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Looking for provincial animal are, from left, Melanie Marshall, Irene Parkinson and Jenny Barnes, SEALS students at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Readers interested in seeing B.C. adopt a provincial animal are urged to fill in the ballot on Page 2.

Student project is campaign to name provincial animal

By TONY RICHARDS

Do you think British Columbia should have an official animal? If you do, then three Gulf Islands Secondary School students would like to hear from you.

Jenny Barnes, Irene Parkinson and Melanie Marshall, in Grades 8, 9 and 10 respectively, have embarked upon a project that may or may not succeed—it all depends on the provincial government's reception after the three have selected an animal to represent B.C.

The students, members of the Student Education and Learning Society (SEALS), began the project in October by preparing a list of animals they felt would be good candidates for a provincial emblem. The list is contained in their B.C. Provincial Animal Survey which they are circulating all over B.C., through friends and schools in different regions.

They plan to distribute about 20 surveys to each of about six regions to get an idea of what animal would be favoured. The results of the survey will be used to guide the three

students in making their final decision.

On the list are: mountain lion, deer, coyote, raven, mountain goat, elk, caribou, squirrel, fox, salmon, killer whale, otter (river, sea), raccoon, wolf, marmot, bobcat and lynx. The survey asks the respondent to make a choice and then give reasons for it in 25 words or less.

B. C. already has flower, tartan and mineral

The three girls point out that B.C. already has a provincial flower, a tartan and a mineral. "Now we need an animal," they maintain. But as far as they've been able to determine, animals are not common as provincial emblems in Canada. Only the Northwest Territories, with the polar bear, and Prince Edward Island, with the bluejay, have one.

Washington state, however, has a flower, a bird and a mammal. Part

of the project has included writing to other areas, such as the States and Australia, to determine how they chose animals for their emblems.

The group expects the project to take up to two years to complete. They feel they should "really know the animal well," like Farley Mowatt and the wolf, before they begin lobbying the government. Selection of the animal itself, they expect, should be made this spring.

The girls said they had spoken to an official with the provincial wildlife branch and received "a very negative" response. But deputy environment minister Ben Marr told *Driftwood* in a telephone interview that he could see nothing wrong with the idea. He said there have been moves by special interest groups to have the government adopt a provincial animal but the government has been reluctant to proclaim one animal over another.

There has been concern that such an animal should be representative of the entire province, otherwise it wouldn't be fair to areas where the

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Bookings will require payment in advance

B.C. Ferry Corporation is going to require advance vehicle payment to confirm reservations between the mainland and the Gulf Islands.

The corporation announced Monday that the new reservation procedures would take effect March 12.

Communications manager Bill Bouchard explained in a prepared release that the procedures "will complete the upgrade of the Gulf Island vehicle reservation system, a program concentrating on the elimination of no-show vehicle reservations."

He said the "limited capabilities" of the reservation system will disappear with the requirement for advance payment.

Travellers will be required to make full vehicle payment within five days of making a reservation. Cancellations prior to 30 days in advance of the reserved sailing date will be refunded in full. There will be no refunds for cancellations within 30 days or for no-shows. However, the traveller will be able to use the ticket within five days after the reserved date, on a standby basis.

Bookings can be made for the full available schedule, which is currently March 15 to September 8. The booking period will be extended as new schedules are approved.

B.C. Ferries will accept Visa, MasterCard or American Express to make payment.

Incorporation study nearing completion

The study by the planning association on the consequences of incorporation of Salt Spring is in the final stages of preparation and should be available by mid-March.

Clair Nutting, who is guiding the information gathering team for the planning association, reported to that group last week about the progress to date. He said that although the team is about a month behind schedule, the information is at hand and is being collated.

Ray Hill, chairman of the association, said that when the report is prepared a series of public meetings will be held. If the study shows incorporation to be "absurd," the idea will be dropped. But if the information seems reasonable, the concept will be put to a vote to see if the idea is acceptable to islanders.

Nutting explained that the planning association began the process of gathering information last October. At that time, he said, two committees had been formed to handle the matter.

The first committee was the project team which gathered the information from various sources and the second was a steering committee, chaired by Hill, which offered guidance to the team and will consider the results of the study when they are available.

Nutting said the project team looked at what services are available on the island now as well as what authority supplies those services. The team also gathered information about costs of the services.

A second phase was to determine what those costs would be under incorporation as well as what bodies would be needed to supply the

services.

A third view was taken of what the tax base would be to pay for those services and the team also looked to find what grants, if any, could be available from government to help an incorporated Salt Spring get through the first few interim years as a fledgling municipality.

Salt Spring had been incorporated as a municipality in the 1880's but the status was revoked by the provincial government.

An incorporation vote which failed in the early 1960's was one of the factors which led to the prolonged debate about the sewer in Ganges.

Police to monitor traffic

Ganges RCMP have issued a warning to motorists that the morning ferry traffic will be monitored as a result of complaints that vehicles are passing school buses which are stopped to pick up children.

The problem arises when commuters rush to catch the 8 am ferry at both the Fulford Harbour and the Vesuvius Bay terminals. Police would not say which flow of traffic was causing the problem.

By law, traffic heading in both directions must come to a stop when a school bus is stopped with lights flashing to take on or discharge children.

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B.C. Provincial Animal Survey

Do you think B.C. should have an official animal?

Yes No If no, do you have a reason? _____

If yes...these are some suggestions. Which do you think would be appropriate?

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Provincial animal sought

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animal couldn't be found. Marr said the students' proposal was slightly different in that residents all over the province were being polled.

And, he observed, "Coming from young people is a plus, I think."

The point that such an animal should be representative of the whole province was echoed by Jude Grass of the Federation of B. C. Naturalists. She told *Driftwood* that her organization had proposed a few years ago that the varied thrush be named the provincial bird. The proposal has resurfaced several times, but it has more or less died each time.

(Grass noted that the provincial flower, the dogwood, isn't really provincial, though. It only grows on southern Vancouver Island, she pointed out).

She felt the students should select an animal that people all over B.C. could see relatively easily. The concept is a good one, Grass said, as it would help to give nature and wildlife a higher profile. It also could have some merit in terms of tourism, she added.

She said the federation would be interested to see what the students come up with.

Once the girls have made their selection they plan on contacting groups such as the federation to seek support. Printing bumper stickers and T-shirts and coming up with other promotional ideas are also planned.

And which animal would the three girls themselves like to see chosen?

Both Jenny Barnes and Irene Parkinson are voting for the killer whale at this point, while Melanie Marshall is convinced that the salmon would be the best choice.

Supporters of the killer whale reasoned that it needs protection, is very majestic and that even though

it's only found on the coast, a "lot of people respect and like them."

Melanie's reason for selecting the salmon was simply that it is found all over the province. And I would have to go along with her on that. I think the salmon would be an excellent choice.

SEALS is high school gifted program

The three Gulf Islands Secondary students who are working on the provincial animal project are participants in Student Education and Learning Society, or SEALS.

Teacher Bill Underwood described SEALS as a gifted program for students who have shown creativity, an ability to get involved and stick with a particular project and above normal intelligence.

The program is run outside of regular school hours and is offered to students from Grades 8-10. The students work on different projects that will enable them to develop various skills as they go.

Underwood said SEALS ought to offer the students things they would not get in the regular program.

Other SEALS projects now under way at the high school include the publication of an activity book for tourists and a small food business at the school.

Tumbo dump gets nod

When the Islands Trust met at Saturna Island last week the main consideration centred on the application for a log dump on Tumbo Island.

The 60-acre island to the east of Saturna is being logged and the dump is needed to unload the logs.

The dump will be a temporary measure and it was approved.

The island property will be cleaned up after the logging operation as required by the ministry of lands, meeting was told.

Veterans invited to take firm stand on weapons

More and more distinguished war veterans are calling for a change in world policy from revelling in the prospect of a holocaust that will destroy the earth.

Senior military officers of many nations are speaking out against the policy of peace by strength for fear that it leads to annihilation.

A Canadian who looks back on a distinguished record in the air has sponsored an organization which speaks out for veterans against the complacency of government hoarding nuclear weapons.

Squadron Leader G. C. Gifford will speak in Ganges on Saturday

from 2 to 4 pm in the elementary school library and at the Galiano activity centre at 7.30. The speaker is the founder of Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament.

Gifford is a Nova Scotian who served as navigator in a Pathfinder aircraft. He led the way in many raids on enemy territory during the war.

ISLANDS MEMBER

The veterans' group already has a representative in the islands, Woody Coward of Galiano.

The goals of the veterans' disarmament group are simply stated by Gifford: to increase Canada's security and to strengthen the hope that our children and grandchildren will have a future.

The United States and the Soviet Union already have nuclear weapons sufficient to destroy each other and all civilization many times over, summarizes the group.

"The additions by both sides are completely irrational. It is impossible to overstate the danger." **NO JUSTIFICATION**

No cause could justify a nuclear war.

A verifiable arms freeze reached between NATO and the Warsaw Pact nations could lead to nuclear disarmament. The resultant savings in armaments costs could be devoted to the health and security problems of mankind.

Meeting on Saturday is public and anyone may attend. Prospective members of Gifford's group are veterans of any armed forces, merchant marine, civil defence or relatives of such people.

They are particularly urged to attend.

Thieves get cash, stamps

A series of illegal entries occurred last week on Salt Spring.

