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Province awards sewer grant

Storm brings high winds

Storm brought heavy winds to the islands on Monday, interrupting ferry service and playing havoc with many small boats as well as causing a series of power outages. The storm also brought a sharp change in the weather as Tuesday temperature rose to 11 deg. C. at Patricia Bay airport.

By Monday there remained little sign of the ninth fall of snow of the winter except in the higher levels.

Winds were highest in the Victoria area during Monday, but the highest gust registered at the airport, at Sidney, was 34 knots, or 63 km per hour. Highest during the afternoon was 56 kph, after the wind had veered to the west.

Records are kept at the international airport, where Sunday temperatures reached a low of -3 deg., C.

The week opened with freezing temperatures and snow and kept to those wintry conditions until the weekend. Slippery roads put several cars in ditches among the islands.

By Tuesday afternoon this week the mercury had risen to 11 deg. at the airport with promise of seven or eight towards the close of the week as rain is forecast.

Number of areas through the islands were without power at times Monday, but by Monday evening most of the damage had been repaired.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Feeding the lambs

Two-and-a-half-year-old Indiana Larson is pleased with herself now that all the orphan lambs have been fed during her visit to Mansell Farm

on Salt Spring Island. It's lambing time and there are dozens of brand new lambs on island farms.

Society wants to dig midden

The Salt Spring Museum Society is seeking permission to take a look at a portion of the early history of the island.

Beth Hill of that group explained the concept to a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission recently. She said the group will be seeking permission to organize a "dig" at an Indian midden located in Drummond Park in Fulford.

The commission offered tentative approval of the idea. The museum group must also gain approval from the Fulford Community Hall group which controls the park as well as the B. C. Heritage

Conservation Branch.

Hill indicated that money would be available from the heritage trust but the group would need other financing as well. The dig would utilize services of two teenage people as well as two youths from native groups, she said.

She explained that only one other dig had occurred on Salt Spring and pointed out that many "exciting artifacts" were being found at a midden on Pender Island.

"This is a project which excites many people," she told the commission.

The area is located near the

adventure playground in Drummond Park and would cover about two square metres (approximately 20 square feet). The dig could go as deep as six feet, she said.

The area would be fenced for safety, she added.

Hill explained that when the sea wall of logs had been installed along the water at Drummond Park a large portion of the midden had been destroyed. The dig would allow gathering of information about the early history of the island, she said.

System in operation early next year?

The Ganges sewer system is expected to be installed and operating by early next year following the awarding of a grant Monday by the provincial government.

The Capital Regional District will get \$794,376 to help reduce the amount of capital debt needed to build the sewer system.

Both regional board chairman Howard Sturrock and Salt Spring regional director Hugh Borsman said following the grant announcement that the system could be in operation by next spring.

The sewer will be discussed by a meeting of the Capital Regional Board today (Wednesday) when a decision should be made on proceeding with a petition of property owners in the sewer area.

Borsman, who met Monday morning with Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie, said the minister indicated he wasn't concerned about a referendum or petition on the matter. Borsman said he sympathized with the minister's feelings but recalled that both he and the Capital Region had assured residents a vote would be held.

He said despite the fact that a vote wasn't necessary, "it would still be nice to have approval from the people." He noted that if a petition rejected the sewer plan, property owners would face the risk of having a sewer forced on them at a higher cost.

In announcing the grant, Ritchie cited environmental benefits, "significantly lower" user charges and cost savings to the school and hospital facilities as major reasons for the decision.

"If there were no community sewer system for provincially-funded school and health facilities to hook up to, they would have to provide their own independent disposal systems.

"We have estimated the province would save \$794,376 by not having to subsidize the provision of these independent disposal systems. It is therefore only fair that these savings be passed on to the community system and all of its users," Ritchie said.

The grant announcement was made jointly by Ritchie and Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, islands MLA. The ministers said it would reduce the annual charge to users of the system by more than \$430.

Borsman said he anticipates a user fee of about \$300 a year.

The director, whose primary goal since he was elected in 1983 has been the installation of a sewer, expressed relief at the government's decision to provide the funding. Without it, he said, the system was "just too expensive."

"It's now affordable."

The treatment plant, despite reports to the contrary on Monday and Tuesday, will be built according to the plans that have been in the works for several years. Secondary sewage treatment will be provided by a Rotating Biological Contactor and ultraviolet treatment with holding tanks that will release treated effluent into the harbour on ebb tides.

Area to be served will consist of about 130 properties, including the school complex, Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods, and will stretch from the Upper Ganges shopping centre in the north to Embe Bakery in the south.

Cougar killing sheep?

A cougar might be killing sheep on Salt Spring but authorities are not yet certain.

A week ago, several lambs and ewes were found slaughtered on a Beddis Road farm. At that time, the indications pointed to a cougar. Last weekend, at a farm on Mereside Road, several more sheep were killed.

To date at least eight lambs have been killed and a number of other sheep severely injured. A hunt for the big cat is under way.

If possible, said animal control officer Howard Byron, the cat will be drugged and taken off-island for release elsewhere. But if that can't be carried out the cat will be killed.

It has been several years since a cougar has roamed Salt Spring. The cats usually swim across Sansum Narrows from Vancouver Island.

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Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Denis Cotterill of the Nanaimo Legion shows the form which took him to the singles championship for the Vancouver Island zone played at

the Ganges branch of the Legion Saturday. Cotterill was also part of the pairs champions with Chuck Howells.

Nanaimo, Duncan teams win darts tournament

A Nanaimo team took two of the three events at the darts tournament held at the Ganges branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday.

In the singles event, Denis Cotterill of the Nanaimo Legion took top spot in the playdown with three other members of the Nanaimo team. He then joined Chuck Howells to take the doubles competition later in the afternoon.

The team play went to the group from the Duncan Legion. Brian Greenwood, Jim Anton, Mike Brewer and George Smith

combined to take that event.

There were 33 players from the Duncan, Chemainus, Nanaimo and Salt Spring branches of the Legion. Play was restricted to regular Legion members only.

A silent auction was also held to raise money to defray expenses of the team which will go to the provincial darts tournament. The items for auction were donated to the Legion by 16 Salt Spring businesses.

Chris Marks, Sy Sloan and Ernie Donnelly organized the event. Provincial finals will be held in Kitimat at Easter.

Responses show interest in squash, racquetball

Response to a sports complex proposal in Gasoline Alley in Ganges has been good so far, says organizer Dave Wilkinson.

He is circulating a questionnaire to find out what people would use if the complex becomes a reality. So far, the majority of people who responded have indicated interest in squash and racquetball courts.

With more than 50 responses to the questionnaire as well as vocal support from others, Wilkinson said that in addition to the courts, people indicated that a sauna, a sunroom and exercise equipment would be welcome.

A couple of years ago a group on Salt Spring attempted unsuccessfully to start a racquetball and squash club.

The same people who helped organize that proposal, said Wilkinson, have expressed interest in the latest idea.

Wilkinson said the facilities would be "privately owned, privately operated but publicly available."

At this point, he said, the thinking is to impose a yearly fee to belong to the organization plus a charge for use of the courts and facilities. The concept would be set up along lines similar to the YMCA, he said.

Graduates

Western Washington University has announced that Jill Johnson of Ganges was among graduates following the completion of the 1984 fall quarter.

She received a bachelor of arts degree and was one of two Canadians granted degrees from the Bellingham institution. In addition there were nine other residents of B.C. enrolled at the school.

The university granted 270 degrees to students who had completed the requirements for graduation. Enrolment for the quarter had stood at 9,144.

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Society seeks data on water

The Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society seeks answers to questions about the quantity and quality of ground water on the island as well as how many residents depend on such sources.

They are asking people who depend on ground water as a source of potable water to answer a questionnaire (see Page 2) in order to help the society answer those questions.

According to society president, Tom Gossett, the study will be "a continuing investigation, only as good as the co-operation of our island residents."

He explained that capital limitations place restrictions on expanding the systems of the various water districts to include outlying developments.

"A large number of residents will depend upon ground water sources for many years into the future," he said. "How good those sources will be—we don't know."

The survey should reveal information about problems of quantity and quality which now exist, he added.

Areas of concern include Southey Point on the north end, Scott Point and the Erskine subdivision in the middle and Isabella Point and several other areas in Fulford at the south end of the island.

In addition, some areas in

Fernwood contain natural salt deposits. Gossett said that if the survey shows that the problems are common, "there may be advice and assistance that could help."

While very little information is available about the ground water situation on Salt Spring, a government study of conditions on Mayne Island has been made.

That study looked at results from test wells, geological profiles and tests of water quality. The conclusions drawn from the study, Gossett noted, were not too promising.

