. But those same tablets are used, too often, to thwart efforts of rock sitters who try to make the place a tad more comfortable.

Examples abound. Sidewalks, state the stone-etched rules, must be layered with exposed aggregate. The stalwarts haven't listened to those who say that such sidewalks, when rain falls, become slightly slippery.

When the rain doesn't fall, dust tends to accumulate on the rough surface and often proves difficult to sweep away.

Another example of those famed tablets being used against rock sitters came out of the efforts of the stalwarts to control density of tourist rest havens.

When the rules were first etched in stone, no one bothered to add up how many rest havens could be put in place. When the total was finally tallied, gasps of dismay were heard. And so the stalwarts decided to limit the number of a reasonable figure.

Again, no one bothered to talk, or listen, to the operators of the tourist rest havens. When the new rules were proposed, the number of havens was limited but so was the potential income of the operators.

The idea is to preserve and protect the rocks. The idea should be to ease life hereabouts. But when the preservation and protection begins to eat holes in a pocket book, the wires hum.

And that is the whys of what Just Another Bill From the Bunch was trying to do. Mostly,

Terrific evening

Sir,

On behalf of all the students and staff of Salt Spring Elementary School I would like to thank all of those persons who made last Friday's Goods and Service Auction such a great success.

To those parents and other supporters who donated either their service or goods for auction, many thanks. A total of 60 such items were put "on the block" and these combined to raise approximately \$1,650 for the school.

It was great to have both adult talent on stage as well as a number of acts offered by Grade 8 students. To all of the musicians, and in particular Dwaine Prosk, thanks for assisting with the evening.

To the parents who did all of the organizing and then proceeded to work all evening, thank you for taking such an interest. Liane Huntley, Tracey Braiden, Cherry Jensen and Starr Larmour are deserving of very special recognition in this regard. We are also appreciative of the work done by Mr. Dick Poole who did such a great job looking after the refreshment stand.

You can't have an auction without an auctioneer and again Mike Hayes donated his time and talent to this cause. Mike not only "picks your pocket", he also provides a lot of entertainment with his quick wit.

A terrific evening—thanks again to all who made it possible.

TOM WATSON,
Principal,
Salt Spring Elementary School.

Enjoyable evening

Sir,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the many people who helped make the Goods and Services Auction a great success.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you for all the generous donations and to the people who gave their time so willingly.

A special mention should be made to the Grade 8 music students who entertained our audience. Their musical performances were exceptionally outstanding and warmed our hearts.

The evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

LIANE HUNTLEY,
For the Salt Spring Elementary
Parents' Committee.

Simplistic view

Sir,

Carol Ramsey takes a simplistic black-and-white view of the world and mentions "atrocities" in Afghanistan and the "police state" of Poland—comparing them to our "freedom of self-expression, justice and democracy".

These are the same words used loosely by Reagan while he gives financial and military support to the police states in our own hemisphere. The thousands of brutal killings by death squads in El Salvador, Guatemala, Chile and other countries to the south of us make the Polish state look benign by comparison.

Nicaragua is a country which is only just learning what "freedom" is after 40 years' rule by a U.S.-backed dictatorship and now faces raids by terrorist squads armed and trained by the C.I.A.

Oppression and injustice, whether it be sponsored by the USSR or the USA, should be condemned by all of us, and unless we can stop hating those whose political philosophies differ from ours, what hope is there for peaceful solutions to this on-going bloody nuclear build-up?

GORDON L. OLDROYD,
Ganges.

No display this summer

Sir,

The Salt Spring Island Museum will not be mounting a public display of exhibits this summer.

The museum, located in the Bittancourt Heritage House on the

The Farmers' Institute property on Rainbow Road, is presently managed by a very small group of volunteers. The conscientious care of the museum's collection is a demanding job. Despite financial and moral support from the Community Arts Council, dwindling numbers of dedicated volunteers preclude the research and labour necessary to design interesting displays and to keep the museum open on a consistent basis this summer. However, those of us still working towards the concept of a community museum will continue to maintain the museum's collection and the building which houses it in the hopes that next summer a public display will once more be presented.

In the meantime, tours of the museum's facilities may be arranged upon request. Anyone wishing to donate articles may contact Sandy Lucs (537-9567) or Frances Eide (537-9350).

A museum is not just one or two or even six individuals but rather an institution which reflects the commitment a community makes towards the preservation of the irreplaceable objects of its past for the education and delight of future generations.

In the case of Salt Spring, it would seem that such a commitment has yet to be made. Active participation by Salt Spring residents is essential to ensure that a museum of local history will remain an integral part of our community.
SANDY LUCS,
Salt Spring Island Museum.

Kids are our future

Sir,

I was deeply concerned when I read the article in the Vancouver Sun (March 5?), "day-care workers living in fear of breaching government rules", in which there seems to be a much bigger problem brewing than that which is outlined in the article. In fact my concern lies in a different area of the same issue.

Quote, "to hold a child in your lap, may not be acceptable in some people's eyes.", Endquote, is in itself an unacceptable premise. Holding is the most acceptable expression of love in the world, and ultimately, an expression children need most often in life.

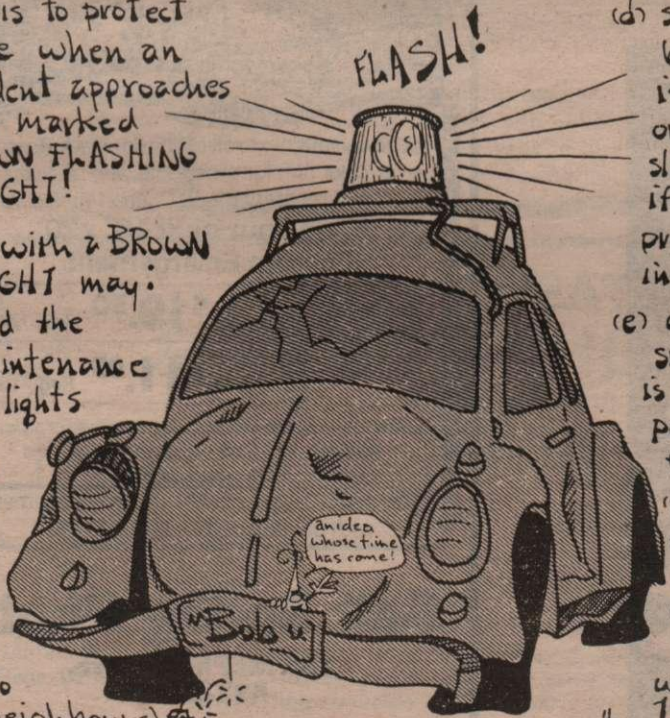
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—ISLANDERS HELPING ISLANDERS—

More Letters to the Editor

From Page 5

I see this as a question of motive and intent. Is your motive to take advantage of the child's innocence?, and is your intent to satisfy your own desires (how do I look to others?) to the exclusion of the child's needs?