The Golf Club clubhouse was again the target of the midnight thieves. It was broken into on Friday but nothing was taken.

Windsor Plywood was also broken into. The incident was reported to police February 18 and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken.

Also reported on the same day was the entry of a house on Lower Ganges Road. The thieves made off with several items including a collection of stamps in two albums.

Ganges RCMP are investigating the incidents.

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To be Frank

...by Richards

Two trips into math

Here are two ancient ventures into mathematics. The practice of publishing a special Christmas edition of magazines in England gave rise to the popular "annual". It was produced once a year and provided fiction, non-fiction, cartoons, jokes and anecdotes. Most annuals were tuned in to the Christmas season.

Such an annual was *Doidge's Western Counties Illustrated Annual*, in Plymouth. I have several.

First item is devoted to the family's ages. Put down the number of your living brothers. Multiply by two and add three. Multiply the result by five. Add the number of living sisters and multiply the result by 10. Add the number of dead brothers and sisters. Subtract 150.

Now, the right-hand figure represents the number of deaths; the middle figure shows the number of living sisters and the left-hand figure is the number of living brothers.

The other excerpt is easier. A small boy looked at his pet rabbit. "What's four times four?" he asked quietly. There was no response. "OK, tell me, what's three times three?" Once again, silence reigned. The boy was getting mad. "I bet you can't even tell me two times two." He was right. The rabbit had no clue. "My dad's all wrong," muttered the boy. "He told me you were great multipliers!" The phrasing is mine.

What a waste of money!

It is gratifying to realize that the nation is now over the hump. This week I have five small booklets from the federal government. Each booklet is printed on a good quality book paper with a cover coated on one side. Each is a credit to the printer.

Only a government rolling in spare pelf could afford the printing. Each publication refers to the First Ministers' Conference on the Economy in Regina. They are *Economic Renewal*, *Employment Opportunities*, *International Markets*, *Investment* and *A National Overview of the Economy*. They all ooze prosperity.

These booklets are not the right way to go! They are a waste of taxpayers' money and I can't see how the set I have here could have cost less than \$5. That means I got a rebate on my income tax of \$5. I'd sooner have had the cash, thank you, Mr. Prime Minister!

An overplayed word

What's with "proverbial"? A play is the "proverbial" cliffhanger. It means the writer is apologizing for using a cliché, but knows we won't mind in this instance. A boxer gets the "proverbial" KO means that he was knocked out but don't tell anybody I said so. Too many writers are falling back on the proverbial proverbial to save looking for a better line.

A sense of outrage

A Jewish synagogue in Vancouver was recently the victim of arson. An island reader reports sending a donation to the congregation to prove that others, besides Jews, share their sense of outrage. And he sent me the address if any other reader feels the same way: Temple Shalom, 1461 Blanshard St., Victoria.

No power; no dinner

You're not likely to suffer frostbite, visiting the islands in winter. But you might run out of dinner. That's only one of the problems associated with winter.

When the power was out in every direction after a recent snowfall, a member of the Mayne Island Lions Club set out for the adjacent island of Saturna. The ferry drew in to Lyall Harbour and the ship's power was hooked up to the wharf.

Island power had been lost to the snow. Overladen trees had knocked out power lines everywhere. There was no heat at the hall, he learned quickly. And no light. And no dinner. Better come back tomorrow, suggested a Saturna Lion. He did.

A blight on Bora Bora

Bora Bora is suffering. According to the Tahiti newspaper *La Depeche*, all is not as it should be in the South Seas island. A Ganges traveller, Esther Dickinson, "usually of Ganges", has sent a copy of *La Depeche* and *Les Nouvelles* to keep in touch with French Polynesia.

The alarming tale of filth and refuse on the waterfront of Bora Bora is revealed by *La Depeche*. "Bora Bora Disfigured," reads the headline. "Pollution is such that strict controls must be applied."

A picture of the waterfront shows household refuse on the shore and in the water. It catches the eye of the passerby, reads the caption, and the nose!

First call is for better disposition of household garbage, urges *La Depeche*. The paper shows pictures of wheelless trucks on the roadside and derelict hulls half-submerged in the sea. The feature concludes with the pious hope that the unique idyllic image of Bora Bora will, before long, recover its splendour.

That's how it all started!

I can see why Dick Toynbee is so eager a participant in political affairs.

I went to a birthday party. Probably his 49th. And I was armed with some news reports about his beginnings.

Two days after Dick was born, the Colonist, in Victoria was telling Victorians all about politics. You couldn't miss it. And young Dick Toynbee had nothing else to do but listen to it all.

Like the first column on the front page announced that the minister of health, in the new British Labour Cabinet, John Wheatley, had stated that free trade is anarchy, in that it denies the right of the people to control the individual.

Nearer home was the second column on the front page. The Conservative leader in the BC Legislature, R. H. Pooley charged that the Premier was talking "bunkum" when he said he had not been informed of a vacancy at Grand Forks-Greenwood. That word bunkum stayed with him all these years, because I've heard him use it much more recently.

Capt. Franz von Papen was in trouble in another political arena. He had refused to obey the demand of the political bloc, said No. 3 story and he had failed to support the Marx government. Not the Marxist government, the Marx.

An American observer in Britain reported that John Bull once again looked like his picture and that calm and confidence were predominant. With a day's news budget like that, before he could even talk, how could a fellow not be influenced by the politics of the world?

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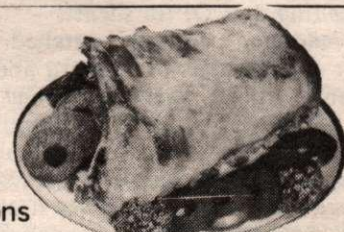
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Obfuscation

The Canadian public has been invited to write to Ottawa to offer recommendations for changes in the Copyright Act. The invitation to communicate has been advertised by the subcommittee on copyright. A change is imminent.

The unfortunate character of the program is the recommendation by the government that all submissions be offered on a prescribed size of paper.

The subcommittee will be holding public hearings enquiring into all aspects of the act. Many writers and publishers will be interested.

Those who are interested are cordially invited to type out their comments on a piece of paper measuring 22 cm by 28 cm with "respective margins of 2 cm by 3 cm."

There can only be one purpose in seeking the opinion of the public and that is to learn what appears important, or urgent, or vital in the Copyright Act to the people likely to be affected by it.

Is it imaginable that the size of the paper on which the reply is typed will affect the significance of the submission?

How does the size of the margin affect the opinion of the writer? Respective margins, one assumes, would be a two centimetre margin down the left of the sheet and a three centimetre on the right. This is assumption. Imagine the parliamentary contempt for a citizen so small as to submit an opinion with a three centimetre margin on his left and two centimetres on the right. Unless, of course, that should prove to be the way the government wants it.

If the size of the paper and the dimensions of its respective margins are of paramount importance, does the subject matter really have significance?

Hunting the witch

The witch of old had her Achilles Heel, but it was rarely at the extremity of the foot. Every hunter knew that the devil's mark was on her and that by scrupulous tests it could be proved.

For the devil's mark was insensitive.

The hunter of witches would puncture every inch of the woman's skin with a needle. When he plunged the needle into her body and she didn't shriek, he had found the spot and proved her a witch. It was all so easy in those days.

Today we need a legion of reporters, cameramen and observers, as well as an audience of viewers and readers.

We strip the victim in the public gaze and the nation waits for the screams. Each time the suspect is needled the nation rocks on its feet, listening breathlessly for the moment when the truth is out and the suspect lies still, and silent, and unaware of the wound, open and bleeding, but O! So silent!

We have read and we have watched the trial of Richard Hatfield. The evidence has been heard and the jury of a million and more Canadians has, largely, reached a verdict.

