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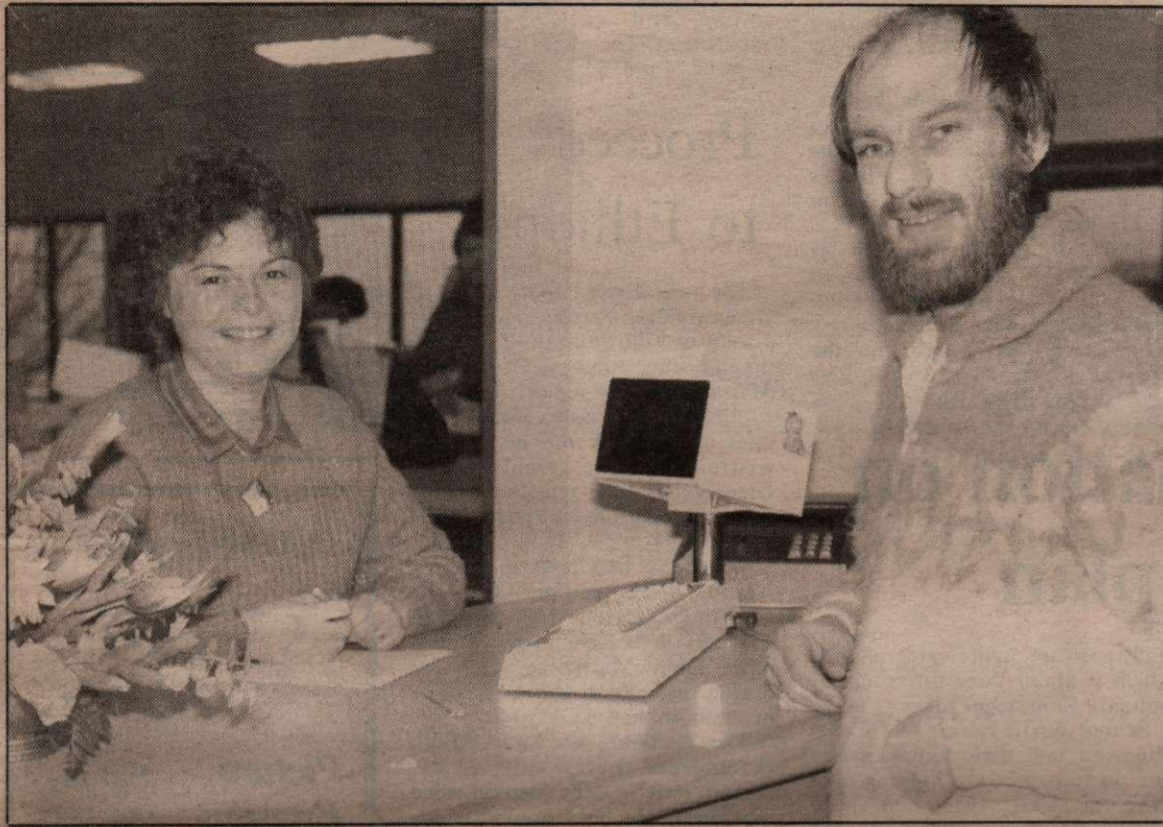
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First customer

Brian Taylor of Salt Spring Island was among the first customers served by Val Larsen of

Island Savings Credit Union Tuesday morning when they opened the doors to their new building in

Ganges. Official opening will be Saturday at 1 pm. Story—Page 14.

By the time you reach page 740, you're ready to put it down

By FRANK RICHARDS

Even the telephone book can make good reading.

For instance, how many readers knew that the most common name in the islands section of the new telephone directory is Smith. There are 53 listings of subscribers of that name, 30 in the Gulf Islands exchange and 23 on Salt Spring Island.

The names you expect to find in large numbers are just not there.

On Salt Spring Island there are only 10 listings under the name of Mouat and 10 Byrons. The Cunninghams trail with nine entries and the Akermans are six-long.

Top name next to Smith on Salt Spring Island is Taylor, with 17 listings. In the Outer Islands only six families of that name are to be found in the book.

Commercial listings, such as Salt Spring Island, numbering 33 and Pender, with seven, still don't outnumber individual names. There is an eighth listing under Pender, but that is a family name.

In the Outer Islands are 12 Wilsons, including one Willson and 13 entries under Galiano. The islands attracted a number of families of the name of Clark or Clarke, to the number of 11.

GULF ON SALT SPRING

On Salt Spring Island listings

under Gulf number 17. There are 15 Macdonalds, with different spelling, while the clan numbers 10 on the Gulf Islands exchange.

These are the details of a phone directory that are not always noticed by the subscriber in a hurry.

Another clan, the Campbells, is well identified on all islands. There are 11 of that name on Salt Spring Island and nine on the Gulf Islands. Browns lead the Scots with 12 listings on Salt Spring Island, but only nine in the Gulf Islands listings.

And how many callers know that the first name in the Salt Spring Island section is ABC, from Nanaimo, followed by Robert Abbott? In the Outer Islands, ABC is there first and this time the first local listing is Don Abbott.

The last listing in Salt Spring is Shilo Zylbergold and the final subscriber in the Gulf Islands exchange is Zyzzy Zazu, whose name might well be distinguished by having the greatest possible number of zeds in four syllables.

MARINE CALLS

On Salt Spring Island there are 3,241 listings, with 16 of them marine numbers for small vessels.

The number of listings has increased by almost 200 from the 1984 figure of 3,050. Although the overall number of listings has risen, the number of marine

listings has not. Last year saw 20 such numbers in the Salt Spring section.

Similar increase in total listings is evident in the Gulf Islands exchange. There are 2,359 numbers shown, as against last year's total of 2,131. There are 10 marine numbers listed for 1985, compared with last year's total of eight.

The telephone directory offers other information, of course. Had the subscriber not read the book he wouldn't know that the code for Jugoslavia is 38 or for Pingtung, 87.

One page was compiled in co-operation with the Capital Regional Health Services and provides information for the elderly.

Find someone unconscious? Somebody is choking? Bleeding? There are several pages of the telephone book devoted to an explanation of what to do about it.

Half-way through the book, if you can stay with it that long, is a metric conversion table as well as a reminder of birthstones and flowers and wedding anniversaries.

It also tells you that a desk telephone weighs approximately two kilograms.

The telephone book is like no other. By the time you reach Page 740 you are content to put it down.

100 inquire about Canada Works project

A public meeting was called last week to explain what the five positions with a Canada Works project were all about and 50 people showed up looking for a job.

The meeting, held in Salt Spring's Mahon Hall last Friday, had been called by David Maddison, who is project supervisor. The project has been transferred to Salt Spring from Victoria, he told the gathering, and there would be five openings.

When the meeting became public knowledge, Maddison received 100 telephone calls asking how people could get a job on the project.

Applicants must be receiving unemployment insurance benefits to qualify and the applications go through the Canada Employment Centre in Victoria. Work begins on January 21, Maddison explained, and the program lasts for six months.