If the answer is yes to either item, then I agree that you are justified in feeling that someone will take exception to your actions. If no, then you can rest assured that no responsible person, especially the child, will misconstrue your actions. As for the nervous people (who are very few in number, if not in attention), there is no witch hunt on, only the first fumbling efforts of a bureaucratic agency to uncover a problem as old as child-care itself.

Quote: "You do think what have I done lately that some parent may not like! I think you are a little more conscious of what you are doing." End quote.

Should only give you the opportunity for reflection on your course of action, and not paralyze you into inaction. This can be an opportunity to look at the poor child-rearing methods passed on to you in your past, and which you should not want to pass on to this generation. I would also suggest that we all can become a lot more conscious of what we are doing.

My comment to Ann Fagan's "no one working in a professional field should be scared, because they can't do their job that way" is:

No one is "perfect" just because they are called professionals. There are harmful people who wear this title "professional" too, case in point, a psychiatrist who was accused, recently, of bedding his patients.

They may not be harmful in this issue of blatant abuse, but they are still harmful in more subtle ways. They carry with them old (and sometimes cruel) programming, such as "spare the rod and spoil the child" (advocates physical abuse), children should be seen and not heard (generates emotional and psychological damage), and others too many to list here. They think they are some ultimate authority and that any person (child or adult) that questions that authority is bad, rather than thoughtful.

It is time these professionals learned the true nurturing aspects of child-care and were stopped from passing on to yet another generation, their misconceptions and ineffective teachings.

I believe there are more people in the profession who do know the difference between nurturing and abuse, than there are paranoids and misinformed.

Your ultimate test is the child. If the child respects you and does not fear you in any way, you are, most likely, doing a fine job. If so, and you find yourself under attack for your actions, look closer at your accusers. Maybe this is the one who is paranoid, misinformed, or has no nurturing skills.

This is a very real subject, and one that permeates every aspect of our society. Children have been helpless victims of abuse and authority for too long! It is time to stop! We can all do ourselves a great service by researching and discovering what exactly is nurturing. Whether we have kids or not, is irrelevant. They are our future. We all have the responsibility to see that they grow up in a positive, helpful, safe, and sane environment.

Something many of us never had as children.

DAVE CLEGG,
Ganges.

Neither is responsive

Sir,

One of the most important things the educational system can give is an overview in thinking; so that individuals will become aware of their situations and give self-direction to their lives. A poorly organized educational system will create a generation of unawareness in an era when intelligent decisions are critical to the survival of this planet.

We're in a time when a complete re-thinking of the educational system is mandatory,—when the educational system is overstructured and unresponsive to rapidly changing times. For example, small businesses are better able to cope with rapidly changing technology than large corporations which tend to resist change because of large capital investments in existing processes and status quo.

We are not providing the options to youth to be able to survive in the world we'll leave them. Along with this comes a complete re-thinking and re-structuring of the institutions of "manpower" and "human resources" more in line with the concept of "human development" program. These entities should be closely linked with the educational process itself. All of these systems should be responsive to the actual social, economic and cultural needs of people.

When a society gets too far removed from the cultural, moral and spiritual aspects of life, it is a struggle to survive. Since neither major political party in B.C. seems to be responsive to the needs of people and there seems to be no established alternative, it may be time for those who believe change is necessary to gain control of the existing Social Credit government and clean house.

SUE HISCOCKS,
JIM WIGHT,
Ganges.

60 respond to survey

A water survey on Salt Spring has revealed some interesting facts but more information is still needed.

Tom Gossett of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society explained that the survey of ground water conditions on the island resulted in about 60 responses.

Of those, he said, at least half the people told of problems with wells or expressed concerns about the future and the availability of ground water.

There are, he explained, literally hundreds of wells on the island. Some have been abandoned because of problems with water quality, he said.

The average well on the island delivers close to 1.5 gallons of water per minute while some wells have a flow of up to 20 gallons per minute. The question with those wells, Gossett said, was how long the flow could be sustained.

The water preservation society will continue to push for more information about ground water.

"A lot of people on the island will depend upon ground water for some time to come," he said.

Salt Spring experiences a yearly average precipitation of about 40 inches and of that amount about one inch becomes available for ground water recharge.

The society is pushing for an in-depth study of groundwater conditions on the island.

Several years ago, the provincial government carried out a ground water study at Mayne Island. While the study was extensive, the conclusion was that more information was needed.

"Maybe we'll never get complete knowledge of ground water," commented Mike Larmour, secretary of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

Gossett said the society had made a request that the government carry out a study. The information gathered, he said, would be "helpful for the whole planning process."

Many people on the island have

been reluctant to offer information about the condition of their wells, Gossett said. The information is considered to be private.

He admitted that the study results could be "tainted" by the reluctance of some people to divulge information.

At the same time he expressed satisfaction at the results of the study to date and said the society will continue to seek more information. When more facts are available, the society may be in a better position to push for a government study.

"We're not going to drop it," he said.

The responses came in from all sections of the island. People from Isabella Point on the south and Fernwood on the north responded and there were replies from Scott Point on one side of the island and Booth Bay on the other.

The problems centred on contamination of water as well as complaints about taste and smell.

Some areas, such as Scott Point, have problems with intrusion of salt water.

The greatest water resource on the island is the lakes, Gossett said, but information is needed about ground water because to run water lines to outlying areas would be too expensive.

Firemen called

A tow truck was hauling a 1970 Ford truck Sunday when a fire broke out.

RCMP stopped the two vehicles on Fulford-Ganges Road on Salt Spring when the rear wheels of the truck being towed had caught fire. Volunteers of the Salt Spring Fire Department were called out to deal with the incident.

The truck is owned by Lony Rockafella of Galiano Island.



Notice to the ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District

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THE ELECTION OF THREE TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that at the annual general meeting to be held on April 29, 1985, two trustees are to be elected to serve for a term of three years, and one trustee is to be elected to serve for a term of one year.

Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Monday the 8th day of April, 1985.

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Community newspapers prepare for battle with Canada Post

Community newspapers in British Columbia—and, perhaps, all of Canada—are gearing up for a battle with the Canada Post Corporation over competition for flyer delivery and poor postal service.

Matters came to a head earlier this month when the Williams Lake *Tribune* distributed its weekly TV guide with an incorrect supplement line. A Canada Post regulation requires that flyers or inserts delivered in newspapers must bear a line indicating the newspaper's name and the publication date.

On March 12, the *Tribune*, which has been distributing its TV guide through the paper for the past nine years, sent out the new guide with the wrong dateline. The post office subsequently attempted to charge the *Tribune* \$500, equal to 48¢ postage on each of the wrongly dated TV guides.

The newspaper refused to pay and the post office has now refused to deliver the *Tribune*. In a letter to newspaper publishers in the province, David Black of Cariboo Press, owners of the *Tribune*, noted that post office officials in Ottawa assured newspaper representatives recently that additional postal charges would not be levied in the case of honest mistakes in datelines. Officials in Vancouver, says Black, do not consider the mistake an honest one.

"Presumably we meant to screw up the date."

