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Judge denies bid to intervene in lake challenge

A B.C. Supreme Court judge last week denied the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society permission to intervene in a court challenge over the outboard engine ban on St. Mary Lake.

Water Preservation Society official Mike Larmour said the judge denied intervenor status because the case has nation-wide

implications, and that the society "represented only one small area."

Larmour added: "The judge did say (the society) had valid concerns, and that it had the right to be heard. The judge, in a sense, was narrowing the question. In effect, he was saying that we didn't have to be there to argue the case."

The application for intervenor status was heard in Victoria last Thursday, at the time the original court challenge was due to proceed. That action, pitting St. Mary Lake resort operators and one resident against the federal and provincial governments, was postponed indefinitely.

The challenge argues that the

outboard engine ban, applied under the Canada Shipping Act, is unconstitutional and was levied for reasons beyond the jurisdiction of the Act.

Larmour said his society decided to apply for intervenor status "to try to make sure islanders have a say in this thing — to give

our support to the federal government."

The society will not appeal the judge's decision.

Larmour said rejection of the society's bid may have helped strengthen the federal government's case because "it's a jurisdictional problem ... (the

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Trees seen as good bet for future

It is the 1990s. On Salt Spring Island, small woodlot operators annually produce 175,000 cubic metres of timber — on a sustained-yield basis — to feed a thriving B.C. furniture-manufacturing industry.

On the island, the output of wood is responsible for 750 jobs, including 50 in logging, 190 in milling and secondary processing, and 480 in indirect fields.

Too good to be true? Not according to Ken Renaud, who is expected to be named president of Salt Spring's small woodlot operators' association when it meets April 9.

He explains that the federal government has launched a committee to nurture a furniture-making industry in B.C., and has sponsored a training program to develop the skilled tradesmen who will be needed.

Ottawa, he adds, is also searching for home-grown timber to support the industry — and Salt Spring has the stands of Western Red Maple and alder the furniture-makers would covet.

"What we're seeing is the thin edge of the wedge," Renaud says. "The people are being trained right now and when they

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Society page

Everyone who was anyone attended the Beaux Arts Ball on Saturday night at Mahon Hall. Only trouble is, with all the masks, no one knew anyone else who was there. Sponsored by the Community Arts Council, the event was a fancy dress ball to mark the opening of Showcase 86 now open at the Salt Spring Art Gallery in Ganges and Off Centre Stage in the Upper Ganges Centre.

Photos by Barb Woodley

Applause greets explanation of density transfer proposal

An Island Trust proposal to condense potential development on MacMillan-Bloedel's Salt Spring properties met with audience applause at a public meeting held last Thursday night in Ganges.

The meeting, called to discuss several issues, heard trustee Nick Gilbert explain overall development densities could be transferred to one of the seven parcels, creating a cluster of lots similar to the Channel Ridge concept.

The remaining acreage, he continued, could be turned over to island residents to manage as a community woodlot while preserving watershed areas and hiking trails.

Gilbert said the system of community land ownership would have to be resolved but suggested it could take the form of a broad-based management society. He added that a new zoning designation — community forest land — could be created and applied to the land.

The Trust is currently preparing an outline of the proposal for MacMillan-Bloedel. Last week, the forest company said it would look at the concept and, if it is feasible, would turn it over to the land purchaser with a recommendation that it be followed.

"MacMillan-Bloedel is sending us a signal that they would pass

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Over noise bylaw

Gun club, property owners clash

Salt Spring residents were given an opportunity last week to "fine-tune" the broad wording and intent of the draft anti-noise bylaw — but discussion focused instead on provisions exempting shooting ranges.

Locking horns in the Tuesday night debate were representatives of the island's Rod and Gun Club, and several adjacent property owners who want the club regulated by the bylaw.

Robin Andison, representing the gun club neighbours, asked that the paragraph exempting "outdoor shooting ranges and trap shoots" from the bylaw be deleted or, as a compromise, that

the hours in question be changed to "9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Saturday."

She said a lawyer has told her group that "the wording of the exemption is so vague that it will offer protection to anyone engaged in target practice outside any restricted areas set down by the fish and wildlife department."

She added that specific wording in the bylaw, naming the Rod and Game Club in the exemption, may prove "discriminatory" and could be challenged.

Andison suggested that some form of community body be commissioned to study "the broader issue of the location,

construction, and maintenance of such a facility on Salt Spring."

She added: "In order to protect the interests of such facilities, and the residents affected by their operations, perhaps it is time to decide on the regulations this community wishes to impose on outdoor rifle ranges and trap shoots. As it stands now, such facilities are free to impose their standards on the community around them."

Louis Lorentsen, past-president of the Rod and Gun Club, told the meeting his club has never opposed the anti-noise bylaw, nor has it asked for total

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New education minister sympathizes with board

Education Minister Jim Hewitt said last week he will discuss with Treasury Board officials the per-unit teacher cost borne by the Gulf Islands School District.

Hewitt, who visited the district last Wednesday to meet with school trustees, said he didn't bring a chequebook to solve the board's \$415,799 budget shortfall but that he has sympathy for its main problem.

In budget deliberations held two weeks ago, local school trustees noted that about \$200,000 of its 1986-87 operating shortfall can be blamed on education ministry underfunding of per-unit teacher costs. Victoria pegs the district's unit cost at \$34,015 a year while the actual bill is \$35,866. bill is \$35,866.

"I said I have sympathy with them (local trustees) and that I will discuss with Treasury Board the possibility of bringing those figures up," Hewitt said during a

break in his meeting with the school board.

Hewitt's discussion with Treasury Board officials will be held "as soon as is conveniently possible," he said. Education ministry officials have until April 20 to review district budget submissions, while trustees have until May 1 to determine local school tax levels.

The Gulf Islands School District has submitted an operating budget worth \$5.635 million, which is \$415,799 above the \$5.219 million outlined by Victoria. If Victoria does not provide additional funds to cover the gap, the shortfall will be made up by higher local school taxes.

In discussing the budget submission two weeks ago, trustees said the alternative to higher taxes is a drastic cutback in local education services.

Also discussed at the meeting between Hewitt and local trustees was a cut in the district's supplies and materials rate, from 12 per cent to five per cent. Trustees have said that the cut does not allow enough funding to overcome remoteness and geographic factors by the district.

Hewitt said he "told trustees I have sympathy with them on that score," particularly since an upward adjustment in the rate has been made for the district before.

Other items on the meeting agenda include the needs of rural school district, the concept of excellence in education and the district's growing enrollment — which is the highest projected rate in B.C.

David Eyles, school board vice-chairman, said the meeting was valuable in that it allowed trustees to explain to Hewitt the unique nature and problems of the district.

Hewitt said one approach he took to the meeting was a wish to identify rural and remote school district, and the problems they face, with an eye to possibly "fine-tuning the budget process" to take those difficulties into account.

Eyles said it was not possible for trustees to "read into" Hewitt's comments any indication of the district being "looked upon favourably" as far as the budget shortfall is concerned, but they considered the meeting profitable because it gave the minister an opportunity to discuss the district's problems.

"On the whole, we felt he listened to us," Eyles said. "He was candid, he said he was a new minister, and he said he has to catch up with the framework's ins and outs. There are no quick answers."

Where have all the contracts gone?

Are building contractors running out of work on Salt Spring? Wilf Bangert thinks so.

In 1985, 309 permits were issued for building work on Salt Spring Island. Of that number, Bangert says he receives two — for a renovation and an addition, but not for new home construction. Other contractors, he says, "are not doing much better."

Bangert feels much of the building work is being done by the new homeowners: "Up to the end of 1981, every contractor (on the island) was busy. After 1981, carpenter labour was cheap and homeowners hired their own labour — or they did the work themselves."

He added: "When the economy goes down the first cut is housing. People will buy a new car before they look into building a house."

Bangert says he is not "beefing" about the apparent tendency towards owners doing the job themselves. He says he may be retiring soon anyways after 40 years in the construction business. But he says he is worried that other contractors are losing business.

Last year 40 permits for construction of new, single-family houses were issued on Salt Spring Island and a total of 83 in all the Gulf Islands. Brian Anderson, from the building inspection office in Victoria, says it is difficult to say just how many permits were issued to homeowners

who are doing the work themselves because some permits are issued in the name of the homeowners, the contractor, or both.

But Darryl Janyk of Classic Construction estimates that 50 per cent of new home construction is done by the owner, though part of the work may be contracted out. Janyk moved his business to the island at the beginning of last year and has yet to be hired to build a complete home.

Arlene Dashwood of Dashwood Construction says that company received a lot of calls for renovations and additions last year but no contracts for new homes. She says many people will not hire a contractor at the initial building stage but might employ one at the "lock-up stage."

Bangert says new homeowners are doing the contract work themselves, or sometimes even doing the actual building themselves. And this — not declining business for contractors — is the real problem.

Building without a contractor is cheaper, but it is also dangerous, says Bangert. "They (the owner/builder) can make so many mistakes, they can take so many detours. People are building themselves because they think they are saving money. What they may find out is that that they are just posing more problems," he says.

Court rejects society's bid to intervene

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society) doesn't have to get involved."

However, he said the society will now act as observers and "try to help the federal government if we can."

Rick Rockcliffe, spokesman for the group challenging the engine ban, was unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, a decision is expected today (Wednesday) over an informal hearing into the ban, held two weeks ago in North Vancouver. The federal transport ministry called the two sides together to hear arguments for and against the restrictions.

A decision supporting the ban means the court challenge will go ahead. Should the transport ministry recommend that the restriction be lifted, however, Rockcliffe has said his group will drop the challenge.

Rockcliffe had earlier sought a compromise over the issue, suggesting outboard engines of a limited horsepower be returned to the lake, but the Water Preservation Society rejected the offer, noting it would bring back virtually all vessel traffic and amount to no restriction at all.

Plan for density transfers wins support from audience

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our concerns on to interested buyers," Gilbert told the meeting. "We want to signal the forest company that this would be a better and wiser use of the land."

MacMillan-Blodel has put up for sale its 4,800 acres of Salt Spring property, which consists of seven blocks of land classed as tree farm. Local developer Murray Cyprus held an option to buy the land but folded the deal to negotiate different terms. MacMillan-Bloedel says it now has "two or three" other parties interested in a purchase.

Gilbert said the Trust proposal would permit protection of sensitive areas, promote employment and "benefit the community for years to come." At the same time, he added, it provides density trade-offs which would allow the forest company to receive market value for its land.

The MacMillan-Bloedel issue, which consumed much of the interest of the estimated 50 people attending the meeting, also prompted suggestions that the province be approached to consider a land swap with the forest company. In return for turning the Salt Spring properties over to local residents, it was argued, Victoria could give MacMillan-Bloedel a block of Crown land elsewhere.

The issue also sparked debate

over tree-cutting. Gilbert and fellow Island Trust representative Pat Byrne noted that the Trust has to power to introduce a bylaw controlling cutting in areas susceptible to erosion, but had to reassure the audience that it would not usurp individual property rights.



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	1820	2.6		1015	5.6
FR 5	0245	10.9	MO	1600	8.7
	0905	8.1		2145	4.8
SA 6	1140	8.3	8	0425	10.2
	1920	3.0		1040	4.8
SU 7	0320	10.8	TU	1700	9.0
	0925	7.3		2225	5.6
SA 8	1340	8.2	9	0440	10.0
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Noise bylaw stalemate could end up before judge

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exemption from the bylaw. It has, he said, "asked for partial exemption equivalent to (that given) other gun clubs on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland."

Lorensen said the club has made a number of concessions to its neighbours — i.e., discontinuation of night shoots and refraining from shooting in the first weekend of every month in 1986.

He said that of the 22 gun clubs on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, not one faces noise bylaw restrictions which prevent members from "shooting on weekends or a whole day."

The Salt Spring club, he added,

schedules shooting events in conjunction with other clubs in southern B.C. and travelling concerns require the use of weekends for events.

"Although it would be nice not to have shooting on weekends or on Sundays, it's not possible. We could not function," he said.

Capital Regional District director Dr. Hugh Borsman, who chaired the meeting, said the lawyer representing the club's neighbours has told the CRD his clients are "prepared to fight."

Borsman said he would prefer to avoid a situation "where two lawyers are fighting at the taxpayers' expense."

Meanwhile, the meeting produced an amendment to the draft bylaw which states that outdoor rifle ranges and trap shoots, in order to be exempt, must be "recognized gun clubs".

In other matters, the question of what constitutes "unreasonable noise" was discussed. Borsman said that in drafting the bylaw, the CRD bylaw committee tried to

reasonable. "If it doesn't work," he added, "we can scrap it."

Ian Fraser suggested that a rider be included in the bylaw which stipulates that it would be in effect on a trial basis — perhaps a year — and then be put to referendum for renewal. Borsman agreed to add the clause but said he wasn't sure it was legal.

The next step in the bylaw enactment process is for the CRD planning department to give the proposed bylaw to the lawyers for inspection. Then, notice is given to the CRD and the public that the bylaw will be discussed at the next CRD meeting.

Meanwhile, document will go before regional board



to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

The things they say!

Cherry Jensen, of Samuel Crescent, has a sense of humour. And a keen eye for the funny story. She recently sent me the tale of the indignant little old lady in Australia. This time she has a list of bald statements made in accident report forms.

You've seen them before? Probably not this one! Try it out!

Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

I thought my window was down, but I found it was up when I put my hand through it.

The guy was all over the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed for the embankment.

As I approached the intersection a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.

My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat, I found that my skull was fractured.

The pedestrian had no idea in which direction to run, so I ran over him.

The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle and vanished.

I saw a slow-moving, sad-faced old gentleman as he bounced off the hood of my car.

There's lovely!

John Lewes comes from Wales. On business in Vancouver, he was a one-night guest at The Surf on Gabriola at the end of the March 7-8-9 weekend.

June Harrison, island historian and news reporter, also hails from the land of the Celt. In minutes they were chatting animatedly in Welsh.

Women's Lib, who also claims Wales as her native land, was seething with jealousy, because, despite her birth, she cannot speak Welsh. So she spoke in English. She discovered that the visitor is a regular visitor to her home town of Knighton, in Radnorshire.

She, in turn, introduced the man of Wales to Peter Campbell of North Pender. He remembered his service with the Royal Canadian Navy in Britain with great pleasure, commented the trustee from the Penders. Lewes expressed mild interest and identified himself as a retired navy man.

It proved that they had both attended the same naval officers' school in the south of England. Both had pleasant memories of one of the staff members who now lives in Victoria.

While Lewes was making frantic efforts to meet his old navy friend in Victoria, he was left with the promise to contact Women's Lib's family.

It's surprising what you can pick up in the islands, but a chance visit to Gabriola brought rich dividends to that lonely traveller!

Flapping arms

The ministry of highways specializes in digging up highways. And well he might, judging by the state of the Trans-Canada north of Duncan. But my beef does not bear on the digging. I have a grudge against some of the traffic controls.

En route to Victoria one day last week, the highway was being resurfaced at the airport turn-off. The lights were still working and so was a worker with big hands. He used no painted signs and it was disconcerting to

obey the lights and to have traffic running every way while the lights invited me to advance.

Driving on to Nanaimo from Victoria, we encountered a yellow-clad highwayman carrying a stop sign which was flashing in front of me. I came to a violent stop only to discover that he was not patrolling. He was carrying the sign on his way to lunch and I had no call to stop. Neither, of course, had the fellow behind me, who managed to stop in time.

It might be easier if highway traffic stoppers were given a little more training in the gentle art of controlling Trans-Canada traffic.

Expo and me

The only people who can conscientiously put down Expo are those who enjoy paying taxes. The pessimists, the politicians and the pepper-pots who would have us turn our backs on this world fair are merely urging us to pay for the fair out of our pockets rather than have the visitors underwrite the immense costs.

I shall go to the fair if I can: not simply in the hope of avoiding paying that fee in taxes, but because I shall never enjoy such an opportunity again. I'm all for it!

Done any travelling lately?

Biggest transportation system in terms of trackage is, I am constantly told, the Canadian National Railway. The railway extends, like Canada and like the RCMP, from sea to sea.

While a mile or so of tracks may well be in other lands, the majority of the miles of rail and the majority of rolling stock is located in Canada. And that is, maybe, why they call it the national railways of Canada.

I was delighted to see a calendar circulated by the greatest transportation system in the world. The picture on the front is appropriate. A pleasant white house, ranch-style, clad in cedar, looks across a small planting to a greensward. Providing illumination at night is a lamp post.

To complete the picture is the national flag, proudly displayed at the front door. Now, here is the sharp detail of the picture. The Canadian National Railway, being the world's largest system, knows that the ordinary Canadian does not normally fly the maple leaf at his front door. So how did the national railway of Canada get over that little difficulty? They flew a United States flag!

To make sure that nobody misses this clever little subterfuge, the second page of the calendar is also graced with the national flag of that great country to the south.

The calendar tells us of Martin Luther King's day and the day of A. Lincoln, 1809, not to forget G. Washington, 1732. Gee! He's getting old! It has all kinds of reminders. It doesn't mention any notable Canadian names in history, but it does mention Victoria Day on May 19.

The calendar is given over to cautions about using roads, automobiles and fuel safety. The key word is safety. There's a page devoted to turnpikes. Presumably this is intended for Canadians travelling south.

It is an excellent calendar, but it is not notably Canadian. It is not particularly national and it has nothing to do with trains.

I think the CNR could afford to print a Canadian calendar to serve so Canadian an operation. In fact, I don't think they can really afford to distribute any other kind. And if there were a CN station at Ganges, I'd tell 'em so!

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Deficit reduction should be a higher priority

When it was founded in Alberta by William Aberhart, the Social Credit movement installed fiscal responsibility as one of its central planks. According to Aberhart, the only good budget was a balanced budget.