Pay is set at \$316 per week for 40 hours of work and unemployment benefits are added to that amount to bring it up to the amount to which the individual is entitled.

Maddison also indicated that at least two of the positions, following government guidelines, are open to females.

Successful applicants must supply their own safety gear consisting of caulked boots, hardhat and raingear. Tools will be supplied but individuals in the group must supply chainsaws if needed. Qualified users of the chainsaws having the necessary safety equipment will get extra pay for using the saws on the project.

The job is voluntary, Maddison stressed, and the unemployment bureau would not force anyone to join. If a person is hired for the project and quits before it is over, there would be no penalty against him such as loss of benefits.

Maddison told the gathering that there could be other projects under Canada Works coming up in the near future.

The current project, to map and create nature trails on crown land at the south end of Salt Spring, could be extended if more work can be found, he said. The added work must be sufficient to last for program units of six months, he said.

Jon Oldroyd, of the committee seeking to restore Centennial Park

in Ganges, told the meeting that two Canada Works projects were planned for later this year.

There will be a small project for work on Centennial Park, he said, and another to work on salmon enhancement of streams on the island.

Maddison explained that he had set up a project to put 20 people to work on various jobs in Ruckle Park but the scheme fell through when opposition came from the B. C. Government Employees Union.

Under terms of the Canada Works program all projects must be carried out on public land.

Maddison told the meeting that the people who were not hired for this project could press the officials for details of other programs. He explained that many projects were going on but people may have to leave the island to work on one.

Trial date to be set February 11

A preliminary hearing in Victoria January 8 resulted in Ronald Arthur McFarlane, 20, being committed for trial on charges of rape and wounding with intent.

McFarlane, of Nanaimo, was charged as a result of an attack against singer Shari Ulrich of Salt Spring in May of 1981. She had been jogging on Churchill Road when the incident occurred.

During the attack, Ulrich had attempted to escape and was stabbed. She spent 10 days in hospital suffering from a punctured lung.

McFarlane had been picked up by police last year and while he was in custody, an informant told police about his involvement in the matter. After talking with McFarlane about the incident, police processed the charges against him.

He had been in court last August on the charges and the preliminary hearing was held in a Victoria courtroom last week. He will be back in court on February 11 at which time a date will be set for the trial.

Woodley dinner Friday

On Friday evening Salt Spring Islanders will honour Glenn Woodley for his 15 years of service with the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

Woodley bowed out of the commission in December. He had been chairman of the group for a number of years as well.

The evening begins with a social hour at 6 pm and buffet dinner follows at 7:30. When the dinner is finished, various friends of Woodley will offer comments on his

years with the commission.

He began his efforts with the commission when he went to a meeting to obtain a playing field for the little league baseball teams.

What he didn't know at that time was that the meeting was being held for the purpose of electing members to the commission and because he was one of the few who showed up, he was elected.

Tickets for the event are being sold through the General Store and only 200 are available.

Capital spending priorities juggled by school board

The total for the Gulf Islands School District capital budget remains the same but the amounts in the various accounts have been juggled.

The school board submitted a proposed capital budget calling for \$2,867,500 to the ministry of education for approval. But since then the school trustees have decided on a different set of priorities for spending the capital funds.

The portion of the capital budget to be used for sites was increased by \$191,000. The difference comes in the account for Galiano School. It was increased to \$50,000 from \$9,000. The money is needed for the installation of a new septic disposal field at the school grounds.

In addition, a separate account for school site acquisition has been set up and a request for \$150,000 in that account has been made. The

trustees are in the process of looking for another site for a school on Salt Spring in anticipation of population growth. Each of the three elementary schools is close to the enrolment limits set by the ministry of education.

The money for the school sites comes from the portion of the capital budget for buildings and additions.

The account for the Galiano School renovations, which have been completed, was reduced to \$29,000 from \$70,000. The account for the Mayne Island Elementary and Junior Secondary School was reduced at the same time to \$329,000 from \$551,000.

The school board had to cover the cost of the two classrooms at Salt Spring Elementary School which had to be rebuilt because of dry rot in the walls. The SSE account was raised to \$93,000 from \$46,000 to

cover that unexpected cost.

Also being planned is expansion of the school board office in Ganges. The account to cover that project was increased to \$45,000 from the original request of \$20,000.

The remainder of the capital budget remains the same. The school trustees are asking for \$204,350 for equipment and \$137,200 for contingency fees. They are also seeking \$20,500 for minor renovations.

Under the revised capital budget, the account for sites increases to \$419,500 from \$228,500 while the account for buildings and additions drops to \$2,086,000 from \$2,277,000.

Some of the funds, such as \$1,413,000 for the construction of the Fulford Elementary School, have been approved by the ministry of education but appear on the capital budget proposal as bookkeeping items.

Fire takes occupant's life

A Salt Spring Island man is dead following a fire last Wednesday at a Suffolk Road duplex.

Jack (Butch) Taylor, 64, died early Thursday morning at Lady Minto Hospital after he was removed by firemen from the burning house.

Area coroner Maurice Cherneff of Duncan told *Driftwood* that the fire had started in a couch. A resident in the other side of the duplex noticed the lights flickering and heard a crackling noise from the adjacent suite. He went outside, saw smoke and called the fire department. The alarm was turned in at 11.24 pm.

Firemen found Taylor in bed in a room adjacent to where the fire started. Cherneff said a wired-in smoke detector had been disconnected.

He said firemen were on the scene quickly and the building sustained little structural damage.

Taylor leaves his wife Patricia Anne of Ganges; four sons, Wayne and James of Ganges, Daniel of Grand Cayman and Patrick of Regina; three daughters, Kathleen of Edmonton and Peggy and Jennifer of Ganges; and two brothers and one sister.

Proceeds to Ethiopia

The residents and staff of Greenwoods at Salt Spring donated a total of \$256.05 to the Ethiopian famine relief fund, reports Jonna Mattiesing of the senior's home.

Some of the money came from sales of the book *Bits and Pieces*, written by the residents of Greenwoods. The remainder came through donations by residents and staff.

The book had been on sale at island book outlets for the Christmas season for \$4 with proceeds to be sent to the famine relief fund. Mattiesing said that during that period about 20 copies of the book had been sold.

The Auxiliary to Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods, last fall, had covered the debt incurred when that book had been printed which allowed the book to be put on sale to raise the money.

Trustees await illumination on full-spectrum lighting plan

Full-spectrum lighting for the classrooms at Fernwood Elementary School on Salt Spring has been put on hold until the matter has been illuminated for trustees.

Joy Ridley, school trustee for Pender Island, told a meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board that no decision on the matter should be made until more information is available.

The parents' advisory committee

Smoking bylaw is challenged

Capital Regional health committee last week heard charges that the regional smoking bylaw was not only being ignored but that many businesses were unaware of the bylaw.

Air Space, the anti-smoking lobby, expressed criticism.

at Fernwood had requested that the school board permit installation of full-spectrum lighting in the classrooms.

When the school opened in September, a class had to use the gymnasium because the two-room addition to the school had not been finished at that time. The parents changed the fluorescent lights in the gym to full-spectrum lights.