Ground water investigations would aid community planning, Gossett said, to ensure that expansion does not exceed the ability of the ground to provide quality potable water.

"Since so many people will depend on ground water now and in the future, it would seem provident to find out what we've got and what the potential is."

Ground water is recharged by utilizing about 10% of rainfall which makes the process "painfully slow and inefficient," said Gossett.

Another problem comes about when several wells tap into the same underground aquifers with the result that wells usually have to be drilled deeper or the source may go dry.

Aquifers, underground sources of water, are mysterious as well. A resident of one property could have an excellent well while his neighbour didn't.

Wells also face pollution from septic or sewage systems, garbage dumps and other irritants. High-density developments can cause deterioration not only of lake water but also ground water.

Gossett concluded: "Perhaps an

in-depth study could provide some of the answers we need to learn for the future."

TIDE TABLES

at Fulford Harbour
PACIFIC STANDARD TIME

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WE	0950	11.1
	1810	2.6
14	0320	10.2
	0610	9.9
TH	1030	10.8
	1905	2.2
15	0405	10.9
	0810	10.0
FR	1115	10.4
	1955	1.9
16	0440	11.2
	0930	9.8
SA	1215	10.0
	2045	1.8
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	1025	9.4
SU	1340	9.8
	2130	1.8
18	0545	11.2
	1105	9.0
MO	1440	9.6
	2210	2.0
19	0610	11.1
	1130	8.5
TU	1540	9.5
	2245	2.3
20	0635	10.9
	1205	7.9
WE	1630	9.3
	2320	2.9

Ferries changed

The *Quintisa* is back.

The department of highways ferry will relieve the *Bowen Queen* on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route until April. The switch took place Tuesday evening.

The *Bowen Queen* is on the Outer Islands routes in place of the *Mayne Queen* which is going in to dock for refit. By the end of the month, the *Mayne Queen* will be back in service and the *Bowen Queen* will head for repairs.

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 Spring Drilled well Shallow well Reservoir Other _____
 2. If a well, how deep is it? _____
 3. How is the water quality from your source?
If not good, what is the problem? _____
 4. How much flow in gallons per minute? _____ Winter _____ Summer
 5. How did you find your water source? _____
 7. Do you feel your water source is in any way threatened? _____
 8. If so, do you feel that the Island Trust and/or the B.C. government can help protect your water source? _____
 9. May we communicate with you? (optional) NAME: _____
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To be Frank

...by Richards

So oddly assorted!

I'm a pack rat. I accumulate things. I have papers dating back 150 years and I have kept one book published in the 1600's. I keep nuts and bolts and nuts without bolts. I find it: I keep it.

But not Women's Lib. She clears up. Her family crest consisted of a broom vibrant surmounted by a vacuum cleaner. How we ever stayed together is a mystery. Probably because I can collect faster than she can clear up. It leaves me one jump ahead to keep things and it keeps Barbara one jump behind to carry on clearing.

I was going through a drawer and found an old driver's licence. I don't know why I kept it. It's not even my first. The set of licences is mounted in the small red folder issued by the British licensing authorities 40 years ago.

DRIVE THEM ALL

The first page tells me the groupings of motor vehicles under the British regulations. They range from road locomotives through heavy vehicles, light vehicles, invalid vehicles, lawn mowers and pedestrian-controlled vehicles.

The second page tells me, and the world, that I am licenced to drive the lot as long as I don't drive for hire or reward. The licence also explains that I live in Harborne, of the city of Birmingham. When that licence was issued, in 1941, I had not set foot on Canadian soil. That error was soon remedied.

Page Three bears my operator's licence No. 85240, issued by the Saskatchewan government in 1942. The paper tells me I paid \$1 for that privilege.

WHICH WAY?

That was the first time I got ticketed for parking on the wrong side of the street. North American cars keep to their own side when parking. In Europe you dive over to any vacant parking spot and nobody cares which way the car is pointing. I dived. I learned. But I wasn't charged because I was new to the province. It may have been influenced by the fact that I was in uniform.

Next page goes west. A driver's licence issued under the Motor Vehicle Act of British Columbia bears the date of 1943 and entitles me to drive anything. It bears the number, 373498, and like the British licence, warns that driving for payment requires a different licence.

Next licence, for 1944, was also issued by the authority of British Columbia. The next is back in Britain and tells me I can drive anything in Britain until December, 1946. The book was full. I must have had two more licences in England before returning to British Columbia, but they are not included.

All issuing authorities spell the word, "licence" in the same manner. British Columbia refers to a driver's licence and Saskatchewan termed it an operator's licence. The Brits call it a driving licence.

Only a pack rat could have hung on to it that long.

Liberally different

I liked the Turner Liberal government better than the Mulroney Liberals. But that's probably because I'm prejudiced.

The untouchable

A few days ago I was trying to trace a quotation from the last century and I was led astray at the columns from Milton.

The line that caught my eye also caught my fancy for its significance today: and every day: "Thou canst not touch the freedom of my mind".

A possible possibility

I was interested in the comment made during a Capital Regional Board meeting recently. There was a routine open to the health department to deal with a threat to health, directors were told. But a potential hazard was a different matter.

And all the way home I tried to visualize a potential hazard.

It was like trying to understand infinity or eternity. The mind winds up and trips up. A hazard is an obstacle or a risk lying ahead which might trip me up. And a potential happening is one which could materialize.

I had 'flu earlier this year. 'Flu represented a hazard to me and I fell victim to it. 'Flu was a potential threat to me and I met it. I guess it was, in fact a potential hazard. That would be a possible occurrence that might happen. But what would be a possible occurrence that couldn't happen? It's like arguing infinity!

Driving lessons

It's a long time since I gave driving lessons to anybody. But I lent my car to a young fellow at the weekend and he needed help. He jumped in the car, gave the throttle a few good pumps and tried to start. And he tried to start. And he tried to start. And was towed off the ferry. So he rang me and explained sadly that he was stranded at Fulford. Quick as a flash I told him of his mistakes and omissions. He started the car and drove home. It so happens you don't pump throttles on some imports.

An active shower?

What is a shower activity? The radio and television consistently report on showers and shower activities and in my ignorance, I can't tell one from another.

All morning on Tuesday it rained, hard and heavy. Was it a shower? Or a shower activity? Or just rain?

And when you know what a shower activity is, what would be inactivity?

"Inactive showers are expected tomorrow."

Would they be wet or dry?

During the war the Royal Air Force had a text book on flying, wherein new flying crew were told of the great portrait in meteorological headquarters depicting the weatherman who got it right. He was forever honoured.

Did he forecast shower activity? Or did he only recognize good, honest rain? Or intermittent rain? But who would be a weather forecaster? Even if you get it right, the words are misleading enough to put you wrong!

Metric that long ago

I found another rat-pack when I was looking through old papers. In it was a diary-sized booklet, the *Electrical Engineer's Companion*, published by three wire and cable companies. On the fly leaf there is scrawled in my youthful writing, "Pinched from Pop, 1941." The information is not all vital to me in my dotage.

But there is a very interesting explanation of measurements in the electrical engineering business. "All electrical and magnetic units depend on the mechanical effects produced by electricity and magnetism and are based on the units of length, mass and time in the absolute, or centimetre-gramme-second (c.g.s.) system." The metric system was the basis of electrical engineering there nearly 50 years ago.

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The national system

No, the CBC is not for sale.

The announcement by the federal government that offers were not being invited for the purchase of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation met with varying responses, the majority favourable.

The national radio and television network is not above criticism, but its loss would represent the loss of a number of highly valued services.

There are critics who place little value on the national system.

Every listener and every viewer has his own preferences and prejudices. To assess the impact of CBC on the islands we are inviting readers to write in and tell us what they like about the national television and radio services and what they don't like. We will also welcome suggestions for change or improvement.

Freedom of thought

No doctor, she: Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of England, Iron Lady of Europe, first woman in a long line of men, will not be the recipient of an honorary degree from Oxford University. And there is no logical reason why she should be. The privilege of granting degrees rests with the administration of the university and if those learned men and women decided that a candidate is unworthy of the gesture, the matter is closed.

It is not the failure of Oxford to pay tribute to Margaret Thatcher that causes concern or comment. It is the reason for that failure that is saddening.

Prime Minister Thatcher is the outstanding British political figure of the 20th century. Whether we admire her views or bitterly oppose her philosophy we have to recognize that she has accomplished what no other woman in Britain has aspired to. Thatcher has taken the Number One position in British political life and she has triumphed. She has proved herself competent, strong, unwavering, stubborn and more. She will be recognized by history as the most famous leader of her nation during the 20th century.