How times have changed. Today's Social Credit movement, operating as the government of British Columbia, recently introduced a budget calling for a deficit of \$875 million in the 1986-87 fiscal year. If that shortfall meets projections, the province's accumulated deficit will pass the \$4 billion mark — a level which requires \$448 million a year just to meet interest payments. We should be worried.

In citing the historic Social Credit preference for balanced budgets, we should be fair and note that much of the blame for today's deficit can be tied to declining revenues and the need to retain some measure of social programming in a time of recessionary pressure. While spending preferences can also be blamed, we should recognize that the deficit is, by and large, a creature of its time.

However, knowing there was little we could have done to prevent the creature from visiting does not mean we should accept his stay. Within the strict limitations he faces — balancing provision of essential services against the level of revenues available — provincial Finance Minister Hugh Curtis must make a vigorous attempt to force our unwanted guest out the door.

This year's provincial budget outlines steps towards that goal. On the bright side, the projected 1986-87 deficit represents a decline of \$46 million over the \$948 million shortfall in the 1985-86 fiscal year, and is a few welcome notches below the \$1-plus billion registered in 1983-84.

On the dark side, last year's deficit came in \$58 million higher than the projections. Seeing that, we cannot be sure that this year's figure will be on target or whether the shortfall will land us closer to the \$1 billion mark.

Can steps be taken to bring the deficit under control? Yes — if tradeoffs are accepted. In a document accompanying this year's budget speech, Mr. Curtis lists reduction of the deficit as the fourth in a list of five financial objectives — it lies behind continuation of economic renewal, maintenance of essential social programs and provision of new programs to meet education and health needs, and just ahead of maintaining a low tax burden. We suggest control of the deficit

Interest at \$448 million a year

should be moved up at least a notch or two.

Granted, the exercise is not easy — just look at the federal example — because the balance between deficit reduction and provision of services is delicate. But, to head off an out-of-control creature imitating its federal brother and causing us a generation of long-term pain, that balance must be found and nurtured.

As we say, the exercise is not easy, but neither is it impossible, if we are willing to do without some extras. An example which springs to mind is the billion-dollar Site C project the province would like to see built in the near future, primarily

because of the jobs it would produce and for the dollars it might bring in foreign electricity sales. True, Hydro's deficit — near \$8 billion, last time we checked — is not counted in the accumulated provincial debt, but it is public debt nonetheless, and all of us will be called upon to pay the bill.

The argument between job creation and debt accumulation, and the relationship between the deficits incurred by governments and Crown agencies, can be expanded at a later date. At this time, the point we wish to make is simple enough — choices exist and are made according to priorities. Mr. Curtis, while making a credible stab at deficit reduction in this year's budget, should re-examine the province's priorities and move deficit reduction up a notch or two.



Keep those (brief) cards and letters coming in

Fergus Cronin has too many neighbours, and Bill Luker could use some company.

No, no — not in real life, but in the literal sense. Literal, as in the letters which appear weekly in *Driftwood*.

Mr. Cronin is the chap from Palgrave, Ontario, who wrote in December to discuss this island's Rod and Gun Club situation. The length of his letter — some 18 inches — meant he sat in agony for months, waiting for the effort to appear. When the delay proved to be too much, he penned a poem about tardy editors and fired that across my desk, hoping to prompt a response.

It worked — both his letter and the poem appeared side by side last week. Still, the combined length of both meant another month's wait before enough space was secured to publish the tandem.

Then we have Bill Luker, the north-end resident whose direct, one-sentence letter also appeared last week. Bill's brevity meant he had no wait at all — his effort ran within days of crossing this desk.

The moral is simple: if you'd like your letter to the editor to appear quickly, keep it as brief as possible. The alternative is the

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

purgatory Fergus Cronin knows only too well.

He is not alone. At this moment, there are several lengthy letters sitting on my desk, screaming for space which may not materialize for another month or so. Had they been brief, we would be reading them today.

Mind you, I could always take blue pencil in hand for a wholesale assault, slashing sentences and paragraphs like so much flesh from the bone, until we are left with mere skeletons of thoughts.

It sounds worse than it is — unless it's your letter we're discussing — and I am loath to make it a full-time practice, but circumstances are leading me down that path.

Don't misjudge — I'm not complaining about an excess of letters. The more the better, as far as this corner is concerned, but I am worried that too many

are too lengthy and, as a result, my leftover pile is growing.

Each week, in fact, I face the choice of publishing either a master's thesis or six snappy clips. Invariably, I choose the latter, with the thought that it's better to have one out-of-date effort than six.

There is always next week, right? Wrong — next week never arrives. As Mr. Cronin will tell you, it's either next month or the one after that. And even then, nothing is certain.

Except the growing pile of oversight letters. Eventually, they will see the light of day. The only question is when.

Hummingbirds

Sir,
Here's another in the book of classic illusions of harmony; this time between man and nature.

When man helpfully intervenes on behalf of nature, it is usually to correct an imbalance that he caused.

Sometimes man systematically destroys with insensitive ideas of how nature needs his help. This can afford him the necessary rationale for attracting one of nature's wonders to him by whatever means, as in the case of the hummingbird feeders.

I stood and watch the hummingbirds buzzing around a giant-sized feeder in the north end one day, and got the feeling that Alfred Hitchcock might have set up the scene. They seemed excessively aggressive and unnaturally excited, much like a small child with a triple scoop of ice cream, propylene glycol, green dye, sugar, et. al.

The owner noticed me watching and commented, "Oh yes," and with little to no remorse, said; "somewhere between 10 and 15 hummingbirds kill themselves on my picture window each year."

I see from last week's *Driftwood* that he's had the feeder five or six years since that day and has had the quart-sized abomination 20 years. That's around 200 dead hummingbirds!

I'd like to add a poem I wrote in 1973:

*Hummingbird
Your love sings
Perfect sound
Move silver wings*

*Hummingbird
Fill the sky
Stop in motion
Fill my eye*

*Hummingbird
Your life shines
Faithfully
Much more than mine.*
T. GRAHAM
Ganges.

Gearing up

Sir,
Now that spring has officially arrived, it's time to gear up for our Sea Capers planning committee.

If you are interested, come and join us on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 pm in the school board office.

Please, please, please come out. No experience necessary.
CAROL FOWLES,
Ganges.

Letters sent

Sir,
The following is a copy of a letter sent recently to 107 local Gulf Island groups and societies regarding the Island Recreation Study Group. In the hopes that it will also solicit response from individuals, we are hoping that you will print it as a letter to the editor. The guidelines for discussion mentioned are also enclosed and copies are available from Wendy Vine at 537-9265 or Box 531. Thank you for your co-operation.

A number of residents of Salt Spring Island, who are particularly concerned about public recreational needs, have gathered to form the Island Recreation Study Group. In conjunction with the Recreation Commission, we plan to survey recreation needs on Salt Spring, with a view to meeting these needs through a new facility involving, among other things, an

indoor swimming pool.

It would be impossible for our group to pursue such a public issue without the valuable advice and interest of organizations such as yours.

We will be holding public hearings on the matter of a new recreation facility within the next few months, for the purpose of hearing submissions from local groups. To that end, we ask:

- that you please urge your members and associates to discuss generally what they would or would not like to see in terms of a new recreation facility; and

- that your group consider presenting a brief at the public hearings.

Suggested guidelines for focussing your group's discussions in the preparation of a brief are as follows:

General information about your group: current total membership; age span of members; where do you currently hold your meetings; how often does your group meet; indicate your satisfaction and/or dissatisfaction with your present accommodations; what you estimate as your future space requirements (i.e. are you growing out of your present accommodation); what is your current rent?

Input from your group about a new recreation facility:

What specific features would your group like to see in a new recreation facility? (e.g. pool, exercise room, squash/racquetball courts, meeting rooms, theatre, ice rink...)

Suggest any ideas your group has for funding a new recreation facility.

Suggest any ideas your group has regarding the possible location for a new recreation facility.

Would your group support the building of a new community recreation facility, specifically one including an indoor swimming pool. (Comments, please!)

Your support is earnestly needed for a project that we feel could be a splendred achievement toward community spirit and co-operation.

WENDY VINE
Island Recreation Study Group.

letters

Great place

Sir,
If you're like me you probably received more solicitations from charitable organizations last Christmas than you did greeting cards. If you're like me you've probably wondered most of your life what some of these groups do with your money.

I wondered this for 30 years until I ended up in a wheelchair. Let me tell you briefly about what I've found out in the last five years, and give you a reason why now is a good time to consider a donation. In fact, if you've paid off your holiday bills now is the perfect time.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association, the ALS Society and the Kinsmen have supplied me with a patient lifter, a second portable respirator and a set of batteries. All this equipment is worth just under \$10,000. In addition, I have been supplied with counselling and educational materials from some of the kindest, most helpful people you could meet anywhere.

Here on Salt Spring, I receive daily help from the Homemaker Service. The community has donated an electric wheel chair and page turner. The Legion and the United Church contributed towards the purchase of a respirator.

When my wife needs a break or is taking a night course, the Hospice group has been more than generous in sending over some wonderful people to stay with me.

Last but not least, the Lions Club paved the driveway in the back of my house so my wheelchair doesn't sink up to its axles in our winter weather. And for the past nine months, the Lion's van has transported me to some very necessary appointments with the foot doctor. Without those services I would be in a lot of pain. Thanks, Ted and Daisy Gear, and all the other drivers — you deserve a free trip to Hawaii.

I'm not unique; these services

are enjoyed by thousands all across Canada. Don't forget that millions of your dollars are also going for medical research.

This is a great place to live, eh!
DAVID E. SKINNER
Ganges

Meeting

Sir,
I wish to inform your readers of a significant community meeting to be held this coming week.

Over the past several months, a group of islanders has been researching a project to send a Salt Spring family to the USSR. The purpose of the journey would be to make contact with people in a small Soviet town who are interested in an ongoing correspondence with both adults and children on our island.

At the community-wide meeting the information gathered to date will be discussed, and questions and suggestions welcomed. If you believe that an important contributing factor to world peace is better understanding of people and their unique cultures, join us at Ganges United Church on Monday, April 7, at 4 pm. Refreshments will be served.

WILF PECK,
Ganges.

Flip flop

Sir,
From 1981 to 1984 it was the established written view of the APC, trust planners and the Islands Trust that the bottom of Bullock Lake was zoned rural. During this period of time, Nick Gilbert was a member, then chairman, of the APC.

Mr. Gilbert's property is situated within 300 feet of the boundary of the Bullock Lake property. As a member of the APC, Mr. Gilbert had, on many occasions, dealt with proposals

and applications with respect to the Bullock Lake property. In 1984, as trustee, he refused to deal with a Bullock Lake property subdivision application that used the rural-zoned lake bottom for averaging, saying the lake was zoned Water A. He didn't even have the common courtesy to explain his change of mind.

On several occasions, he suffered loss of memory when asked to provide details about the historical involvement of the trustee or the APC. He refused to provide any details and, as a result, the developer suffered a costly delay.

Mr. Gilbert appears as the only common thread throughout the period and it exemplifies his ability to deal with issues in an arbitrary, flip-flop nature.

With respect to the M&B lands, in our meetings with trustees Byrne and Gilbert, both said a transfer of density in similarly-zoned properties, required a rezoning. I asked them to demonstrate that opinion; neither could.

I wrote to the trust asking for a formal clarification. The reply from planner Dave Morris includes no reference to rezoning, but states: the important point appears to be what is acceptable to the approving officer (department of highways) and/or the Registrar of Titles in terms of the description of lands (parcel) being subdivided.

This opinion demonstrates that local trustees over-stepped their mandate by insisting that I must rezone the property when, in fact, it's none of their concern.

With respect to the letter to the editor by Mr. Gilbert, in March 19 issue; Mr. Gilbert says more jobs would be encouraged and supported in terms of local manufacturing and firewood production; that the recent proposal was to subdivide the area to lots of five acres and more, which effectively removes thousands of acres from productive forest; and that our proposal is to rezone suitable areas

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Hold-the-line budget depends on uncertainties

VICTORIA — If the B.C. economy grows by four per cent this year, as forecast by Finance Minister Hugh Curtis in his budget speech, the government's 1986-87 fiscal plan may stand up to the test of time.

But if the economy suffers only a slight relapse, the government may find itself in serious trouble.

The budget has been called painless. It is. There were no nasty surprises in it, no tax increases, no severe reductions in ministry spending, no restraint measures whatsoever.

And that's what makes this budget so vulnerable to economic winds that may blow unexpectedly evil.

All the budget forecasts are based on a growth of the gross provincial product of four per cent in 1986. For a province that has barely begun to climb out of the recession, that's very optimistic.

We have virtually no assurance that the four-per-cent goal will be achieved. Last year, the U.S.

economy grew by only 2.3 per cent. The economic growth of the entire industrial world was less than three per cent.

But the government was in a bind. With an election on the horizon, there was no way the Socreds could impose significant tax increases to keep the deficit in check. That left the only alternative — revenues based on growth.

On paper, the budget doesn't look half bad. The deficit is kept to \$875 million, which brings British Columbia's total debt to more than \$4 billion. Servicing that debt, by the way, costs B.C. taxpayers more than \$1 million a day.

The trickle-down theory remains the cornerstone of the government's fiscal policy. There are no direct benefits in the budget for the proverbial little guy, only for business. The hope is that what's good for business will eventually turn out to be good for all of us.

More money will be spent on health and education, but rather

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by

Hubert Beyer

than increasing the general budget for these ministries, the government resorted to a little trick. It established special funds to finance increased spending in these areas — the *Excellence in Education* fund and the *Health Improvement* fund.

Aside from their propaganda value, the funds mean very little. Both the education and the health-care system had fallen behind so badly as a result of restraint measures that increased spending had become absolutely essential.

All of which leaves us with a budget that is extremely conservative and overly optimistic at the same time.

With that in mind, I suspect this is the last budget from the Socreds before the next election. They won't take a chance of seeing the whole thing come apart.

Claims that things will not turn out as well as predicted by Curtis are already being reinforced by the latest developments in the Canada-U.S. lumber dispute.

On the day Curtis brought down his budget, jubilant U.S. congressmen emerged from a 'lumber summit' in Washington, D.C., saying Canadian negotiators were walking around 'shellshocked' because of the vigor with which the Americans had made their case.

Several U.S. congressmen, leading the battle against Canada over our lumber exports to the United States, said the U.S. administration will take a harder line against Canada.

The U.S. lumber industry claims that our federal and provincial stumpage fees are so low they constitute an unfair subsidy.

The Canadian side says the U.S. industry's problems are the result of inefficiency and the strong U.S. dollar.

The outcome of that battle alone could ruin Curtis' hold-the-line budget. Any number of other factors, including a stronger Canadian dollar, a weaker U.S. economy, or a new round of inflation, could further contribute to his woes.

But I'm sure I'm not telling the Socreds anything they don't know, which explains why the budget didn't have any goodies for you and me.

That's why there was no money in the budget for increased welfare rates. That's why homeowner grants weren't increased. And that's why the personal income tax rate remained the same.

That's why spending will be increased only in areas where it could not be avoided, such as health and education.

Oz land?

Sir,

A friend pointed out to me that I had not written to you in some time. Well, here goes.

We can begin right here on Salt Spring with a look at our upcoming *Wizard of Oz* production. And here is Dorothy being told by Aunt Em to go and find a place where she could not get into trouble. Somewhere far away, somewhere over the rainbow.

I was thinking of the troubled state here on our planet at this time—famine, terrorism, deforestation, toxic waste, new diseases, genetic manipulation, nuclear power bombs aimed everywhere. We all need a trip to Oz. Here, solutions to these critical issues can be seen in and with a new perspective.

The astronauts have given us a literal symbol of this vantage point. They have touched a universal chord in men and women around the world, recounting their personal experience, camaraderie, awe, respect and even love when viewing the world from above or over the rainbow.

One has some personal altitude when not embroiled in the turmoil and conflict at hand. The larger fact of oneness and shared responsibility for this beautiful planet becomes apparent. In these rare moments of personal clarity, we all know instinctively that survival and harmony can only occur when there is respect and concern for the whole. At these times we have the internal positioning to translate this altitude in immediate, practical ways. This is called wisdom. Here is the Wizard.

Must we all have to be physically launched into outer space to rise above pettiness, self-centredness and myopic vision? This transcendent vantage point is possible now to each one of us if we view our own circumstances as a whole world for which we are responsible. My world, the people and circumstances that make it up, needs my care and perspective vision. I am responsible for sensing how it all fits together, for facilitating the creative release in all things that come to me.

Viewing so-called important people on TV, in newspapers and in magazines can unconsciously deliver the message that all the action is "out there," that other people who are more significant than me are responsible for the

world's problems and solutions. There is this illusion that I am playing my part by merely being informed and having a strong opinion about everything. If I look at war and peace as originating somewhere else — unrelated to the quality of interaction I have with my family, grocery clerks, co-workers, etc. — I am overlooking the only realm where I have first-hand responsibility. Ordinary people handling their affairs in an extraordinary way.

Over the rainbow is this space in me that is clear of hatred, accusation and blame. Here springs the understanding, stability, original thinking and necessary altitude by which creative approaches to world problems may finally come. And we arrive back in Kansas to protect and care for our home.

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges.

Technology

Sir,

Within our lifetimes, nature appears to have lost its dominance over man. Technology has provided us with the semblance of control. Speed, power, noise, and a machine subject to our will, can be exhilarating, be it a car, an aircraft, or a motor boat.

We are giving up our fields and pastures at an accelerating rate, to provide pavement for highways and landing fields. We are giving up the silence of our forests and skies to accommodate the chain saw, the car, and the aircraft.