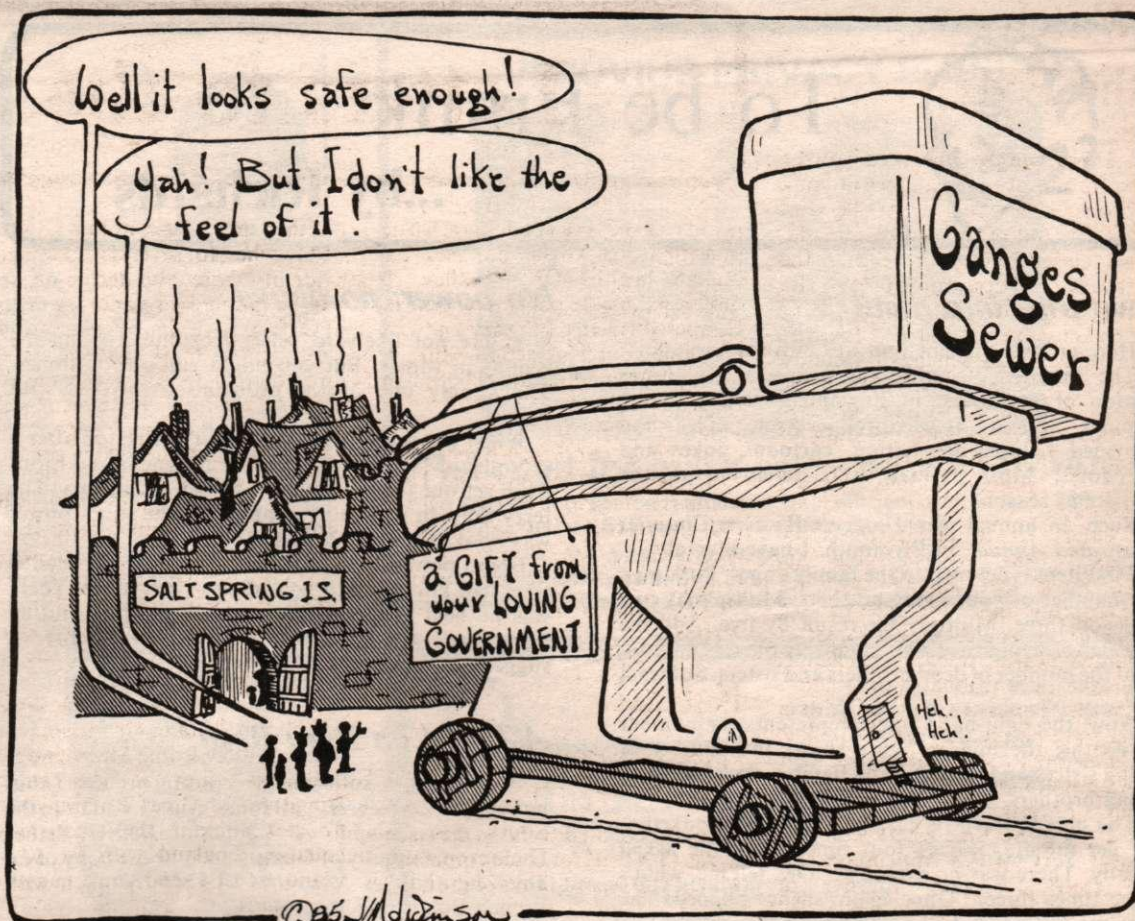
When the death of so many small children in the Toronto hospital was investigated there was wide publicity given to every item of evidence. And the nation judged.

Who needs a trial when we can see it all without one?

When there were allegations of impropriety in the conduct of a day care centre in British Columbia the publicity given to every shred of evidence was interesting. There was, of course, no defence: and no judge: and no court.

This procedure is entertaining to the observer. But so was the witch hunt. It may cost the victim his reputation and his livelihood. The similarity is alarming. But these incidents of extra-curricular justice cannot be tolerated. And the victims should be entitled to full and adequate compensation from the society which permits this kite-flying.

Times have changed little since witch hunting enjoyed its earlier popularity. The audience never complained. It rather enjoyed the agonies of the suspect. After all a witch hunt is rather like a fox hunt. Everyone enjoys it except the fox.



Tony Richards

OUR EDITORIAL STAFF have remained poised at their desks, pens at the ready, eyes on the mail, waiting for the deluge of letters to the editor that would indicate public opinion on the sewer.

We continue to wait, breath no longer bated, and we begin to wonder if we can look forward to our next 25 years without the bitterness and acrimony over waste disposal that have punctuated so many of the last 25.

It's very difficult to believe that the whole issue is dead and construction of this famous project is to commence in the next month or two.

I won't believe it till I can flush the toilet and know that its contents are on the way into the treatment system.

THAT ISLANDERS are still capable of writing letters about other matters was evident in last week's paper. But not only did they not touch upon the latest sewer development, they totally ignored the latest land development.

Victoria lawyer Louis Lindholm is planning a huge subdivision at the north end that upon completion will have the potential to contain 577 homes.

Even an ocean outfall for sewage disposal has been mentioned and there hasn't been a peep on the opposite page.

Remember Musgrave?

We had so much correspondence on that one Mac and Blo had to cut down an extra tree to provide the paper.

THERE IS EVIDENCE at Portlock Park every weekend that Salt Spring Island has more than its share of orphans.

Every weekend large crowds of youngsters turn up in soccer gear and play before small crowds of parents. The observation holds true for the junior intra-island players all the way through to the senior players.

In amateur and professional sports the home team has an advantage (we're not discussing the Canucks) with lots of fan support. And it's often the case that winning soccer teams at Portlock have a large number of parents cheering from the sidelines.

But as I said, there are a lot of orphaned soccer players on this island who have to do without the benefit of support from their parents.

In terms of time, less than two hours is all it would take to go down to the park to see a game.

In terms of entertainment value, there are few National Hockey League games as fun to watch.

CAN YOU TELL A volleyball player by the brand of cigarettes he smokes?

Maybe not, but you can tell the winning players by the kind of lighters they use. Labatts Breweries gave away cigarette lighters Saturday following the Fulford Inn's volleyball tournament.

It's been a long time (11 months, nine days) since I quit smoking and an even longer time since I played volleyball. But I still remember well how I wheezed, sputtered and coughed the last time I played.

So the gift of a lighter does not seem altogether suitable to me. But don't forget I'm the self-righteous sort of reformed puffer who frowns and makes objecting noises at the slightest whiff of tobacco smoke.

And before you think I'm going to do nothing but knock Labatts, the beer-makers also gave a plaque to the winning team as well as hats, T-shirts and free beer to participants.

A COUPLE OF former Salt Spring residents are hoping for a bit more rain.

Eddie and Carolien Scott expressed some sympathy for snow-bound Salt Spring Island in a note which accompanied their subscription renewal a couple of weeks ago. They are "enjoying life tremendously" in their Russell, New Zealand, home, overlooking the ocean and many islands.

They've been living off their garden and a net, which they pull twice a day, that keeps their freezer in fish.

I wonder if Russell, New Zealand, has a newspaper.

A NEWS RELEASE arrived a while back from Doug Henderson, an ex-islander now living in Victoria, who went hungry for 31 days as "a symbolic act" for Meares Island.

Doug says that towards the end of the fast he often thought of Luigi's and a chef's salad. And while feeding the chickens, even the chicken feed began to look "mighty good".

After he builds up his strength he plans to visit the west coast island that MacMillan Bloedel intends to log, in the face of opposition from B.C.'s protest movement.

SPEAKING OF PROTESTS, a pair of Salt Spring Islanders are planning a march on the provincial legislature.

They plan to demonstrate in front of the house waving placards that read, "We Are Against Nothing."

Should be good for a change.

Watch the Feds

Sir,

Those who are concerned with the protection of the resources of land, forests, water and air of the Gulf Islands, and of the rest of Canada, had better keep their eyes on the Federal Department of the Environment. The new Tory Environment Minister has announced cuts which will result in the firing of more than 20% of the staff of the Canadian Wildlife Service, do away with the study of toxic chemicals in the Great Lakes, and end several wildlife research programs.

Later, as a result of many protests, the Minister told the Commons that she has been re-examining her budget to see whether it would "pose a threat to human health, research problems, or our international agreements". So the Tories present us with a program before they have a policy, and before they have examined their program to see if it poses a threat to human health, etc!

During this time where were our local Tory M.P.'s McKinnon and Crofton? Do they approve of

programs started without investigating their dangers to human health? Or are they so influenced by the policies of their B. C. Sacred friends that they know of only one course of action while in office, "cut" and ignore the human consequences?

The NDP in Ottawa has consistently concerned themselves with the quality of life, and have protested against this Tory thoughtlessness. We can support this protest by writing to the Environment Minister in Ottawa.

H. PEARSON,
Victoria.

Ritual toe-kissing

Sir,

Your second editorial in the issue of the 13th calls for some comment. (I'll tell you what I think of the CBC

another time.) I am not an admirer of Thatcher, for several reasons, and evidently those who decide on who will be granted an honorary degree at Oxford have similar reservations. You seem to think that she should be honoured thus because she is a great figure, and will be recognized as the most famous leader of her nation during the 20th century. Surely you jest!

"Famous", I admit, is a relative term, or at least ambiguous. It can mean "renowned" in a good sense, which is what you doubtless have in mind. It can also mean (although this use is archaic) "notorious", well-known in a bad sense. The fact is that she is in truth a controversial figure, and by no means totally popular in Britain. (In passing, she happens to be Prime Minister not of "England", but of the United Kingdom, or Great Britain; please do not commit the solecism of equating England with the whole island. Must I send you a haggis in the mail to remind you of Scotland??)

Another thing—just because lesser persons have previously been granted honorary doctorates is no reason to continue what is really a ludicrous practice. I've thought for years both in and out of academe that what used to be a meaningful accolade has become just a ritual toe-kissing of the powerful—not the deserving. There are politicians who deserve praise, indeed some who deserve canonization.

But to give a degree just because the recipient is a Prime Minister (for instance) is an abuse of an originally Good Idea. I often wonder what would happen if the colleges rewarded intellect, virtue, or humanitarianism: Would the heavens fall?

MURRAY SHOOLBRAID,
Ganges.

Money put to good use

Sir,

Almost seven o'clock! Almost light! Something is special about today. What?

Four garage sales! That is what's special. Get up!

Seven o'clock at night. Dark now, even though days are two hours longer than they were in December. Fifteen United Church Women and two capable men have settled back to rest. The tables that circled the walls of the lower hall have been put away. The piles of treasures have disappeared, most sold to eager buyers. Articles that did not sell will do good work. They have been packed to go to the Goodwill.

The planning, the gathering, the carrying, the sorting, the asking, everything now seems worth while. The Attic to Basement Sale brought in just over \$500, \$500.19 to be precise.

The United Church Women promise that the money will be put to good use.