In past years other, lesser, male, prime ministers have been recognized by Oxford with the award of an honorary doctorate. It goes with the job. Or it did until now. Weak men, strong men, foolish men, wise men, all are eligible for the Oxford honour.

But not Margaret Thatcher.

It is not her sex that forms the barrier. It is not her entry into what has always been seen as a man's world that stays the tribute to her distinguished career. It is the way she thinks. The Oxford administration does not recognize her right to an opinion which does not agree with theirs. Her wayward thoughts are suspect.

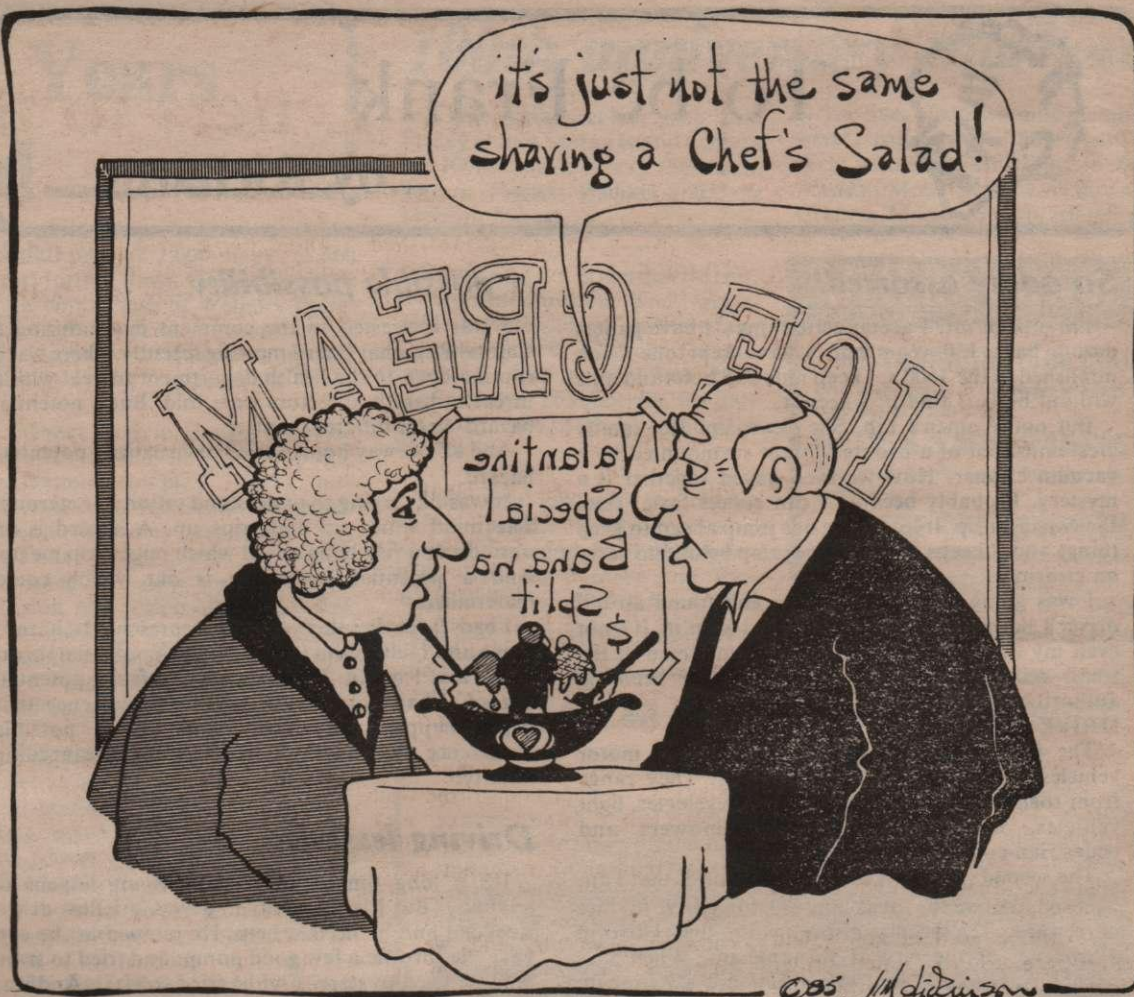
The Thatcher administration has not allocated sufficient funds for education. This would appear to be a matter for sharp concern on the part of educationalists and, indeed, all Britons. We have seen these concerns close to home.

The setting is, however, not in keeping with the traditional concern for the rights of man that have inspired Brits in Oxford and elsewhere. Oxford University is an institution whose roots are closely identified with the free society.

Oxford University, nearly a thousand years old, is steeped in the battles of the centuries for freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of worship, freedom of action. Yet it is that same university which has decided that a person whose convictions differ from its own, a person whose mind is not subordinate to its own, is not worthy of recognition.

This is the picture we get, 7,000 miles away, of the slight on the British premier. It is a sad picture of a sad end to this 20th century.

Let us hope that the historians of the future who will undoubtedly rejoice to give full and proper credit to the first woman to preside over her nation's administration will be as ready to hold this silly little incident in the contempt that history must surely accord it.



Letters to the Editor

It's been a slice

Sir,

On behalf of the Katimavik Group I would like to express our gratitude to the Salt Spring Community for welcoming us at your welcome mat. We have been enjoying ourselves since we've arrived and no doubt will be enjoying ourselves until the end of February when we leave for our next rotation to Lethbridge, Alberta.

Salt Spring Island is and has been very hospitable to all Katimavik Groups in the past. All of our work sponsors, Salt Spring Elementary School, Fernwood Elementary School, Greenwoods and the Community Society, have provided us the opportunities to participate and learn many of the functions of the community. We would gladly like to thank all of you with great appreciation.

For the two weeks we spent billeting, we thank all our billeting families for welcoming us into your homes. That was an insight very beneficial indeed. All of us, natives to other provinces, saw life in a B. C. locale. It was different and exciting and we've all gained a bit more knowledge of our diverse country with its wonderful people.

We would like to say farewell to Gail Bryn-Jones who had been our group leader for the first six weeks of our rotation here. She was a dynamic group leader and is an extraordinary person. She's been promoted to District Group Leader which involves supervising many different Katimavik Groups in the Southwest B. C. area. We wish you good luck and all the best in your new job Gail! We know you'll be a fantastic district group leader. Please come and visit soon.

We'd like to thank Ray and Virginia Newman for your generosity and help with our second language courses through continuing education. Also a thanks is in order to David and Sheila Reid

for your contribution to our International Awareness Functions. Special thanks to Jim Cameron from your Katima-kids, Love Ya Daddy!

We're happy to be an integral part of this community, it's been a slice. We'll definitely be back to visit. Thanks from Gary Hewitt (Newfoundland), Carver Thompson (Nova Scotia), Vincent Veilleux (Quebec City), Lyne Pouliot, Martin Pare, Chantal Daigneault, and Donna Keough (Montreal), Kevin Maguire (Thunder Bay, Ont.), Jan Henry (Winnipeg, Man.), Lori Yee (Saskatoon, Sask.).

KATIMAVIK,
Salt Spring Island.

Great effort

Sir,

This has been a long and unusually cold winter on Salt Spring Island. It has resulted in many extra hours of work for the members of our local Highways Department.

So often we are ready to criticize government workers. These men have done an outstanding job in keeping our roads open and safe through an extended period of hazardous weather. Many thanks for the great effort.

JOHN & BRENDA BAILEY,
Ganges.

Exciting beginning

Sir,

The parents group of Fulford School would like to publicly thank Bob Brownsword, teachers and staff for the terrific job they did to make the Fulford School opening such a great success. We appreciate the effort and energy, the imagination and good planning that went into the occasion.

It is obvious that they all did a great deal of extra work and really put their hearts into it. It was great to see the pioneers and people from Greenwoods, and from all levels of the community there. They really showed us not only what the school has which is new and what they have to offer, but also what the whole community have that is of value in the education of our children, and that they welcome and honour this involvement from the community. It is an exciting beginning.

NANCY WIGEN,
Secretary.

Water solutions

Sir,

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all. We've even cancelled the daily *Colonist*, after many years, as *Driftwood* is such a superior paper.

My comments are on your paper's stories recently about water, e.g. "Federal Inquiry Looks at Water Supplies".

There's lots of water everywhere, but when it is printed that potable water is endangered, it puts a scare into all of us, as water is necessary for survival. Maybe, like the energy shortage, there is a lack of cheap water, but no scarcity of it. Even the energy problem has a positive outcome, with creative thinking, we now save energy with extra insulation, heat pumps, solar, etc. which has also been beneficial environmentally.

Back to the water scare. Two solutions that come to mind:

1. Arizona re-use of the existing "gray" water. It is purified, and put back to potable water; sometimes cheaper than drilling a well.