And now we are faced with giving up the serenity of our lakes, that the motor boat may race from end to end and displace the waterfowl and canoe; (these had somehow learned to respect the presence of the other, without competing).

Why? Many residents of Salt Spring are now questioning the wisdom of this indulgent technology replacing nature. A lake such as St. Mary represents more than fresh, potable drinking water. It reflects the seasons and the mood of the sky. It echoes the sounds of geese and grebes. Its surface moves in rhythm with every breeze and gale. Motor boats quickly usurp all of these values.

With these thoughts in mind, I attended a pre-hearing investigation in North Vancouver last week. I added the support of the Islands

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Trust in favour of the motor boat ban, to the arguments presented by your water districts and water preservation society. Please help them to defend your lake.

I have enjoyed water skiing and have spent thousands of hours fishing from motor boats. Now I think it is time to draw the line.
NICK GILBERT,
Ganges.

Task force

Sir,

The Ganges Creek Task Force has been set up by the Islands Trust to study the problem of flooding and control of runoff along Ganges and Swanson Creeks.

The Task Force will be consulting with all the affected property owners and the general public before finalizing their recommendations to the Islands Trust.

At present, any and all ideas that have been presented are in the concept stage only.

For more information, contact the following: Pat Byrne, or Lou Fraser (Chairperson, Ganges Creek Task Force).

LOU FRASER,
Ganges.

Election

Sir,

As we approach an upcoming provincial election, I am compelled to write regarding the constituency of Saanich and the Islands.

The decision has been made that Saanich and the Islands will elect two MLAs in the next elections. That means each party is entitled to field two candidates and that the riding will be represented by two MLAs, similar to Victoria where Gordon Hanson and Robin Blencoe represent one constituency. Indeed, Saanich and the Island NDP candidates Carol Pickup and David Vickers have been nominated since November 30, 1985.



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I hope that local newspapers and periodicals will do their part by informing the public of this change in Saanich and the Islands.

VAN BUCHANAN,
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Dangerous

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for small-lot subdivision clusters. My response to the letter is that I am aware of a situation where a group of islanders who had a government grant in hand sought his support to direct them to a spot so they could go to work; the task simply required a spot to get started. Apparently, he was very slow to react to their needs.

The present zoning of most of the M & B land is uplands and forest. As I understand it, the use prohibits manufacturing, which I suppose literally includes firewood.

Simple mathematics says that five acres times 86 lots equals 430 acres, not thousands of acres, as suggested.

Small lot subdivisions require, among other things, "community potable water." In view of the sworn affidavit by Mike Larmour, an ex-trustee and director of the North Salt Spring Island Water District, which says Salt Spring is a semi-arid climate and that we have a severe water shortage, how can you suggest such a plan?

In conclusion, I suggest that the Island Trustees are elected by all of the people to administer the official community plan in a fair, honest and consistent manner. That job may, from time to time, require the making of fair decisions without public referendum. The need for public referendum is founded on the premise that a proposed land use does not conform to the official community plan.

Fairness does not demand popularity, as many real problems need real solutions. For the APC, or Trustees to try to blackmail or extort concessions from a proposal that conforms to the official community plan is wrong. Politicians who hide behind the guise that every issue requires open public debate are unrealistic, unprofessional and dangerous.

MURRAY CYPRUS,
Ganges.

Horse potatoes

Sir, So Nick Gilbert would like to see cluster type developments according to his letter of three weeks ago.

Horse potatoes! Where does he live, Los Angeles? He has certainly lost my vote.

When are people here going to wake up instead of being led like sheep into being squawking pawns in other peoples' power plays? (Mr. Netboy immediately comes to mind.)

In studying my copy of Mr. Vickers' speech, it appears that he was privy to information that was between Mr. Cyprus and the Islands Trust and no one else. I suspect that when Nick Gilbert and the trust realized that Mr. Cyprus wasn't required to give them large parcels of land because of the rural nature of his development plans, they went crying straight to the NDP.

It reeks of a breach of trust on the part of Gilbert and the Islands Trust.

Why should Mr. Cyprus wish to part with a couple of hundred acres if he's not required to by law? Most of us can't afford 200 acres, let alone give it away. Mr. Cyprus is a businessman, not a people's appointed philanthropist.

He very simply out-manoeuvred and outfoxed the Trust.

Now Mr. Gilbert says he would like to see cluster type

developments. Horse potatoes again. Nick wasn't elected because islanders want cluster developments. We want the Trust to preserve the rural nature of our islands. Mr. Cyprus offered well-laid-out rural lots of five acres and larger, requiring no new roads to be built. To my way of thinking, that suits the community plan a lot better than what Mr. Gilbert says he now wants.

Let's call a spade a spade. If Mr. Cyprus went for clustered lots he'd have to trade off land for the necessary zoning required.

Mr. Gilbert obviously doesn't like being out-manoeuvred. That he is willing to sacrifice the rural nature of our island to satisfy his ego is unpardonable. It is in my opinion a gross misuse of power and elected position.

Quite frankly, I feel his days as a trustee here are numbered.

In conversations with other island businessmen, it has come to light that this apparently isn't Mr. Gilbert's first time in using these type of tactics. I am truly disappointed in his execution of duty.

R.P. DICKSON
Ganges

Outstanding

Sir, Island trustees Pat Byrne and Nick Gilbert provided an excellent review of a number of issues of key and current importance to Salt Spring Islanders last Thursday evening at the high school.

Nick Gilbert's presentation of ideas for alternative uses of the Macmillan-Bloedel tree farm properties, now on the open market, was particularly outstanding.

Ideas of merit, such as this, deserve wide public discussion and strong support, particularly in view of MacMillan-Bloedel's clear determination to sell these properties, some 4,800 acres of Salt Spring Island tree farm land, in the very near future.

In a letter I received from MacMillan-Bloedel last week, the company indicated a desire to maintain "good contacts with Islands Trust" and to continue "discussions about possible development" of the lands. However, MacMillan-Bloedel only commits itself to the extent that "prospective buyers are being referred to Islands Trust."

This is a positive, but hardly a giant, step forward. Whoever purchases these properties will still be under no legal obligation to look beyond their need for continued corporate, private and/or personal "cash flows", to the protection of Salt Spring Island's forest lands, watersheds, wildlife and diminishing wilderness resources.

Somehow, we must challenge their assumptions and lead them to alternatives that will satisfy their objectives and ours. Not an easy task. Yet, as experience has proved, the time to ask questions is not the morning after; changes are taking place, developments are not going to wait. The "morning-after" will be too late.

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Editor's note: The following is a preliminary draft of the Gulf Island Woodlands Management Association's goals and objectives.

The Woodlands Association is committed to the economic and employment potential on the Gulf Islands, which can be achieved and sustained through the practice of intensive forest management of the existing private and public woodlands.

The association's goals are:

- resolve matters of community land use, government legislation and taxation incentives for intensive forest management of private lands;
- establish a master inventory and management plan towards sustained yields and

long term supply contracts;

- educate and change public attitudes and values regarding good forest management practices and compatible recreational and wildlife enhancement of public and private woodlands;
- represent small woodland owners as well as large owners with respect to regional planning issues;
- create and enhance employment and income opportunities through increased quantity and quality of the forest resource, as well as sustained secondary processing of higher added value wood products;
- promote market research and development of local hardwoods and other secondary products for local and regional markets; and

• attract the involvement of interested private land owners, contractors, suppliers and other concerned agencies and individuals.

The association's objectives are:

- provide information services and self-help workshops on woodlands management;
- provide support services and assistance to small woodlands owners and public lands;
- develop a marketing and sales organization to co-ordinate and competitively market forest products at a fair price;
- develop an approved contractor and support services system for members based on an understanding of intensive forest management practices and quality of service;

• develop or encourage the development of secondary processing facilities for higher added value products;

• form links with other woodlands management associations in B.C., Canada, the U.S. and internationally, for information and expertise;

• lobby for income and land tax incentives for long term intensive forest management commitments by private land owners;

• encourage participation of MacMillan-Bloedel, Weldwood and Texada in intensive forest management practices and use of local contractors and support services; and

• research low capital, small scale practices, available equipment and supplies.

Woodlot operators hoping

Bright forest future in the cards?

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hit the market, demand will take off."

He said production of 175,000 cubic metres a year, on a sustained-yield bases, would require management of about 6,000 acres of forest. Salt Spring currently has 19,000 acres of timbered land, including about 8,000 acres owned by three forest companies.

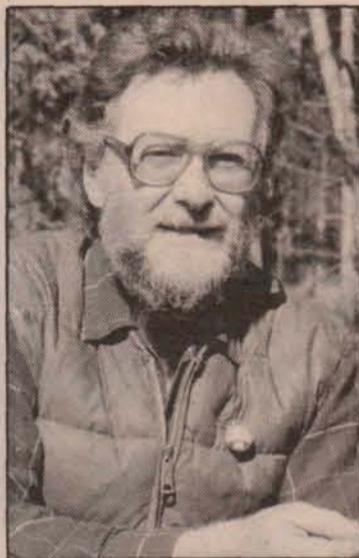
"The opportunity we have is that so much of the land is held privately," Renaud said, adding that one of the first steps the woodlot operator's association must take is to inventory the holdings of its members and determine the condition of stands.

From there, a management strategy can be formulated to meet whatever goals the operator's association decides it will aim for. Supplying a furniture manufacturing industry, he cautions, is only one option.

"It's food for thought," Renaud said. "It's only one strategy we could pursue."

The long-term thrust of the association, he explained, will be whatever its members decide. The organization could confine itself to an information role, lobbying for tax changes, pursuing government funds for forest management programs, or training of woodlot management skills, marketing of timber — or all of the above.

No matter what direction is taken, however, Renaud said drafting of management plans for individual woodlots has to be a priority. "We can give prescriptions on how to treat the woodlands to increase yield, as well as for other uses, like recreation, wildlife and grazing," he said.



Ken Renaud

"We're going to be dealing with woodlands in various stages — some will be first growth, some will be second-growth, some will need a lot of work."

Once those stands are at a common management level, he said, entering into long-term supply contracts becomes a definite possibility.

"That's the macro level, a few years down the road," he said. "Right now, we're just at the micro level — like managing a small lot for firewood."

The first step to decide the association's direction will be taken April 9, when the organiza-

tion's 30 members meet to elect a steering committee. (Nominated are Renaud as president, Gerry Blom as vice-president, Beth Hill as secretary and Jim Fogarty as treasurer. Nine members-at-large are also to be elected).

The meeting will circulate a questionnaire to inventory the timber holdings of association members and identify the services members want the organization to provide. In addition, the meeting will be asked to consider a statement of goals and objectives.

Also on the agenda are two speakers — Fred Marshall, the head of Malaspina College's forestry program, who helped form the Kettle Valley woodlot association, and Robert Lang, the director of a private skills and industrial development school in Victoria. Lang also sits on the federal government committee striving to launch a B.C. furniture-manufacturing industry.

The meeting, to be held at the Farmer's Institute beginning at 7:30 pm, will also attempt to answer some questions members have raised about taxation issues, land tenure and small-scale equipment acquisition.

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Nominations will not be accepted from the floor. To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 19 years of age or older and a ratepayer of the District in good standing.

Nomination Forms available at the District Office.
M. Larmour, Secretary



Workmen hoist lines across Rainbow Road to ensure house they helped move will clear the

obstacle. Similar problems arose throughout last week's journey through Salt Spring streets and

onto Upper Ganges Road. Removing part of house's roof made matter slightly easier.

Volunteers build new bus shelter for area children

A blue stripe encircling a bus shelter constructed recently on Burgoyne Bay Road should give users a clue to the identity of its builders.

One hint: the blue stripe is also found on Salt Spring Log Sorting's main building at Burgoyne Bay, its office at Fulford, and the telephone pole standing in front of company owner Pat Corneille's house on Fulford-Ganges Road.

The bus shelter was Corneille's idea, launched after he saw "a lot of kids standing out in the rain and snow last winter." A few friends and employees of Cowichan Marine Service got together and, with material supplied by Texada Logging (of which Salt Spring Log Sorting is a subsidiary), built the structure.

The shelter serves two school bus routes — one going to Fulford, the other to Ganges. Corneille says he has yet to receive any feedback from the children the shelter was built for, since he is not home when it is used, but believes it is appreciated.

And he hopes the project will influence other island groups. "It's time to get the kids out of the rain."

House-movers manage despite 'tight squeeze'

Special permits and extra care were needed to relocate a downtown Ganges building last week.

The building, a two-storey house, was moved from a lot on Hereford Avenue to property on Upper Ganges Road after it was purchased by Pat Baker.

The relocation, contracted to Nickel Brothers, a house-moving firm based in the lower mainland, went smoothly — but not before special steps were taken to ensure ease of moving.

Company partner Ron Nickel told *Driftwood* the width of the house, coupled with relatively narrow Salt Spring roads, led movers to seek special permission from Victoria for a daylight relocation.

"We knew it was going to be tight," he said, explaining that movers wanted the advantage of daylight for better vision at narrow spots.

At one point on Rainbow Road, the truck carrying the house

inched forward while two men atop the building held up power pole cables spanning the road. A few feet later, part of the house's eaves were trimmed before the load could fit between poles on opposite sides of the road.

Nickel said the height of power pole cables forced the company to remove the house's roof before the move. The roof will now be rebuilt.

Nickel, who noted most house moves take place at night to minimize inconvenience to the public, said it took several months before his company could secure special permission from Victoria for a daylight operation. Permits and assistance were also needed from the police, B.C. Tel and B.C. Hydro.

The two utility companies were on hand to move power or telephone lines if necessary. One week before the move, three power poles on Upper Ganges Road also had to be moved.

Highways input sought

Island Trust representatives Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne are trying to arrange a "working agreement" with the provincial highways ministry.

At a public meeting called by the trustees last week, Byrne said a lack of input into the ministry's local paving plans exposed a need for greater consultation.

He recalled that when the ministry unveiled its paving plans, trustees and other local citizens noted some "significant problems." For instance, parts of downtown Ganges waiting for

underground services were to be paved over, with the work later ripped up.

Unfortunately, Byrne continued, tenders for the paving work were let before consultation could take place, but local input did manage to arrange some changes.

"We are trying to prevent a recurrence," Byrne said. "We are trying to get some kind of working agreement in the hope we can come to you with these plans in the future."

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If you've seen one island, you've seen them all

By FRANK RICHARDS

But of course, all islands are the same! You've seen one: you've seen 'em all!

The fallacy is glaring in the case of Gabriola. I spent a weekend on the island off Nanaimo and there were so many features in common with Salt Spring Island that the difference between the two was the more apparent.

In vegetation, development, potential and contour, Gabriola is completely different. However, in terms of its ferry vessel and the long-standing feud between north and south, the smaller island is reminiscent of Salt Spring.

On Friday and Saturday, the Islands Trust council sat in deliberation at Gabriola Community Hall. I sat and listened.

I was fortunate in having for a guide the historian of Gabriola, June Harrison, who kept me informed in a pronounced Cardiganshire accent which readily identifies her as a Welshwoman. It was June who explained that the island was developed during the past century when the gentry settled at one end of the long island and the workers chose the other. It was I who found the similarity with Salt Spring Island.

Historian Harrison is also Reporter Harrison. She writes for the *Flying Shingle*, Gabriola's newsheet.

Approach to the island is by way of the *Quinsam*, a photocopy of the *Quinita*, although, I learned, a slightly enlarged copy. So similar are the two vessels that when a young Gabriolan lady posted notices on the *Quinsam*, she was indignant that all had been removed. Hers was the mistake:



Early morning sun burns fog from Ganges Harbour

the ships had switched for maintenance reasons and the notices she missed were in dock with the *Quinsam*.

The Gabriola ship is operated by the ministry of highways and the return cost was about \$7.50 for a car and driver and passenger. The distance from Nanaimo is close to the same as the run from Fulford to Swartz Bay.

The ferry terminal on the island offers a car parking area and a pub. A mile or so away is a liquor store and small shopping centre, with other stores and services a mile or two further up the island.

I found a post office, a garage, a library, two fire halls and a modern community hall.

The island roads are in the throes of change and I didn't get stuck once. The highways ministry appears to be planting daffodils where the black pavement used to be. One long section of road was like a quagmire. On the other side of the highway ledger are the small bays set off the scenic roads to permit a tourist to pull off the road to admire or photograph the views. The same procedure is offered where a community mail box is located.

The golf course appeared to be competing as a swimming pool in places. Under the brilliant sunshine of Saturday, the island was paradise to the 1,600 or so islanders and not a voice was

raised in anger.

There is, alas, anger among Gabriolans. Like all islands and most of British Columbia, the political pot is seething as the populace is divided between Social Credit sympathy and New Democratic support. The two divergent philosophies are as evident on that island as anywhere else.

Like many other islands, Gabriola is sharply divided over a long-standing communications proposal. One segment of the community wants a bridge to the outside world. The other faction on the island is heatedly opposed to the proposal.

In the same mould as many

other islands, the community tends to identify the controversy with the political division. The bridge philosophy is identified with the right-wing element, while the opponents of a bridge are seen as NDP sympathizers.

Gabriola lies a stone's throw from Mudge Island, which is another stone's throw from Cedar, on Vancouver Island. Two comparatively short bridges would do the trick, assert the bridgers. Build a bridge and you no longer live on an island, counter the opponents.

The crux of the debate was reached when an opponent of bridges charged that such a link would terminate Gabriola's status of island. It would become a peninsula, stormed the critic.

Not at all, came the quick response. It would still be an island, but an island with a bridge.

For three days I was a resident of the Surf, a solid log building with a solid rustic character, enjoying the hospitality of Gabriola. For three days I drove around the island sampling the pattern of life. And after three days I found that it was not dissimilar to other islands, with its strife and controversy and its bonds and attractions.