The Canadian Community Newspaper Association, representing more than 600 community newspapers across the country, has been working for two years with Canada Post to try to improve postal regulations. But many publishers are finding that the corporation is trying to make it more difficult for papers to compete for flyer business.

Third-class mail regulations call for flyers to be inserted—not like sections—but between pages which would make inserting the flyers, which is done by hand, too expensive to be economically viable.

And in some communities, postal officials have been interpreting that rule to include second-class mail.

In his letter Black said a Canada Post service bulletin last November reviewed enclosure requirements for third-class unaddressed householders.

The bulletin concluded: "Once these requirements are met I'm sure our postmasters will find themselves in a more competitive position to secure a larger share of the advertising revenue within their community."

Newspaper publishers object to the fact that Canada Post, as a taxpayer-subsidized crown corporation, is delivering newspapers under its own

regulations and competing with those papers at the same time.

In addition, newspapers have been striving for several years for improvements in the post office's distribution service.

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Poetry like you've never seen before

It will be poetry like you've never seen or heard before. That's how organizers are describing a presentation slated for the Salt Spring Centre Wednesday, Apr. 17.

Gary Snyder, Allan Ginsberg, William Burroughs, LeRoi Jones and nine other poets will be featured in the film *Poetry In Motion* in part of the local celebration of National Book Festival Week.

In the film, Ginsberg appears with a new-wave punk rock band, Jones with jazz musicians and Ed Sanders with synthesizers taped to his fingers and his tie.

Four Salt Spring poets—Alison Jason, Diana Hayes, Matthew Coleman and Murray Reiss—will read from their own work before the film.

The affair begins at 8 pm, admission is free and refreshments will be available.

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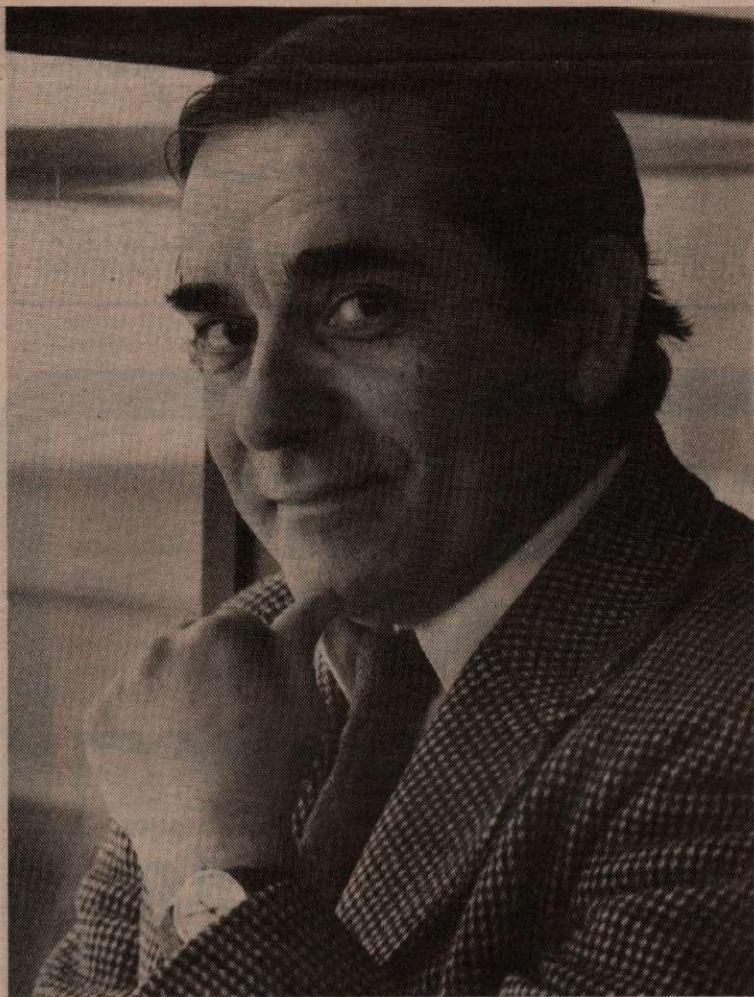
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Henry Woolf

Henry Woolf to perform Hancock's Last Half-Hour

The award-winning *Hancock's Last Half-hour* will be seen at Ganges April 20 as a one-man performance by well known director Henry Woolf.

The show, about British comedian Tony Hancock, earned Woolf best actor awards in Canada in 1978 and 1982. Following the performance, to be seen at 8 pm in Mahon Hall, Woolf will give a two-day workshop at the Salt Spring Centre.

Woolf grew up in London,

England, and by the 1950's was a post-graduate drama student at the University of Bristol. His career has taken him to the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Royal Court Theatre of London. He has worked with Orson Welles and Laurence Olivier and other well known actors.

Woolf is currently teaching drama at the University of Saskatchewan and serving as artistic director of the Vancouver Shakespeare Festival.

Tickets for the April 20 performance are \$5 at *et cetera*.

Contest open to students

Students enrolled at any Gulf Islands school are eligible to enter an "air-band" contest being staged by the music department at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Winning entry will receive a \$50 cash prize and prizes will also be awarded to second and third-place finishers.

An air-band does not give a live performance but an imitation.

According to GISS music director Dwaine Prosk, this is accomplished by dressing and acting like the performers to be imitated and lip-synching the recording of the group to be imitated.

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'Be positive,' Ferries official tells transportation committee

Members of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee were urged last week to adopt a more positive attitude for their quarterly meetings with officials of the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

Capt. Charles Partridge told island delegates during a meeting last Wednesday that they brought too much "negativism" to the meetings. He also charged that islanders were bringing incorrect information and innuendo to the gatherings, which are chaired by corporation president Andrew Collier.

Several island representatives had been telling the meeting that the Fulford and Vesuvius ferries were often running late, the delays being caused by the necessity of taking fares at both ends of the two routes. Partridge and other officials insisted that the ferries did not run late and said the delegates were wrong.

Island delegates expressed a number of concerns during the 1½ hour meeting, touching on communications, the new reservations system, the carrying of bicycles, cleanliness aboard the vessels and others.

Arvid Chalmers said he was dismayed upon hearing the announcement of the new reservations system, pointing out that it was a case where the

corporation's plans should have been put to the public first through the transportation committee. He said it was unworkable for most Gulf Islanders and likened it to placing ocean cruise requirements on a bus line.

Admiral Collier, however, refused to discuss the system at that particular meeting, noting that it was on the agenda for another meeting later in the morning that would include delegates from each of the islands.

Blair Nelson, a new member of the committee, told corporation officials that he felt B.C. Ferries' service was in general "very respectable". His concerns included cleanliness aboard vessels and at terminals, the detrimental effects inter-island fares have had on Salt Spring merchants and problems commercial truckers must face using the ferry system.

Problems with loading bicycles on ferries prompted another new

committee member, Beth Straarup, to demonstrate a system of holding bikes in place aboard the ferries. She told the meeting it was a system used on ferries in six different countries.