2. Holland - where saline intrusion is also a problem - rain runoff water is pumped down their wells for safe, clean storage, and it remains there until needed. If we have 24" of rainfall per year, it takes little math to see that we potentially

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have abundant potable water.

Both of the above solutions are already in existence today, never mind what is in the works, and will be forthcoming, once there is a demand, and creative thinking applied.

A past inquiry into connecting on to the St. Mary Lake water system (North Salt Spring Water District) is about \$2,000 for connecting, \$8,000 for construction, plus, plus for each property, and the above two methods are cheaper by far. So maybe for the future residents of the Gulf Islands, the price of new potable water is already inexpensive, and available now with the alternatives.

J. LOISELLE,
Ganges.

Teens group needs help

Sir,

We are a newly established group of young people from Ganges United Church. Our objective is to provide fun and fellowship for teens, and to encourage teens to remain a vital part of the church and community.

We are in need of and would appreciate your support—either financially or in items which we could sell at a garage sale. We will use any funds that we receive towards providing programs for teens e.g. occasional food sales at the schools, inspirational films, sending teens to summer camp at Naramata, etc.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter. For more information please contact any of the executive members: Chris Koski, 653-4507; Andrea Skinner, 537-9343; Kathryn Mouat, 537-9272; Lynn Vanderwekken, 537-5162.

ANDREA SKINNER,
Ganges.

Compromise sought

Sir,

The proposed noise bylaw for Salt Spring Island as reported in the January 30 issue of *Driftwood* has raised some interesting issues for all those living in our community. The balance between the rights of one individual or group and those of another has always been a delicate one, and this bylaw should strive to achieve that balance through fair and equitable provisions: a most difficult task, we are sure, but a most necessary one if all of us are to be considered equal members of our community.

It is with this basic premise in mind that we put forth our objections to the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club having virtually no limitations on their activities. Members of the club can discharge firearms between 8 am and sunset each and every day of the week, facing none of the proposed restrictions that will apply to every other person on Salt Spring when the noise bylaw comes into effect.

Living in close proximity to the Rod and Gun Club, we are subjected to noise at levels and durations that most people would find intolerable. For a number of years, we have attempted to "live with it", realizing that as neighbours of such a facility, certain inconveniences are inevitable. Recently, however, we have noted that "certain inconveniences" have become constant intrusions into our lives. We are now asking why we have to quietly tolerate daily shooting episodes when those that cause the disturbances are not subjected to any limitations whatsoever.

This question has been answered by the argument that the Rod and

Gun Club is an established organization that has been here longer than most of the residents in the area. But if we are to accept this argument, then we must also accept that the longer any individual or organization has been on Salt Spring, the more rights they are entitled to!

Salt Spring is, no doubt, a vastly different community in 1985 than it was in 1948, when the present Rod and Gun Club was established. As a community grows, change must occur—each one of us must attempt to live with more neighbours, more traffic, less space, different lifestyles. Compromises are made not so much to limit or restrict the rights of individuals, but to protect them.

We are asking for compromise now with our neighbours, the Rod and Gun Club, before any community member is afforded rights that another cannot have. Reasonable people should be able to develop reasonable solutions to common problems, and we are confident that dialogue on this matter will allow all those concerned to retain certain rights without unnecessary sacrifice!

If you are concerned about this matter, we urge you to contact our Regional Director, Dr. Borsman, and voice your opinion.

ROBIN ANDISON,
DAVID HENSHALL,
NORMA E. SELIG,
FRANK F. SELIG,
Ganges.

Bylaw favoured

Sir,

In reply to the editor and the letter from P.C. Rice in last week's *Driftwood*, we must state that we are very much in favour of a "noise bylaw".

We do not know why the fuss as noise bylaws have been in effect for many years in many other places in Canada and many other countries and we simply need to follow their lead, with some modifications to suit our island, to prevent the few, making life unpleasant for majority.

Both the editor and P.C. Rice obviously do not live on Cusheon Lake where for many summers past the locals have had to put up with midnight and later parties at the public access. People screaming, yelling, swearing, horns blaring, music blasting forth from radios and stereo systems abruptly awakening them from sleep in the early hours of the morning, the constant calling of the R.C.M.P. to try to deal with the problem—the couple of hours peace and the recurrence of the same after the R.C.M.P. have gone and the repeat performances each pleasant summer night.

Even during the daytime we find it unpleasant to work outside and have our ears assaulted by the constant blaring of a radio from across the lake. We do not feel that we should have to listen to somebody else's radio against our wills at any time of the day or night and that it is the responsibility of the person with the radio to listen to it within their own home or use it with earphones so nobody else is affected.

As for watch dogs—a dog that yaps continually during the night for whatever reason is not a watch dog, it is a nuisance, especially to others. If you have become so accustomed to your dog's barking that it no longer wakes you, then it is no longer effective as a watch dog

whose job it is to alert you to a disturbance or an intruder.

We do not know of anybody who objects to normal working noises—eg. chainsaws, machinery, etc. within normal daylight working hours and the bylaw covers this efficiently.

H. & R. BOEHRINGER,
Cusheon Lake.

Farmers concerned

Sir,

The recent *Driftwood* article concerning the proposed noise bylaw has caused concern amongst the members of the Islands Farmers Institute. The general feeling is that a bylaw is not needed. However, as it appears that we are to have one, we feel a few points need clarification and/or refinement.

The main concern is the section concerning "Animals that make frequent or objectionable noise." Most farm animals are in constant violation of this section, be they roosters crowing, cattle waiting to be milked, or pigs to be fed. Farm animals should be exempt from this section.

Our other worry is the possible interpretation of the section exempting farm machinery "used in a reasonable manner."

To a farmer it is perfectly reasonable to be working in the fields with a "noisy tractor" from dawn till long past dusk. For myself, at certain times of the year, I have been in the fields at 10 pm, trying to beat the weather. A person with no farming background might not appreciate that a whole year's profit might hinge on those extra hours spent in the field, and view the "offending" farmer as noisy and unreasonable.

Bylaws such as this, are in general, viewed by the farming community as a further encroachment of urban values and standards, on the realities of rural life. If bylaws such as this are to be implemented, then they should not restrict established farms, nor the development and operation of new farms.

RUSSELL LAZARUK,
President, Islands Farmers Institute.

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Letters can be influential

Sir,

The forthcoming arms reduction talks between the USA and USSR may well be the last chance to reverse the nuclear arms race and avoid global suicide. It is clear that security is not being increased by the accumulation of still more weapons of mass destruction.

But how many of us fully trust both the Russians and the Americans to approach these talks with a sincere intention to work out a mutual and verifiable reversal of the arms race? This faces each of us with the question, "What can one person do?"

Well, there is one simple and easy action which any one of us can take to encourage both sides to really try to achieve a lessening of world tensions—that is to write a letter or card to the addresses given below. This will add your weight to the growing pressure for good sense and reason to prevail. All indications are that such letters are influential, particularly when sufficient in number and focused in subject.

From time to time, probably about monthly, the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Group will be providing information and appealing for letters. If you are willing to join in this effort give us a call at 537-2785 so you may be alerted to watch for further details.

Right now get your letter away urging a positive and flexible attitude toward the arms talks. Letters need not be typed—in fact hand-written letters may have more impact. Be brief; deal with one subject and be positive.

The addresses are:
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WILF PECK,
Ganges.

New joy in living

Sir,

We want to say goodbye to all the friends we have found in the Gulf Islands during our stay on Salt Spring.

We particularly want to thank all those who have told us about the times when they felt despair for the future of our world. They described how they felt empowered by taking action, alone or with others, to influence public opinion and their Government.

To those who say to them: "There's nothing you can do! Why bother?" they say that they can influence our future, and that the very process of influencing others is empowering.

They have a new joy in living. They have gained a satisfying feeling of connection with others all over the world, with all those working for a safer, saner, more just and equitable future for all who share the earth.

As we return to England, we too feel joy in these connections, made and strengthened. And we share hope that is not despair about the present with blind faith in the future, but the ability to see the potential in the future.

JEN AND MIKE TURNER,
c/o P. Pentz,
Ganges.

They need support

Sir,

I am writing the letter in response to the numerous questions that I have received regarding our ads requesting work for some of the mentally-handicapped clients currently attending the Achievement Centre.

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grant that we have been working on since the beginning of November. The goals of the grant are to provide a realistic job experience for the participants, to expose the clients to the public, to encourage good working habits and to promote a community awareness of these special needs participants and their individual capabilities and talents.

There are three women and two male participants. Yes, they are all mentally handicapped but they are all very hard working and very capable. To date we have accomplished such jobs as assisting in yard clean-up, moving and stacking firewood, basic garden preparation, as well as creating our own jobs through the sale of bagged seaweed and manure as well as bundled kindling.