After living on Salt Spring for 20 years I found the northerly island flatter, with a predominance on roadside of aspen-like deciduous growth. There seemed a greater number of smaller homes than on other islands, but this may be that there are more summer homes and fewer large-scale permanent homes than found on some other islands.

It was like returning home twice when we boarded the *Quinsam* for Nanaimo and Crofton. But there's no place like home!

Installed in United Church

Window scratches two-decade itch

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

Jack Clements is apologetic as he applies the finishing touches to a stained-glass window taking shape in his Vesuvius Bay workshop. In terms of craftsmanship, he argues, the window is not the apex of excellence. And as far as the works of some stained-glass practitioners on Salt Spring are concerned ... well, his effort can't hope to compete.

But Clements doesn't mind. You see, his window was never meant to be the ultimate in craftsmanship — it was designed to scratch an itch that first surfaced over 20 years ago.

The window is a memorial to Jack's father, Rev. Leslie Cowper Clements, a seafaring man who died in 1951 after serving in both world wars — in all three branches of the military — and as the chaplain to Branch 2 of the Royal Canadian Legion in New Westminster.

As such, the window combines both nautical and religious themes, using as its inspiration the logo designed for the World Council of Churches 1983 conference in Vancouver. It shows a ship — the ancient symbol of the church — cresting a wave, with a cross-shaped mast lit by the heavens. Above the ship is the word *oikoumene*, a classical Greek term meaning unity, togetherness in spirit, and universality.

Creating the window was not

enough to scratch the itch Jack Clements felt, however. Such a work, he says, needed "a place to be seen and looked after."

That place will be Ganges United Church, which plans to officially dedicate the window this Sunday, April 6. Jack's work will replace a plain, two-piece window and augment the Broadwell and Rowell memorial windows already installed.

Rev. Al Skinner says the church is delighted with the final work, which he calls both spectacular and breathtaking.

"It is a rare occasion to see a son designing and creating a traditional, stained-glass window in memory of his father," Rev. Skinner says. "The window will be highly treasured by the congregation now and for future generations."

Although the project has been in the back of his mind for two decades, Clements says he didn't have enough time to give it the attention it deserved until two years ago, when he retired from his Ganges health food business.

Shortly after, he approached Rev. Skinner with his window proposal and received encouragement. In between other workshop projects, Clements prepared preliminary and final design sketches for church approval. Actual construction began about one month ago.

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A stained-glass practitioner since taking a course 15 years ago, Clements said the window project proved to be both difficult and delicate, particularly since the design called for elimination of horizontal crossbars normally used for strength. Instead, he used a wire rebar strip hidden beneath the leading.

The size — three feet by six feet — was only slightly larger than other windows Clements has crafted, but he had never before attempted one in the traditional church shape, which calls for a pointed top. That consideration only added to the work, he indicates.

However, Clements has done enough other stained-glass windows to be equal to the task. He completed windows for the gables at the Vesuvius Pub and constructed the stained-glass depiction of a sailing ship on display in the pub's 'library.'

While he says those works — and the window just completed — pale in comparison to the quality produced by island craftsmen, he is just as proud of his window as others may be of theirs. And not because of degree of difficulty or technical perfection.

"I've made all kinds of windows," he says, "but none has given me this kind of satisfaction. The good feeling is that I'm making it for my father."



Jack Clements at work on mural

director's report

by
Hugh Borsman

I regret my unavoidable absence for many weeks this past three months, and now I will be taking a holiday for a few weeks, starting April 5. Could I again refer you to the alternate director, Mr. Ron McQuiggan, during my absence? He is fully aware of what is, and much of what will be, transpiring.

The Noise Bylaw

On March 25, a public meeting was held to attempt to finalize this bylaw. There was a good attendance, and again, there were useful amendments. Those attending were mostly those who had opposed the bylaw, but they were, none the less, tolerant and helpful. The revised bylaw has been submitted to the CRD planning section, which will have it reviewed by the lawyer. It will come before the regional board for consideration about April 23.

The neighbours of the Rod and Gun Club still wished to have restrictions placed on the activities of the club, but they will probably seek legal assistance for their attempts. Both this group, the gun club, and possibly others, may wish to address the regional board before that body makes a decision. Anyone wishing to speak should apply in writing at least one week before the meeting. Mr. McQuiggan will be able to confirm the date.

There was a general feeling at the meeting that in the event that the bylaw is either ineffective, or creates problems not now existing, that we would be "stuck" with it. An amendment was suggested asking for a further referendum in November, 1987. I believe that this cannot be part of the bylaw; if not I give my personal assurance that the public will have an opportunity to review the matter before the election in 1987.

Centennial Park Renovations

You will read in this issue of *Driftwood* about the drive to raise funds for the completion of renovations at Centennial Park. Could I ask all of you to lend your support to this worthwhile project. We need money, but also we need volunteer labour, and the enthusiasm of those who can supply neither. The various committees would hope that, in addition to individuals, organizations might sponsor some projects — no matter how small — to raise funds for this purpose. When completed, we hope this will be the start of a renovation of the whole of Ganges Village.

Ganges Sewer

Tenders will be called shortly for the addition of the 33 properties which will be included in the present defined area. This, you will recall, concerns properties around Desmond Crescent and Seaview Avenue. If any of the owners of these 33 properties have any questions, please contact Mr. McQuiggan. Mr. McQuiggan, incidentally, is the chairman of our local sewer board or commission, which will be formalized by a bylaw in the near future.



Peaceful moment

Easter peace vigil was held in St. Paul's Church, Fulford, from noon Friday to noon Saturday. Participants passed an hour or more in meditation, prayer or thought to promote world peace. In photo, organizer Gordon Sloan is seen reading in the historic church.

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Fund-raisers planned for park refurbishing

A three-pronged campaign is being launched to raise funds for Centennial Park refurbishing.

Organizers are hoping a series of bingo games, an auction and a mail appeal will bring in \$25,000 to help pay for completion of a bandshell, improved washroom facilities, extending the boardwalk, tree-planting and landscaping.

The committee in charge of the project has a \$25,000 lottery grant to help fund the work, but cannot touch that money until the community provides an additional \$25,000.

Fund-raising efforts get underway April 11 with the first in a series of six bingo games held once a week at the high school. Two games will take place on Saturdays, beginning at 2:30 pm, with the other four slated for Friday nights, starting at 7:30 pm.

The bingo offers a grand prize of a trip for two to Hawaii, plus gift certificates from local merchants, \$50 cash prizes and three-day passes to Expo.

Plans are also being made for an auction which would likely feature new merchandise as well as used items. It may also offer a trip for two to Reno or Las Vegas.

Bill McBay, chairman of the fund-raising committee, said organizational work is still underway, with a time, date and play yet to be worked out.

Also in the planning stage is a direct-mail appeal for tax-deductible donations, to be sent

to a limited number of Salt Spring households. The letters have been drafted and are expected to be mailed shortly.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, the island's representative to the Capital Regional District (CRD), said fund-raising will continue until the committee receives enough money to complete the Centennial Park project.

In a related matter, Borsman said a public meeting will be held shortly to explain some aspects of the project. McBay, for instance, has assumed responsibility for excavation work on the west side of the park, in preparation for creation of parking spaces there.

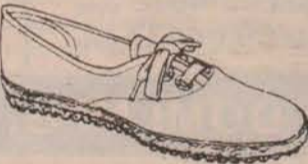
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Winter's wrath left some garden plants damaged

Having had an early Easter this year, it seems that we are expecting an early spring as well. So far the weather has provided a mix of sunshine and rain in such perfect proportion that the weeds have had a heyday in the garden. By the same token, so has the lawn, and without two successive dry days, the grass has been untouchable.

Grass that is wet shouldn't be cut as excessive tearing of the blades occurs when a regular rotary mower is used, and also some compaction and plant damage is inevitable. Once you can finally get onto the lawn safely, mow down the growth 50 per cent each week until you are leaving grass that is one and a half to two inches tall.

The past winter was rather severe on some shrubs and perennials, and now some of the damage is becoming evident, as a few fail to show any sign of life, and others are sprouting from their crowns or near their bases. Those that have resprouted down low should be cut back to just above an outward facing shoot or green bud. I notice that most hydrangeas fall into this category and are now issuing fresh green growth from wood that was protected by the snows in November when we had that killing freeze. Most likely, flowering will be lost or severely reduced as a consequence, but see it as a chance to reshape and groom those hydrangeas that had become too thin and open-centred.

Hydrangeas have blooms that are sensitive to soil conditions, in that they can have their colour changed by adding chemicals to the soil. If you want to have pink blooms then add two tablespoons of muriate of potash (0-0-50) to the soil around the base of the shrub twice a year — that is, now and again in mid to late June. Another way to induce pink coloration is to add a quarter cup of lime to the soil, or alternately, add a quarter cup of super-phosphate in the spring.

To effect a colour change to blue, you have to add two tablespoons of iron sulphate or aluminum sulphate to each square yard of soil at four week intervals. Repeat this only twice a year. If you find that you are too lazy, then

a single application of three-quarters of a pound per square yard, either raked in or dissolved first and then poured on all at once, in the early spring will accomplish the same results.

Aluminum sulphate and iron sulphate can also be used effectively to acidify soil for rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas, kalmia, blueberries and any other acid-soil loving plant. Use the same rates as recommended for hydrangeas, and use the same timing for applications.

If you are using peat moss as a topdressing to improve the soil condition for these acid-loving plants, apply a thin layer no more than one and a half inches deep. These plants have shallow feeder roots that must remain near to the surface in order to be effective. Avoid disturbing these roots — don't do any heavy raking when

your garden

by
Chris Schmah

applying peatmoss, fertilizer or any other amendment. Peat moss should be applied at the rate of one four-cubic-foot bale for every 400 square feet of bed area to be covered.

A few other pertinent facts should also be mentioned. Most manure can be applied to acid-lovers if there is lots of straw or sawdust incorporated to provide some acidification. The one exception is mushroom manure, because it is alkaline in PH and will harm the fine roots. Don't use it on your rhodies, etc.

Earlier, we were talking about the use of acidifiers as a soil amendment, and at this time I'd like to mention two others that make effective PH reducers. The use of straight sulphur— that is, either flowers or sulphur or sulphur flour — can be applied at the rate of two pounds per 100 square feet to bring down the pH by .5. Sulphur flour is slow to react and lasts fairly long in the soil, which is great for those rhodies and azaleas.

The other group of acidifiers are the nitrogenous fertilizers. When you use a nitrogen fertilizer, the breakdown of the chemicals generates soil acidity and if you don't want the pH to change, then it necessitates the use of lime to compensate. If, on the other hand, you want to reduce the pH, then apply ammonium sulphate at the rate of five pounds per one hundred square feet, to effect a

drop of 1.0 in the pH. Other nitrogen fertilizers have a similar effect, but vary in their acidifying ability.

Because rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, etc., like acid soils, we can't use lime as a source of calcium, yet all plants need to get regular feedings of calcium in these coastal soils because virtually all of it is rapidly leached down out of the root's reach. Take heart, because there is a very good natural calcium source, namely gypsum, also known as calcium sulphate. Its breakdown in the soil doesn't bring about any change in the soil pH, and so it can be applied annually to the soil surface at the rate of eight ounces per square yard of bed area.

Well, I think that I've just about unloaded all of the soil chemistry that is pertinent at this time of year and, hopefully it will help you to grow happier, healthier plants.

Forestry agreement explained to trustees

By **FRANK RICHARDS**

When the Islands Trust council met at Gabriola recently, they were offered an outline of the joint provincial-federal forestry development agreement.

John Burch, of the Canadian Forestry Service, gave trustees an outline of the program offered to landowners who want to develop the timber production of their forests.

The speaker was referring to that part of the Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement (1985-1990) which is applicable to private land. This particular program is delivered by the federal forestry.

The speaker was introduced by the chairman, Mike Humphries.

Taxation in this province urges owner to clear land, explained Humphries. If the owner of land applies logging practices other than clearing, his land is assessed as forest and the taxes go up four-fold, warned the chairman.

"Best thing is to cut it all down," he said.

There are other problems facing the industry, explained Burch.

Condition of timber stock a concern

Forest land is disappearing as other uses encroach. Forests give way to hydro, highways and many other intrusions, he warned.

He referred to the agreement between the two governments. It was drawn up to enable Victoria and Ottawa to jointly and individually undertake measures to renew and improve the forest resources of the province.

Some environmentalists have seen it as too small a contribution, he admitted. The agreement provides for a maximum expenditure on the program of \$300,000, shared between the two governments.

First call on the new agreement will be an effort to straighten up the forest by intensive reforestation of inadequately restocked areas. Survey, seed production and improved procedures will be undertaken under the program.

The direct approach to

landowners is addressed to proprietors of woodlots and small holdings who are least acquainted with forest management strategies.

The owner of the small holding may enter into an agreement with the two governments whereby part of the costs are shared by those governments.

The land involved must be at least 20 hectares, or 49 acres, and must be owned by the participant in the program. This would preclude many owners in the islands, where a 20 hectare property is a large one.

The agreement is written for a 15-year period. In the Ontario agreement, this period is for 10 years. The program is addressed to good and medium growing sites.

"If we are asked for assistance on a poor site in the islands, we would probably decline it," said Burch.

The landowner agrees to contribute not less than 20 per cent

of the cost of the project, and must offer a complete and accurate summary of his program.

Humphries suggested that many private landowners are unaware of the costs and potential revenues, while others are unwilling to commit themselves to a 15-year contract without some awareness of the potential revenue.

The agreement is not applicable to groups of properties, said the forester, but the owners can form a company and enter into an agreement by that means.

Among the information offered by the speaker was the summary of the agreement and the review of forest land and forests in the province. The two governments forecast a long-term rising market for the forestry industry.

The condition of the forests affords concern. The industry is based on the harvest of a standing crop of old-growth timber and the younger forests may contain less volume when they come to be harvested. Further increases in forest management and renewal will help to alleviate this shortfall.

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Anthony Netboy Author earns honours from salmon society

Who is Anthony Netboy? Winner of the 1986 annual award given by the North Pacific International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, that's who.

The award, given in the name of well-known B.C. writer Roderick Haig-Brown, was awarded to Netboy recently for his contributions to salmon conservation over the last 30 years.

Netboy, a Ganges resident, is the author of five books and over 100 articles on salmon published in magazines and journals in the U.S., Britain and France.

His books are: *Salmon of the Pacific Northwest: Fish vs. Dams* (1958); *The Atlantic Salmon: A Vanishing Species* (1968), *The Salmon: Their Fight For Survival* (1974); *Salmon: The World's Most Harassed Fish* (1980); and *The Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Trout: Their Fight For Survival* (1980).

Netboy has also lectured on the status of salmon fisheries in England, Scotland, Canada and the U.S. *National Fisherman* called him "one of the world's reigning authorities on salmon."

A retired professor of English who taught in the Oregon State System of Higher Education, in Portland, from 1966 to 1971, he and his wife Elizabeth first came to Salt Spring in 1959. In 1981, the couple built a home on Scott Point. He is currently writing his memoirs and articles on English literature.

Over to you, Bill Luker.

Petition seeks birth of improved library

A petition asking residents to support a regional library is being circulated in the Gulf Islands.

The petition, brought forth by an independent group of Ganges residents, asks the local school board to hold a referendum on bringing the Vancouver Island Regional Library service to the Gulf Islands.

Wayne Taylor, one of the residents who initiated the petition, says the request for the referendum was brought before the school board a few years ago but was tabled until regional library supporters could come up with 500 signatures on a petition.

The Salt Spring Island Library is financed by government grants and private donations and is run by a society of volunteers. The Salt Spring Library Board is the governing body.

A regional library would be financed through taxation. Mary Lou Cuddy, librarian for the Cowichan branch in Duncan, says the average cost of a regional library is \$9 per person per year — but Gulf Islands residents may have to pay more as property assessments are higher in the Gulf Islands. The fee, says Cuddy, is nominal compared to library charges in other districts.

"The Vancouver Island Regional Library is the cheapest one in B.C. If you were living in Victoria, for example, you would pay more," she says.

The petition says Gulf Islanders can obtain regional library services for the "purchase cost of one moderately priced hard-bound book per capita per year."

Merle Sheffield, chairman of the library board, says she cannot comment on the petition from the standpoint of a board member without consulting other board members and without getting all the information. In a personal sense, she says "it (the regional library) will be a burden economically on the community. The petition says the cost per capita will only be the cost of a medium-sized book. I think that's a little optimistic."

The petitioners' main grievances with the current library system are lack of services and limited hours of operation. Bill Underwood, librarian at Gulf Islands Secondary School, says a library run by volunteers is not able to provide professional standards of operation.

"Without saying this with snobbery — there are profession-

al standards which really work. There's a whole range of programs — book reviews, reference systems — which really come together with professional standards," he says. Underwood says a regional library would have access to a large collection of materials through the inter-library loan program. As well, other programs — children's story hour, large-print books, reference services and extended hours, for instance — would be available.

The Vancouver Island Regional Library is a co-operative system of 35 branch libraries with over 500,000 books, 75,000 paperbacks and 3,000 magazine subscriptions, says Cuddy. Books and magazines are entered into a computer catalogue system and, if a book is not available at the local library, it can be called up through the request system. She says it takes an average of two to three weeks to fill a request.

She says a regional library gives "an in-depth and wider breadth of a collection of resources. If people come to me, it's not because they have anything against their public library — it's because their own library doesn't seem to offer enough."

She adds: "A small community library just can't do it on their own."

Fishing action concentrated in other waters

Gulf Island waters are relatively quiet these days as rock cod fishing is the only sizeable commercial activity open in the area, says Bob Tupniak, federal fisheries officer in Duncan.