The parents claim that full-spectrum lighting, which emits a light similar to daylight, is better for the children than fluorescent lights.

But superintendent of schools Mike Marshall told the trustees that there was little evidence of benefit from full-spectrum lights. He said some studies of the difference between the two systems seemed to indicate that the full-spectrum system calmed hyperactive children.

The school board could gain more information on the matter "without going overboard," he said.

Full-spectrum lights carry a price which is about three times that of ordinary fluorescent tubes.

School board chairman Charles Hingston said that studies carried out on full-spectrum lighting date from at least 1973 and have produced no "solid evidence" of the added value of full-spectrum lighting.

The school board will take a suggestion from Salt Spring Elementary School principal Tom Watson who told the trustees that the University of Alberta has been engaged in a continuing research project on the matter. The trustees agreed to check with the university for more information.

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To be Frank

...by Richards

A message from the bees

It's the bees, all this buzzing about sugar! I've had two comments on them. While Dave Harris was alarmed at my consumption of sugar, he sweetened the protest with a jar of honey.

"My bees," wrote the beemaster, "think it is scandalous that you put five teaspoons of sugar in your tea. They think that you should use five teaspoons of honey." And the bees sent me some to try. Dave also commented on the ancient lore of honey. The Pharaohs ate honey all their lives and were buried with it, he noted. People built pyramids to commemorate them.

"No one has ever built a monument to a sugar-eater!"

Just think: I might be the first!
It's good honey!

He'll never see a smarter!

The second bee tale came from Arthur Beaddie. He read with interest the poem from Mae George, said Arthur, and he was impressed with the beauty and the dangers inherent in the Peace River country. He is a beekeeper "of sorts" and offers his paean of praise, in a lighter vein, to the ubiquitous bee:

*I think that I shall never see
An insect smarter than a bee,
A bee that buzzes round all day
And makes each load of honey pay.
She flies about on gossamer wing,
A jolt of lightning in her sting;
She has not time in which to play
And puts in 24 hours a day.
Poems are writ by guys like me
But only God can make a bee!*

And he adds his apologies to Joyce Kilmer and the poem, *Trees*.

Kill an ordinary man

I have been afflicted by a slight distemper. As a former associate used to tell me, it would have killed an ordinary man.

I survived, but it was only after recovery that I realized the nature of my complaint. I had listened to so much Christmas music that I was stricken with the Jingle Bell Rot the radio kept throwing at me. It's grim!

This is a hard winter?

They were all forecasting a grim one this winter. All the miserable optimists were peering through the steamy windows predicting a winter like we haven't seen in years. And what have we had so far? Too many snow flurries and two weeks of evidence.

For a few days we skidded around and cursed the Yukon weather. And that's a hard winter?

It rained on Monday morning: the first precipitation that could be measured this year. Is that a hard winter? I'd suggest the hard-winter forecasters go and take a quick course in reading tea-cups. They might be right at that game. It seems to me it doesn't matter what the weather does now. It's too late to be too long a winter!

They never heard of it!

I grew up with the beer engine. One of the delights of a misspent boyhood was watching the draymen lowering barrels of beer into the cellars of local hotels. The carter would loop a heavy rope around the barrel and then use the rope as a brake.

The barrel would roll uphill down the chute as it went down the specially constructed slipway from the sidewalk. Even as a small boy I knew that the beer was pumped up to the bar. And early in life I knew that a beer engine delivered the foaming splendour from the barrel in the cellar to the mug at the bar.

No swiller of suds could follow the draught without an awareness of dirty pipes. If the publican didn't properly clean the lines regularly the beer took on a new and unpleasant flavour.

You pumped according to the barrel. A new barrel, with full, gassy pressure was pumped differently from a near-empty cask. But now!

I asked my associates in the office, what was a beer engine? Nobody knew there was one. They probably figured it was a new alternative to gasoline. Because we don't use those engines any more. Everything has changed. Even me!

That's twice as many!

There's a serious discrepancy between the two senior governments. In the years I've been working in British Columbia, wearing out my finger muscles on a typewriter, I've seen four premiers in the province.

I saw Byron Johnson go out of office as his associates turned green and supported Social Credit. Then came W.A.C. Bennett, the first of the new. He lost to Dave Barrett, first NDP premier, who passed the baton to the present Bill Bennett, second of the new. And that's four.

But on the national scene the pattern changed more often. In those years I grew accustomed to the names of Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his equally Liberal successor, Louis St. Laurent.

The sequence changed in 1957 when the Conservatives encouraged the nation to follow John and Diefenbaker took over to be the first Tory in power since R.B. Bennett, 22 years before.

The Diefenbaker regime folded in 1963, when Lester Pearson brought the country back under the Liberal banner. He handed over the reins to Pierre Trudeau, who lost them temporarily to Charles Joe Clark in 1979. In 1980 the reins were handed back to Trudeau who relinquished them voluntarily to John Turner.

The brief Turner administration bowed out for the Liberals as Brian Mulroney sprang into office for the Tories again.

And that's eight prime ministers in 36 years. Perhaps the nation, as a whole, is less stolid than British Columbia? But where could politics be of a more ebullient character than in this province?

There is, of course, no relationship between the two lots of statistics, but they make an interesting comparison.

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Fun on the slopes

The Gulf Islands School Board last week proved one of two things when trustees gave in to the request for a skiing holiday for Grade 7 students at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Either the trustees are incapable of distinguishing between learning and playing or they feel that four days of classroom time is of questionable value and that the students might just as well be skiing.

Whatever the trustees think, the decision is made: a group of Grade 7 students and two teachers will take a holiday in March and go to Mt. Washington.

Admittedly, a socio-geographic study of the mountain is probably long overdue in the Gulf Islands School District. And perhaps honing their orienteering and mapping skills will enable some of the students to get work building ski hills some day.

But in the meantime we are left wondering what happened to education. For two years educators have been ranting about restraint and its ravages upon the educational system.

There were cries of outrage when at one point it was suggested that the school year be shortened to save money. Here we have 35 students and two teachers for whom the school year will be shortened by four days. And we won't even save any money.

Let's not fool ourselves: ski trips have little educational value and a trip such as this one constitutes nothing more than a mid-term holiday. One day, perhaps, the Gulf Islands School Board will wake up to that fact.

Confidence in the future

With the relocation of the Islands Savings Credit Union in the new office building this week a new era of progress is promised by the organization.

The credit union has twice outgrown its quarters and the new office accommodation in Ganges is an indication of this financial organization in the island's future.

We have seen unemployment at its highest level ever in the islands. We have seen recession and the effect of recession on many small businesses. The past several years have been years of strain and near-penury for many residents of the islands.

The opening of the new and striking Salt Spring Island headquarters for the Credit Union is a reminder that the recession is not for ever. It is a pleasing assurance from the world of finance that there is still success and prosperity in sight. And it is a reminder that the recession will pass us over only as long as we can regain that same confidence in the future of the community which is being demonstrated by the Islands Savings Credit Union.