OLIVE MOUAT,
Ganges.

More than enough

Sir,

Many thanks to this island community. Through their individual and collective generosity (and eagle eye for a good bargain) we enjoyed a busy and profitable Saturday morning garage sale.

By the time we tallied up the small change, added in raffle ticket sales

and the very generous donations from individuals and groups we had an astonishing \$867.53.

Our goal was to get enough money to purchase eight infant car seats for the hospital to start a loan program to new parents. We wanted to be sure that those small bits of humanity that had been safely carried for the first nine months would leave the hospital for the big world in as safe a manner as possible. ICBC had already donated two seats and thanks to you folks who donated, baked, worked and bought, we've more than reached the required amount.

But a special thanks to: Tom Hamer who represented a group of CBers who donated \$100; Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply for the basket that held second-prize goodies (won by Monica Strohmeier); John Olson who donated dinner for two and a night's accommodation at the Strathcona Hotel (won by Larry Davies).

And thanks to my fellow nurses and their families who put together the time, ingredients, work and laughter. Didn't we have a great time, though?

VONNIE SIMPKIN,
President,
Gulf Islands Chapter,
Registered Nurses Association of B.C.

Buy a gift

Sir,

It was very discouraging to many of us activists to read in your recent column that a peace worker gave you some verbal abuse. You have given excellent coverage to matters of peace and disarmament and we appreciate that. Maybe your assailant had a premonition of this week's cruise missile testing and couldn't bear the frustration.

As I read on in the paper, there was an ad for a guillotine—14" throat! Another ill omen for those who are seeking non-violent solutions to the problems that beset us. I propose that we all go out and buy a flower or a plant and give it away. Angry thoughts will melt away and we can start to create peace from within.

MAGGIE SCHUBART,
Ganges, B.C.

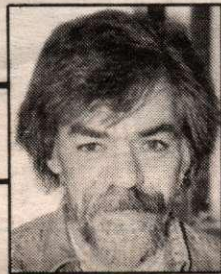
Editor's note: Thank you, Maggie, for the plant. What angry thoughts remained quickly melted following the receipt of your thoughtful gift.

A fresh odour

Sir,

This poem was intended to bring a fresh odour to the Ganges Sewer Scene. However, now that the air seems to have been cleared and a

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Bill Webster

The people just didn't want to talk about schools.

There was supposed to be a meeting at the Ganges hi-school to allow the public a chance to tell it like it is. But only 14 people showed up, 15 if you want to count the moderator, Mike Marshall. He's the big cheese in school things in the Gulf Islands.

And to define the numbers farther, there were four teachers and Bob McWhirter of the hi-school along with a member of the school district staff. Which left just eight interested individuals and one of those was a student.

Apathy reigns.

The idea of the public forums is to let the minister of education know what people think should be taught in classrooms. The last time a serious look was taken at the system as practiced in Bee Cee was in the early 1960's when the Beatles were unknown and hair was short on boys and long on girls.

Things, said the minister with penetrating perception, have changed since then.

But to paraphrase an ancient seer: The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Education is supposed to teach people to think. Teachers should impart communications skills to kids and make an effort to spark that natural curiosity which marks the human animal.

Certainly, frills are part of the package. Kids should be shown that there is a big world out there filled with a great many people much like themselves.

To judge the state of education in the province, one must look elsewhere. The folk here-about cannot be taken as average citizens. For the most of the most part, rock sitters are articulate, more imaginative and more involved in life than many people from elsewhere.

And if you don't think that's the case, just look at your

neighbour, closely.

And the same goes for the teachers who man the intellectual barricades. To be sure, there are turkeys in their midst but that happens in any endeavour.

Each of us has a story of trauma and horror to relate about the adventures in education land as we grew taller. That too is part of education. Wandering into an unknown and scary place and being expected to relate that experience in a clear and precise manner isn't something to be enjoyed to the fullest.

But once we get there, the wonder of the situation should take over and the curiosity of what lies ahead should be the driving force. That's what education is about and that's what the teachers, if they are even minimally competent, should be doing.

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Which brings up the subject of money. Are teachers overpaid? Who knows? In these days of inflation, devalued currency and spiraling finances, what's a dollar worth anyhow?

Teachers rank right up there with other functionaries of society such as the police who keep our streets safe for jaywalkers and the guy who collects the garbage.

A message which can be taken from the lack of attendance at the hi-school meeting is that either people don't care or they appreciate the baby-sitting service being provided.

There are several more get-togethers planned and mayhaps more people will show up to express comments on the system. Education, as with any other aspect of life, should be placed under the microscope every now and again.

Complacency has no part in that or any other system.

Actually, neither does apathy.

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More Letters to the Editor

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settlement reached on the issue, the poem nevertheless reflects the opinion of a large number of ordinary citizens of our acquaintance.

The Issue of the Ganges Sewer

We would like to let our voices be heard, on the Issue of the Ganges Sewer. If you can't reach a settlement before too long, Ganges could become quite poor, Like was Hamlin town, when 'twas plagued by rats, The population will get fewer and fewer, Things like rats, smelly bugs and creepy crawly things Turn pleasant airs decidedly sour.

Please seek a settlement soon, like the knights of old Especially like Sir Thomas More, Or go down in history like a bunch of old hens, Squawking over a heap of manure.

In anticipation of numerous humorous poetic comments, Touche, Salt Spring. **MALCOLM, MICHELLE and MERLIN KENNEDY,** Fulford.

First meeting

Sir, The first meeting of the Salt Spring Island Antipoverty Support Group will be Friday at 1 pm at the

Community Centre. This group grew out of the initial meeting of what was tentatively called Women in Economic Hardtimes. The 16 people who came and shared their experiences decided that it simply did not make sense to limit the group to women. Most seemed to feel the need for accurate information, an end to isolation, and the need for action.

The group offers an open invitation to all people in economic crisis and, in addition, encourages that any persons who feel they may be a resource to the group attend the next meeting.

PHYLLIS TATUM, Community worker.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By **HUGH BORSMAN**
Salt Spring Regional Director

There are at least three matters that will be of particular interest concerning the Ganges sewer. The first, understandably, is how much it will cost the average user. The Task Force should have a reasonably close estimate within the next two weeks. The basis of how charges are arrived at will have to be submitted to the CRD and to the inspector of municipalities. As soon as this exercise is completed, the Task Force will be arranging the first of as many public information meetings as may be required.

The next item concerns a probable timetable for construction. This should be available by March 6, but is roughly as follows. The work will be put out for tender early in March, to be returned about the end of March. Construction of the collecting system should start by early April, and this should all be completed by the end of the year. Construction of the treatment plant will take place during the summer. The sewer should be in operation by January of the next year.

Possibly the item of greatest interest at the moment concerns which properties will be included in the sewered area. *Driftwood* kindly included a map in last week's paper, but the map itself was inadequate. I have asked the drafting department to prepare a simple and concise map which will be in *Driftwood* on March 6.

You will recall that the area was reduced from the specified area of a few years ago, primarily to avoid

those with adequate septic systems having to connect up to the sewer. As a result there will be those omitted from the defined area who may wish to be included. There are two particular areas where this would be likely. One is the south side of Seaview where the sewer will run along the other side of the street. The second is in part of the so-called residential area of the village where the trunk line will pass through an area not included in the defined area.

All this will be sorted out in the next few weeks. Anyone who would have been in the previous specified area who would now like to be included could petition the CRD, and if the properties were close enough to the trunk lines there would be no reason why they could not be included.

The Task Force hopes to contact all the owner electors in the area. I

was on the point of committing myself to personally seeing everyone involved, but I realize this would be unrealistic; if anyone in the area would like me to come and see them, with a complete chart of the area, I will be pleased to do so. It may take me a while, but I have already started doing so.

You can be certain that I will request that the CRD assures that local business people will have an opportunity to bid on supplies. In addition we should be able to assure that at least a significant number of jobs will go to Salt Spring residents. This, coupled with at least a brief flurry of building activity after the sewer is operating, will produce a much needed shot in the arm for our Island economy. I hope that most of you feel as optimistic about all this as I do.

Phone me if you have any major worries.



Pancakes for lunch

Service with a smile was the order of the day when Rev. Al Skinner, left, of Ganges United Church attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch hosted by Rev. John

Bailey of the Anglican parish on the island. It was an event of "fellowship and unity," said Bailey. Kitchen arrangements were handled by Kitty and Bert Harris with the help of 30 volunteers from the parish.

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Award-winning play seen

Green Thumb Theatre for Young People came to Salt Spring last week to present play entitled *One Thousand Cranes* which won the 1984 Chalmer's Award for best Canadian play for children. Elementary school children from the three Salt Spring schools saw the play, which deals with a young girl, Sadako, who becomes ill with leukemia at the age of 12, many years after her exposure to radiation in Hiroshima. The story of Sadako's fight against leukemia is interwoven with that of a Canadian boy who is concerned with the possibility of nuclear war, and the play deals with

his fear and how he copes with it. The story of Sadako is based on a true story and a monument to the girl was built in Hiroshima. Green Thumb Theatre members above are Linda Third, left, who plays Sadako's mother, and Eileen Barret, who plays Sadako Sasaki.