Herring fishing was closed this year due to low stock levels in the southern coastal areas and the herring fleet moved northwards to the Queen Charlottes and Prince Rupert shores. However Tupniak says there is some specialized fishing — i.e., scallops and shellfish — being done off the shores of Mayne Island.

Tupniak says it's a good time for dredging shellfish as there is no red tide warning. Red tide is a dangerous toxin in algae that sometimes is ingested by shellfish. He says the toxin is filtered through some types of shellfish — crabs and shrimps — so not all shellfish are affected.

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Zoning amendment sought to correct plan 'oversight'

A zoning bylaw amendment may give a Fernwood property the "legal status it deserves."

William and Doris De Long, who own property on Fernwood Road, brought the rezoning application before the last meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC). The De Longs wish to change the zoning of their Fernwood property from rural (R1) to multi-family dwelling in order to amend non-conforming status given to the property by a 1971 bylaw.

Yvette Valcourt, who was speaking on behalf of the De Longs, told the APC that an oversight in the zoning bylaw left 85 properties — including the De Long land — non-conforming to the community plan.

Because the property is non-conforming, she said, four cabins sitting on the land cannot be insured, and could not be rebuilt if they were destroyed. The couple is having difficulty selling the property because potential buyers realize their investment could not be protected.

Valcourt added that William De Long is elderly, in poor health and unable to maintain the property.

APC member Phil Swift responded to the request for multi-family zoning for the property by saying the designation would not be desirable since the owner could then strata-title or subdivide the land. The alternative, he said, would be to amend the 1971 bylaw or create a separate zoning for the property.

Valcourt told *Driftwood* that amending the bylaw would be "asinine," as it would allow reconstruction of "any little shack or covered hut capable of being shelter".

APC chairman David Williams said any new construction would still have to conform to current building standards.

Valcourt said that giving the property a multi-family zoning would not threaten increased construction because sewer restrictions would not permit another building.

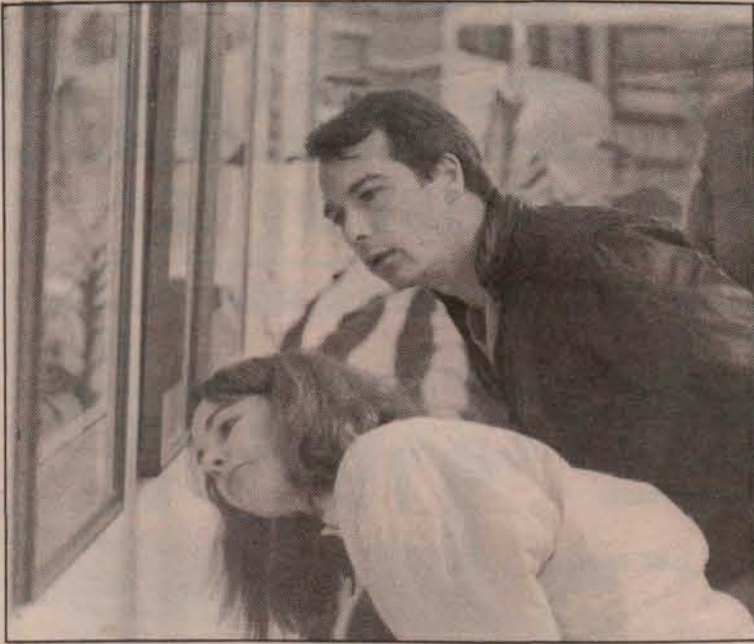
She noted that the Hereford Avenue apartments, which were also given non-conforming status in the 1971 community plan, have since been given a multiple-family designation.

She told *Driftwood* that the De Longs bought the property "in good faith" and have a right to receive legal status for the property.

"We're merely acting to legalize — to correct the error in 1971 so that the owner can sell the

cabins and retire in peace," she said. "He has the right to retire and live off what he's entitled to."

The motion to recommend a bylaw amendment was tabled until the next APC meeting, set for April 1.



Showtime

Opening of Showcase 86 brought crowd of art-lovers to Ganges on Saturday. At top, unidentified couple seeks new insight into a painting on display while, at bottom, Richard Blagborne and his son, Christian, admire the craftsmanship evident in chair built by Illyd Perkins. Showcase continues, until April 14, at Salt Spring Art Gallery and Off Centre Stage.

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Help for the infirmed eyed on Salt Spring

Help could be on the way for elderly — and ailing — Salt Spring residents.

HELP — the Health Emergency Line Program — is being studied by regional district director Dr. Hugh Borsman. If the program is feasible, and if community support surfaces, it could be in place here by summer.

HELP consists of electronic signalling equipment installed in the homes of frail or "at risk" people and linked to a central receiving station, like a hospital. Should users suffer medical problems, they can signal the station for help. The program also checks with users every 24 hours.

Borsman, who noted HELP is ideal for people in poor health who live alone, believes the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the provincial government could provide two-thirds of the funding needed to launch the program. The remainder would have to come from the community.

Establishing a base system for about 10 users would cost about \$7,000 and additional signalling units would cost about \$400 each, he said. The central station equipment would be capable of accommodating 999 users, he added.

Borsman has contacted the island's doctors and asked them to estimate the number of potential Salt Spring residents that would be served by the program. From there, a cost estimate can be prepared and representation made to the CRD and the province.

Should the program be established here, Borsman said Salt Spring would serve as a trial for setting up a HELP station in the greater Victoria area. "It would be a trial run here, with a few dozen users as opposed to a few thousand in Victoria," he said.

HELP, first organized in Innisfail, Alberta, in 1984, would need financial as well as moral community support to become established on Salt Spring. As well as donations of money, it would require donated hours by volunteers who would monitor in-house units.

Borsman said that if community support materializes, it would still take several months to order and set up equipment and provide training for personnel.

He said that anyone interested in more information about the program should contact alternate CRD director Ron McQuiggan.



Susan Cogan

Island singer set to appear in April show

Off-Centre Stage will present a series of events highlighting Showcase '86, the exhibition of local artwork which opened Saturday, March 29, and which runs until April 14.

Showcase is open daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at both Off-Centre Stage and the Salt Spring Gallery (above the post office). Everyone is welcome to come in, enjoy the exhibits and have coffee or tea.

Off-Centre Stage also offers some distinctive, original local entertainment. On Thursday, April 4 at 8 p.m., a concert with Susan Cogan will be presented.

On April 11, Islanders will have the opportunity to take in a local, original music night featuring Oscar Riley, Caroline Rhine, Keith McHattie and surprise special guests.

On April 12, there will be a party to end Showcase, featuring local jazz.

On April 13, an evening of poetry will be presented, featuring acclaimed Canadian poet Robert Billings.

tion, would win one of a number of prizes including a mini-vacation in the Comox Valley (approximate value \$120) or a certificate for a "genuine" gemstone (worth \$35).

And for those disgruntled over one-in-a-million chances in provincial lotteries, this contest had better odds. There were 1000 prizes available for 1000 participants.

former sailings, Ganges will be visited on Monday, arriving at 11:30 am and departing at 3 pm. On the latter sailings, Ganges is a Wednesday stop, with an 11 am arrival and a 2:30 pm departure.

Monday visits will occur every second week, beginning May 12. Wednesday arrivals will also take place every second week, beginning May 7.

Great Pacific Cruise Lines has contacted the local Chamber of Commerce for information on

Ganges it intends to distribute to ship passengers before they disembark. A representative from the company is also expected to visit Ganges within the next few weeks.

Other Canadian stops on the cruise ship's itinerary are Nanaimo and Victoria. Washington State ports of call, aside from Seattle, are Roche Harbour on the San Juan Islands, and Port Townsend and Kirkland on the Olympic Peninsula.

SASSY program backed by council

The Community Arts Council (CAC) has sponsored children's programs in the arts since the summer of 1982. In 1984 they became SASSY: School of Arts for Salt Spring Island Youth.

These summer programs were received with enthusiasm by local children, and the CAC programming committee received requests from parents to continue the art instruction throughout the school year.

In co-operation with the Gulf Islands school board, a SASSY Program has been provided throughout the year in Salt Spring Island schools since the fall of 1984.

The arts are widely represented with classes offered in drawing, painting, printmaking, music, dance, theatre arts, clay, weaving, batik, mask-making and story-telling. Local artists, and occasionally off-island artists, are employed to instruct the classes.

Classes have been offered in week-long sessions during the summer months, at noon hour and after school during the fall and winter months. A successful winter '86 SASSY session is just finished, with thanks to the co-ordinator, Laurie Clarke, for the enthusiasm and energy she brought to it.

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The Arts Council program committee, representatives from the school parent groups and the school principals are currently meeting to revise the program. They are working on a co-operative approach that will make classes available to all students free of charge, during curriculum hours.

The program for each school will be co-ordinated by a volunteer from their parents group who has experience or interest in the arts. Monthly meetings will be held with the Arts Council program committee and the volunteer co-ordinators.

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The stops are believed to mark the first time a cruise ship line will make regular visits to Salt Spring.

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Katsuyori and Kimiko Murakami share greetings with fellow Ganges resident Mrs. W.T.D. Jones at open house held Saturday. Also on hand to mark the couple's 60th wedding anniversary was National Film Board (NFB) preparing documentary. Camera and crew can be seen in background of photo.

Wedding anniversary filmed for inclusion in documentary

The 60th wedding anniversary of Katsuyori and Kimiko Murakami, marked by an open house in Ganges last Saturday, was filmed for posterity.

The afternoon-long celebration, organized by the couple's children and close relatives, was visited by numerous Ganges residents — and by a National Film Board (NFB) production crew under the direction of Salt Spring resident Yantra Walker.

Saturday's filming was the first of what Walker expects will be a total of eight sessions over several months. In its final form, the production will be a 22-minute short film costing between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Kimiko Murakami arrived on Salt Spring with her family in 1919 and, in 1925, returned to Japan and married Katsuyori. The couple then returned to Salt Spring to operate a chicken ranch.

Like other Japanese-Canadians, the couple and their children were declared enemy aliens when the Second World

War broke out. They were removed from their property and sent to internment camps for the duration of the war.

Walker said she was moved to film an NFB documentary on the couple because they were the only Japanese-Canadians to return to the Gulf Islands after being interned, and because they harbour no animosity about that aspect of Canadian history.

"The thing that attracted me," she said, "is that they have no bitterness ... they are at peace with the community."

Saturday's open house, held in the Ganges United Church hall, drew a constant stream of residents eager to congratulate the couple and reminisce about earlier days. It was an informal

gathering, which saw ceremony served only when the Murakamis stopped to cut the anniversary cake and when congratulatory telegrams were read.

Messages came from Premier Bennett, Lt.-Gov. Rogers, Liberal leader John Turner, MP Tom Siddon, MP Jim Manly, MLA Hugh Curtis, Prime Minister Mulroney and Queen Elizabeth.

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Workshop features five top writers

Five prominent Canadian writers, each representing a different aspect of the craft, will appear in Ganges on April 12 and 13.

Susan Mendelson, Jack Hodgins, Margaret Hollingsworth, Peter Newman and Robert Billings will line up for a "Salt Spring celebration of Canadian writers," held in conjunction with national book festival week.

The event, being organized by Maralyn Horsdal of Horsdal and Schubart Publishing Ltd., will see Mendelson, Hodgins, Hollingsworth and Newman appear at Mahon Hall on Saturday, April 12, with Billings scheduled for Sunday, April 13, at Off Centre Stage.

Appearances are billed as "talks, readings, questions and answers, and workshops."

Tickets, available at *Volume II* and *et cetera*, are \$3 for each of the Saturday events, or \$10 for all four. Cost of the session with Billings is \$2.

So who are these people? In order of appearance, they are:

• Susan Mendelson is the author of the best-selling cookbooks, *Mama Never Cooked Like This*, *Nuts About Chocolate* and *Fresh Tarts*. She is also preparing the official souvenir cookbook for Expo 86.

A partner in *The Lazy Gourmet*, a gourmet take-out and catering business in Vancouver, Mendelson has also appeared regularly on CBC-TV.

Salt Spring resident Liz Armour, who helped to arrange Mendelson's visit, says the writer is prepared to discuss whatever her audience desires but will likely concentrate on how to write and publish a cookbook.

• Jack Hodgins is the author of *Spit Delaney's Island*, *The Invention of the World*, *The Resurrection of Joseph Bourne*, and numerous short stories. He has also received the Governor-General's award for fiction and was the subject of the 1981 National Film Board production, *Jack Hodgins' Island*.

Born in the Comox Valley and a high school English teacher until the mid-1970s, Hodgins is currently teaching creative writing at the University of Victoria.

Hodgins' appearance on Salt Spring is being arranged by local resident Susan Underwood, who says the writer will discuss the west coast point of view in Canadian fiction.

"It will be an informal talk about writing from one's own back yard, on the west coast, and what's special about the area," she said. Hodgins is hoping for a combination of lecture, workshop and discussion, Underwood added.

Ganges event set for April 12, 13

•Margaret Hollingsworth is a well-known Canadian playwright living in Toronto. Most recently, she had a radio play produced by the CBC-Radio series, *Sextet*.

Because arrangements for Hollingsworth's visit are being made by mail, it is not yet known what focus her section of the program will take. However, it is believed that she will hold a workshop on playwriting.

•Peter Newman is probably Canada's best-known journalist. The former editor of the *Toronto Star* and *Maclean's* magazine, he has received numerous writing awards in his journalism career.

Newman has also produced 11 books, among them *The Canadian Establishment*, *Company of Adventurers* and *Renegade In Power: The Diefenbaker Years*.

Currently serving as a professor of creative writing at the University of Victoria, Newman is expected to discuss non-fiction writing before holding an open question-and-answer session. He will not give a reading, Maralyn Horsdal said.

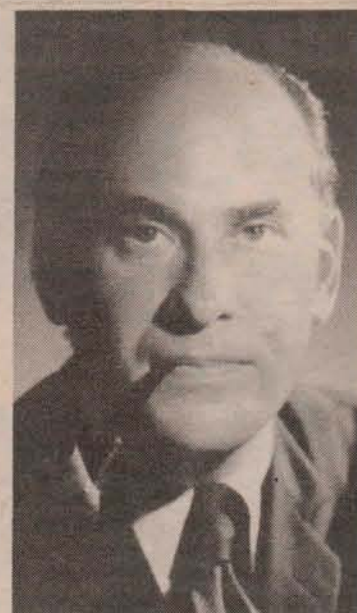
Newman's session, the last on Saturday, will begin at 8 pm and conclude with a reception. Advance tickets are available for the reception.

The schedule will see Mendelson appear at 10:30 am, Hodgins at 1 pm and Hollingsworth at 3:30 pm.

• Robert Billings is a prominent Canadian poet who doubles as editor of the prestigious *Poetry Canada Review* and serves as second vice-president of the League of Canadian Poets.

The author of six books of poetry, Billings has also seen his works included in numerous anthologies and magazines. He holds M.A.s in English and creative writing, and currently serves as a creative writing instructor at York University.

Billings is expected to conduct a poetry reading, followed by a discussion of *Poetry Canada Review*.



Peter Newman

Baha'i new year marked

On March 21, the Baha'is of Salt Spring celebrated the 143rd New Year of the Baha'i calendar, called *Naw Ruz*, a Persian word meaning New Day.

This occasion was observed at the home of Carol Evans, with a festive gathering of the Baha'is and friends signalling the end of the annual 19-day fast during which adult Baha'is refrain from food and drink from dawn to sunset.

Naw Ruz has a special significance because Baha'is believe that in this New Day, all of

humanity is challenged to become unified and to gradually establish a peaceful world civilization.

It is believed that mankind has slowly been going through stages in growing up and now, at last, humanity is coming of age.

At the end of the 19th century, Baha'u'llah, founder of the Baha'i faith, said: 'The well-being of mankind, its peace and security are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established.'

The Baha'is of Salt Spring wish everyone a happy and peaceful new year.

bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on March 24 were: (north-south) Marguerite Hall and Kay Harrison; Gordon Hutton and Fred Struve; Irene Hawskworth and Dorothy Sneddon; (east-west) Marion Ashmore and Shirley Love; Ree Jebson and Ann McConnell; Alan Steward and Kay Sinclair; (individual game) Norah Day, Mona Coulter and June Knowles.

Tuesday night winners were: (north-south) Helen Shandro and Dorothy Crofton; Marion Ashmore and Shirley Love; Mona Coulter and John Sarginson; Dawny Scarfe and Fred Struve; (east-west) Anne McConnell and Ree Jebson; Sue Bradford and Norm McConnell; Irene Hawskworth and Gordon Hutton; Barbara Adams and John Noakes.

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IODE supports national project

By OLIVE MOUAT

A newcomer to Salt Spring Island was studying the Lions' Telephone Directory — the 1984 one, it happened to be.

"My dear," he murmured to his wife. "Look at this map. See all of the short roads, hundreds of them. They even show ours. I've found the names of the doctors, churches, tree-toppers ... it's amazing. And here are service clubs ... a lot of them. Lions, Lady Lions, IODE. That's an interesting name, IODE. Let's join that one."

"Darling, do be sensible. I can join the IODE. You can't. It's a women's service club."

"What does it do, I wonder?" "I'll look in on a meeting. I'll find out and perhaps join."

And she did. And this is what she found.

Mrs. Joyce Parsons, the new regent, was in the chair. (Regent is the name that the IODE gives to the president.)