If we reflect on the changes wrought by the past 20 years in the financial institutions on Salt Spring Island, the trend has never seriously slackened off. In those two decades the island has advanced from one bank located in an elderly building, to two modern banks and the new credit union office.

Let's all share this same confidence in the future of the islands!

Only one was charged

During the Christmas holiday season the emphasis was on drinking. Perhaps there was greater emphasis on not drinking because the RCMP on Salt Spring Island instituted a number of roadblocks.

The police officers checked nearly 600 drivers in the holiday period and one was charged.

This is not offered as proof of anything. There may have been other drivers, equally influenced by alcohol, who were not among those checked.

But the fact remains that such a ratio between the sober and the impaired would have been impossible in the past years before the campaigns were launched against drinking and driving.



Tony Richards

ONLY ONE polar bear swim was reported in this journal a couple of weeks ago, but in actual fact, two took place. And only the one staged by the Vesuvius Inn was planned.

A reliable source tells me Booth Bay Resort's Mike Wallber and three others attempted to cross Booth Canal in a canoe New Year's Eve. The attempt failed when the canoe went under.

But the would-be sailors had more than just wet clothes to cry about. They were carrying a cargo of champagne when their vessel went down.

MY ATTEMPTS TO sell school board chairman Charles Hingston on a full-page ad to tell the world about the effects of restraint have been unsuccessful. What I had in mind was a replica of the ad the Victoria school board ran in the *Times-Colonist*.

And in a way I'm glad that I couldn't talk Charles into it.

I think that kind of political advertising (what else could you call it?) by a school district strapped for cash provides the minister with sufficient grounds to disband the school board.

Education Minister Jack Heinrich should do just that: tell the trustees they're all fired, appoint a public trustee and show the province how school districts should proceed under restraint.

A lot of people would be very interested to see how the minister fared.

COMPUTER COVERS for 40 bucks apiece?

That question was posed by a local parent who questioned the purchase by the school district of quilted computer covers from Salt Spring Island's Softwear Company. The covers usually retail for about \$40.

A check with Andy Elias at Radio Shack revealed that plastic covers could be purchased for \$5.95. Salt Spring Elementary teacher Ian Jukes was next on my call list. Ian was quick to point out that the district paid only about \$15 for the covers which have a number of advantages over the plastic variety. In addition to preventing the computers from being scratched, he figured they'd last longer than the plastic ones, which he felt would eventually break down under ultraviolet light.

HE MUST HAVE BEEN an ex-smoker.

An Associated Press story last month reported that a man was stabbed to death when he refused to extinguish his cigarette while aboard a Los Angeles city bus. Two men had boarded the bus at 1 am when one of them lit up. His fellow passenger objected but the smoker's response was: "I'll smoke if I want to."

His assailant became enraged and stabbed him to death.

I haven't reached the point yet where smoking bothers me that much. What does bother me is that I've outgrown all my pants and I can no longer see my feet when I stand up.

VANCOUVER PROVINCE writer Barbara McLintock said it all on CBC Radio Monday morning when she commented on the possibilities for a third political party in B.C.

British Columbians didn't vote for Social Credit in the last election—they voted against the NDP. So any new political force in the province of confrontation must prove itself a viable alternative to both.

Sounds impossible but we can always hope.

MAC-BLO CHIEF Calvert Knudsen has without a doubt called off the chainsaws at Meares Island by now as a result of an ex-Salt Spring Islander's protest in Victoria.

According to a report in the *Vancouver Province* last week, Doug Henderson has no money to help those opposed to logging Meares Island. So he's going to stop eating for a month.

Now if enough logging foes joined Doug in his fast we could send quite a shipment of food to Africa.

A NUMBER of Salt Spring Islanders signed and sent a greeting card to Fort McMurray, Alta., a couple of weeks ago but Bruce Johnson died before it reached him.

Bruce was well known on Salt Spring, having lived here many years. His father, the late Andy Johnson, operated the Gulf station in Ganges, then known as Salt Spring Motors.

When I met Bruce his mother Marie, now living in Vancouver, worked at the pool hall coffee shop, now La Fontana Caffe, for John McManus. In those days, if we weren't playing pool or sitting around drinking coffee, we'd be having lively political arguments with McManus.

Bruce came back to Salt Spring for a visit last year, confident that his battle with cancer was over. He'd had a brain tumour removed and though he knew he would never fully recover, he was optimistic about the future.

But his fight with cancer was far from over and on January 6, at the age of 35, Bruce succumbed to the disease. By the time he died he was unable to see, unable to move.

For me, and likely many other islanders, Bruce's death is a shock because it is the first time a good friend has died of cancer.

And the way cancer is taking its toll of human life today, it certainly won't be the last.

Stupidity, mismanagement

Sir,
There are occasions when I purchase and read newsprint besides *Driftwood*. One such occasion: the front page of the *Times-Colonist*, the Tuesday edition.

The article in question came out of Ottawa, at a conference held there by a London-based group called Earthscan. The fellow's name is Jon Tinker. He is the director of the group.

His point deals with the plight of the African famine, and the attitudes of the general public. "Sympathy will soon be replaced with anger over foolish and unsound policies of countries offering foreign aid."

His article concludes with a statement of pure fact which appears so rarely in the media. "The lesson of Ethiopia must surely be that drought, famine and

environmental bankruptcy are not unpredictable acts of God. They have been caused, and caused on the whole, by human stupidity and mismanagement."

A little harsh? Sure. We remove the finger of blame from God, and place it where it rightly belongs. Right this very moment one of the last rain forests in South Africa is being carved out, let alone what is going on in the one here in British Columbia. And the desert creeps, oh so slowly.

I believe the first step to changing the tide is to stop blaming whatever system created this planet, humankind included and take responsibility oneself for one's own state of affairs, and stop blaming and accusing everything round

about. Who do you think are the ones with sufficient intestinal fortitude (guts) to actually do this. The invitation is being extended.

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges.

Skiing to Ganges

Sir,
As we start the New Year with lots of that beautiful white snow under our feet (I mean under our skis) I'm so thankful that I was given at least little pleasure to make use of the "stuff". As you see, the Highways crew does not leave enough untouched snow on the rim of the roads for us who love to use their skills on those "slippery things". So please tell me how to get to the shopping centre of Ganges with the skis, without either falling in the ocean or getting ripped with gorse. Oh, yes, I too thank the Highways department for clearing the roads so well that now at least I do not get splashed so badly as all the 33 years previously. So all in all Happy New Year and many "Thank Yous" to the many kind people of the Island who have given me lifts in their cars either to the ferry terminals or to my little home.

INGA HOLMBERG,
Ganges.

P. S. While thanking "you" I must remember to thank the kind people who so generously helped us to establish ourselves to this lovely island so long ago. God Bless you all. Congratulations to *Driftwood* to have such a wonderful writer as Peter Weis who pours his heart out, full of love for Mother Nature, as he specially did in your paper December 26.

Input sought

Sir,
Salt Spring Seminars is holding a planning meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 7.30 pm in the Salt Spring Elementary School Library.