We really need community support to keep this grant going! The participants like nothing better than to go out to work and the more challenging the better. If you have any projects with which you could use a hand, call us and see if we can help. All work is supervised and payment is in form of a donation with proceeds going towards sending us to the Special Olympics in Victoria. Call the Achievement Centre Tuesdays and Thursdays at 537-9522 or me at 537-2604 (or 537-2893 after February 15).

LORRAINE HAMILTON, Ganges.

Rural charm threatened

I wish to express my concern about the planned subdivision on Channel Ridge. As a visitor to Salt Spring I very much appreciate—as I'm sure most residents do—the natural beauty that essentially shapes the character of the island. I appreciate that here, in the midst of spreading urbanity, one can see, virtually from one's window, the wildlife that lend a special quality to the land.

Salt Spring's population has risen from 2,200 in 1966 to around 6,000 today. The Islands Trust Policy states: "Residential settlement is the greatest and most obvious pressure on the islands' natural environment and traditional communities."

A look at Salt Spring's map will tell you how much of the land has been sectioned off by roads. A subdivision here and a subdivision there can only, in the long run, decrease the rural charm that attracts us all in the first place. Besides, where will the deer hide?

ROB RAINER, Ganges.

Nonsense

I write in reference to the latest nonsensical utterings in your newspaper under the heading "To Be Frank". In the last two editions readers have been subjected to pointless information displayed on a bumper sticker concerning the laying to "rest" or "rust" of nuclear arms on a vehicle owned by a Mr. P. Pentz. It took two editions to impart this nonsense, because, even the simple

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accurate recording of the wording of a bumper sticker, appears to be beyond the abilities of the columnist.

Perhaps the residents of the Gulf Islands would be better served if the column "To Be Frank" were to be laid to "rest or rust in peace"! MALCOLM PINTEAU, Ganges.

Editor's note: Perhaps the writer would be better served by altering his reading habits. The world abounds with alternative literature.

Problem solved

As one who has been very interested in the Sewer Debate over the years, I cannot help but feel frustrated that I never saw the solution to the problem so clearly before.

Five years ago the C.R.D. Engineers told us there was no suitable land for septic fields in Ganges, therefore no further development could take place until a sewer was installed.

Since that time many developments have gone ahead on septic tank and field systems: Croftonbrook, Pioneer Village, the new Bank of Commerce; Rita's Inn and Kanaka are on new septic fields; Harbour House now has approval for a multi-family complex on septic tank and fields. The new Credit Union Building is on a septic tank and field. The Devon Lodge property at the head of the harbour has a go-ahead for multiple family units on septic tanks and fields and the Mobile Home Park has an application in for 111 housing units on septic tanks and fields.

All this is taking place in an area where the C.R.D. Engineers said it couldn't be done! It seems quite clear to me that we should approach the developers of the above developments. With their track record they could solve the whole downtown problem in a weekend.

COLIN NICHOLSON, Ganges.

Expected better

It is hard to resist responding to letters that contain inaccurate

information, particularly on important matters of public interest. It is just not feasible to respond to all of these, but one cannot overlook those letters where facts would appear to have been deliberately distorted or ignored. This appears to be the case in a letter written last week by Arvid Chalmers.

Mr. Chalmers first contradicted a statement I recently made to the effect that the consulting engineer, Mr. Steve McMinn, was the choice of the Sewer Alternatives Committee (SAC). The Ganges Citizens' Committee (GCC) members were, without exception, dedicated to a serious search for alternatives to the present sewer plan. In fact the whole community was anxious to find a viable alternative, not that it would be necessarily better, but because it might arouse less controversy. The GCC was only too happy to leave the choice of an engineer to the SAC. This is what was done. So far all this lapse of memory of Mr. Chalmers did, was to suggest that my facts weren't straight, or my memory was poor, or both. This could be ignored, but not what followed.

Most of your readers will recall that by March of last year, it was apparent that the GCC was making no further discernible progress. The meetings were prolonged and rancorous. By early April a number of members were thinking about resigning. By late April about half of the 14 members had either resigned, been withdrawn by their group or the Board they represented, or were in the process of doing so. The representatives of Greenwoods and the School Board still remained, but their Boards had written to the CRD supporting the sewer plan and asking for an early resolution of the matter. Eventually there was no one left on the committee that lived in the area it was intended to sewer, and the committee was no longer properly representative.

For these reasons, I suggested to the CRD Board on April 25 that the GCC be disbanded. On May 8 what was left of the GCC passed a vote of censure because of my recommendation to the CRD Board. That is not the way Mr. Chalmers described it. He explained how he and his fellows passed the vote of censure, and then, in a "fit of pique" I recommended the GCC be disbanded. The truth, then, was the exact opposite of what he described. If he had been correct, it could

rightly be suggested that I acted in a spiteful and vindictive way, for my own satisfaction, and certainly not in the public interest. That would have been unforgivable.

I have every reason to believe that Mr. Chalmers has a good memory, so this convenient lapse on his part was almost certainly designed as an attempt to impugn my motives and my credibility. His method was particularly subtle and dangerous because very often the only one with the true facts at his fingertips is the victim, hence the only one that can refute the accusation. This sort of thing has happened before, and will no doubt happen again before this whole thing is settled; but I expected better from Mr. Chalmers.

CHARLES H. BORSMAN, Regional Director.

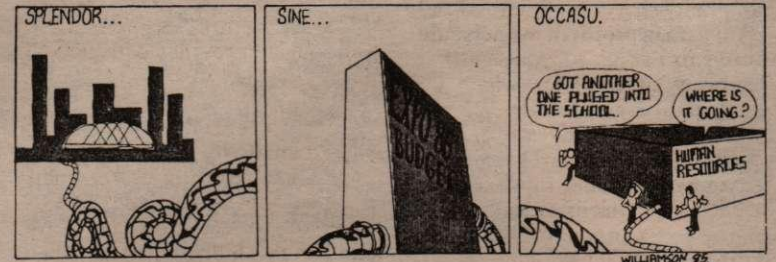
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developments all over B. C. use these and other similar plants, so the figures and performance can be easily checked. If land disposal is preferred a raised tile field such as the ones built for the Fulford school or the new seniors' housing in Ganges can be built for a further \$25,000.

The latest figures from the finance committee of the Sewer Implementation Committee give a low figure of \$24,600 a year and a high figure of \$35,639 a year for the schools' share of operating and maintenance costs of the C.R.D. sewer. Over 30 years that will cost between \$738,000 and \$1,069,170.

So, by limiting their options, the school board has restricted itself to an option which will certainly cost more than half a million dollars more, and possibly just about a million dollars.

As both a parent and a property owner paying school taxes, I would like an explanation from those five trustees who supported the motion. I want them to write to this paper and give their reasons. I think all parents and property owners are entitled to this.

SUSAN BRADFORD,
Ganges.

Leave Katimavik

Sir,
The recent cuts in funding of the Katimavik volunteer youth program are totally inexplicable and consequently leave one speculating as to what, if anything, the Conservative government plans to replace it with.

There is no "restraint" explanation this time. Since the participants receive only \$1 a day, plus an honorarium of \$1,000 at the end of their nine months, one cannot argue that the program is costing the government much. Added to that the government covers room and board, both of which are kept at a very minimal level, and indeed become part of the program in that participants are forced to learn about nutrition in order to feed themselves on these sums and to adapt to living at close quarters. If one considers that the government would otherwise be involved in supporting these young people in colleges, training institutions or on unemployment

insurance (many were facing unemployment) then it becomes evident that Katimavik would seem to be a good deal.

Could it be the nature of the program that the Conservatives are objecting to? Granted there is room for improvement but overall it seems like one of the best things that has happened for young Canadians (along with Canada World Youth). For those who are still wondering exactly what "Peace Education" is I would point to the Katimavik program as a good example. The goals of personal development, service to the community, awareness of country and environmental awareness are calculated to create more aware, confident and tolerant people. One can begin to believe in a future when one finds oneself being trained for one! In my dealings with Katimavik participants, during the three years that the program has been on the island, I have been very impressed by how much most of them were enjoying their program, and it has confirmed my belief that young people are basically idealistic and, if given the chance, they will teach us the way of the future.

Along with experiencing the good will and creativity that these young people are putting into their volunteer jobs I have been most impressed to see how they are handling the bilingual issue. They are handling it! Canada's two cultures are alive and well in the Katimavik program and I venture to speculate that they would have our "problem" licked a few years down the road were they allowed to continue.