A happy item of business soon came up. The treasurer reported that the attempt to raise another \$1,000 for cancer had been successful. Next, of course, came discussion on how best to put that \$1,000 to use. After a few minutes, Mrs. Jean Shopland was asked to contact Dr. Boyce for suggestions. They thought of Dr. Boyce because when he was a young doctor, he had an office in the building on the corner of Rainbow Road. At that time he

was the only practicing doctor on Salt Spring Island. He is of added interest in this matter because he is now one of the leaders in B.C. in the fight against cancer.

This is the third time HMS Ganges chapter has donated to cancer projects. Many members felt that a change should now be made and that help should be given to some other type of problem. A decision is to be made at the next meeting.

The national chapter of the IODE has undertaken an ambitious project, to equip the home economics room of a school being built in Labrador, at a place called Nain. A large part of the cost is being met by the federal government but, because the cost is greater than was originally expected, money for equipment is lacking. Parents of the children who hope to use the school can help very little because, in that district, there is a great deal of unemployment.

The IODE saw a challenge and an opportunity to give help to people who, through no fault of their own, needed help. An offer was made to supply articles

necessary for a normal home economics room.

As is true in many districts, the school building in Nain will be the centre of the community, the centre of social and athletic life, as well as the place for education for children and adults. Refreshments for events will be prepared in the home economics room.

The national chapter hopes to raise, from groups such as ours, the \$20,000 needed for this project. The local chapter had already sent a contribution of \$25, feeling that \$25 is a small sum but that if every group sent \$25, the necessary amount would be raised. At this meeting, it was felt that this valuable undertaking deserved more. It was decided to send another \$100.

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Personal

Pssst...Emmanuel, another great Aparigraha Sale, April 5. See Coming Events for details. Love, Calvin Klein. 13-2

Card of Thanks

Our thanks go to Lady Minto Hospital and Extended Care workers for their excellent treatment of our father, Walter Blatter. We also wish to express our thanks to Jerry Nestman and the nursing staff for their compassion and undivided care. Daughters Mildred Martin, Shirley Hill, Dolores Bird. 1

Thank you to all who assisted my house move on March 26 and an apology for the inconvenience to motorists as well - your cooperation was greatly appreciated. Pat Baker

Don and Anne, Our conscience got the better of us. We did it. Fay and Roger

Card of Thanks

Many thanks for the staff at Harbour House Restaurant for the very special way things were handled at the Baxter/Stevenson wedding reception on Saturday, March 22. Everything was super. The family

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Help Wanted

Cook required. Rita's Inn. Apply in person between 2 and 4 pm. 1

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce Tourist Business Information Centre is now accepting applications for returning student counsellors. Pickup application forms at tourist bureau. Deadline is Thursday, April 10, interviews will follow. 13-2

Wanted to Rent

2/3 plus BR. house, Salt Spring or Galiano. Prefer long term arrangement beginning any time this year. No children. Good references. Box 88, Hornby Is., VOR 1Z0. Phone 1-334-3011. 14-3

Responsible working couple with 2 children seek 2/3 bedroom home with airtight. Long lease desired. Fulford area preferred. Michael and Virginia Powell, 653-4590. 1

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Community Services

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A.A. MEETINGS

8 pm. MONDAY - open meetings, nurses' residence. 8 pm. FRIDAY - nurses' residence. Open meeting last Friday of the month. Phone 537-2323, 537-5190, 537-2618. 8-tfn

Al-Anon helps those who are living with or near a severe drinking problem. Wednesdays 1.30 pm. and Fri. 8 pm. For more information, phone 653-4573. 14-tfn

Dressings are free to Cancer Patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Bernice Petty, 537-2451 or Health Services 537-5541. 2-tfn

Notices



R.N.A.B.C. GULF ISLANDS CHAPTER Monthly meeting - Tuesday, April 8, 1986 at 1930 hours at nurses' residence. Educational evening "Skin Care and Enterostomal Therapy". All health care workers welcome. 1

Salt Spring Island Community Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30 pm. in the Meeting Room at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill. Everybody welcome. 13-3

Our divers and workboat will soon be circumnavigating Salt Spring to check out moorings. Give us a call now so that we can make repairs and installations for you this spring! Ross & Ganges. 537-4202. 12-3

Business Stress Management Seminar

TUESDAY, April 8 - 7-10 pm. Elementary Library In depth work on stress management with specific techniques to help you turn stress to an advantage instead of a liability. Sponsored by Continuing Education. Ariadne Sawyer/David Smith, 537-2125 for further information. 1

Artcraft registration forms have been mailed out to participants from 1985. If you wish to be included, forms are available at Continuing Education, et cetera, and Waterfront Gallery. 11-5

Church Notices

SUNDAY, APR. 6

Community Gospel Chapel

Drake Road, Ganges
Worship Service 10:30 am
Sundays with Sunday School classes for the children.
Evening Service 7:30 pm
Bible Study & Prayer
Thursday 7:30 pm
Pastor: Rev. S.F. Hildebrandt
537-5757 537-2622

Ganges

United Church

Hereford Ave., Ganges
Worship service 10 am with Sunday School for Nursery to 15 years
Minister: Rev. A.N. Skinner
537-5812 537-9343

Anglican Parish Salt Spring Island

St. Mark's - Holy Eucharist - 11:15 am
St. George's - Holy Eucharist - 9:30 am
St. Mary's - Mattins - 11:15 am
Rector: Rev. John Bailey
Office 537-2171
Rectory 537-5191

Catholic Church Salt Spring Island

Fulford - 9 am
Ganges - 10:30 am
Saturdays - Ganges 5 pm
Rev. Fr. P.A. Bergin

Salt Spring Pentecostal Assembly (formerly Island Christian Fellowship) Central Hall

Worship Service & Sunday School - 10:30 am
Family Night & Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 pm
Pastor & Mrs. Van Herwaarden - 537-4385
Affiliated with P.A.O.C.

Salt Spring Island Baptist Church

Admiral Hall, 506 Lower Ganges Rd.
Sunday - Family Service & Sunday School 10:30 am
Evening Fellowship 7 pm
Wednesday, 7 pm Home Bible Study
Thursday, 9:30 am Ladies' Home Bible Study
Friday, 7 pm - S.S. Elementary-Boys & Girls Club
Pastor: Rev. Brian Joyce
537-2222

Galiano Island

St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Sundays - 10:30 am

Notices

Salt Spring Island Achievement Centre is now open 5 days a week from 9 am. - 4 pm. Transportation can be arranged. For more information, phone 537-9522. 1

Golden Age Rec. Club ANNUAL MEETING

Club Room - Central
Thursday April 10th, 1986 at 1.30 pm. Everyone 55 or over welcome. 14-2

Salmon Farming

Investment Opportunity in locally-based aquaculture company. Contact Mr. Eric McGreer, Mae West Ltd., B202-355 Burrard St., Vancouver, V6C 2G6, 688-0602.

Notices

Anyone wishing to form a camera club, please contact Gordon at 537-2208 or Helga at 537-9739. 1

The special needs parent support group is meeting again Thursday, April 10, from 7-9 pm, at the Community Centre. For more information, phone 537-9522. 14-2

S.P.C.A.

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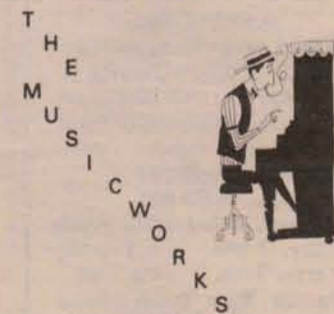
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Societies, Church Groups and Community Organizations that may wish donation, advertising and materials in the period May 1, 1986 to April 30, 1987 should submit their written request to Windsor Plywood, Advertising Manager, c/o Windsor Plywood, P.O. Box 278, Ganges, B.C. prior to April 22, 1986.



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Coming Events

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Hastings House

may have a mystery weekend, but there's no mystery about the past, present and future of this gracious hostelry. Come to the Historical Society meeting on Tuesday, April 8 and hear Jonathan Yardley's illustrated talk. Central Hall - 2 pm. 1

Salt Spring Tennis Association
OPENING OF SPRING DINNER MEETING & DANCE
Saturday, April 5 at Golf Club
Happy hour: 6 pm., Dinner: 7 pm.
Tickets - \$13 each. Anyone interested is welcome. Music by Virginia Newman. 1

Coming Events

Salt Spring Island Woodworkers Guild Furniture Design Workshop with Alan Brooke and Allan Collier of Victoria. Drawing, rendering and perspective instruction plus slides of period and modern furniture. Apr. 12 and 19, 10 am. to 4 pm. Members \$30, non-members \$35. Modern design slideshow, only \$4. Info and pre-registration, Don Kreye, 537-2833. 1

Salt Spring Centre - Ashtanga Yoga Classes. 4 week course includes Asanas/breathing exercises/meditation - Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 pm. 537-2326. 1



Aparigraha Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - 12 pm. - 3 pm. Salt Spring Centre, Blackburn Rd. \$40,000 ALL NEW STOCK to be sold at below cost. Calvin Klein, Emmanuel, Espirit. Shirts, sweaters, pants, blouses, sweatpants & tops, accessories. SUNDAY, APRIL 6th - 1 pm. - 3 pm. A further reduction on all unsold items.

NO ONE ADMITTED EARLY 13-2

Shake the Blues with Club Mongo

April 19th at the Activity Centre
Sponsored by SSI Parents' Group 13-2

Salt Spring - USSR Twinning Project OPEN COMMUNITY MEETING

Info & discussion re sending a Salt Spring family to the Soviet Union. MONDAY, APRIL 7 - 4 pm. Ganges United Church (lower hall) Refreshments served - everyone welcome. 537-9745 or 537-2405. 13-2

Salt Spring Celebration of Canadian Writers

Saturday, April 12, 1986
Mahon Hall, Ganges
10:30 am. SUSAN MENDELSON
1 pm. JACK HODGINS
3:30 pm. MARGARET HOLLINGSWORTH
8 PM. PETER C. NEWMAN
\$3 per event or \$10 for all four. Tickets available at Volume II and et cetera. Advance tickets ONLY for Peter Newman.
Sunday, April 13, 1986
Off-Centre Stage
8 pm. ROBERT BILLINGS - \$2 13-3

Tea & Bake Sale

FULFORD HALL O.A.P.O #170
APRIL 12 - 2-4 pm.
RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT 3 pm.

"Back to the Future" at Island Cinema Thurs., April 3, Saturday, Apr. 5, Sunday, Apr. 6, Monday Apr. 7. C. U. at the Movies! 1



The Lester B. Pearson College Choir & Dancers
will perform at Mahon Hall
Sunday, April 6th at 2.30 pm.
Admission by membership ticket or \$4 at the door. 13-2

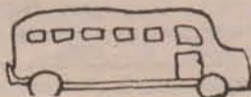
Coming Events

Salt Spring Island Social Credit Group BEANS & JEANS

Potluck
Dinner Social
& Election of Officers
AN EVENING WITH HUGH CURTIS
Friday, April 11 - 6 pm. Masonic Hall - no admission charge
New members & supporters welcome. Bring the whole family. For information, call 537-9452, 537-2183. 13-2

CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERS:

Trip to Expo:



Includes ticket to EXPO and bus. 1
Sunday, May 25; fee \$30 and meals. Leave on 7 am Long Harbour ferry - Maverick Coach Lines will take us to Expo, where we'll spend the day; bus will pick us up at 8 pm to deliver us to Tsawwassen for the 9:30 Long Harbour ferry. Deadline to register: Thursday, 1 May.

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Kids' Dance Classes

at Fulford
Yarrow's DISCOVERY THROUGH MOVEMENT: 2 classes, 4 Wednesdays, starting 9 April in Room 5. 3:10 - 3:45, \$9; for 5 and 6 year old boys and girls. 3:50 - 4:30; \$12; for 7-10 year old boys and girls. Alice Friedman's MODERN JAZZ DANCE for pre-teens and teenage boys and girls. 4 Tuesdays, starting 8 April in Rm 5; 3:45 - 4:45; \$15. Single sessions of the above classes will be \$1 more than reg. class fee. ALL REGULAR DANCE CLASSES IN GANGES WILL PICK UP AFTER EASTER BREAK.
(Schedule is posted at Mahon Hall and in Cont. Ed. office)
"BIG AL" LEAVITT of Camosun College and Victoria's New Business Development Centre: 1 Friday April 18 plus a follow-up consultation on Friday, 25 April. School Board office; 9:30 - 4:30, \$60, limit 4 people. Pick up a course outline at the Cont. Ed. office across the hall from the Thrift Shop.

Painting

at Fulford with IAN THOMAS
10 Wednesdays, starting 9 April Fulford School, 6:30 - 9:30; \$50. Beginners and experienced. Emphasis on a variety of approaches to encourage self-expression. Supply list of acrylic paints and brushes available at time of registration.

Introduction to Computers

PAUL SINCLAIR - 3 Tuesdays, starting April 8; Elementary Computer Rm. 7:30; \$18.

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For more information, call 537-2822 or stop by C.E. office in Mouat's Mall. Note change of Lottie's Beg. Jazz Dance to Mahon Hall, 5:15 - 6:15, starting 7 April. 1

Seacapers Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, April 9th
7:30 pm. School Board Office
All Welcome 1

Driftwood Classifieds get results!

Coming Events

Coming:

Thursday, April 24
Friday, April 25
Saturday, April 26

Karen Jamieson Dance Company

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Legal

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

RE: THE ESTATE OF HELEN SKUCE also known as HELEN ESTELLE SKUCE, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the estate of Helen Skuce and also known as Helen Estelle Skuce, deceased, late of Cranberry Road, Ganges, British Columbia are hereby required to send them duly verified to the undersigned executor at Box 248, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0 on or before the 8th day of May 1986, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed, having regard only to claims that have been received.
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Executor

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Deaths

PEARSON, Gerda G. M. at Lady Minto Hospital, March 24, 1986. Predeceased by husband Ernest; survived by daughter Margaret Wilkinson, Ganges; daughter Gertrude Karlsson, nieces, nephews and in-laws in Sweden; brother Joe Anderson, Sointula, B.C.; grandson Gregory Hannah, wife Mary, great-grandson Brendan. Memorial services in North Vancouver, March 29 and at later date in Ganges. Thanks to Dr. Jarman, Vilma, staff of Greenwoods and Lady Minto Hospital for their kindness and consideration to mother; also, to Father Bergin and our many supportive friends.
Margaret Wilkinson

Too Late to Classify

CARS, TRUCKS
1980 Toyota Tercel, automatic, low mileage, 65,000 km. Excellent condition. \$4200. ob. 537-2951.



Local firm expands to Vancouver

Gulf Island Taxi Ltd. has expanded to Vancouver. The Salt Spring company has won permission to offer an alternative route to Expo for North Shore residents who wish to bypass traffic snarls on the Lions Gate Bridge. West Vancouver council approved the water taxi company's bid to operate a shuttle between Dundarave Pier at the foot of 25th

Street and the Expo Marine Gate. Gulf Island Taxi owner Jack Hughes says his firm hopes to operate as many as 13 trips a day. A one-way trip will take about 20 minutes. The fare structure has not been worked out yet. Hughes says there will be two, two-person crews operating the service. The water taxi will accommodate 20 passengers but

could be replaced by a 40-person vessel if demand for the service is high, says Hughes. West Vancouver council also approved a dredging project along the pier area so the vessel can dock. Hughes says his company will not provide scheduled taxi service to Expo from the Gulf Islands as he feels weather conditions would make the venture unfeasible.

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BLATTER, Walter, passed away at Lady Minto Hospital on March 30. Born 1906, Wisconsin, moved to Salt Spring from Burnaby 12 years ago. Pre-deceased by his wife Jean. He is survived by daughters Mildred Martin (husband Stan), Chemainus, B. C.; Shirley Hill (husband Ron), Burnaby, B.C.; Dolores Bird (husband Jim) Ganges B.C.; brother Ted, sister Wilma, grandchildren Stephen, Denise, Debbie, Karen, Darlene, Coral, Janice and Ryan, and great-grandchildren Shenah, Leah, Steven, Carmen, Robbie, Tawnee, Kyle and Tyler. Walter was a life member of Fraternal Order of Elks, New Westminster, and member of Branch 92 Legion, Ganges. Active in bowling, only holder of perfect game, Ganges. Cremation. No service. Any donations to Diabetic Society would be appreciated.

Too Late to Classify

HELP WANTED
Barperson required - call 653-4432.

FOR RENT
Large sunny 2 BDRM apartment, large patio, located in Fulford Valley. References appreciated. Sorry, no pets. \$400 per month available May 1. 653-4267.

FOR SALE
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FOUND
Sterling bracelet in front of Bank of Montreal. Owner claim at Driftwood.

WANTED
A gas weed eater, Green Machine, Efo, Echo or... Please phone 653-4507.

GARAGE SALES
Saturday, April 5, 10 am. 135 Harrison Road. Moving sale - freezer, some furniture and clothing, canning jars, etc.

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1981 stationwagon, Dodge Aries K-car, auto, ps., pb. sunroof, 2.6 l. engine, am/fm cassette, \$6,500 obo. 10 1/2 ft. Security camper, 3-way fridge, propane stove with oven, furnace, 4 hydraulic jacks, separate bathroom compartment, \$2,600 obo. 537-2314.

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Tough matches ahead

Sides gear up for season-end tests

There was a beehive of activity last weekend at the Intra-island level, as all teams played double-headers to wrap up Cup play.

At the junior level, the Firebirds came into the weekend with a three point lead over the Panthers, meaning the Panthers needed two wins to even have a hope of taking the Cup.

The Panthers started off on the right step, ripping the Firebirds 1-0, on a goal from Jacob McBride, in a closely-fought game.

In the second match, the Panthers overcame a stubborn Wildcats team and, with the Firebirds tying the Eagles, the two teams share the Cup.

At the senior level, more surprises showed up on Saturday as the Lazars came into the weekend one point leaders over the Fury.