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Foundation has helped 12 families

Since an initial meeting held at Salt Spring Island last July, the Bessie Dane Foundation has helped 12 families and made many hospital visits, reports spokesman Pam Sawyer. Formation of the foundation caught the interest of a number of islanders and volunteers were

invited to fill out questionnaires. Since then two training programs have been completed and 35 women are now working in the community. The foundation is seeking financial help to cover expenses in a variety of areas. They include the cost of training and transportation of instructors and lecturers,

building up a musical library in the form of tapes and players to be used while visiting patients, a reference library for anyone interested in the foundation's work in the community and buying equipment such as sheepskins for patients. Contributions may be made to the Bessie Dane Foundation at Box 214, Ganges.

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Concert Saturday

Grizzly Frank Metcalf, left, master of bones, and Keith Malcolm, king of the Kitsilano fiddlers, will entertain Salt Spring Islanders Saturday at a Salt Spring Folk Society concert in St. George's Hall. Metcalf is a percussionist and harmonica player and plays moose

ribs, jawbones, baby caribou hooves and spoons, among other instruments. Fiddler Keith Malcolm has won fiddle championships across Canada. Concert begins at 8 pm and admission is \$3 at the door.

Multi-purpose play area mooted on school grounds

A teacher at Salt Spring Elementary School is proposing the construction of a multi-purpose play area on the Ganges school grounds.

Wayne Taylor has prepared a proposal for a new tennis court that would also be used for ball hockey, basketball, volleyball, roller skating, skateboarding and other activities. The court would be similar to that on the school grounds at Pender Island.

While Taylor has not prepared a cost breakdown, he has listed the materials needed and feels it could be built at a reasonable cost. He has

sent his plan to the school principals and to the supervisor of works of the school district.

The facility would replace the tennis court behind the school board office. That court is no longer in use since the school district removed the fence a few weeks ago.

Taylor says construction could be undertaken by contracting or by utilizing the district's buildings and grounds workers. Or, he says, a combination of the two plus volunteer labour by parents could also build the facility.

Taylor has not selected a location for it.

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LEGION NEWS

By BETTY GALT

This month I've been accused of writing pretty dull and uninteresting stuff. But it's hard to be light and full of joy over very little but statistics.

Did you ever see red? Fields and fields of it with little black spots in the centre? Well you'd better think about it very seriously, for that's what we want every member, the public too, to see in 1986. Tulips, Darwin's Diamond Jubilee Hybrids. Get your orders in to the

Legion now. We must get you to see red in the spring of 1986.

The dart finals held at Branch 92 have been pretty well covered. Bridge and cribbage, from all accounts, have helped to pass those grey wet days of winter. A spring dance is in the planning stage, likewise a pool tournament for March 23.

Be prepared: meat draws will be starting soon—will keep you posted. Talk it up and join us on the first Saturday.

The Ladies' Auxiliary would like anyone needing a ride to their meetings to phone 537-2638. The ladies are busy planning and preparing for their Convention in Duncan in May. They are glad to report that the attendance is up for the Friday night suppers.

If you haven't paid your dues or wish to transfer from another Branch, drop into the office during the week.

Six members from Branch 92 attended the zone meeting in Chemainus February 17 and were honoured to have our past president, Jake Javorski elected deputy zone commander.

Don't forget the tulips. That's my light touch for February.

Branch 92's next regular meeting is March 4. The next Auxiliary meeting is the same day.

Discussions on aging continue at centre

The series of informal talks about aging will continue for five more Wednesdays, beginning today, at 7.30 pm in the Salt Spring Community Centre.

The discussion is led by Greenwoods administrator Jonna Mattiesing, who says aging has for a long time been one of the last taboos, "something you were not supposed to talk about and something you were not to do in the open!"

"We'll discuss how one's own aging could lead to fear and dislike of old people and how that fear feeds upon itself, and how the popular notion of 'life stages' reinforces the stereotypes of age."

Mattiesing says people learn to make their behaviour fit what's called normal for their particular stage of life.

"If we don't we're called eccentric. Because we believe it's expected, some of us think and act 'old'. But we can choose to play it that way or not. After all, if we can talk ourselves into beliefs and behaviour, we can talk ourselves out of them too."

Aging, she explains, is an intense and varied experience, almost beyond one's capacity at times, but something "to be carried high." It is a time of discovery, says Mattiesing.

"You may ask, 'Of what?' We will each have to find out for ourselves, otherwise it won't be a

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'Sparkling program of fine music' Saturday

By DAN JASON

A near-capacity audience at Mahon Hall Saturday was treated to an evening of fine music by the local group Nu Impressions. Consisting of musicians Chris Kodaly, D. Antone Prosk, Peter Taschuk and Bruce Dinsmore, the group presented a sparkling program of 20th century music, centring on the popular fusion of jazz and classical in the work of French composer Claude Bolling.

Bolling's suite for flute and jazz piano is one of the most successful and popular works of the last 10 years, and this group, with Kodaly on piano, Prosk on flute, Taschuk playing bass and Dinsmore drums, acquitted itself well on this difficult, demanding music. The six movements performed are full of complex rhythmic figures and intricate melodic interplay, and Kodaly's virtuosic piano playing combined with Prosk's beautiful tone brought out the exciting and colourful aspects of the music.

There were minor problems from time to time: occasional poor intonation by Prosk and a lack of rhythmic tightness in the ensemble. One of the movements, the lilting waltz *Irlandaise*, was interpreted by Mayne Island dancer Michael Anthony. The tall, athletic Anthony gave a sometimes poignant, sometimes humorous treatment of the lovely Irish melody.

The other major work played was Bolling's Concerto for Classic Guitar and Jazz Piano, played by guitarist Taschuk, this time with Prosk taking over the bass duties. Four movements of the concerto were played, with Taschuk handling his part well, exhibiting a fine sense of phrasing. He plays with a lush, full tone quality, but had some problems with the most difficult

passages. The movement *Mexicaine* was danced by island newcomer Iza'daura, in a free improvisatory style. Her dance, however, lacked a sense of focus, and detracted from the music, rather than enhancing it.

The program was rounded out by music for flute and guitar; solo piano; flute and piano; and guitar and piano, by composers Emile Desportes, Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Claude Debussy, and Francis Poulenc. It was a most varied and pleasing evening of music indeed, and the appreciative and enthusiastic audience, sometimes bordering on boisterous, helped turn this concert into a rewarding musical experience for everyone, musicians and listeners alike.

Adding immensely to the performance was a wonderful, bold backdrop, a riot of colour and form, designed and painted by local artist Michael Aronoff.

Nu Impressions will be repeating the program this Friday at Mahon Hall at 8 pm.

Athlete of year

Island couple's son one of nominees

Athlete of the year honours are being decided in Victoria and this year there is a Salt Spring connection.

Mark Wyatt, 23, is one of four nominees for male athlete of the year in recognition of his efforts as a rugby player. He is the son of Alan and Susan Wyatt of Salt Spring.

Wyatt is the stand-off-half and fullback for both the University of Victoria Vikings and the Canadian national team. He is considered to be the best rugby player in Canada as well as one of the best in the world.

Also being considered for the

award are rowers Dean Crawford and Grant Main along with lacrosse player Kevin Alexander. The two rowers were part of the Canadian men's eights which took the gold medal at the summer Olympics. They have trained at St. Mary Lake on Salt Spring.

Wyatt, while on a tour of Britain with the UVic Vikings last fall, had received offers to play with English rugby clubs. The English Rugby Union is one of the top leagues in the

world.

He is the captain of the UVic team and will play with the Canadian national team at the Seven-Aside tourney in Hong Kong in April. During May, the Canadian team will tour Australia for games against teams down under.

To be eligible for the athlete of the year award, nominees must have lived in Victoria for the full year. Awards will be handed out March 4 at a sports council of Victoria celebrity dinner.

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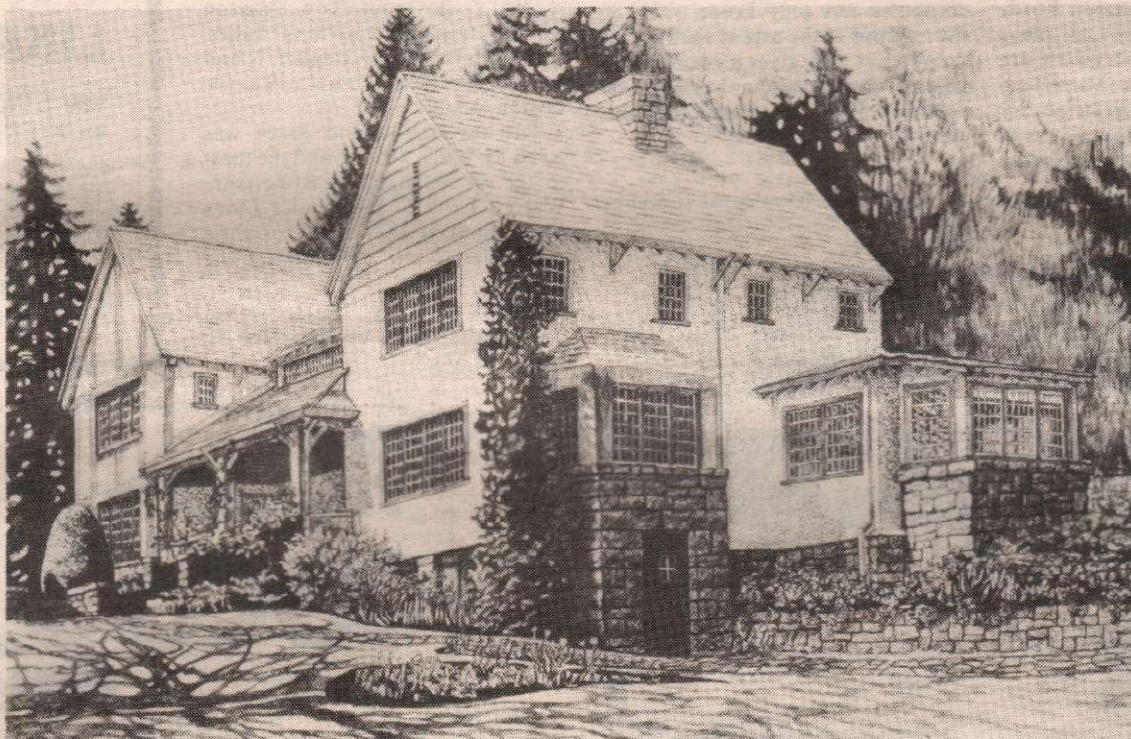
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An inspector from the motor vehicle branch from Victoria was on Salt Spring last week checking trucks.