For those who are not in contact with the program I should add that it is for the 17-21 age group, it consists of nine months spent in three different parts of Canada (one of which will be an area of second language), volunteer work is undertaken in each community and there is also a two-week period in each community when participants are billeted by local families and perform further volunteer work.

In 1984 there were 5,000 participants. This year the program will be cut by more than half to a level of 1,800.

Please join me in writing to Ottawa to protest these cuts.
SHEILA REID,
Ganges.

Snow blamed

Snow last Saturday was the cause of several accidents on Salt Spring, with an injury resulting from one of them.

Mrs. Wm. Pearson was helping push her husband's car in the snow at the corner of Charlesworth Road and Cudmore Heights. Mel Sumner was driving down the hill when his

vehicle struck Mrs. Pearson as he turned the corner.

She was taken to Lady Minto Hospital for treatment.

At the Hundred Hills section of Fulford-Ganges Road, Jody Cherry rolled her 1972 Ford. No injuries were reported but damage estimates on the vehicle were placed at \$1,000.

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Photographer offers class

By FRANK RICHARDS

Everyone has that memory of near-disaster when the moment explodes and the only answer is to try to forget it ever happened.

Len Bland, retired photographer and public relations man, remembers the day he was saved from charging head-on into Queen Elizabeth.

It was during one of the royal tours and the royal party was at the museum in Regina. Bland was in a hurry to get to the Queen and he ran down a wide corridor, his heavy 4 x 5 Speed Graphic camera in his hands and his bag and his heavy flash swinging from his shoulder.

As he sped through the halls a security man shouted at him and next minute flew through the air to bring the photographer down in a football tackle which would have done him credit in any one of a dozen football cities.

Before either could speak, the Queen and her entourage walked round the corner to which Bland had been running.

If the security man had not been a football player, Bland would have been throwing his heavy camera to an unsuspecting Queen Elizabeth.

But the life of a photographer is not all errors and omissions. The rest of his career he remembers with greater confidence.

WHO IS HE?

Who is Len Bland who goes around charging into royal parties?

He and his wife Sheila came to live on Salt Spring Island nearly three years ago. They built an attractive home on Rourke Road and they enjoy the island they chose for home.

Three full years ago Len Bland was senior public relations officer for the city of Edmonton, where he organized publicity campaigns, sold the city to manufacturers, tourists and anyone who expressed the desire to do something for the Alberta capital and spoke out for Edmonton.

Bland learned his trade through Hitler. If war hadn't broken out, he might well have stayed with the Welland-Port Cobourne Evening Tribune and retired from his duties as pressman.

Out of school, he served an apprenticeship as printer. He was a journeyman when the war started and he became Aircraftsman Bland,

heading for a wartime career as aero engine mechanic.

But he was side-tracked into radar. Radar was new; it was so hush-hush that the airmen working on it were sworn to secrecy even at home with their wives.

He stayed with radar until the end of the war. By that time there were few calls for monitoring the air space and Bland was suffering from post-war boredom even before the war ended. He asked for a transfer out of radar into photography and got it. By the time the war was declared over he was a qualified photographer.

STARTING WITH A BROWNIE

Bland always had a yen for photography. Ever since Kodak marked its 50th anniversary and offered the anniversary edition of the Brownie 120. He was one of the recipients of that model Kodak camera. It was brown, rather than the more common black model. It was also identified by the decal announcing the anniversary. And now he knew enough about taking pictures to want a new camera.

For a time in this new peace time he went back to the Tribune, but travelling around with the air force had whetted his appetite and he wanted to move out again.

He was promptly out and in Kirkland Lake as pressman on a Thompson paper that was not making much of anything, news, progress or money. In Kirkland Lake, Bland was not only running a newspaper press, he was also working as photographer when the press wasn't running.

That was his first top accomplishment in news photography. He was in on the capture of two bank robbers and his pictures included one of the capture and one of the captives spitting at him.

INTO THE STUDIO

Over the years he moved away

from the press and into the studio. He acquired his own studio and engaged in every aspect of photography. And that's where he learned the fast-moving character of the business. He sums it up himself.

"You know everything today? You'll be obsolete tomorrow!"

His last venture was a movement away from the camera. When he was engaged in photography he found he was being called on to an increasing degree to write the story as well as the caption. By the time he thought of turning to public relations he had already got there. For the latter part of his working life he was presenting the whole picture in his own words and pictures.

On Wednesday next week he will offer a class on photography as part of the continuing education program on Salt Spring Island.

What is the basic subject? Composition, of course! If more camera owners knew the elements of good composition, they would enjoy their pictures more and value them more highly, said Bland.

He's right back where he started, telling others what he once learned when he first started out to earn his living behind a lens.



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Married in Whitehorse

Leslie Moth and Lorraine Dods were married recently in Whitehorse, Yukon. Lorraine is the daughter of Rita and Ken Dods of Salt Spring Island. The couple are making their home in the Yukon capital.

Tai Chi course at Fulford

A seven-week course in Tai Chi Ch'uan begins today (Wednesday) in the Fulford Elementary School. It is sponsored by continuing education.

Jim Sinclair will be teaching the weekly classes, assisted by Jorge Cuelho and Doug MacDonald. Classes start each evening at 7:30 pm.

Sinclair explained that Tai Chi combines many things. It is moving meditation, exercise, breathing, balancing and self-defence. It also

dives into philosophy, therapy, mind expansion, rejuvenation and energy.

Sixteen minutes of Tai Chi, he notes, bring a sense of well being, peace and harmony to the participant.

Although Tai Chi began about 1,000 years ago as one of the earliest forms of Chinese martial arts, today it stresses non-aggressiveness.

"To be non-aggressive," Sinclair points out, "is not to try to be non-aggressive but to actually live and be non-aggressive."

Board sets routine pattern of appointment to function

Basic pattern has been adopted by the Capital Regional Board in its appointment of members to commissions, boards or other regional functions.

In future, directors decided last week, the appointments will be considered on the recommendation of the regional director or municipal council concerned.

Where an appointment is made at large, the vacancy will be advertised and the board will make its appointment from the replies received, on the recommendation of

the elected representative.

When an appointee resigns before the end of his term, he must submit his resignation in writing. There must be a two-thirds majority at any time the board should terminate such an appointment.

Appointments and resignations will be reported in writing to the board by the board secretary.

The recommendations were submitted by the executive committee. Throughout the region, there are 146 such appointments.

Don't touch car exhaust system

Don't touch the exhaust system of a car. It is illegal in British Columbia just as it is in the United States. In the past there has not been any great pressure on checking for modifications to the exhaust system of a motor vehicle. The current concern in the state of Washington over acid rain originating in British Columbia has added pressures to

have checks made on exhaust systems.

It is illegal to remove the catalytic converter and it is illegal to put regular gas in a car designed for unleaded fuel.

The penalty for either offence is a maximum \$500 fine and six months in jail.

A driver who makes any changes to the emission system of his motor vehicle faces the same penalties.

A spokesman for the provincial government told *Driftwood* that the regulations could be much more tightly enforced in the near future because of the acid rain complaints from south of the line.

February clinics

Travel remains a requirement for Gulf Islanders who wish to give blood at one of four clinics to be held in the Victoria area for February.

The usual monthly clinic will be held at Red Cross House at 1046 Fort Street in Victoria. On February 18, the clinic is open from 2:30 pm until 8 pm. On February 19, it is open from 2 pm until 8 pm.

The gymnasium at Mount Douglas Secondary School, 3970 Gordon Head Road, is the location of the clinic to be held February 20 from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm.

On February 21, the clinic moves to the Royal Canadian Legion Hall at 6726 Eustace Avenue in Sooke. Hours are from 3 pm to 8 pm. The clinic will be upstairs.

The following day, the clinic will set up at B. C. Telephone office at 826 Yates Street back in Victoria. Times are from 9:30 am until 3 pm.



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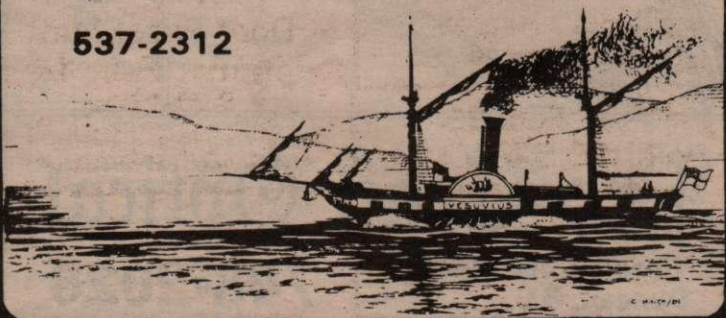
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Liz Clark, Gail Bryn-Jones of Katimavik

New group leader for Katimavik

When the next group of Katimavik participants arrives on Salt Spring, they'll be guided by a new group leader.