Plans will be discussed for the following proposals which have been presented to us by various individuals and/or groups: (i) Salt Spring Island Easter Egg Hunt, (ii) Promotional Activity off-Island, (iii) National Book Week Contest.

We have received exceptional support from the business community and from local organizations as well. Salt Spring Seminars wishes to continue working in conjunction with members of the community to

extend the business season in the Gulf Islands.

In order to know how best to operate for the good of the Islands, we welcome input from representatives of the business community, associations and organizations and from members of the general public. We offer, therefore, this opportunity to meet together to make plans for the activities we have been asked to organize.

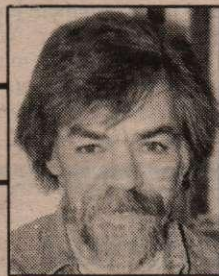
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on your calendar now: Tuesday, Jan. 29, 7.30 pm, Salt Spring Elementary Library.
ELIZABETH BOYD,
Salt Spring Seminars.

War threat and children

Sir,
The Salt Spring Peace Education Committee will offer its second evening workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the Salt Spring Elementary School library at 7.30 pm. Jenny and Mike Turner, currently here on visit from England, will present "Parenting in the Nuclear Age." The

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Bill Webster

The Gulp Isles and particularly Salt Sprung gain fame and notoriety far and wide as the place to visit for persons suffering constipation.

Louis Bolivar-Finchley returned to the rock from his annual trek to Banduricistan. He brought word that the Gulp Isles and the problems inherent in rock life are topics of wide discussion there.

The excremental demagogues have been out, he said, to spread the word about nasty tricks to be played upon unsuspecting taxpayers. The high council of that far-away land are currently debating a motion to send foreign aid to help cover the costs of filling the Grunges pipe with fresh water.

Letters have been written to all and sundry. It matters not whether the recipient can read or even understand the matter; the letters go out.

And so we see again the spectacle of trees being chewed in their thousands, the better to supply paper for the letter writers who swamp the nation in missives.

And out of all that, the sewer debate edges into its third decade with no end in sight.

When Louis came back, he was slightly confused. He had gone to the mansion which sits so close to the North Salt Spring ferry turn-around waiting room but could not find anyone he knew.

What we, the Rat and I, hadn't told Louis was that we had moved. He came searching for us and managed to find us.

And so, again, the winter evenings are spent listening to the endless words from Louis.

Why, asked one of the inhabitants of the ferry turn-around waiting room, do you give space to Louis? Is he a real person? Or is he just an alter-ego so you can say outrageous things?

Yes, I answer.
Louis Bolivar-Finchley is a real person. He, or she, uses that name to protect him- or herself from harassment. He, or she, does not want to be bothered by adverse comments on his, or her, comments.

Much the same way that Sharon Martin hides behind a

false name.

Some people have such strength of conviction that they can't stand the congratulatory applause for their great and timely ideas. Much the same way as Sharon Martin.

And so, Louis goes about saying outrageous things, safe in the knowledge that people don't know who he is.

Sharon Martin?

Why, she was on a local radio talkshow recently extolling the virtues of opposing a solution to the sewage debate in Grunges. The possibility that the taxpayers of the province might have to ante up several cents each weighs heavy on the soul and conscience of Sharon Martin.

She wants everyone to know what a dastardly deed is about to unfold.

Way back when, the Sewer Alternatives Committee decided they didn't want condos in Ganges. So they opposed the sewer. They claimed to be concerned about the harbour.

But that angle fizzled and so they picked up on the cost. The more they opposed, the longer a solution took to form, the higher the cost went.

But now when the cost is minimal, they oppose a solution because somebody has to pay: the somebody being the taxpayers of the province.

There is a thesis in propaganda circles which states that if something, no matter how false or irrational, is repeated often enough, people tend to accept it as fact.

Demagogues use that tactic. Much the same way that Sharon Martin does.

To look at the problem from a different angle, one can always count the amount which tourists left on the rock last year: \$7 million as a conservative estimate.

How much more would they, the tourists, leave if a solution to the problems of the ugly back-water village of Grunges is found? Why, the place might even become pretty and the tourists might even have something to do other than stand and admire the heritage building on the salmon-spawning stream.

Think about it, Ganges.

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Fawns will die every winter despite doe-hunting season

By C. E. WOOLDRIDGE

Having read the remarks by Mr. Gordon Cudmore published in *Driftwood* January 9, accompanying the photograph of the dead fawn, I would like to make some observations.

During seven years, acting as the B. C. S.P.C.A. inspector on Salt Spring Island, sights such as this are a sad, but also common and inescapable fact of nature that will happen every year regardless of the hunting season on does.

I have had the benefit of discussions with Mr. Alan Best, a resident of the Gulf Islands since 1914, and a life-long naturalist and expert on the flora and fauna of this part of the world. His experience includes work with animals and birds throughout the world. In the 1930's he was assistant curator of birds and mammals at the London Zoo. From 1950-1973 he was curator of the Vancouver Zoo. He possesses a gift of acute observation concerning all living things, combined with a life-time of successful experience.

From my own observations, from extensive reading and drawing upon Mr. Best's knowledge, I would like to make some points.

Every winter, up to 60% of the

fawns born the previous summer will die. The exact percentage of die-off is in direct ratio to the food supply as is the case in other wild animal populations here and around the world. For example, in the case of the lynx and the rabbit, the numbers of lynx rise and fall in direct relation to the numbers of rabbits available.

Here on Salt Spring Island, when the area was heavily logged after the war, the deer population rose to unprecedented levels. The reason being that new, low growth, on which deer and particularly fawns rely, was within easy reach. The local blacktail deer is a browsing animal, not a grazing animal and cannot exist on grasses alone. It is dependent on the deciduous trees and bushes for a balanced diet.

Heavy logging is a thing of the past and second growth in the woods has now reached a height at which it chokes out most of the new deciduous growth on which deer depend. They can eke out a bare existence on salal—and incidently on garden plants and shrubs—but this alone is insufficient to supply the dietary requirements of a growing fawn, once it has been weaned by its mother.

Weaning takes place by late

August or early September—i.e. before the beginning of the rut. This timing is, of course, well in advance of the opening of any doe hunting season. After weaning, the fawn is no longer dependent on its mother for feeding or indeed in searching for its food.

Winter Death Syndrome a euphemism for starvation

Often the doe is bred again and leaves her fawn completely, although in some cases they remain in each other's company for some months.

The aptly named "Winter Death Syndrome" exists on Salt Spring, as in other deer populations throughout the world, both in temperate climates such as ours, and also in the colder climates.

A recent visit to New Zealand,

and conversations with farmers and veterinarians in that country, enabled me to see at first hand how the fast-growing industry of deer farming has led to research into the life history, behaviour and disease control.