The Lazars struggled on the weekend as they could only gain one point against the ever-improving Hawks, but the Fury fared only slightly better as the Stingers battled them to two ties.

The result was another shared cup, this time the Fury and Lazars.

Another pleasing surprise was the strong showing of the Kicks in overwhelming the Sharks twice by 3-0 scores.

In the girls division, the Bombers are favoured but the other three teams all have different ideas.

soccer report

by
Malcolm Legg

The Fillies finally showed that their hard work is paying off as they came up with two strong performances, tying both the Bombers and Shamrocks, showing how much they have improved over the season.

Congratulations go to the coaches and players of the Coers

Cup winners, but we must also congratulate all the runners-up for creating excellent races in each division.

This weekend, all the Intra-island teams play in their two-day tournament at Portlock Park. Games run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, with the presentation of trophies at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Players should check with their coaches for their game times.

There should be some great match-ups in the tourney and picking a winner will be difficult.

In the junior division, look for a Panthers-Firebirds final with the winner being anyone's guess.

The senior final could be a Fury-Lazer clash, with improved play by all the teams in recent weeks, the trophy is up for grabs. Keep your eye on the Stingers and the Hawks for a surprise.

In the girls division, the bombers are favoured but the other three teams all have different ideas.

Anyway, it looks to be a weekend of soccer excitement so why not come out and enjoy our youngsters as they show you why we are so proud of our development program at this level? The concession will be open with hot dogs and burgers so make it a day with Salt Spring's youth and enjoy amateur sports at its best.

Lesson fee surcharge considered

Proceeds could
top \$150 a month

Salt Spring's parks and recreation commission is studying a proposal to collect fees from private tennis lessons given at public courts.

Captial Regional District (CRD) director Dr. Hugh Borsman told the March 24 commission meeting it would be "reasonable and just" to collect a portion of the fee charged for tennis lessons. He said the money — which would help maintain the courts — would amount to about \$150 a month.

Salt Spring Tennis Association

president Roy Rajsic said he was "surprised" by Borsman's estimate, saying the Portlock Park courts are used three to four hours a week for tennis lessons. Rajsic added that it would be difficult to administer a collection program.

Tennis association treasurer Jack Fisher said he saw no harm

in collecting a portion of lesson fees but argued that responsibility should not "be dumped on the tennis association's lap."

Fisher said fees collected from tennis lessons given through the tennis association are paid directly to the instructors — the tennis association does not get a portion.

The proposal will be studied by the commission's sports committee and its findings will be presented at the next commission meeting.

Recreation, leisure study endorsed by commission

The parks and recreation commission will distribute a questionnaire to find out what type of recreation and leisure activities local residents want.

The last such effort was made in 1979, when a consulting firm prepared a five-year study of leisure and recreation programs on Salt Spring. Some of its recommendations — building two additional tennis courts, for instance — were carried out, while others were rejected.

The commission feels the 1979 study is now outdated and that a new long-range plan is needed. Because members feel public input into this plan is essential, a questionnaire will be distributed sometime in June or July.

The Island Recreation Study Group, a recently-formed commission studying the recreation and leisure needs of island residents, will use questionnaire results to formulate the new five-year plan.

As well, the study group is in the process of "taking inventory" of all the recreation and leisure activities on the island. The group has sent out letters to 125 local organizations, asking for informa-

tion about activities they offer and suggestions about what is needed.

Study group spokesman Wayne Taylor told *Driftwood* the group also plans a "community profile," which will chart the "geographics and various age groups" of the island in order to provide "a better understanding of what the real recreational needs are." He said some 2,200 island residents are over 55 years of age, and any programs suggested would have to reflect that group's needs.

Taylor says the study may show that because a large percentage of local residents are either unemployed or retired, islanders have a lot of leisure time on their hands. He feels that means a considerable amount of income then is spent on leisure activities.

Taylor says the questionnaire and the community profile will give a better picture of "what the community needs, what it wants, and by what means we can achieve this."

He added: "As the island grows, recreational needs increases too. There is going to be a need for increased recreational facilities and programs."

Tennis lessons will be offered for beginners

The Salt Spring Tennis Association will offer lessons for beginner and intermediate level players at Portlock Park this year.

The lessons, consisting of two one-hour sessions a week, are scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays at 4:30, 5:30 or 6:30 pm.

Cost for eight lessons will be announced in *Driftwood*. Lessons begin in May.

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The ladies spring luncheon was held March 25 at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. A nine-

hole novelty golf tournament was held prior to the luncheon and Ann Sober, Dolly Whorley and Alice

Fraser (pictured above, left to right) received top honours for low net.

down
the
gutter

Bowler of the week for the ladies was Bunty Lees, 708. (224, 272, 212).

For the men, Terry Jenkins, 787 (211, 185, 391), 737 (238, 274, 225); Ken Collins, 770 (229, 297, 244); 780 (300, 248, 230); Vic Dodds, 756 (229, 294, 233); Darren Cottingham, 707 (249, 221, 237); Geoff Baker, 703 (234, 218, 257).

300 GAMES

Terry Jenkins, 391; Ken Collins, 300.

Pins over average

Bunty Lees, 195; Geoff Baker, 133; Maureen Bashford, 121.

Golden Age Scores

Monday afternoon: Ruth Bedford, 259, 221, 206; Geoff Baker, 257, 234, 218; Marie Ashley, 229; Babs Ross, 222; Bunty Lees, 206, 202; Jean Haines, 206; Dorothy Sloan, 200.

Tuesday morning: Bill Spurrill, 230; Bill Harper, 220; Flora Robinson, 215; Edie Gear, 212; Kay Cook, 200.

Tuesday afternoon: Margo Robinson, 237, 205; Gwen Wakelyn, 226; Dot Beech, 215; Stan Wakelyn, 212; Cyril Beech, 205.

Friday morning: Edie Gear, 252, 222.

Friday afternoon: Geoff Baker, 279, 210; Gene Graham, 231, 201; Ed Allan, 214; Dave Slingsby, 204; Herman Steenhoff, 203; James Gilson, 203; Stan Stewart, 203.

Over 700 and 600

All leagues: Geoff Baker, 703, 687; Ruth Bedford, 686; Edie Gear, 659; Margo Robinson, 625; Gene Graham, 617; Bunty Lees, 602.

On March 25

Golfers hold spring luncheon

The ladies' spring luncheon was held March 25 at the Salt Spring golf club.

About 40 of the 98 women attending braved the elements to play a nine-hole scramble which saw prizes for low net go to Anne Sober, Donna Whorley and Alice Fraser. Runners up were Kathy Darling, Val Stewart, Vi Austin and Alice Brown.

High net winners were Marie Hopkins, Isabel Fitch and Chris La Grow. Kathy Darling also received a prize for her two chip-ins.

Closest to the pin on number two was Jerry Alexander.

Presentations were also made to the last six hole-in-one scorers. Receiving special pins were Connie Broadbent, Ada Woodley, Jo Stone, Betty Harrison, Mae Pike and Mollie Hardie.

Door prize winners were Ruby Webster and Marion Ashmore.

Following a luncheon, a colourful show was staged under the direction of Lorna Pentz and Jerry Alexander. It featured Lorna Pentz, Mildred Mitchell, Kathy Darling, Louise Fuoco, Marie Hopkins, Irene Hawksworth, Tish Hewitson, Jerry Alexander, Doris Beach, Vera Sarginson, Mary Stepanuik, Marj Cade, Connie

Broadbent, Marguerite Meharey, Connie Hardy and Marion Ashmore.

On March 12, 60 of the nine-hole and 18-hole ladies gathered for a coffee party and business meeting. The meeting, chaired by captain Mona Coulter, heard reports from all executive members.

Following coffee and refreshments, Malcolm Robertson highlighted some of the rules of golf. Video tapes were then shown on pointers on uphill and downhill lies, as well as some aspects of the short game.

Bridge players distribute prizes

Ladies of the Alice Hammett bridge tournament held their tenth annual luncheon and prizes ceremony at the golf club on March 21. Members, spouses and guests were welcomed by convenor Madeline Hardie.

Ena Patrick, Aubin Fairley, Margaret Frattinger and Mae Pike greeted people at the door, while flowers arranged by Ena Patrick decorated the interior.

Door prize winner was Betty Lou Morgan.

The convenor reported a successful year with all games being played on time with the valuable help of the spares. New convenor, for a two-year term, will be Lilian McNulty, assisted by Edna Reddington. Financially, the group is in good shape and will have a

substantial surplus after paying for the new project.

It was announced that the project for this year will be a joint one among the bridge ladies, life members and honorary life members — a much-needed trophy case is to be constructed over the planter at the front entry. It will be built of glass and mahogany and should be an improvement to the clubhouse.

Prizes were presented as follows:

- First team to complete games — Billie Zacharias and Flo Stewart.
- First prize — Phyllis Henderson and Lorna Pentz, whose names will be engraved on the plaque.
- Second prize — Kay Harrison and Shirley Love.
- Third prize — Mary Clements

and Audrey Mackenzie.

• Grand slams — Shirley Parsons and Norma Keech; Julie Goodwin and Eileen Botham (tie).

• High score slams — Shirley Parsons and Norma Keech; Edith Owens and Marguerite Meharey (tie).

• High score, single game — Phyllis Henderson and Lorna Pentz.

• Spares high average — Eloise Andrews.

• Most games, spare — Helen Shanders.

The consolation draw went to team 13, Jean Herring and Gwen Wakelyn.

Edna Reddington presented the convenor with a gift from the members.

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Hummingbird offered as symbol of entrapments

A writer lives on a beautiful Gulf Island, her house overlooking a stretch of water where sea lions mate energetically. Her daughter has a crush on the one male teacher in the local school, who is a fanatical vegetarian (so before long she, too, becomes a vegetarian).

What we are facing is Audrey Thomas' recent play, *On the immediate level of events occurring in meadows*, which was broadcast nationwide on Sunday. With spring here, and hummingbirds flashing about all of a sudden, it was interesting to listen to this work, which made hummingbirds one of its main themes.

The real subject of the play is sexual obsession, and the trapping of hummingbirds illuminates this theme. The male lead is a biologist who studies hummingbirds, and does so by trapping and caging them. He is devoted to the little creatures — but his desire to know more about them means their humiliation and destruction.

At the same time, he is much involved with another form of wildlife — women. Female students will develop any related interest merely to be in his presence, and he traps them as surely as any bird in his net. Even the writer-heroine very quickly succumbs, much to the disgust of her daughter (who, however, is far from innocent in such matters, as we have seen).

The heroine, after she has been conquered ("how long it's been since I've known this", she says at the time) is soon abandoned by the scientist (who, however, starts sending price-lists for experimental animals to her daughter). She often goes to the telephone to ring him up, and then retreats without having done so, much as a hummingbird swoops and banks while displaying its iridescence.

Eventually, a government ban on experimenting with wild animals forces him back to the other kind of prey, and he is back together with her — though for how long? She is intelligent, and quite bemused to find herself behaving in such an atavistic way.

There is no real resolution. She abandons her plans to attend a peace march in order to watch hummingbirds, and be with him. As he holds a bird in his hand, struggling frantically, it is just as if he were holding her palpitating heart.

She runs in terror.

Break dance

On Wednesday, the elementary school held an inter-island spring dance, to celebrate the spring

break. This was to have been at the crumbling old Community Hall, but the power circuits failed and nobody knew how to repair them. Fortunately, prompt action by the organizers saved the day, and the dance was moved to the Activity Centre, where it was greatly enjoyed.

The children's dancing much resembled gymnastics, and prizes were awarded for their efforts. Luke Moore won the prize for the funniest dancer, whereupon he intended to sit down and rest; but Sarah Stang marched up to him and commanded: "Get out on the floor." The weirdest dancers were judged to be Josh Lyon and Isabel Jarvis.

A simple, hearty supper was served, which everyone seemed to appreciate. It was interesting to listen into the kid's conversations (most of them unprintable).

North End Overhaul

Road work has been proceeding at the North End. Porlier Pass Drive is being re-surfaced from Spanish Hills Store to the North End Hall, and the steep hill near Alcala Resort Driveway is being re-graded.

Peace of Resistance

Government violence has been the great crime of the 20th century, and it is for the individual to take a questioning and critical stance towards the milieu in which he finds himself.

This was the message which Ralph Stanton found in the works of Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre, and which he discussed on Saturday at a lecture organized by the Historical and Cultural Society. He is from Douglas College, but has often visited the island to see his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. von Hausmann, and his father (who was present on Saturday) can remember many old island figures such as John Goss and Nigel Morgan.

Both the figures on whom he spoke were, in a sense, pioneers. Simone de Beauvoir was the first to explore reminism from the personal and intimate point of view, rather than the severely practical. Sartre was the first to point out in detail that the atomic bomb was a weapon that negated all of human history and human endeavour.

The seminal influence on both of them was the Nazi occupation of France. It was the cowardice and hypocrisy of the conquered (Canadians please note) rather than the brutality of the

galiano report

by

Andrew Loveridge

conquerors which made the deepest incision in the soul. Of the ideas which they subsequently developed, many have become so influential and commonplace that they are held unconsciously and axiomatically by many people who have never heard of Sartre or Beauvoir.

Miscellaneous

Harold Dyer's daughter, Jackie Besler, was married to local artist Willem Breddels (originally from Leiden, Holland) on March 13 on Gossip Island. "We couldn't catch any herring so we decided to get married," says Jackie, who has caught something considerably more worthwhile.

Willow Jewel gave birth to a 9 lb. 3 oz. boy at 6.30 am. on March 22 at Victoria General Hospital.

The power cut on March 21 was caused by a damaged cable in Active Pass.

There was a "sale of modern antiques" at the North End Hall on Saturday. The crowd was so great it was difficult to move (i.e. the sale was a great hit). About \$1060 was raised, and will be put towards extension of the hall.

Linda Simpson (the oil girl) has been accepted to join the RCMP and will be leaving for training school in a few weeks.

The lodge has commenced summer operation, and will be open daily from 7.30 am. - 10 pm. (restaurant) and noon - 2 am. (saloon).

Coming events

The Ladies' Service Club is holding a rummage sale on Saturday, from 1 pm. - 3.30 pm. Donations are appreciated (call 539-5397).

Also, the playschool is having a sale on April 12 (donations, 539-5004).

Bill Nemtin and Heather Martin explore the nature of revelation in a two-part *Ideas* series, *Voices and Visions* on CBC Radio at 9.05 pm. on April 2 (part one) and April 9 (part two).

La Berengerie is offering another evening of dinner with

classical music, on Sunday at 6.30 pm. Call 539-5392 for reservations.

St. Margaret's Needle Guild will begin its first quilting session at the Activity Centre on Wednesday, April 9, at 9.30 am. There is no charge, and all are welcome. Details from Ena Hooley.

Also that afternoon, the Garden Club will meet at the North End Hall, and hear a lecture by Bernard Moore.

The Lions seafood dinner will be at the Activity Centre on April 19. Tickets are \$20 each.

There will be a horse show at Maple Styrum Riding Club on May 4 at 11 am.

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Partial funding offered for new tennis courts

Tennis Association treasurer Jack Fisher says he is willing to donate \$10,000 to help pay for a new tennis court at Portlock Park — if the parks and recreation commission can get a matching grant from the Expo Legacy Fund.

Fisher made his offer at last

week's parks and recreation commission meeting. He estimated a new tennis court would cost \$30,000 and said he would match the community's contribution "dollar for dollar" to build the facility. The Expo Legacy Fund will provide one-third funding of an approved project if the com-

munity can provide the other two-thirds.

Fisher asked the commission to look at raising the community's share of \$10,000 either by earmarking a portion of the commission's budget or by going directly to the public for funds.

Capital Regional District (CRD)

director Dr. Hugh Borsman told the meeting that is a good chance the Expo Legacy Fund committee would approve an application for a new court. He said a committee soliciting local project suggestions has received only one other proposal in five months.

Fisher said his offer of a

\$10,000 donation stems from a statement he made when elected as a director of the tennis association. At that time, he said he "would do something for tennis on this island."

The commission passed a motion to investigate an Expo Legacy Fund grant application.

Island paving project slated to finish in May

May 30 is the completion date on a Gulf Islands paving contract awarded recently to Jack Cewe Ltd. of Coquitlam.

The contract, worth \$2 million, involves upgrading of 26.67 kilometres of miscellaneous roads on Salt Spring and Galiano Islands. Included is building up of existing gravel shoulders, spraying primer, and construction of asphalt concrete pavement and gravel shoulders.

Work is to begin April 7 and employ about 35 persons.

On Galiano, upgrading will take place on Sturdies Bay Road, from the ferry terminal to Burrill Road, a distance of .5 kilometres, and from Gardner Road to Montague Harbour ferry terminal, a distance of 4.6 kilometres.

On Salt Spring, the work will cover the Fulford-Ganges Road

from Seaview Avenue to Isabella Point (12.55 km); Lower Ganges Road from Blain Road to Fulford-Ganges Road (1.45 km); Upper Ganges Road from Lower Ganges Road, easterly for .24 km; Fulford-Ganges Road from Seaview Avenue easterly for .44 km; McPhillips Avenue (.32 km); Jackson Avenue (.2 km); Kanaka Road (.64 km); Corbett Road (.09 km); Swanson Road (.34 km); Desmond Crescent (.33 km); Rainbow Road (.43 km); Hereford Avenue (.18 km); Seaview Avenue (.4 km); Crofton Road (.18 km); Park Drive (1 km); Lakeview Crescent (.2 km); Valhalla Road (.18 km); parking area south of Lower Ganges Road and Fulford-Ganges Road intersection (1,000 square metres); and North End Road from Vesuvius Bay Road, northerly for 2.4 km.