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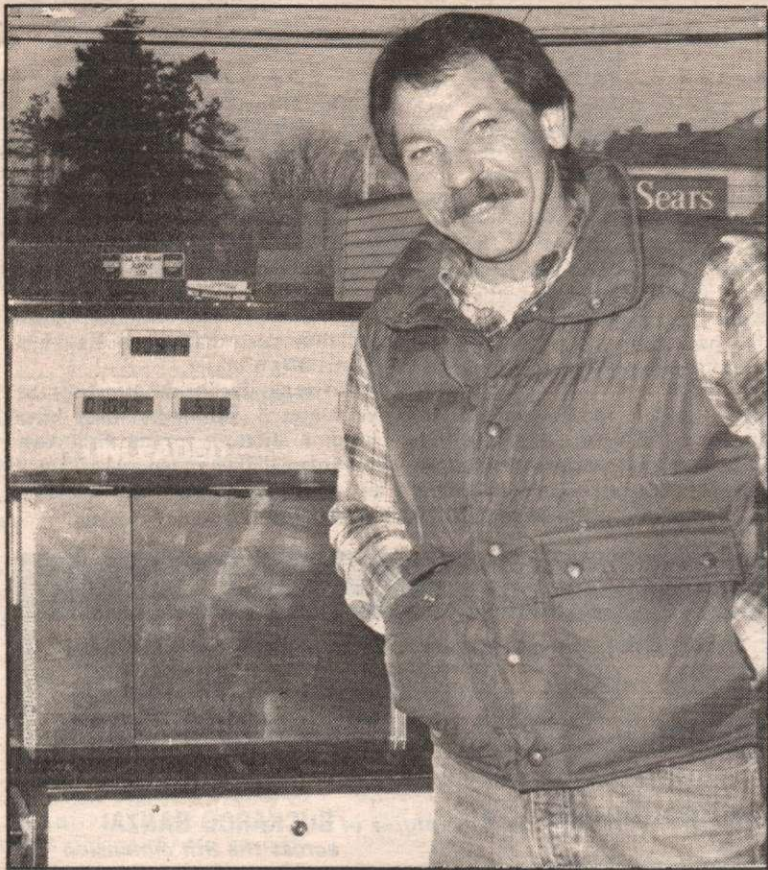
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SATURNA SCENE

By PRISCILLA JANSZEN

Flora House has painted the Post Office—spring green, of course! It was shocking at first. I think it's been the same colour for 20 years or more.

On Friday at the community hall, at 8 pm, there will be a concert by Caroline Rine, Ken Hamm and Louise Escallier. Their concert is called "Handspun Tour". The charge at the door is \$2. What a price for a concert!

Star Maass organized a film showing for our kids last Saturday afternoon. She had films for younger and older kids and they loved them. The next showing will be March 9 at the hall, at 2:30 pm. Again, films for the young kids and two longer features for the old kids, *The Saddlemaker* and an adventure film, *Ti-Jean*. Thank you, Star, for your efforts.

The result of the public meeting of the Saturna Island Trust to consider

the application to permit a log dump on Tumbo was that it will go to a public hearing. So far there has been no protest about it. The public hearing is likely to be on the fifth of April. The present owner desires to log the north slope of the south half of the island.

Kim House is over for the weekend. She and Flo were filling the post office with lots of laughter.

School district superintendent Mike Marshall says with regard to the survey that if within your household there are differing opinions, copy the questionnaire and fill them out separately. He would appreciate their return as soon as possible and please elaborate in writing on any question you feel doesn't quite say what you want it to or that is of special interest to you.

On March 23, at the Community Hall from 11:40 to 9:30, there will be

a CPR course. Hazel Trickey and Bev Bruce will accept the \$15 fee. Anyone who attended the first course is welcome to sit in on this course for a refresher at no charge. The course will accommodate 12 people. The first 12 people are very anxious to have more people trained as prompt care is of great importance and it lessens the chance of someone having to be phoned to come from far away.

We have officially received the federal grant. Applications for the three positions are moving through the channels.

Regional director Vern Roddick sent over a proposed bylaw for the community club's consideration. The proposal covers gatherings of people. It seems to be written to control rock concerts on rented land. The executive of the club agreed to ask that Saturna be excluded from the bylaw.

Lions honour ladies

District governor Ron Drayton was the guest of honour at the ladies' night dinner of the Pender Island Lions Club, held February 19 at the Legion.

The invocation and grace was given by Willis Moore, and the toast to the Queen by Ron Robertson. Warren Lane of the Pender Lions Club thanked the ladies for their assistance to the club during the year.

During the evening a 10-year membership pin was awarded to Don Fairweather.

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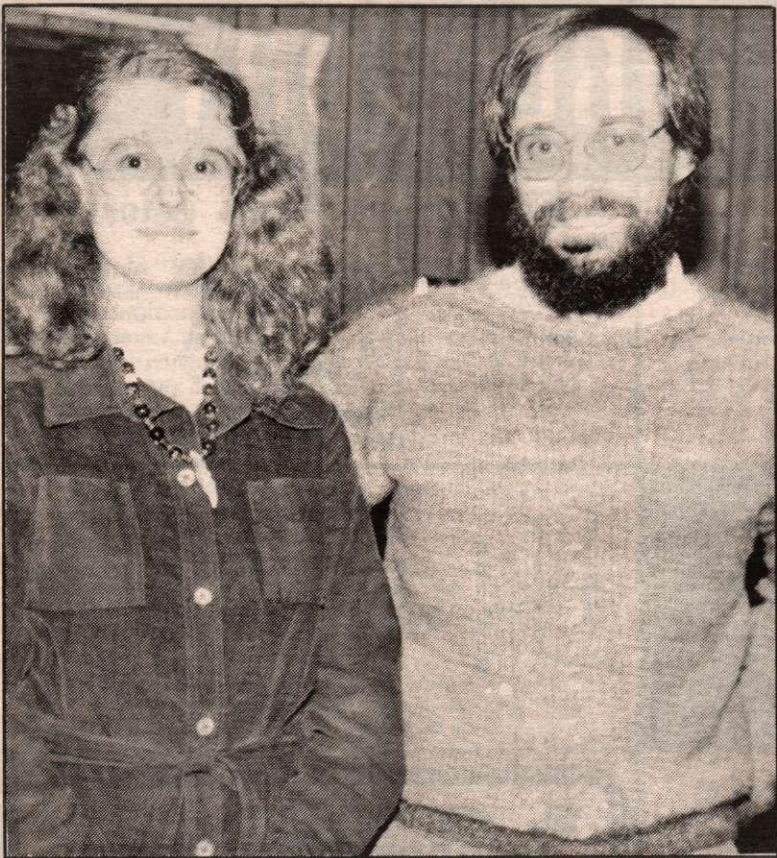
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Club prepares March program

An easy walk, a regular walk and a hike next Tuesday will begin the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club activities for the month of March.

Margaret Pragnell will conduct the leader's choice easy walk, Linda Goddu will lead the regular walk at Cusheon Cove and Nina Wichmann will lead the hike on Doukhobor Hill. Meeting place for the first event is Centennial Park at 10 am. For the other two events, participants will meet at Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15.

On March 10 and 11 the club will offer a beginner's course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation as well as a first aid course. Cost is \$3. Participants must register with Jean King. A refresher course is being planned for a later date.

The club will stage three activities on March 12. Nancy Braithwaite will conduct an easy walk on the beach at Baker Road, Marjorie Beggs will take a regular walk on the plateau and Dougal Gatt will lead a hike on Cusheon Creek. Meeting place for all three is Centennial Park at 10 am.

A conducted tour of the Institute of Ocean Sciences at Pay Bay will take place March 19. Peggy Jacobs will lead the trip, which is limited to 20 people. Those interested must contact Jacobs to register. Carpooling will take place at Centennial Park at 8:45 am sharp to catch the 9:30 ferry from Fulford.

An easy walk, a regular walk and a hike will take place the same day.

The easy walk will take place at Beddis Beach via Price Road with Caroline Moore, meeting at 10 am. The leader's choice regular walk, with Dorothy Robertson, will be at the north end and the meeting place is Central at 10 am. Jean King will lead the hike, on Snac Hill, meeting at Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15.