Use of the *Quinita* on the Fulford run and the size of the vessel at Long Harbour were also mentioned by delegates.

Collier said the corporation wasn't happy with the *Quinita* either but he observed that it was "the most economical way to operate for now." The *Quinita* would have to be used until the corporation was able to build a new ferry.

Looking at Long Harbour, Collier agreed that a stretched vessel was able to use the dock but adverse wind conditions would pose safety problems in the narrow harbour.

Increase in parking fees at terminals came up but the corporation said it was waiting for a written proposal from the committee.

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Development tea plans under way

BY OLIVE MOUAT

History repeats itself, but with a twist.

Last year, at the time of the United Church Women's basement sale, the women found themselves without a basement. A frantic appeal resulted in the United Church Women's event being put on by the United Church Women in the Anglican Church hall.

This year, something somewhat similar has happened. The annual World Development Tea is being convened by the ladies of the Anglican Church but, since their hall had already been reserved by another group, the Anglicans plan to hold the World Development Tea in the United Church halls. The ecumenical tea will thus be even more ecumenical than usual.

For a number of years four churches—Anglican, Community Gospel, Roman Catholic and United—have co-operated in holding the World Development Tea. Members of all four churches do all they can to make the event successful. Planning is done in turn. All groups work for and at the tea.

People on Salt Spring Island are remarkably generous. Some reserve that generosity for neighbours, others extend it to the Third World. This latter group has formed a committee made up of representatives of churches, Rotary, Save the Children's Fund workers on the island, and the local Ten Days for World Development branch.

Here are some pertinent pictures dealing with the work that is being done:

- Boys chosen from the extremely poor in Sri Lanka, now living in an old building that they helped to repair and make into a comfortable home, eating nourishing food that they have assisted in growing and in cooking, attending village school in the morning, working in the afternoon so that, "by doing", they learn a trade that will allow them to support themselves with dignity. Not dying of hunger or living by begging.

- Orphans, begging and starving in Uganda, to be given care, food and a place in which to live. Children like those in the "Ambassadors of Aid" choir who sang here recently, but not so well-fed.

- Groups of Mexican women,

very poor, gathering in small co-operatives in an effort to improve the lives of their families by earning money sewing. Their embroidery will bring money if it sells. An effort to increase the sales is being made.

- Lonely beggar, handicapped mother, old grandfather, tiny child, all blind. Surviving but only just surviving. Unable to work. These same people, cataracts gone from their eyes, joyful, useful, knowing self-worth.

- Grandmothers, mothers too, taught how to grow common green vegetables that contain vitamin A, and how to cook these vegetables so that their families will eat them. As a

result, babies and older ones that continue to see.

- Mexican peasants near the border, under-nourished. Refugees pouring in from Guatemala, exhausted, half-starved, falling victim to tuberculosis. A doctor from Vancouver, sponsored by the Save the Children Society in an enterprise arising from last year's World Development Tea, planning to treat all active carriers of TB and so to eradicate that killer disease in that part of Mexico.

These pictures show some of the work that the Salt Spring Island World Development group has helped or is helping with.



To play at festival

Maureen Brennan, with Irish harp, and Ciel Tarmann, with hammered dulcimer, are two of many performers coming to the Celtic Music Festival April 27-28 at Ganges. The two will be heard playing traditional music in concert and at an afternoon workshop. Other harpists scheduled to attend

are Susan Scott and Dennis Donnelly, both from Victoria. Tickets are available at et cetera and the Fryin' Scotsman and until April 15 cost \$8 for entire weekend or \$5 for evening concert and dance only. The Suffering Gaels, a group that has moved recently from Ireland, will play for the dance.

Auction raises \$2,400

By ELEANOR HARRISON

The sixth annual playschool auction held at the Pender school-community centre on Saturday was a tremendous success and a fun evening for the 150 people who attended.

In the six years since the auction's inception (it was first held in a member's home) it has grown with the support of the parents and the community.

Saturday night \$2,400 was raised enabling the playschool to continue the excellent work it does for pre-school children, under the direction of Sherrie Boyte.

Bill Bartlett, Pender's genial postmaster, was auctioneer. Bartlett is not only an auctioneer but he is a very good actor and he came dressed for the occasion in a top hat, long top coat, flowered shirt and tie with shoes dyed to match.

During the break, box lunches prepared by the playschool parents were auctioned by Bartlett. For this, the auctioneer changed his clothes and appeared in a long Japanese kimono and slippers. A Sushi box lunch brought the highest price of \$12.

The donated door prize of a cord of firewood was won by Lois Kinnersly.

Besides the many donations from householders on the island there were donations from local merchants. Also, there were a lot of donations from local people of services such as "to paper your bathroom" or "to supply perogies for your dinner" and many more interesting ones.

Everyone went home with a treasure of some type after enjoying a great fun evening and the satisfaction of enabling the Pender Island playschool to continue next year.

Vivian Miles is president of the playschool organization.

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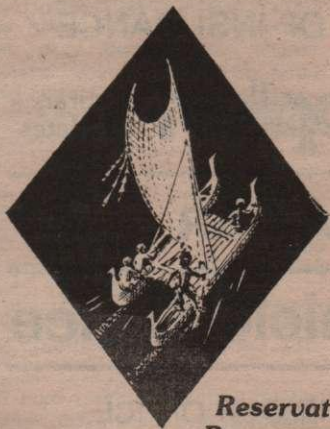
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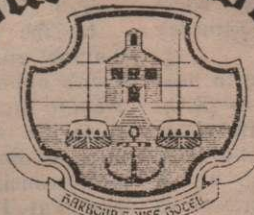
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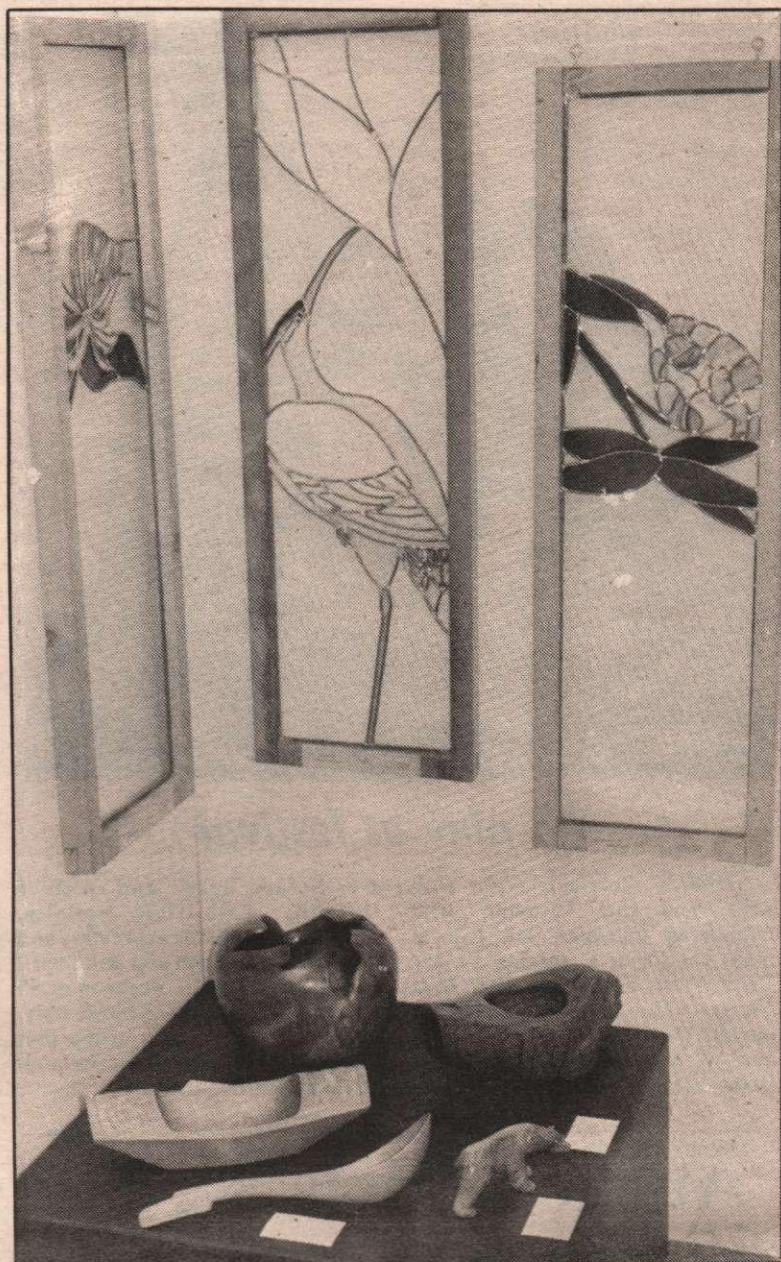