I quote from a paper from ministry of agriculture and fisheries, N.Z., by Gilbert Van Reenen, B.V.Sc., "Winter Death Syndrome. Now that basic nutritional requirements of deer are known, this can be regarded as a euphemism for simple starvation. Affected animals waste and die or may die suddenly. Because deer have a lean, low-fat carcass, their energy reserves are small, leaving little flexibility to cope with sudden cold periods and/or feed shortage. Young animals and stags are most susceptible. Internal parasites contribute to the problem. Deer develop severe clinical illness very quickly in serious diseases; this can rapidly lead to recumbancy and death."

I have found from my own experience that wild deer respond badly to handling. In fact, the stress involved usually kills them. To

bottle feed and raise a fawn from a few days of age is an easy matter. But that animal will be patterned forever on humans. An already sick or injured, young or adult deer not previously handled will not survive handling or the administration of drugs or antibiotics. Many other diseases are secondary to stress-pneumonia, other respiratory infections, enteritis and diarrhoea being the common outward signs. Autopsy is the only way to obtain positive proof of the primary and secondary causes of death.

I can state that in most cases of sudden death in deer, I have taken a stool sample and found the internal parasite load to be huge. This in turn is a source of constant infestation to our local sheep and goat population as grazing land is shared all over this island.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Cudmore's remarks paint a sentimental and ill-informed picture instead of making a statement based on scientific facts. Many kind-hearted citizens have been misled rather than informed about the inevitable processes of natural selection.

OTTAWA REPORT

FIRA discouraged triflers

By JIM MANLY, M. P.

Back in the 1950's as the world was beginning to emerge from the middle ages, a friend of mine had lined up a date for himself with an attractive young woman. Arriving on her doorstep he was met by her father who demanded, "What are your intentions?"

Taken aback at this mid-Victorian question, he blurted, "I don't have any."

"Well then," said the father, "quit wasting my daughter's time."

Today, young women can generally deduce intentions without requiring papa to conduct a formal inquiry. But although "What are your intentions?" may sound rather old-fashioned, it is a good question to ask in many situations. Take the economy for example.

If foreign investors want to buy into Canada's economy it's not a bad idea to ask about their long-term plans. In the past, the Canadian economy has often been "taken advantage of". Foreign capital has moved in to grab

sections of the Canadian market through branch plants. These branches do no research or product development in Canada.

Major decisions are made in the parent country and the branch plant has to pay large fees for technological or management advice. In many cases Canadian branch plants have not been able to export products to other countries because it was not in the interest of their parent companies. In times of inventory surplus, branch plants are the first to be closed.

During the oil crisis of the 70's, Canadians found that oil, specifically destined for Canada, was being diverted to the U.S. by the parent of such Canadian corporations as Esso and Shell Canada. Obviously these companies were only "trifling" with our economy and had no real commitment to it.

In other situations, foreign capital wants to exploit our resources, not always to our benefit. Canada is regarded as a hinterland which can provide resources for a more developed economy somewhere else. Furs, fish, wheat, coal, iron ore, lead, zinc, copper, timber, pulp, uranium, potash...the list goes on.

By the time the particular resource is exhausted, the foreign investment has been repaid many times over. It can move on to some other part of the world and continue the exploitation pattern there. By the 60's, a very high percentage of Canadian industries were controlled by foreign capital. In manufacturing, for example, non-resident control in 1963 was 60% of the total.

In mining and smelting, 69%, and in petroleum and natural gas, 74%. Growing concern with such an unsatisfactory pattern of foreign investment led to the establishment of the Foreign Industry Review Agency (FIRA) in 1973.

FIRA asked 10 basic questions to find the intentions of each proposal for foreign investment in Canada:

- Will it provide jobs for Canadians?
- Will it improve Canada's export performance?
- Will it contribute to having more of Canada's raw materials processed within our own borders?
- Will the applicant provide new investment within Canada?
- Will the applicant buy supplies in Canada, provided they are competitively priced?
- Will there be new opportunities for Canadians to become shareholders, directors and managers of the enterprise?
- Will it improve Canada's access to new products and processes?
- Will it improve Canada's industrial productivity?
- Will it improve the level of competition?
- Is it compatible with the government's industrial and economic policies?

FIRA wasn't a perfect tool for screening foreign investment. Many people called it a toothless tiger since it approved more than 90% of all applications. On the other hand, businesses complained about needless delays in getting decisions. But it did serve to discourage foreign investors which only wanted to "trifle with our economy".

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Mike Turner worked for British Aerospace for 29 years and Jenny is a former teacher. They are parents of teenagers and have devoted themselves to peace work in recent years.

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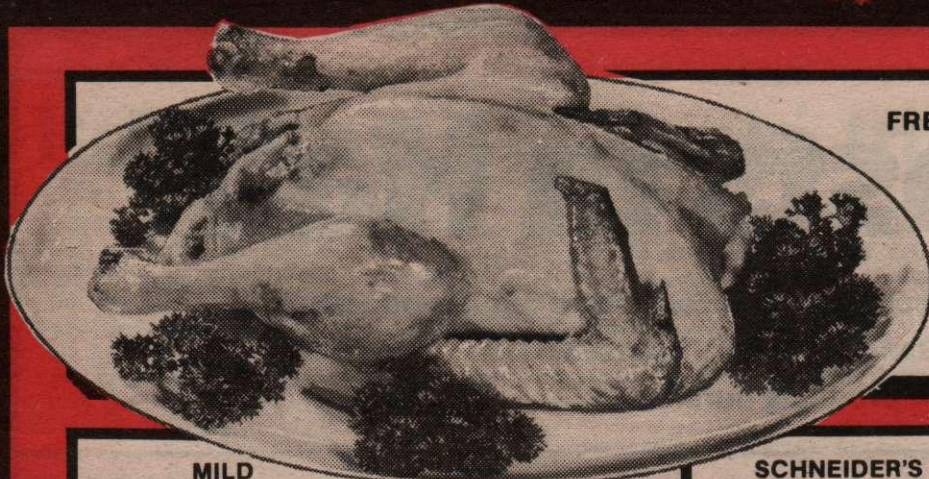
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For Grade 7's

Board says yes to ski trip

Pupils in Grade 7 at Salt Spring Elementary School will get their ski trip to Mount Washington but the event will be called a Winter Experience Program (WEP).

School principal Tom Watson submitted a written request for approval of the WEP trip and the trustees last week voted to grant permission.

Voting for approval were Charles Hingston, David Williams and David Eyles, all from Salt Spring, as well as Margaret Howell of Galiano and Joy Ridley of Pender.

Bert Beitel of Salt Spring and Lorraine Campbell of Saturna opposed the motion while Ron McQuiggan of Salt Spring, who had led the opposition to ski trips in general, was absent from the meeting.

Watson's proposal, which had the support of some parents, calls for an excursion of four days and three nights to the Vancouver Island ski resort, Monday to Thursday, Mar. 25 to 28.

The trip, Watson noted in his request, would be "open to all Grade 7 pupils who have shown a willingness to work hard in their academic studies as well as demonstrated responsible 'trustworthy' behaviour."