Liz Clark comes to the island to take the reins from Gail Bryn-Jones who moves on to a position as district group leader for the Vancouver Island area.

Clark had been a group leader with Katimavik in northern Alberta since last July but had to be transferred because the air was too dry for her. Just as the problem became acute, the Salt Spring position opened.

The district co-ordinator for northern Alberta is Tim Collins, who had been group leader at Salt Spring before Bryn-Jones.

Clark was born in New Westminster and holds a degree in political science from Simon Fraser University. She participated in Katimavik six years ago. At that time she was part of a group which worked in Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Tompson, Manitoba.

After the group had completed its stint with the program, Clark went to work to raise money so that she

could return to work. She began to receive letters from Katimavik urging her to apply for a position as group leader.

She said that ex-participants in the program regularly receive such letters but that she was not enthusiastic about becoming a leader at that time.

It took her six years to change her mind, she said, but last summer she was ready.

Both she and Bryn-Jones went through the same training program in Montreal in June. Clark was assigned to Alberta while Bryn-Jones came to Salt Spring.

And now their paths cross again. Despite the efforts of restraint begun by the federal government, Katimavik survives. With a budget for the year set at \$20 million, the program has been cut back to accommodate only 2,000 participants for the year compared to 4,000 who had taken part last year.

"In a way," said Bryn-Jones, "it's a vote of confidence because we didn't get scrapped."

June Hall continues as library president

The Pender Lender, Pender Island's locally operated library, held its annual meeting January 22 in the library centre. Chairman was president June Hall.

Last year at the annual meeting the executive was elected for a two-year term. To continue this year's administration of the library's business are June Hall, president; Kathleen Madeley, vice-president; Jennifer Barlow, secretary; Jim Verner, treasurer; one director elected last year for a two-year term, Marion Henderson; and two directors elected this year for a two-year term, Bill Barnes and Michael McCaffery.

All librarians, now numbering about 40, take turns during the year cataloguing the books. Margaret Tallman is in charge of this. In 1984 there were 650 books catalogued.

The roster of working days for the librarians is arranged by Bunty Grimmer. Usually three librarians are on duty the days the library is open, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon.

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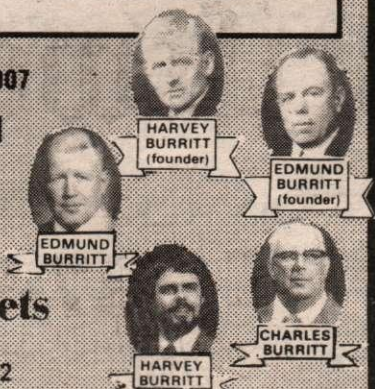
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GALIANO NEWS

Galiano Club raises funds for Health Care Society

BY KATHY SHARP

The Galiano Club held its Valentine fund-raising event Saturday, a Heart-a-thon, sponsored to raise money for the Galiano Health Care Society. Input was given by many groups and individuals.

The Girl Guides, under the direction of Laura Gerlach, had a table of specially made paper and dough Valentines. The school provided more Valentines, as well as the services of Erin Jarvis and Yarah Hooley as face painters. There was also a table with many informative pamphlets on the heart and heart disease, and other health care books.

The ambulance crew sent some members to translate this theoretical knowledge into a practical demonstration of CPR. Galiano residents should be aware that CPR courses are taught periodically on the island. (Contact Peter Dunn for information.) Dr. John Hales was also on hand to discuss health care matters.

A number of draws were held. Rosemary Walker won a cake, Win Stephen got a dinner for two at the pub, Harry Harris will have a Deli pizza, Vera Harris (who is back, and brown as a cabinet minister) can spend the night at Penny's Cottages and Margaret Robson has a beautiful diamond necklace and earring set. It is interesting to note that the draw winners chose their own prizes. (Of course, the choice grew narrower with every winner.)

Tea and delicious Valentine goodies rounded off the afternoon. The organizers would like to thank all the people who put so much effort into helping. Unfortunately, the weather was not conducive to

travel, so numbers were not as large as they might have been. However, those who were there contributed freely, and it is expected that a good donation can be made to the fund.

Senior citizens

A good attendance of senior citizens members filled Page Drive Lounge on February 4. After much discussion a program for a monthly outing or entertainment was projected for six months ahead. Each outing will be convened by a volunteer member and much fun is anticipated.

Although it is very early Expo 86 was a topic of interest and as there are advance ticket sales being sought in 1985, a committee will be looking into the matter in detail.

After the meeting was adjourned, Mrs. May Drew made a nice speech about all the good things that Mr. and Mrs. Les Woodbridge have done for some years to the Galiano senior citizens group. She then presented them, on behalf of all the members, with a lovely silver cocktail tray, engraved with their sentiments.

The next meeting will be March 4 at Page Drive. The first outing will be lunch at Brentwood Bay Inn on Tuesday, Mar. 12 and Dorothy Woodbridge will convene.

Thanks to Mimi Wishart for this report.

Convention

Plans are proceeding well for the annual convention of the B.C. Historical Federation, which will be held on Galiano May 2-4. Apparently, some confusion has arisen among the general public as to which group is sponsoring this

event.

In fact, the Galiano Historical and Cultural Society is the host. This society is primarily concerned with Galiano history, and its first project is the building of a replica of the ship *Sutil*. The Gulf Islands branch of the B.C. Historical Federation, on the other hand, is interested in both local Gulf Islands history and in broader historical matters. Both groups are members of the B.C. Historical Federation.

Neither is connected with the Montague Harbour Cultural and Enhancement Society, whose purpose is to revive and enhance *Sutil* Lodge and the Stanley Jackson property. To further complicate matters, many members of the convention planning committee are not members of any of the above organizations. It is fervently hoped that this explanation has dispelled your confusion, not added to it!

The convention will include a welcoming reception with Donald and Nan New as guests of honour and an authors' table including Jack Kendrick, a theatre performance by the Galiano Players, a grand banquet, and various seminars and walks. The latter will actually overlap the convention, as they are scheduled from May 1-8.

Just some of the speakers and topics are: Philip Shackleton on marine canoes, Mary Harding on local pioneers, and the banquet guest speaker Tomas Bartroli, premier expert on the Spanish west coast empire. Although at least 100 visitors are expected, the committee anticipates that many Galiano residents may be interested in these well-known speakers. Members of

the Galiano Historical and Cultural Society and the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Federation will automatically receive registration information.

Others may join these groups or call the registrar, Christine Axmann, at 5338. Furthermore, serving persons, etc., will probably be hired, and billets may be needed. Interested people may call Rosemary Walker at 5465.

Badminton tournament

The Galiano Blackbirds badminton team paid a visit to Salt Spring last Sunday. They were treated "like kings and queens" by their friendly rivals. The Salt Spring squad has been together for three or four years, so it isn't surprising that the newly fledged Blackbirds were rather outclassed in men's, women's and mixed tournaments.

However, everyone was enjoying the play so much that eventually island rivalry dissolved into a friendly round of freely chosen partnerships. The Blackbirds felt that they learned a lot from the Salt Spring team, and they are now eager for another enjoyable clash.

Icy road warning

Extreme caution should be used on the road to the garbage disposal area in bad weather. It becomes very icy, and one accident has already occurred. Steve Gaylor was forced to park his car at the side of the road part way up, returning later in another vehicle.

As he and his brother arrived, they were narrowly missed by another car sliding out of control. This

vehicle collided with Steve's car, flipping it over the edge of the road on to its roof. Fortunately, nobody was injured.

Coming events

The annual general meeting of the Housing Society will be held at Page Drive at 2 pm Sunday. The public is invited to attend, but only members of the society may vote. Membership fee is \$1.

Books will be sold as usual by the WAGVFD at the South Community Fire Hall on Saturday from 2-4 pm.

Members of the Thrift Shop are reminded of their monthly meeting, to be held Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 10 am to noon.

The Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Federation will attend a luncheon meeting on Pender on Thursday, Feb. 21 to hear about Pender pioneers. Members will catch the 10:30 am ferry, returning at 6:10 pm.

The Strolling Players will perform *Death in the Tree*, a 16th century morality play, at the Hummingbird Inn from 8 pm to 8:30 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 19. See the bulletin boards for further details.

The annual general meeting of the North Galiano Community Association will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 pm at the North Community Hall.

Badminton players should attend an organizational meeting at 6:45 pm today (Wednesday) in the activity centre meeting room. This includes both competitive and recreational players.

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From left, Eli Secour, Kathlyn Mouat, Andrea Skinner and teacher Irene Wright

Students off to Quebec in March

The Grade 9 and 10 French immersion class at the Gulf Islands Secondary School will have an opportunity to put their learning to practical use when they visit Quebec in March.