Showcase '85 opens

Showcase '85 opened at new Salt Spring Art Gallery on weekend. At top left, bronze statue by Bruce Pearson stands demurely as ladies in background enjoy painting by Allan Edwards. At right, stained glass works of Bev Graham, Mayne Island, and carvings by Salt Spring

Islanders Brien Foerster, Emil Socher, Gerry Marks and Douglas Rajala were of interest. Below, intricate detail in necklace of ivory, sterling and black coral was carved by jeweller Silvija Savels of Mayne Island.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



LEGION NEWS

BY BETTY GALT

This has been a slim month for news, nearly all of it requiring a dig in the ribs, a tuck in the mainsail, or what have you.

Have you ordered your tulips? Sales are going well and we hope to surpass our quota.

The successful dart tournament was able to raise money to help send a team to Kitimat.

The spring dance is to be held in April. Watch *Driftwood* for the date.

Come join us Saturday afternoons for meat draws. There will be several draws each Saturday starting April 6 at 3 pm.

It is always a pleasure to hear from other localities in B.C., especially when it's from friends or relatives of comrades who have worked hard for Branch 92. A special remembrance therefore to you have left the islands.

It makes life so much easier to find news items when you have a great ladies' auxiliary. Branch 92 ladies served luncheon to 50 guests for Bill and Mary Vickers' 50th wedding anniversary this month. Speaking of food, they are very pleased that the attendance at Friday night suppers has greatly improved.

The ladies are busy planning and working for their convention in

Duncan in May. A bake sale for the Mother's Day weekend is under way so support your ladies' auxiliary and buy your treats from them.

A moment of remembrance this month on the passing of Mrs. Joan Springford, who besides being a founding member of the ladies' auxiliary, was its first president in 1947. Deepest sympathy is extended to her family.

Next regular meeting of the auxiliary is April 9.

A tournament combined pool and shuffleboard players at the Legion Hall on March 23.

In the pool section, George Lamont and Ted Laveck took the men's doubles title. Second place went to Brian Argue and Art Pilon.

At the shuffleboard table, the team of Barry Byron and Dennis McCormick edged out Jock Stewart and Pat Lockert for the men's doubles title. In the mixed doubles, Jack and Marion de la Franier took top spot against the team of Byron and C. Sturgess.



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Junior volunteers Morgan Kent and Sarah Stark

Two volunteers travel to Kamloops

When junior volunteers and cadets gathered in Kamloops recently, Morgan Kent and Sarah Stark were there to represent the Salt Spring group.

Kent, a Grade 11 student, and Stark, Grade 10, were chosen to go

SATURNA SCENE

By PRISCILLA JANSZEN

The spring fling will be held Saturday at Saturna Island, beginning at 8 pm in the community hall. Refreshments will include a midnight snack of chili beans.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$5 for a couple and \$1 for children. Funds raised will go to creating a recreational sports area on the island.

At 3 pm Saturday the Women's Club will hold its annual bake sale and tea. Providing you are there promptly at 3 pm a dazzling array of cakes, pies, cinnamon buns, cookies, special breads, candies, Easter goodies and items priced for children will greet your eyes.

There will be a plant table loaded up for gardeners and a white elephant table for everyone.

to the provincial conference as the two top members of the Lady Minto Hospital junior volunteers who have put in the most voluntary hours.

Kent took part in a television talk show broadcast on the community channel in Kamloops. The TV discussion had been organized by the hospital auxiliary. Kent was one of two junior volunteers to take part.

They explained what the junior volunteers and cadets do for the patients in a hospital and what is learned from the experience.

The provincial organization holds a conference every two years with the next one to take place in Surrey in 1987.

The junior volunteers and cadets began 10 years ago in B.C. and today there are 2,117 young people involved in voluntary service to 28 hospitals. Over the decade they have performed 128,657 hours of service.

The conference at Kamloops was attended by 107 junior volunteers and cadets from eight regions of the province.

The group used to be known as "Candy Strippers" but when boys joined the organization, the name was changed.

There are 15 young people involved in the Lady Minto volunteer crew, including four boys.

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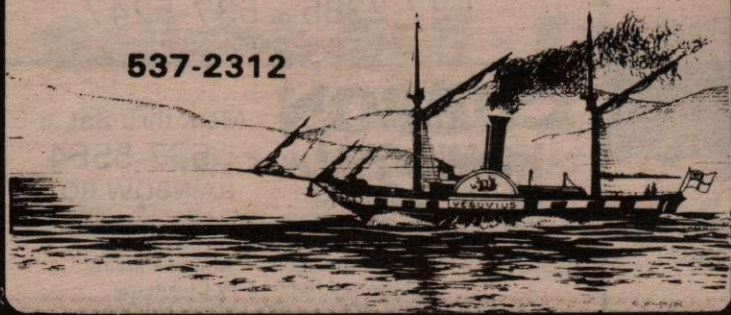
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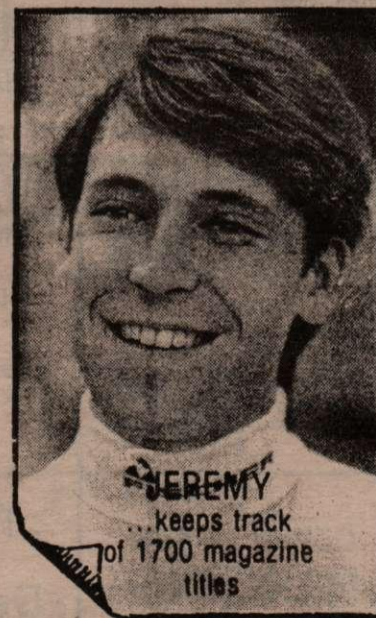
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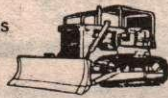
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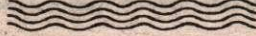
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Local fishermen chase herring for research

By **BILL WEBSTER**

Milan Aleksich and the crew of the *Westview 1* went chasing herring a couple of weeks ago, but not to catch the little fish. They just wanted to see what they were up to.