The cost of the trip had been estimated at \$4,625 by Watson. That amount broke down to \$1,850 for the rental of skis and lifts to the slopes as well as the costs of lessons. Accommodation would cost \$1,500. There were four chalets tentatively booked, Watson noted. The chalets would accommodate, "with complete comfort," up to 45 people.

Watson had based his estimates on 35 pupils, five adults and two

teachers taking the trip.

Food would cost \$475 and transportation there and back, including ferry fares, would be \$800. Watson noted that transportation could be arranged on a commercial, appropriately licensed bus or through parents taking the children in other vehicles.

The costs would be covered by having each child participating in the trip pay \$125 and the five parents paying \$50 each.

Watson noted that not all participants would be able to pay that amount. He suggested that pupils who wanted to go but couldn't meet the cost could be aided through funds from the school's non-public funds and by the parents' group.

If more money were needed, Watson said he could use up to \$500 from the school's flexible account which covered such things as field trips.

Superintendent of schools Mike Marshall urged that the school trustees approve the trip. He suggested that he and a trustee go to Mount Washington for at least one day to observe what was going on.

The proposed itinerary calls for the participants to leave Salt Spring on March 25 on the 7 am ferry from Vesuvius. They would arrive at Mount Washington just before noon and spend from 1 pm until 3:30 pm on the slopes.

At 4:15 the pupils would be instructed on keeping a journal of their activities.

Following supper, they would discuss various topics related to winter and be in bed by 9:45 pm.

For day two, March 26, the events would begin with skiing from 9 am

until 3:30 pm. The pupils would follow that activity with an hour of working on their journals.

Following supper, they would again form discussion groups and be in bed by the 9:45 pm deadline.

On the third day, much the same activity would take place. There would be a sock hop from 8:30 pm until 10:15 pm and the children would be expected to be in bed by 10:30 pm.

On the last day, skiing would occupy time from 9 am until noon when the children would pack for the return to Salt Spring.

As a follow-up to the trip, the pupils would be expected to write a story about the events of the week and participate in extending their mapping and orienteering skills. They would also produce a socio-geographic analysis of Mount Washington.

Campbell asked Watson if the school trustees would be able to see some of the results of the follow-up material produced by the children. He agreed that they could.

Watson stressed in his written proposal that the trip would not cost the school board any additional costs beyond use of the money in the flexible fund. He stated that the flexible fund would be used only if the non-profit fund and the money from the parents' group did not cover expenses.

The school board had rejected, at a November meeting, a request for a ski trip for the Grade 7 pupils. The matter came up again at a subsequent meeting but could not be acted upon because the required two-thirds majority of trustees did not support a motion to reconsider the request.

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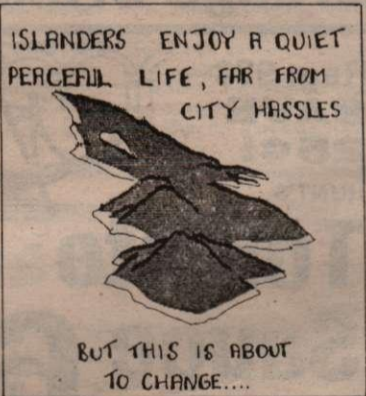


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New art gallery will feature Showcase '85 March 30-April 6

Showcase '85, a major art exhibition sponsored by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council, will run from March 30 to April 6 at the new Salt Spring Art Gallery in Ganges.

The gallery is being opened by the Federation of Canadian Artists and will be located in the Ganges Centre Building, above the post office.

The adjudicated show will feature the work of artists and artisans of the Gulf Islands, as defined by the

boundaries of the Gulf Islands School District. Artists are being invited to submit three original works in any one of a number of categories, including ceramics, pottery, jewellery, painting, fibre arts, sculpture, art glass, creative woodwork, metalwork or other media.

All entries must be works that have not been shown elsewhere. Works will not be sold during the exhibition but prospective buyers will be directed to the individual artists.

Entries for the show will be received at the gallery on Sunday, Mar. 24 from 9 am to 5 pm. Works will be adjudicated by members of the following committee: Gary Cherneff, pottery and ceramics; Bruce Pearson, jewellery; Elaine Potter, fibre arts; Simon Henson, sculpture; Dennis Marshall, art glass; Allan Edwards, painting and creative woodwork.

All paintings must be framed and

ready for hanging and must not be larger than 48 inches wide by 48 inches high. Fabric arts must not be larger than 48 inches by 60 inches although larger pieces may be accepted if space is available.

Stained glass must not be larger than 48 inches wide by 48 inches high while any piece of sculpture larger than 12 by 12 x 18 inches may be adjudicated in advance by sending a slide of the work to Simon Henson at R. R. 1, Sunset Dr., Ganges before March 15. Pieces of creative woodwork should be limited in size to 32 by 48 by 60 inches.

A preview of the show will be held from 7 to 10 pm March 29, and entrants and their guests will be welcome.

The week-long show will be open from noon to 5 pm daily.

Further information can be obtained by writing Showcase '85, Box 1438, Ganges, or by contacting Allan Edwards.

Delegation to discuss Musgrave

A delegation from the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association will go to Victoria to see MLA Hugh Curtis after the provincial legislature reconvenes. Decision to go and see Curtis was made at the association's January 9 meeting. Members wish to discuss the Musgrave Landing subdivision.

The meeting also heard that the incorporation study task force cannot make further progress without information from the ministry of municipal affairs. The needed information is expected by January 21.

The association's annual general meeting will take place February 20 at 7.30 pm. Location is yet to be announced. The group is considering inviting guest speakers from certain subdivisions and developments on the island.

Nominations are sought for people to replace retiring board members and anyone interested in serving is invited to contact Ray Hill.

In other business, the meeting decided to write to Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie expressing concern over watershed control. The association plans to invite Ritchie to Ganges to speak on planning.

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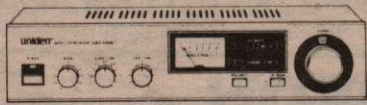


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Wally had broken his neck between the third and fourth

vertebrae, resulting in quadriplegia—the loss of sensation and movement in all four limbs. He was sent to G. F. Strong Centre for rehabilitation, and then became a resident of Pearson Hospital, an extended care facility. There he carried on the work of putting his life back together. He received occupational therapy and continued his schooling, with the help of a TOSC I environmental control unit provided by the Kinsmen

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Wally was recently married and now lives with his wife in an accessible townhouse he rents in Vancouver. The foundation's technical aids program replaced his TOSC I with an updated, higher capacity TOSC II unit from which he can control his lights, stereo, TV, door intercom, phone and tape recorder. The tape recorder is also on loan from the foundation. Wally used it to record lectures in his computer programming course at BCIT, which the KRF helped pay for.

Volunteering for the B. C. Wheelchair Sports Association, partying with his high school buddies and playing computer games take up most of Wally's leisure time. He jokingly says one of his immediate goals is to win against his computer at backgammon, and beat his own best score on Pac Man. He's also a coach for motorsoccer, a new sport for electric wheelchair users.

Wally is now an independent computer and data processing consultant. He uses an Apple II computer on loan from KRF, not only in his business, but to do many

more personal tasks, like writing his own letters and cheques.