On March 26 Jack Webb will conduct an easy walk on Cusheon Creek. Meeting place is Centennial

Park at 10 am.

Eve Kertland will lead a regular walk on Bryants Hill and Tony Peterson will lead a hike in the Reginald Hill area. Meeting place for both is Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15.

Also on the 26th, a general interest trip will take in the Cowichan Valley tree farm operation. Leader is Jack Foster. Meeting place is the Vesuvius ferry at 10 am.

Institute guests

Consulting archaeologists Morley and Anne Eldridge of Pender Island were guest speakers at a recent meeting of the Pender

Farmers' Institute. They operate Eldridge Heritage Consulting and have worked for the provincial government, B.C. Hydro, Petro Canada and Westcoast Transmission, among others. The two described studies they had made in various parts of B.C.

Additional uses approved

About nine Mayne Islanders sat in on the public hearing on Friday when the Mayne Island Trust Committee approved the addition of two uses in commercial zoned property.

The zoning bylaw will be amended to provide for rentals and retailing among principal uses in that zone.



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Architectural student looks at village

'Ganges has turned its back on waterfront'

A thesis by a former architectural student at the University of British Columbia takes a look at Ganges and offers some ideas about what it could become.

Neil Morie, a 10-year resident of Salt Spring, created the thesis as the major project for his bachelor of architecture degree.

The thesis begins with a definition of what a village is as well as how people view a village.

He quotes Dr. Henry Elder, who prepared a study of the development of Ganges in 1977.

Elder noted that "a village is a symbol of a way of life and expresses to the outside world the ideals, values and virtues possessed by the community. It is therefore a shop window fronting the outside world."

Morie goes on to note that "Ganges is lacking in certain qualities of townscape that with careful planning, community commitment, and economic opportunity, could be alleviated and become the pride and public focus of its island region."

Morie defines "townscape" as those qualities which are more urban than rural. Ganges, he notes, is the local and regional centre for Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands.

One of the problems cited by people who visit Ganges for business, shopping, or just to socialize, Morie points out, is parking. But during his research, he discovered that within a five-minute walk of the core, there are 500 parking spaces.

He continues the paper by looking at specific sections of the village and offers suggestions for development or improvement.

The waterfront, and Ganges

Harbour, should be a focus of the village, he states.

"Ganges Harbour is a magnificent setting and the raison d'être for the village's existence. Yet the water's edge is sorely neglected. The village has turned its back on its own maritime character."

The tie-in with the waterfront and the harbour could be accomplished with the establishment of the long-talked about walkway at the shoreline, Morie contends.

The problems with parking, he notes, "should be considered in a total framework as well as specific to individual developments."

He suggests creation of parking commons located at various places throughout the village and at the rear of establishments as per provisions of the community plan.

Morie notes that many areas for parking are available within blocks of the village centre, but "no matter what provisions are made, parking will be at capacity during peak times."

Another way of tying the village into a "tight-knit" core would be the creation of pathways to retain the village at "walking scale."

The paths should be reinforced for safety, convenience and amenity. If streets are not excessively wide and the buildings kept close together along with denser residential development at the edge of the village, the pedestrian orientation can be achieved.

Another way of achieving a pedestrian village would be to have cultural and recreational uses developed close to the core.

Morie looks at sections of the village to examine what exists as well as the potential for

development.

For instance, he notes that the government wharf at the end of Fulford-Ganges Road "could use upgrading and external improvements..." The use of colour and marine accents could add to the visual impact of the area, Morie notes.

"The working marine area should be encouraged to prosper and enhance the harbour character of the village," he says.

A possible solution to the traffic problem in the village is discussed. Morie suggests a bypass beginning at the intersection of Drake Road and Fulford-Ganges Road and joining an extension of McPhillips Avenue could be a solution.

Ganges, he notes, has "great promise and can offer many social and economic opportunities."

"The natural beauty of the harbour and unique social fabric of Salt Spring Islanders could bring about a model village and symbolic centre for the Gulf Islands community," he concludes.

To end his report, Morie offers an example of a potential community arts centre.

He stresses that the concept is his own and suggests a location near the waterfront.

The design would be five buildings centred on an inner courtyard. A waterfront walkway and lookout would link the proposal to the park and to the harbour.

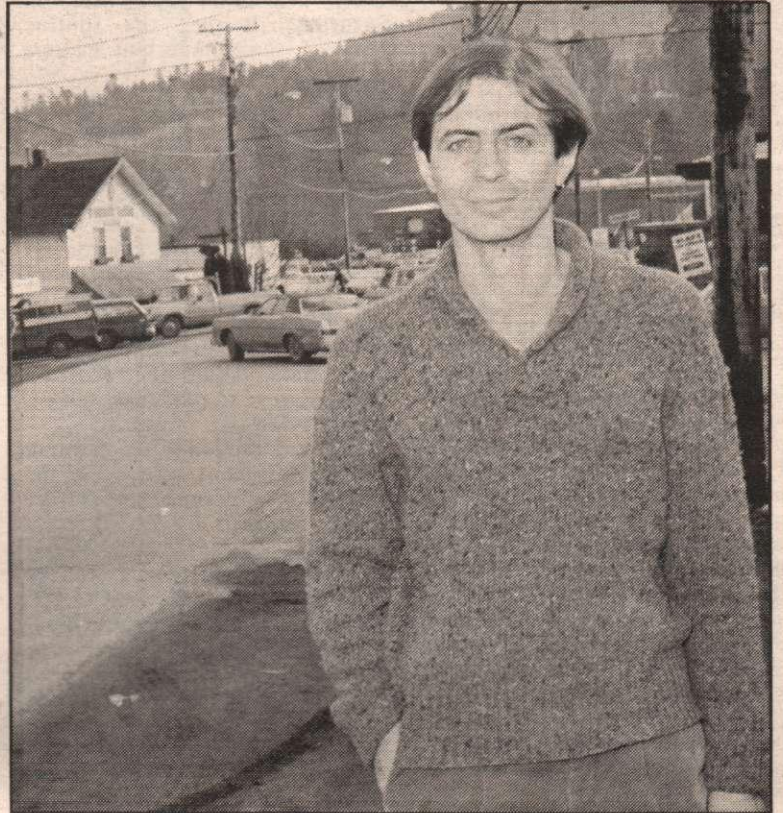
The centre would contain a theatre, an arts and crafts gallery, a local heritage museum and workshop space for craftsmen. Also included in the concept would be commercial and office space and a

restaurant and pub at the waterfront.

Morie notes: "The cultural facilities would create a destination that would make the commercial aspects of the venture attractive to a developer. The project would give Ganges night-life and provide a cultural and economic focus for a region rich in the fields of arts and

crafts."

He will take the proposal to the Community Arts Council as well as any other group which shows interest in the design concepts he has formulated for the village. A copy of the thesis paper, *Ganges, Opportunities for a Harbourside Village*, is available at the library.



Neil Morie has ideas about how the village of Ganges should look. He did a thesis paper on the village for his degree in architecture from University of British Columbia. Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

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GALIANO NEWS

Society stages two presentations for heritage day

By KATHY SHARP

Heritage day was celebrated last Monday at the activity centre with two presentations brought here by the Montague Harbour Conservation and Enhancement Society.

The children were treated to a slide show and talk on explorers and the fur trade by "Old Timer" Guy Randall and his wife "Wapoose". The Randalls were dressed in hides and furs with traditional Indian beadwork. The slides showed a re-enactment of Mackenzie's cross-Canada canoe trips. Pelts of Canada's fur-bearing animals were displayed, and a wide selection of folklore and history booklets were available.

Mrs. Randall (nee Gardner) lived on Galiano from 1920 - 27. Her family gave its name to Gardner Rd. This is her first visit back, and she plans to return after visiting her 91-year-old mother in Victoria.

Next came Grant Keddie of the B. C. Provincial Museum. He gave a fascinating demonstration of the various techniques used to create prehistoric tools and weapons. Flaking, pecking, bi-polar percussion, drilling and grinding were applied in various ways to obsidian, basalt, slate, jade and bone. Examples were passed around the audience.

Keddie is very interested in the midden near Sutil Lodge because it may contain rarely preserved organic objects, such as baskets. Knowledge of these is very limited, yet they may have constituted 95% of manufactured items. However, with the help of blood analysis, the microscope and Keddie's recreations, our knowledge of native life 10,000 years ago is constantly growing.

Morality Play

The Strolling Players had a busy Shrove Tuesday as they presented *Death in the Tree* twice. The matinee was at the school. The children may not have fully grasped the archaic verse, but the fine acting conveyed the gist of this morality play on love of gold as the root of all evil.

Morriss Rees as the Apostle gave a vigorous introduction and pointed the moral at the end. Andrew Loveridge was the Hermit who discovered a bag of gold in a tree, guarded only by an owl (Kirsty Hales). Resisting temptation, and fearful of visions of "death in the tree", he fled from the gold, only to be murdered by the Cynic (Rene Mahlow) and the Bully (Keith Holmes) while the Coward (Carolyn Sadowska) looked on.

The three outlaws then revealed their characters through discussion and song. The shocked Coward was sent for food, which he poisoned to rid the world of his villainous mates. Unfortunately, they suspected betrayal and killed him before dying artistically from poison themselves.