The *Westview*, out of Salt Spring, had been chartered by the federal fisheries department to chase schools of herring through the Gulf Islands.

Jack Trent, a fisheries officer from Campbell River, joined the *Westview* for the journey. The idea, said Trent, was to gather information about herring and to assemble a profile of the habits of the fish. He was looking for the availability of the schools, the patterns the schools followed and whether indeed the herring followed a pattern.

The information when collated and interpreted will allow for measures to be introduced to regulate the herring season. Trent noted that the season seemed to vary from year to year and the search was aimed at finding a minimum level to allow the herring fishing industry to be viable while still protecting the stock.

"It's a control on herring roe that we're looking for," he explained.

During the herring season, federal fisheries seeks at least 10% of the weight of the catch to determine its suitability for the industry.

Samples sent to Nanaimo

Samples of herring are caught and sent to the biological station at Nanaimo. The researchers look for maturity and identity of the herring.

They gauge the size and characteristics of the various types of herring to come up with the identity of the herring in various places in the Strait of Georgia.

While the *Westview* cruised through the Gulf Islands, another herring boat under charter to federal fisheries was travelling north in a similar search.

The *Westview*, after a side trip to Crofton to unload herring samples destined for Nanaimo, began to cruise down Stuart Channel and Sansum Narrows bound for Fulford Harbour.

Up on the bridge, the helmsman kept an eye on the sonar and the sounder as the boat plied south on its journey.

The sonar was picking up not only what was under the water but on the shoreline as well. Coupled with the sonar was the depth sounder.

Bruce Aleksich was at the wheel for the first part of the trip. He watch the sonar until a large red blob appeared in the centre of the screen. The sonar picks up objects underwater and the colours on the screen run the spectrum from blue, which would be open water, to bright red, which indicates a school of fish.

As the *Westview* approached the location of the underwater blip, Aleksich checked the sounder and a dark line appeared on the graph.

A school of herring, albeit a small group, had been found. As the *Westview* continued south, similar dark lines indicating the presence of more herring appeared on the graph.

The crew, Keith Stevens, Kurt Hengstler, Jack Langdon and Larry Quesnel, sat in the galley trading tall tales and playing cribbage. They were waiting for word from the

bridge that a large school of herring had been sighted.

The nets would have been let out and samples taken. But as luck would have it, the *Westview* found several schools but each one was too small to bother with and the crew continued to kill time in the galley.

Herring run in schools for defence

The herring form in schools as a defence against predators. The little fish feed on micro-organisms in the water and in turn are snacks for seals, eagles, salmon and sea lions.

What the predators don't eat could end up in the nets of the fishermen.

The topic of sea lions brought a note of exasperation to the voices of the crew members. A sea lion can consume up to 2,600 pounds of herring in a year and there are an estimated 4,000 sea lions in Gulf Islands waters.

And so the watch on the bridge continued.

When asked about the electronic devices and their value to a fisherman, Trent said, "Electronics are great, but you have to depend upon nature to give you the signals."

The trip of the *Westview* from Vesuvius to Fulford was but one of many such travels in an effort to learn more about herring.

"We're trying to solve a puzzle," Trent explained.

The results of the search and the research when coupled with the experience of the herring fishermen will provide for a better understanding of herring and their habits.



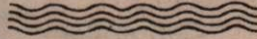
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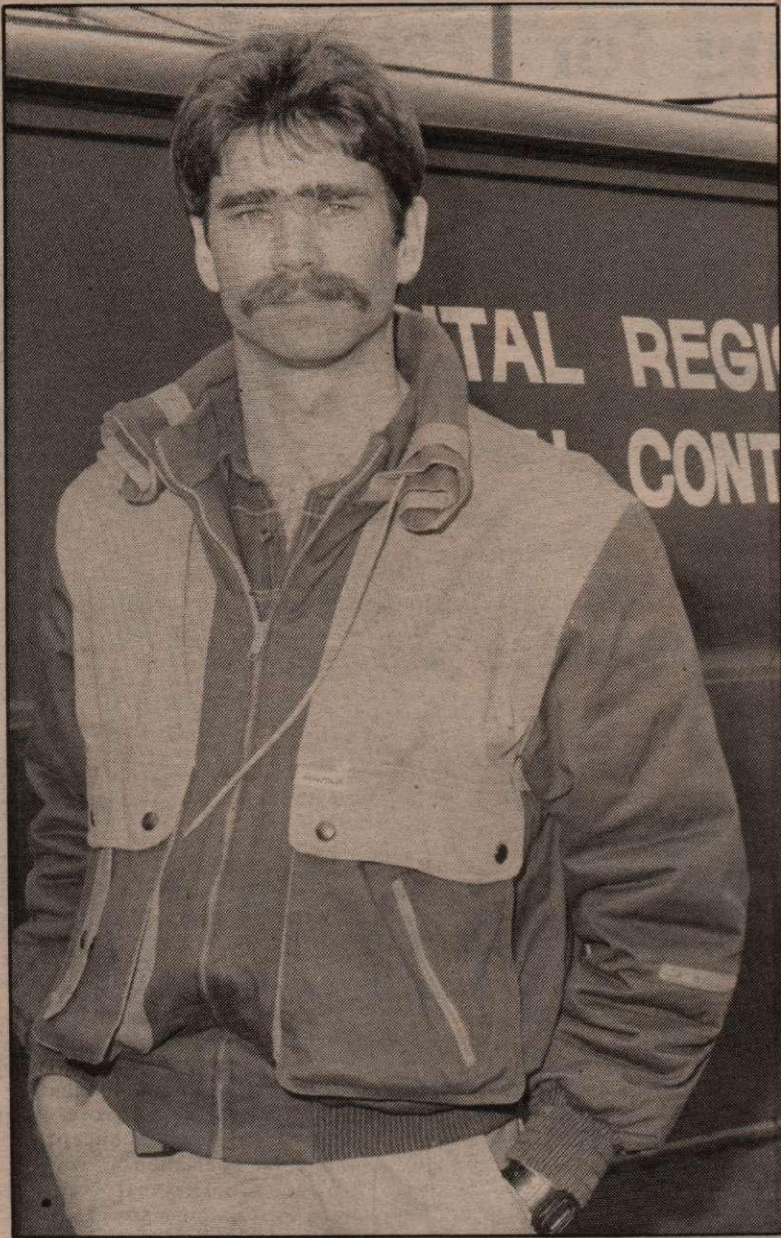
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Miles Drew

Former SPCA inspector heads CRD's animal control division

Miles Drew is the new head of animal control for the Capital Region and he comes to the job from the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals where he was an inspector.