"I couldn't have done it," says Wally, "without their (the Kinsmen Foundation's) help. I don't think I'd even have gotten out of Pearson Hospital without the TOSC. It gave me a challenge to do more things, try harder to help myself. It made me feel more 'normal'."

With a little help from the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation, Wally has been able to resume an independent, productive life.

Programs of the foundation are funded by the annual Kinsmen Mothers' March, held this year from January 25 through February 4.

Salt Spring Island representative Bryan Smith is urging islanders to watch the *Ida Clarkson Show* on CHEK TV next Tuesday at 3 pm. Sheila Manifold, Victoria representative of the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation, will be a guest.

Meanwhile, next Monday the public is invited to attend the showing of a film at the United Church Hall at Ganges at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Bryan Smith reports that Marching Fathers and Marching Mothers are both needed. Smith can be reached at 537-9362.



Wally Gagen at his computer



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Credit union history in the islands goes back 30 years and links up the islands as well as Saanich Peninsula and the Cowichan Valley.

First credit union among the islands came to Salt Spring Island after the second world war. Money was scarce and credit was scarcer.

In the immediate post-war years it was impossible to borrow money from a national financial corporation for a mortgage in the islands. The National Housing Act had empowered the Central

Mortgage and Housing Corporation to find funds for new homes, but it only operated in the large centres where supervision was easy.

Loans were available for the purchase of goods and services on credit but there were few sources of money for consolidation of debts or for the hundreds of needs of a growing community.

TO MEET A NEED

The Salt Spring Island Credit Union was founded to meet those needs.

The co-operative system of borrowing and saving money has been long established in eastern Canada, where the credit union system was born, but it was uncommon on the coast.

Next to enjoy the services of a credit union were the Penders.

On Saanich Peninsula the credit union had started a short time ahead of Salt Spring, but the population of the area gave it a potential far greater than any of the islands. It had prospered in Sidney and by the 1960's the Saanich Peninsula Credit Union had acquired its own office accommodation in the Saanich community.

The Saanich Peninsula Credit Union brought both islands credit unions into its fold in 1964. The islands were now to be served from Sidney. At this time the stationery for the credit union was available at *Driftwood's* office, but members conducted their business through the mails.

NO SUCH PLANS

The credit union at Sidney made no plans to establish an office on the islands and all islands business continued either through the mails or by a visit to the Saanich office.

In the early 1970's the Duncan and District Credit Union looked across to Salt Spring Island with a view to providing a more effective service to the growing membership in the islands.

While there were members of the Saanich Peninsula Credit Union trotting over to Sidney to conduct their financial business, there were also islanders who sought a credit union and who found it more convenient to go to Duncan and use that facility.

The Duncan and District Credit Union was eager to expand its range of service.

In February, 1975, the Salt Spring Island branch of the Cowichan Valley credit union was opened in the Valcourt Centre.

First manager of the island branch was John McLeod. McLeod was the first of five managers to

guide the island branch on its steady climb into the financial stream of the island. He was followed by Bill Sommerville, Ray Bush, Paul Polak and the present manager here, Jack Gowler.

ANOTHER OFFICE

Within five years the growing Salt Spring Island branch had burst its bounds and moved into new, larger premises on McPhillips Ave. The new office opened with a flourish on February 2, 1980.

The next milestone in the island branch history was the change of name.

The new title, Islands Savings Credit Union, went up in Ganges on January 24, 1981. Its previous name, linking it closely to Duncan, was no longer apt. The new title opened up new vistas to the organization.

It took the credit union five years to outgrow its first accommodation. It took five years to outgrow its second home.

This week the Salt Spring Island staff are settled into their new accommodation, a few paces removed from their former office on McPhillips.



Salt Spring branch manager Jack Gowler, left, and general manager Ray Bush inside new premises of Island Savings Credit Union at Ganges. Driftwood photo by Alice Richards.

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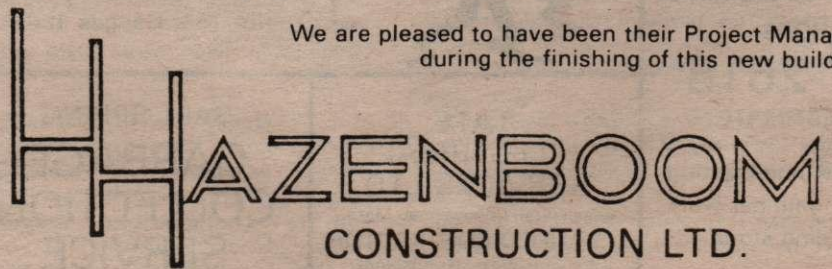


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No records of island credit union

It is more than 30 years since the Salt Spring Island Credit Union was established. The small island finance co-operative continued until about 18 years ago, when it was melded into the Saanich Peninsula Credit Union.

There are no records to be found

relating to the early operation.

The credit union met in the office of the provincial assessor and government agent, Buzz Brown, on McPhillips Ave. in Ganges. Location of the original meeting place was very close to that of the office which the Islands Savings

Credit Union is vacating.

Serving with the late A. M. Brown on the old credit union board were Mervyn Gardner, Andy Stevens, Alice Hogan, Goody and Isabel Goodman and others.

If any islander can recall other names in connection with the activities of the credit union, or any other information, *Driftwood* will be pleased to hear from them.

Similarly, information on the early days of the Pender Island credit union would be welcomed by the staff of this newspaper.



It wasn't an asset

Ganges Hotel stood on the property of the new Island Savings Credit Union for a year. The structure was built in 1912 and was the largest building on Salt Spring. It burned to the ground in 1913. Travelling salesmen used the lobby area to set up displays of their wares

to offer residents a chance to buy. But the hotel did not do much business except for the saloon. "It was never thought of as an asset to the community," recalls an islander who remembers the blaze which destroyed the hotel.

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Roses in January

Phyl Agar of Woodland Drive on Salt Spring Island is proud of her roses in January. Despite the snow and low temperatures, she has roses in bud. When she takes them in the

house, they bloom. The roses, which are the American Flame variety, are in a sheltered corner of a deck which seems to have been the reason for their continuous production.

Bingo cards available at Ganges

TV Bingo cards are available at two locations on Salt Spring Island. et cetera Book and Stationery and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce office are both selling the cards. Proceeds from the sales go to support tourism promotion on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

The weekly games are aired on CHEK TV Channel 6 Saturdays at 10.30 am, and prizes total \$2,000 in each game. Cards are three for \$2.

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To show our appreciation, an invitation is extended to everyone to attend the Official Opening Celebrations that will take place at the new Salt Spring Branch facilities on Saturday, January 19th, between 1:00 and 4:00 pm.

Jack Webster, media personality and Salt Spring Island resident, will be on hand to officially open the new branch offices at 1:30 pm. Cecil, the ISLAND SAVINGS Robot will also be there for your entertainment.

Be sure to plan to attend this exciting event that will take place at the beautiful, spacious new Salt Spring Branch and find out what other surprises await you!

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