The children revealed the timelessness of the theme of greed when they scrambled for some of the accidentally-dropped "loot".

As was the custom in the 16th century, the play was later performed at the local "tavern", the pub. The adult audience enjoyed it just as much as the avaricious children. Producer Christa Weiss hopes to bring the troupe to the church and the streets later this year.

Islands Trust

A meeting of the Galiano Island Trust Committee was held on Saturday. Besides the routine business, some important matters were discussed.

The most public comment was raised by an amendment to the home occupation bylaw proposed by Don McDonald. This amendment would make the zonal restrictions on land use more detailed. Although the amendment is very much in the preliminary stage, many people took the opportunity to object, saying that the acceptance or complaints of neighbours would be a more appropriate restriction than would a formal bylaw.

Louis Lindholm, representing Rampart Estates, addressed the meeting on the subject of Parker Island. Rampart Estates currently owns most of the lots on Parker, and is applying to have the zoning on the island changed from forest to R2. This means that the current lot limit of 20 acres minimum with one dwelling would be changed to an average of 10 acres with one dwelling and one guest cabin. Lindholm pointed out that Rampart Estates will undertake to provide parking near Montague Harbour, and to give some portion of Little Parker Island over to park. Rampart Estates was requested to resubmit the application, incorporating those two proposals.

The application to change La Berengerie's zoning to commercial was referred to the Advisory Planning Commission, as the application was incomplete.

North Galiano

The annual meeting of the North Galiano Community Association was held on Saturday, with president Hart Scarrow in the chair. Members heard and accepted the president's report, reports from Fire Chief Tom Liddell and from chairman of the fire committee Bill Wilander, and also reports on North Galiano activities and hall renovations by committee member Alistair Ross. Edith Wishart's organization and secretarial skills were evident, as always.

Phyllis Stafford, as head of the nominating committee, presented a slate of officers for the new

executive. Accepted unanimously, they are as follows: president, Bill Stafford; secretary-treasurer, Edith Wishart; committee, Gill Allen, Audrey Cook Arne Haksi, Elspeth King, Alistair Ross, Joan Waterman, Morley Whillans.

The first business of the new executive was a motion made by Morley Whillans to name out-going president Dr. Hart Scarrow as life member and president emeritus ("So we can continue to pick his brains"). This motion was also unanimously accepted.

A get-well card was circulated in the hall for Bill Wilander, who was unable to attend because of illness. Bill's dedication, hard work and quiet diplomacy will be missed on the executive.

After the meeting, with coffee cups in hand, members of the community association went into the addition to see Arne Haksi's latest improvements, a set of cupboards and a counter worthy of the finest kitchens!

On Saturday evening, 21 members of the Community Association met for supper at the Pink Geranium, where presentations were made to Dr. Scarrow.

(Contributed by Alistair Ross).

Church Vestry Meeting

There was a good turn-out to the annual vestry meeting of St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Saturday. All went smoothly due to the prior organization of written reports. A slate of candidates for the parish council was voted in by acclamation.

Roy Harding and Ian Hooley, Sr. will continue as the rector's and people's wardens. The new secretary is Margaret Edgar. (Thanks are due to Mary Harding for her faithful service in this capacity up to now.) Joan Callaghan is the treasurer, with assistant Peggy Peterson. The Altar Guild will be represented by Ena Hooley. Cliff Coolidge heads the worship committee.

Michael Sharp and Jim Peterson will jointly be responsible for Christian education. Barbara Scoones is the Thrift Shop liaison. Mary Harding continues as lay delegate, while Frances Druce, Betty Trimmer, Connie Parmenter and Kathy Sharp are members at large. The newly formed hospitality committee will be headed by Wendy Roberts. The first council meeting will be held at the beginning of March.

96 years old!

The Carpet Bowling Club had a

surprise party after bowls last Monday for Mrs. Alice Maier. Mrs. Maier was celebrating her 96th birthday, and is still a very active bowler, as well as a very interesting person. We all wish her good health and happiness. Here's looking forward to 100!

Peace

The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer is *Peace Through Prayer and Action*. A service prepared by Christian women in India will explore aspects of peace and unrest in the world, and a bible study will show us how to achieve peace both internally and in the world.

Anyone interested in peace is urged to take part in this world-wide ecumenical event, which will start at 2 pm. on Friday at the church on Burrill Rd. Refreshments will follow at the Sunday School House across the street.

Pender visit

Twelve people from Galiano joined a large group of other members of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Federation on Pender last Thursday. There they were treated to a series of talks by Pender pioneers and pioneers' children. One of the speakers was born on Pender and is now 90 years old. She spoke without benefit of notes about the early days.

The Pender group has also made a video of heritage homes, complete

with family histories, and this video was shown as well. A beautiful lunch was served, and an enjoyable and informative time had by all.

Coming events

The Galiano Peace Group is sponsoring a public meeting on Saturday at 7.30 pm at the activity centre. The guest speaker will be C.G. Gifford, a decorated pilot of the Pathfinders group of bomber command. He is currently the national chairman of Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament. A special invitation is extended to veterans of the army, navy and air force.

The monthly meeting of the senior citizens will be held Monday at 2 pm at the Page Dr. Lounge.

Let's Talk Schools, the forum for input on education, will take place Monday at 7.30 pm in the Ken Gaylor gymnasium.

The Dunn's plant shop beside the Corner Store will commence opening this Friday and Saturday from 9-4, and will be open every week at these times.

Services at St. Margaret's Church will be led Sunday at 10.30 am by Rev. Woodhouse, and March 10 at 10.30 am by Jim McAlonan. Both will be preceded by the Praise Sing at 9 am.

La Berengerie Restaurant will re-open for dinner on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, since the Bengers are back from an exciting time in Mexico. There will be a general mailing of their up-coming entertainment schedule.

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Anniversary marked

Girl Guides, Brownies and Pathfinder groups of Salt Spring and Galiano Islands gathered Friday night at the activity centre in Ganges to mark the 75th anniversary of the Guiding movement and the birthdays of

Lord and Lady Baden Powell, founders of the worldwide organization. Above, three members of the Pathfinders light the candles on the cake. From left are Sara Fee, Melanie Marshall and

Sonja Karlson. Below, Galiano Brownies enjoy refreshments following program. Left, Jamaica Gilson and Emily Finnis were the two Brownies accompanied by Guides and leader from Galiano.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



Driftwood photo by Tony Richards

Dinner with Cubs, Scouts

Lavinia Hann helps herself to dinner as Jeffrey Kempling, of local Cubs, waits his turn at annual Scouts and Cubs banquet at Ganges last Thursday. Victoria Scouts representative Doug Campbell was guest speaker at the dinner. He

reminded his audience that "B.C.'s greatest resource is our youth." He told the youngsters that it was important to do their best as they grew up and that personal honour "is something very precious."



60 attend Pender banquet

By ELEANOR HARRISON

Scout week—February 17-24—is observed to commemorate the founding of the Scouting movement.

On February 20 the Pender Sea Scouts, Cubs and Beavers held the annual parent and son banquet at the school-community centre. Sixty parents, boys and guests sat down to a dinner of fried chicken and salad prepared by the mothers.

Guests from Victoria who attended were Marj Ball, group committee team leader, Carol Taylor, assistant regional leader for camp training, Allen Ball, assistant provincial commissioner B.C. and the Yukon, Doug Campbell, executive director Victoria region (which includes Pender), Walley Ellsay, service Scouter for Sea Scouts, Flo Jensen, assistant regional commissioner for Cubs.

The Scouting movement was founded 77 years ago by Robert Baden-Powell and interestingly, the same year of the founding in England a Scout troop was formed in Victoria. The Pender Island troops are five years old.

At present there are 11 boys in the Beavers, led by Sherrie Boyte, and five in the Cubs, with Constable Henwood as their leader.

The Sea Scouts, who are the most numerous, have Don Palmer as their leader. Some of the experiences this year have been a trip to Esquimalt when they visited the *HMCS Gatineau*, arranged by Peter Campbell, a demonstration of firearms by Constable Henwood and a trip to see how the Pender Island Fire Department operates. For three days in April they will go on a cruise. They can look forward to canoeing, swimming and sailing

and the regatta where they won the team spirit award previously.

The Pender Island Legion branch has sponsored the Scouts since their inception five years ago.

Guest speaker was Doug Campbell, who told his audience that 86% of the boys in the Pender school are involved. In the Greater Victoria region there are 3,600 Scouters and all over Canada there are 310,000 leaders and Scouts, add the Girl Guides and it makes a total of 500,000. In the U.S.A. there are two million and in the world there are 15 million in the movement. Scouting exists in every country in the free world.

Awards were given by Wally Ellsay to Scout leaders Ray Neil and Cedric Butler and a pin was presented to Peter Campbell by Don Palmer for his work with the Sea Scouts over the past four years.

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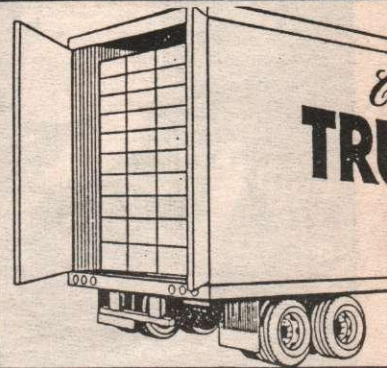
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