He takes over the animal control post from Bill Leach who has retired.

Drew resides in Victoria with his wife Laurie and their son Jordan. He was born on the prairies where his parents taught school.

He graduated from the University of Victoria with a degree in political science and has taken public administration courses at Camosun College.

It was while he was in college that he joined the SPCA as an emergency inspector on weekends.

The main office of the animal control unit of the CRD is located in Langford and each of the Gulf Islands has a resident animal control officer.

Drew explained that there are about 6,000 licensed dogs in the CRD area and the greater percentage of owners of licensed dogs keep them under control.

The problem of dogs running loose seems to follow a pattern set by the weather as well as the time of year, he said.

And the problem on Salt Spring can be deadly, he said.

"Dogs don't interact with sheep too well," he said. And that's the best reason for owners to keep their dogs under control, he added.

The CRD subsidizes sheep farmers for up to \$2,000 per year for stock lost to roaming dogs. If the owner of the dog can be traced, the matter becomes a civil suit between the sheep farmer and the dog owner, he explained.

Farmers, under the Livestock Protection Act, can shoot any dog which harasses a flock.

But residents are cautioned not to shoot a dog which is chasing deer. Instead the observer should call the

animal control officer with as much information as possible.

The observer should get a good description of the dog, notice which way the dog came from and which way it was headed.

If a dog gains a reputation for chasing deer or harassing sheep, the animal control officer can seize it from the owner, Drew said.

Time of growth for auxiliary

Although the Salt Spring auxiliary to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) experienced a deficit last year, it was a time of growth, according to auxiliary president Claus Andress.

With receipts of \$4,818.22 and disbursements of \$4,889.94, the Salt Spring auxiliary had a deficit of \$71.72. The auxiliary has a bank account which totalled \$3,170.77 at year's end.

Andress reported that the auxiliary dealt with 1,022 contacts and the inspector worked 181 hours during the year. The members of the auxiliary dealt with animal welfare problems when the inspector was not available.

They held a fund-raising drive in October and brought in \$1,905. Membership fees resulted in \$334. A membership in the auxiliary costs \$5 per year. Any amount above that figure can be used at income tax time as a donation deduction. The auxiliary issues receipts for such donations.

The inspector was also busy at fall fair time, supervising the welfare of animals on display. The auxiliary held an information program at the fair and raised \$72.69.

During the year, Andress reported, the auxiliary dealt with nine complaints of cruelty to animals. There were 12 cats and two dogs euthanized. In addition, 28 cats were moved to the shelter in Victoria.

Under the spay or neuter program, the auxiliary received \$797.50 from the Victoria branch and a further \$548.52 from clients.

There were six dogs spayed and another was castrated. On the feline side, there were 14 cats spayed and two castrated under the program.

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For Channel Ridge

Trust introduces new zones

The first move to clear the way for Channel Ridge subdivision at the north end of Salt Spring has been taken by the Islands Trust committee.

The committee has introduced an amendment to the community plan, two amendments to the zoning bylaws and an amendment to the subdivision bylaw to bring the area under one set of rules.

The community plan change introduces a new policy to cover comprehensive development areas while the changes to the zoning bylaws introduce two new zones: Comprehensive Development 3 (CD3) and Comprehensive Development 4 (CD4).

The change to the subdivision bylaw sets out the parcel area requirements and minimum service levels of the two new zones.

Under the current zoning of the property, four different zones are involved. Approximately 270 acres are zoned Watershed 1, with a further 920 acres classified as Rural and close to 190 acres in the Rural Residential 1 zone. There are also close to 50 acres in the Agricultural 1 zone.

The watershed area is to be rezoned to the watershed Protection Zone and the agricultural land is to be left undeveloped.

The CD3 zone will encompass close to 970 acres of land currently zoned Rural or Rural Residential. The CD4 zone will cover approximately 60 acres. That area is to be the site of the proposed village.

Also left out of the calculations is 30 acres in Duck Creek valley which is intended as a public-use zone and up to 50 acres cut off from the subdivision to be used for road dedications.

The property covered by the Channel Ridge proposal includes 16

parcels of land ranging in size from 2.5 to 216.2 acres.

The community plan amendment describes a comprehensive development area as "one which is based on a detailed plan for one or more larger parcels of land."

The comprehensive development should also "contribute to the achievement of the goals of this (community) plan."

The policy also sets out that residential development can cover a range of development densities as well as a variety of housing types. The policy states that such developments should provide "substantial public benefits" such as large areas of undeveloped land, watershed protection and areas for recreation, education or other public uses.

When the developers allow for public benefits, increases in density on the properties involved could be allowed. But the total density of the entire area would not be permitted to exceed that density allowed under the community plan policies.

The developers of Channel Ridge, Louis Lindholm, a Victoria Lawyer, and Brian Lawrence, a Vancouver developer, propose to set aside the watershed area as well as 30 acres in Duck Creek Valley for the benefit of the public. They have indicated that the agricultural land would not be part of the planned subdivision.

To compensate for setting aside the 350 acres, they are asking for a transfer of the allowable density from those parcels to the land on which the housing will be located.

In addition, the comprehensive development area policy allows for limited commercial activity. Such activities as retail stores, personal and other services which provide for the needs of the residents would be permitted.

The Comprehensive Development 3 zone will permit single-family dwellings, public parks and community recreation facilities as well as private recreation and forest use.

Other uses allowed would be community halls and community health clinics in addition to such things as firehalls and police stations.

Site coverage is limited to 33 per cent of the size of the parcel with a height restriction of 25 feet and two storeys. Building setbacks cover the usual distance of 25 feet from the

front lot line and 10 feet from interior side lot lines.

The Comprehensive Development 4 zone is being created to facilitate the proposed village at the Channel Ridge subdivision.

The uses permitted within the zone include single-family as well as multiple-family dwellings. The site density for the dwellings allows for one unit for each one-fifth of an acre or one unit per lot allowed by the subdivision control bylaw. Whichever calculation results in the least number of dwellings will govern the site density.

The CD4 zone allows for institutional uses such as public parks and community recreation facilities, community halls and health clinics, public safety facilities, schools and private recreation and forest use.

The additions to the subdivision bylaw set out the size requirements and service levels for the new zones.

The CD3 zone permits various sized parcels grouped in "districts."

For the smaller lots, the average lot size is an acre with the minimum size being half an acre. The service level must be a community water system and a community sewer system.

The next district allows for average lots of 1.5 acres and a minimum of half an acre. The service level for that district is individual septic systems and a community water system.