At that time, 24 students from the French class along with two teachers will be participating in the first leg of an exchange program with students from Quebec.

Funds for the exchange come from the federal government but the students will have to cover minor expenses.

They will head to the town of Beauharnois southwest of Montreal on March 15 and return to Salt Spring on March 25. The Quebec contingent arrives on the island at the end of April.

French immersion teacher Irene Wright and class aide Louise

Couture will be in charge of the group for the visit. The students will board with families in the Quebec town and the exchange unit from that province will board with island families.

Each student is expected to pay a \$10 registration fee and cover personal expenses on the trip. Such costs as airfares, there and back, will be covered by an Open House Canada Grant.

Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners February 4 were:

North-south: Gordon Hutton and Fred Struve, Bill and Marg Mott, John Sarginson and Isabelle Richardson, Nora Day and Phoebe Stevens. East-west: Pat Patterson and Corinne Forster, Shirley Love and Phyllis Henderson, Margaret Ellison and May Whiten, Geo and Liz Harris.

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In Outer Islands

Canada Works funds 12 jobs

The Canada Works program will be funding 12 jobs in three projects on the Outer Gulf Islands this year for a total value of \$81,270.

At Saturna, the program will involve three workers, two of whom must be female, for 20 weeks of employment. The cost of the projects comes to \$19,270, said Anne Popperwell of the Saturna Community Club, which is co-ordinating the efforts.

The jobs involve the recycle group, the fire department and the playfield committee of the community group, she said.

Each of the groups involved is being asked to supply materials needed for the projects, she added.

The workers will build a permanent structure for the recycle depot, currently located in a small shed.

Another building project will be a shelter for the fire truck, to be located at East Point. The volunteer fire department has two trucks and getting to East Point has proven to be a problem in the past.

In addition to the fire truck shelter, the work crew will erect a framework around the fire department's water tank.

A playing field will also be built.

The field will be constructed to facilitate many sports but the primary game will be softball.

A similar pooling of effort will be part of the Canada Works projects on the Penders. The program will accommodate four people, including at least one female, and will operate with a grant of \$25,000.

The workers will put up seven shelters at various school bus stops, build an adventure playground at the school site and remove gorse at South Pender.

Vern Roddick, regional director for the Outer Islands, said the gorse had been brought to the island many years ago but in recent years the spread of it has caused problems.

Will McGaghey and Gordon Dickin of the Pender Lions Club are co-ordinating the works projects for the Penders.

The largest Canada Works project for the Outer Islands is slated for Galiano Island. The project calls for five workers plus a foreman and will last 16 weeks with a cost of \$37,000.

Mark Holloway of Galiano is project co-ordinator and the workers will take part in a renovation of Bluff Park.

The major task for the workers in the 120-acre park is to reconstruct the trail which leads down to the beach. Holloway describes it as being in "terrible shape".

The crew will install new stairs and smooth out some of the rougher areas of the path. Handrails will also be put in where needed.

Picnic tables will be built and placed at various locations in the park and new signs will direct visitors to the various sites. The crew will also work at creating new trails as well as renovating the shelter at the top of the park.

To qualify for the jobs in the Outer Islands Canada Works projects, a person must be drawing unemployment insurance. The person must register with the employment office in Victoria for a position with any of the projects.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

OUTER ISLANDS:

MONDAY, FEB. 18 — 7:30
Pender School Activity Centre

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20 — 7:30
Mayne School Activity Centre

TUESDAY, FEB. 26 — 7:30
Saturna Community Hall

MONDAY, MAR. 4 — 7:30
Galiano School Activity Centre

SALT SPRING ISLAND:

MONDAY, FEB. 25 — 7:30
Gulf Islands Secondary School Band Room

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27 — 7:30
Fernwood School Gymnasium

TUESDAY, MAR. 5 — 7:30
Salt Spring Elementary School Library

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 6 — 7:30
Fulford School Gymnasium

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Please come to the above advertised community meetings and help us to address these questions in both a District and Provincial context.

Some questions you may want to discuss:

- What should be taught in schools?
- What are the most important goals in education?
- Are Provincial exams a good thing?
- Should teachers have the right to strike?
- Should local School Boards be allowed to raise taxes above those required to sustain basic levels of service?

CHARLES HINGSTON, Chairman
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School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

Eight meetings will talk schools

A series of eight public meetings to gather opinions on the educational system in the Gulf Islands and the province will be held over three weeks in late February

and early March.

The meetings form part of a province-wide study of education entitled *Let's Talk About Schools*, which has been initiated by the ministry of education.

The first meeting is slated for February 18 at the activity centre at the Pender Island school. The activity centre at the Mayne Island school is the site for a meeting February 20.

The meeting moves to the band room at Gulf Islands Secondary School on February 25. The next day, February 26, the meeting will be held in the Community Hall on Saturna Island.

The gymnasium at Fernwood School on Salt Spring is the location for a meeting February 27. The final meeting for the Outer Gulf Islands will be held in the activity centre of the Galiano Island school on March 4.

The last two meetings in the series will be held at the library of Salt Spring Elementary School on March 5 and in the gymnasium at the Fulford Elementary School March 6.

Each meeting is set to begin at 7:30 pm.

Superintendent of schools Mike Marshall explained that the Gulf Islands School Board is particularly interested in how the public views schooling, both now and for the future, in the Gulf Islands.

He said the school trustees and

the administrative staff of the Gulf Islands School District had looked at the discussion paper put out by the provincial study group to determine which questions were most applicable to the Gulf Islands.

Copies of the discussion paper are available to the public, he said, but the answers to the questions put forward "demand a lot of time."

The discussion paper puts forward 41 questions about the school system in B.C. The deadline for briefs and responses, which can be forwarded directly to the study group, has been set for March 15.

Officers installed

Sixty-three members attended the annual meeting of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary January 28 at Ganges.

New officers installed for the year were: Nancy Shaw, president; Vivian Bannon, vice-president; Iola Brookbanks, treasurer; Irene Helm, secretary; Betty Galt, corresponding secretary; and Marjorie Cuttell, public relations.

The installation was conducted by area representative Barbara Drysdale, who came to the island for the ceremony accompanied by area secretary Ann Ardiel.

Heritage display at Galiano

A re-enactment of frontier days in Canada will be offered to school children and adult visitors at Galiano School next Monday, Canada Heritage Day. Guy Randall, in native tanned hides, with pictures of cross-Canada canoe trips and brandishing his muzzle-loading rifle, will provide the re-enactment of frontier times.

He and his wife will display fur-bearing animals and the traps that caught them and will speak Cree, Huron and Iroquois.

Mrs. Randall (nee Gardner) was born on Galiano Island in 1922.

Also on the agenda is a demonstration by Grant Keddie of the provincial museum. He will use anvil and hammer rocks with bone, stone and antler to produce copies of the knives, spears, blades, drills and other tools that B.C. natives produced for centuries.

The display will run from 2-5 pm.

SATURNA SCENE

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

A service was held two weeks ago at Saturna Island for long-time resident Ernie Atkinson. Jack Rush, Ernie's brother-in-law, read a eulogy while Jack's sister Violet played the organ.

The service was simple, warm and close to the heart, homemade by relatives and friends, people who had valued Ernie in his life, enjoyed his company and all he had to offer.

For many years Ernie's boat, the *Osprey*, was a familiar sight in local waters and many will remember the sound of the old Cowie engine. Then came the *Airflow*, a longer, better equipped and more comfortable vessel.

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After the ordeal was over, Ernie calmly related later, "I rolled up my lines and had a cup of tea to steady my nerves."

Ernie was predeceased by his wife Maude in 1947. She contracted toxemia when she was eight months pregnant and died on Ernie's boat on the way to Lady Minto Hospital.

Thank you to the Women's Club who invited everyone down to the hall after the service for tea.

Ernie knew lots about the Saturna many of us had experienced. He knew those tiny details of daily life that we cherish, linking us to others who loved what we love now. Ernie had an abiding interest in the sea and land that many of us share.

I always felt a sense of completeness and security that the world was turning as it should when early, early in the dawn I would be awakened by the slow put-put of the *Airflow's* diesel taking Ernie out to fish.

Taimi Hindmarch is off to Ottawa to visit and care for her daughter Mary. She will keep Mary's family steady and support Mary during her stay in the hospital. Bob has been left with a crammed freezer to augment his own cooking skills and plans for a full social calendar.

Last Tuesday at playschool the hall was hot! Ian Rowe has made some adjustments to the system and they make a difference. One of the sofas was full up with discarded coats, sweaters and shirts!

In this weather the kids flood part of the basketball court with buckets of water and slide and romp on the ice.

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