The third district allows for larger lots with the minimum size being three acres. The service level has been suggested as being individual septic systems and wells.

For the CD4 zone, the minimum lot size is one-fifth of an acre and the service level is community sewer and water systems.

The various changes have been given first reading by the Trust committee. Staff will check the bylaw amendments and tighten the language and the proposed changes will be discussed at a meeting in May.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Zoning changed?

New sign sprouted Monday morning in residential area of Scott Point on Salt Spring Island and left some residents wondering if zoning

had been changed. One area resident questioned how many cars Honest Fil would sell by the time next April Fool's Day rolls around.

Potter to give workshop

Denys James will emphasize the development of concepts when he conducts a workshop for the Salt Spring Potters Guild April 13 and 14. James, now a resident of Salt Spring Island, gave a raku workshop here about five years ago. In the interim he has been teaching sculpture at Okanagan College and taking part in exhibits, mainly in western Canada.

Examples of his work are in the collections of the National Museum of Man in Ottawa, the Banff Centre, in private collections in Germany, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, as well as North America. A travelling exhibit sponsored by the department of external affairs also contains some of his pieces.

In the April sessions here, James

plans to help participants to generate fresh ideas or themes and explore ways of transforming them into clay. The assumption is that the ceramic is a vehicle for communicating a concept, a fantasy, an association.

While the intellectual content is taking form, a low-temperature salt firing will be proceeding also. With this in mind, those who are enrolled should prepare a few bisqued pieces and bring them to the workshop. Current members of the Salt Spring Potters Guild will receive preference in enrolling with attendance limited to 14.

Sign-ups should all be in by next Monday. Arrangements for the event are being made by Maggie Schubart and inquiries should be directed to her at 537-9804.

Two win awards at festival

Two Salt Spring Island artists have won prizes in this week's first annual International Cartoon Festival in Victoria.

Doug Penhale won the award for best overall cartoon in the open category and first and second place in the commercial illustration category.

Dennis Parker took first place for the best unpublished single-panel gag.

Salt Spring-based cartoonist Adrian Raeside was among the judges at the festival.

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Off to Reno

Driftwood publisher Tony Richards congratulates Ed Allan of Salt Spring Island on winning trip for two to Reno in newspaper's 25th anniversary subscription contest.

Photo was taken during recent open house at Driftwood office, when more than 200 people were given tours of newspaper operation.

Park to use sewer?

Brinkworthy Place, the mobile home park just north of Ganges, may be forced into joining the community sewer system.

VMHP Holdings Ltd., the company which owns the park, plans to expand it to at least 100 units and has applied for a permit for a sewage treatment facility with disposal in a septic field.

But the matter has caused concern at the Capital Region and several directors have suggested that the park be joined to the Ganges sewer system.

Howard Sturrock, chairman of the CRD, wrote to Ted Oldham of the waste management branch to suggest that various aspects of the proposal to hook the park to the sewer line be considered.

He noted that "in the event of a future failure of the ground absorption system pressure could be placed on the CRD to agree to an extension of the conventional sewerage system which is proposed to be built to serve a defined area of Ganges during the current year."

He added that the extension to the park would be about half a mile.

"Although many directors felt that an additional 100 or so customers connected to the Ganges system would be beneficial, fears were expressed about the dangers of encouraging strip development along this extension, if it were built..." Sturrock wrote.

The matter came to the attention of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee because Sturrock wanted to know what the reaction of the Trust would be to the sewer

extension.

Trust planner Dave Morris explained that if the line were to be extended to the mobile home park, the pipe would have to be under pressure to move the sewage. In such an event, he said, the pressure line would preclude others from joining down the line.

In that way, strip development could be avoided, he said.

Norman Mouat, a principal in VMHP, told the Trust committee that monitoring of sewage discharge from the units currently in the park showed a use of 50 gallons per day per unit on average.

The CRD had been told that the volume of effluent from the park was 28,600 gallons per day. Mouat, quoting the monitored figures, disputed the figure.

Mouat pointed out that the property had been zoned for a mobile home park by the CRD before the Islands Trust had been created.

Salt Spring Tories meet

Patronage inevitable—Crofton

Patronage in Canadian politics is to a degree inevitable, a meeting of Progressive Conservatives was told Saturday morning at Salt Spring Island.

Esquimalt-Saanich Tory MP Pat Crofton, who was born and raised on Salt Spring, told the annual meeting of the local Conservative association that his party "made a rod for our own backs" in the way they used patronage as a campaign issue in last year's federal election.

He recalled that when the government made several appointments back in December, its opponents seized on two in particular in criticizing the move, those of Catherine McKinnon and Geoffrey Pearson. Neither, Crofton told his audience, was known to be a Conservative.

He also said patronage was a way of life in eastern Canada.

On a lighter note, he told of a fellow MP who made a trip to his riding in Nova Scotia. On his return he called for the replacement of a wharfinger—a strong Liberal supporter—who had held the job for 26 years. Known as Mr. Grit, he would say: "The Conservatives may be in office but we Grits are still in power. I'm living proof."

Crofton touched on electoral area redistribution, noting that a proposal to add 30 seats to the House of Commons had been placed on hold. He said it had been estimated that such a change could cost \$90 million over the next 15 years. Crofton said four or five new seats may be added instead, citing some Ontario ridings where the population had exceeded 200,000.

The speaker went on to look at

the successes of the Conservative government since it was elected, such as the agreements on fishing and forestry. But, he added, "the opposition can't abide us having successes."

The Atlantic Accord, he recalled, was reached on a Monday. On Tuesday the Coates affair became public. The opposition, said Crofton, knew about former defence minister Robert Coates' visit to a topless nightclub in West Germany for weeks and sat on it, waiting to get the best use out of the information.

He said the Hatfield case, in which charges were made against New Brunswick Premier Robert Hatfield concerning cocaine and marijuana use in his home, helped the Opposition divert the public's attention away from the successes of the First Ministers' Conference.

Crofton spoke briefly on the federal budget, expected later in the

spring, saying it was inevitable that it would cause pain to some.

During a question period that followed his brief address, Crofton told the meeting that the government was "far from reaching a consensus" on Senate reform. The speaker felt the Senate "serves a valuable purpose" and should be retained.

He spoke against an elected Senate, pointing out that it would soon want more authority and begin to rival the House of Commons. Crofton said he favoured fixed-term appointments made jointly by the provincial and federal governments.

Saturday's meeting, which marked the association's first anniversary, agreed to allow the current executive to continue in office for one more year, with the addition of one new director, Joyce Holman.

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4-H news

By JENNY BARNES

At the last 4-H meeting, we started off with listing some events for the months to come.

In April, we are planning to go to a working farm. Some members will bring either a goat or a rabbit.

For June, we'll be doing a Sea Capers float. There may be a camping trip in July. In September, we'll go to the Saanichton Fair and then the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair.

Then we'll have our awards banquet.

At the next meeting, it is wished that all members bring their record books and that the books be kept up to date.

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