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There is also some support for the Blackburn buggy as number one, but memories are short on automobiles.

Ted Brown, who was working at Ganges Garage in the 1920's, recalls many old cars and many old-timers in cars, but he was not

Identity of vehicle's owner may never be settled

on the island much before the First World War and he can't identify the ultimate pioneer motorist.

Ted does remember some significant details. For example, in 1920, he recalls, there were four trucks and about 60 Model T Fords on Salt Spring. There were two Chevrolets and four Overlands as well as, possibly, one or two others.

Ganges Garage was adjacent to

Mouat's Store and was operated by Dick Toynbee, father of Dick and Tom Toynbee, who are still active in island commerce today.

The garage, like so many others, started out in life as a blacksmith shop, operated by the Malcolm of Malcolm and Purvis until his death. The two partners operated the store subsequently acquired by the Mouat family.

Brown can remember two island

automobilists from pre-war years. He remembers Reid Bittancourt and James Wentworth having cars. Both vehicles were stored in Reid Bittancourt's building at the foot of Ganges Hill, until a fire destroyed them, while Wentworth was serving overseas with the Canadian forces.

The Bittancourt building was later Dr. Francis' Nursing Home. It was demolished nearly 20 years ago.

The long-retired motor mechanic also looked back on the story of Gasoline Alley. Many years ago it was the site of Bill McAfee's blacksmith shop. As the horse disappeared into island history, the smithy was switched to a garage and service station. McAfee sold out to two Young's.

Art and Mac Young bore the same name but were unrelated, said the keen island historian.

But not all of Ted Brown's reminiscences has revealed as yet the identity of the first motorist in the islands.

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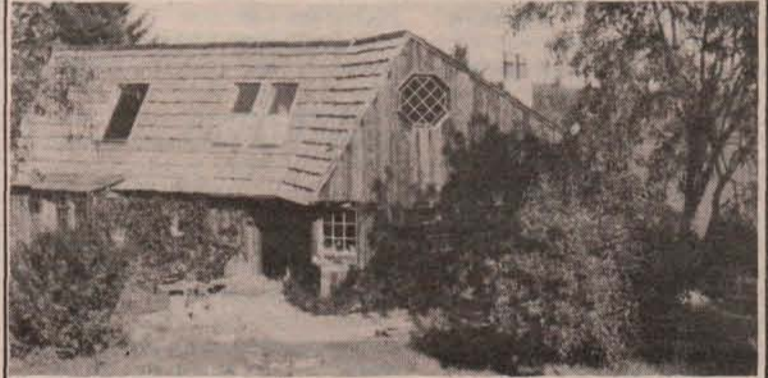
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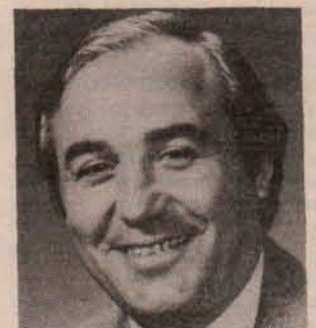
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- The Salt Spring Lions Club unveiled a new ambulance it has purchased to provide 24-hour continuous community service. The new unit, a 1961 Ford Econoline, will replace the old 1947 Dodge which has been operated by the hospital society in the past.
- A much-needed tourist information centre has been established in Ganges by W.T.D. Jones at the Gulf Island Florist's office. The tourist can receive information concerning accommodations, points-of-interest, where-to-go, ferry schedules, etc.

Twenty years ago

- Three Salt Spring Island students walked off with piano awards at the annual Cowichan Music Festival last Saturday night. They were Cherrie Horel, Susan deBurgh and Angela Bridgen. In all, there were a total of 16 first and 11 second-place awards presented during the weeklong event.
- The Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission will hold its annual meeting this Monday evening at Mahon Hall. The commission was established to encourage recreational activities of any nature and to administer grants awarded by the department of education.
- Elections are to be held and the commission invites representatives from island recreational organizations to have their names placed in nomination.
- John Tisdalle, MLA for Saanich, spoke to a meeting at Fulford Hall last week on redistribution. The Gulf Islands will be attached to one of five Saanich ridings when redistribution comes into effect. It was emphasized that the Bill becomes effective when parliament dissolves at the time of the next election.

Fifteen years ago

- Indications are that the Capital Regional District has no intention of providing a sewer system for Ganges and the surrounding area. Salt Spring Island director Marc Holmes, however, has stated that the cost of providing sewers is beyond the reach of the community and that financial assistance would have to come from senior government.
- Trustees of the Gulf Islands School District and their counterparts in the Saanich School District will hold the final discussion on whether to amalgamate the two school systems at a meeting later this month. Education minister Donald Brothers has at times advocated the idea in hopes of cutting administration costs and improving efficiency. Trustees from this district have viewed the idea of amalgamation with skepticism but agreed to at least look into it.

Most trustees have felt that disadvantages would outweigh the benefits.

- Fire chief Dave Smith says that the inadequacy of house numbering and street identification could have disastrous consequences and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has decided to do something about it.

It's feared that emergency services could waste valuable time trying to find their way when answering calls for assistance. The chamber of commerce has established a committee to investigate the situation.

- The Centennial Caravan was treated to an enthusiastic welcome when it came calling on Salt Spring Island last week despite a several hour delay in opening. Caravans and centennials are nothing new to B.C. but the large turnout would have indicated otherwise.

Ten years ago

- Last week's decision by the Capital Regional District to slash 25 per cent from the budget of its recycling operations will mean a reduction in services and efficiency, say staff and volunteers of the Salt Spring Island sub-depot. They say the budget cuts will affect Salt Spring Island residents and that reductions in depot operations have already begun.

- Members of the Salt Spring Island Fire Department were kept busy Saturday night combatting three different fires within the space of a few hours.

Volunteer firemen responded to a call at a Vesuvius residence to extinguish a stove fire and while still there were called to another fire on Vesuvius Bay Road. Upon arrival, firemen discovered that a chimney fire had already been put out by the house's owner.

On their return to Ganges, they were alerted that a third fire had broken out in the SPEC recycling shed

- A small number of residents turned out at last week's public meeting to hear the details for the upcoming recreation referendum. The meeting was called by the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission. Chairman Tom Harcus explained that it was decided the previous week to draw up final plans for financing the project.

- Persons flying kites made of metallic materials are asking for trouble, say officials of B.C. Hydro.

Five years ago

- Members of the Salt Spring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee were jubilant last week when the B.C. Supreme Court upheld the committee's appeal against the 1978 order to install a Ganges sewer system.

Mr. Justice John Gould threw out the order on the grounds that the Pollution Control Act does not empower the director to make such an order.

- All 1,400 tickets for the presentation of *Fiddler on the Roof* were sold out last Wednesday, 10 days before opening night.

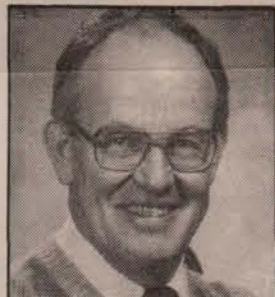
Salt Spring Players spokesman Ernie Rubright told *Driftwood* that nobody had expected such a response.

"We really need a theatre," he added.

- Employees of Salt Spring Log Sorting are back on the job, at least temporarily, following a two-week shutdown of operations early last month.

With contracts for members of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) up for renegotiation, however, there is no guarantee that either the company or its eight employees will be working two months from now.

Announcement



Salesperson of the Year

Gulf Islands Realty Ltd. is proud to acknowledge the outstanding sales achievement of David Duke over the past year. This is the fourth time in seven years that he has won this distinction.

Congratulations, David!

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Uniquely designed, exceptionally well finished home. Ocean and valley views. Features sunken Japanese dining area, 14' x 18' sunroom, 22' x 16' attached workshop, very sunny, quiet, secluded five acres. A place one must see to appreciate the craftsmanship. By appointment only—\$159,000.

SWIMMING & CLAMS



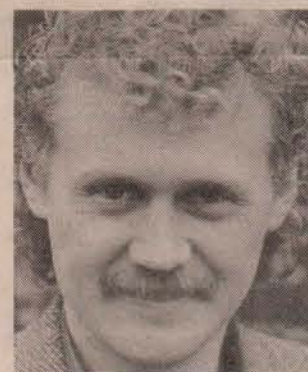
Long Harbour waterfront home. Easy access to 117' of beachfront. 27' x 8' float that has the best year round moorage on the island. Over 1900 sq. ft. of living space: fireplaces on each of two levels; 675 sq. ft. of cement patio & outdoor fireplace. Nicely landscaped. Asking \$149,000.

WATERFRONT

1.5 acres in Long Harbour. Nice westerly view, good beach access. Excellent moorage for smaller boat. \$49,000.

View lot, driveway is in, building site is prepared. 1/2 acre parcel with terrific views over Cusheon Lake. Warm exposure. Only \$23,000.

2 level home on easy care .41 acre parcel, close to Ganges, piped water, carport, full basement. Ideal for family room and 3rd bedroom, 2 BRs, bath, living room, large kitchen on main level with deck off eating area. If you are retiring, or just starting out this home should be viewed. \$69,000



NEW LISTING

LAKEFRONT DREAM HOME

One of the island's finest lakefront home, situated on 1 1/3 southwest facing acres. Immaculate interior finishing. Has two efficient heater fireplaces. Features outdoor sauna and changing room also large indoor jacuzzi hot tub. Very sunny, private dock, excellent rock work and landscaping. Over 200' of lakefront. All this for \$159,000.

SMALL BUT SUNNY

1 acre with 2 bedrooms, upper home. **SOLD** starter home. \$39,000

SUNNY WATERFRONT

Outstanding S/W exposure with all day sunshine. 151 feet of oceanfront & beach (excellent clamming); 1200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom heat efficient home. Features custom German fireplace. Asking \$115,000.

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Fantastic view home on one of Salt Spring's finest roads. 3 private acres, beautiful lawn and nicely treed. Views over Ganges and Ganges Harbour. Warm exposure. Excellent family home in first class condition. Move right in -- vendors have vacated. Possible 4 bedrooms, has 2 baths, LR, DR, family room, deck, PLUS full-sized TENNIS COURT. ASKING \$145,000

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SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT ACREAGE

Southern exposure with expansive views of Fulford Harbour. \$200,000.

UNIQUE & RUSTIC

New home on 7.51 acres. Some features are high stone fireplace, skylights, stained glass, hardwood floors on private sunny acreage. A must see!! \$142,500.

BEST BUY AT \$55,000

Well built 2-3 BR home located on quiet street. There is some ocean view and is minutes from Ganges Village.

GARAGE & AUTO WRECKING BUSINESS

Includes 10.58 acre property with 3 BR main residence, cottage, large shop with office & storage. \$160,000.

NEW LISTING—

FULFORD VILLAGE

Attractive well built home on .65 acre. The 3 BR on main & 1 up, kitchen & living room look out Fulford Harbour. Listed at \$85,000.

OCEAN VIEW ACREAGES

Enjoy excellent views of ocean, snow capped mountains & Bon Acre Farm from this nicely treed 7+ acres. Very private and secluded. \$49,000.

Bordering 23 acres with similar ocean & farm views and is possibly subdividable is also offered at \$149,900.

Call DARLENE O'DONNELL 653-4386

ACREAGE

11 ac., fenced with 2 storey barn, lots of water & power. \$95,000.

28 ac. timber, stream, pasture & a fine view from the building site. \$110,000.

LOTS

1.83 ac. sea view, power, water, secluded cul-de-sac. \$36,000.

.97 sunny & warm, serviced. \$19,500.

WATERFRONT

2.93 ac. with 193' lowbank frontage, south exposure, nicely treed & private. \$145,000.

1.46 ac. fine view & good beach access. \$89,500.

Call JIM SPENCER 537-2154

SEAVIEW

Walk across the road and you're on the beach. Build your summer cottage here and watch the ships sail by. Water system and power available. Bring your offer on an asking price of \$55,000.

FINANCING AT 10%

This sunny treed property is in a nice area off Sunset Drive. With very little effort the sea view can be improved even more. Add to this a down payment of only 10% and a total price of \$37,500.00 and this becomes a bargain.

WATERFRONT ACREAGE

3½ acres of choice property that makes you feel relaxed and peaceful just being there. This sunny exposure and fabulous view offers and ideal dream home site. Serviced with water and has its own well too. Situated at the end of a quiet road. Asking \$149,500.

50 MILE VIEW

Two lots over 5 acres each with panoramic ocean and Island views. These two nicely treed properties have driveways and building sites included. Water and power available on the property. An ideal location for a view home and hobby farm. \$59,500 and \$69,500 asking price.

Call BRIAN BETTS 537-5876



Family home—4 bedrooms on 1 sunny acre—close to lake access, \$65,000.

Let me show you this fine family home in 100 Hills. Three bedrooms, fully developed basement including wet bar in rec room, 0.88 ac. of level well landscaped grounds with deer-fenced vegetable garden. \$107,500.

Excellent terms available on this sunny Vesuvius lot. The property is listed at \$32,500 but all offers considered.

IVAN MOUAT 537-9445

SECLUDED 30 ACRES



PRICE REDUCTION—Sunny, treed, large acreage, with areas of ocean views. 3 yr. old 2 BR cabin, 60 gpm well, marketable timber. Reduced to \$110,000.

LONG HARBOUR RD.

2.14 ac., level, treed acreage. Hydro and new 2 gpm well, choice building site. Offered at \$25,000.

HARBOUR VIEWS

Long Harbour sea view, 2 BR home with roughed in lower level waiting for your finishing touches. Excellent launching and moorage close by. REDUCED to \$59,500.

Call RUSS CROUSE 537-5203

ISLAND TUCK-A-WAY

With privacy—basking in sunshine—overlooking a splendid view—this house with warmth and character. \$87,500.

COUNTRY ROAD

WATERFRONT

Abundant garden of flowers and fruit trees—main house and cottage—1.21 acres with 165' of seashore—spectacular views. \$132,000.

EXCITING SCENES

From this well built house the view is a "never ending" story. Moonlit, sunlit, stormy or fair the scene is always enchanting, always changing! \$119,900.

BOUNTFUL GARDEN

This modular home with small greenhouse and workshop sits on a lovely property that offers privacy, sunshine, wonderful garden, sea glimpses and close proximity to town. \$54,900.

IT'S TIME—"BUILD"!

On .66 acre—privacy—sunshine—lots of trees—services—level site—good location. \$24,500.

ANNE WATSON 537-2284

WATERFRONT

NEW LISTING—1½ acres of south facing waterfrontage, moorage, small cove, large trees. Price \$135,000.

SEA VIEW HOME

1200 sq. ft., 3 BR, large treed lot, basement area finished, carport, sundeck, located in Mobrae—just listed at \$72,500.

Call MEL TOPPING 537-2426

BRINKWORTHY PLACE

Adult mobile (and modular) home park offering an ideal retirement option with sunny exposure, level sites, close to village, underground services. We presently have the following to choose from:

• **JUST LISTED** — 1974 Premier double wide, 2 BR, 36x24' in immaculate condition. Includes fridge, stove, washer, dryer. Covered sundeck. Asking \$34,500. Offers.

• **OWNER HAS BOUGHT** — and is very motivated to sell 10 year old 1392 sq. ft. double wide with covered carport and 24x8 storage. Garden. Very efficient airtight woodstove. Asking new reduced price of \$40,000. Appliances incl.

• **BRAND NEW** — 850 sq. ft. modular features heavy insulation 2"x6" walls. Gyproc throughout. High quality kitchen/bathroom. 1 BR. \$43,500—appliances extra.

• **BRAND NEW** — 1008 sq. ft. modular 2 BR with same features as smaller model. \$53,500. Appliances extra.

1½ AC. OCEANFRONT LOT

264 ft. sunny frontage, 2 GPM well, paved driveway. Close to excellent moorage. \$59,200. Offers.

WORKSHOP/BARN, LIVING QUARTERS, 11½ ACRES



Modern with attractive 28'x16' living area equipped with: stove, sink, fridge, shower, toilet, sink, bunks and airtight. Centre area of barn has high ceiling and wooden floors. Overall 48'x48' includes cement floor workshop, hay room, stalls and more! Quiet, level, private parklike setting of cleared and fenced pasture areas. Two ponds. Some seaview! \$149,500. Ideal for horses, sheep, cows.

Please call DICK TRORY 537-2236

WEST COAST

OPEN LIVING DESIGN

The views are outstanding from this super family home. Look over Wallace and Galiano Islands. This home has much to offer. 3 BRs plus loft, excellent working kitchen, brick heater w/ p. Priced at \$110,000.

EXCELLENT VALUE

3 BR—one level home. Convenient location, on ½ acre. Sunny and level. Asking \$68,500.

NEW LISTING

Excellent starter or retirement home. This home sits on .54 level sunny acres. 3 BRs, great kitchen, fireplace and separate laundry room. Price \$69,900.

\$25,500.00

Ready to build on. Great location with some lakeview. Driveway roughed in.

WEEKEND GET-A-WAY

• Level sunny 1.01 ac.
• Fully serviced
• 1976 5th wheel trailer
• Private dock
• On one of Salt Spring's most popular lakes.
PRICE \$72,500—TRY YOUR OFFER.

QUIET FAMILY AREA

Neat 3 BR home with lake view. Level sunny lot. Workshop & finished rec. room in daylight basement. Priced at \$75,000.

Call MAGGIE SMITH 537-2913

BOOTH CANAL WATERFRONT

Great mini-farm potential on this ready-cleared 3.68 acres with good barn and well. 1010 sq. ft. house on gently slope to water requires interior finishing. Approx. 163 ft. frontage on the canal. Asking \$108,000.

VESUVIUS BUILDING LOT

SW facing ¼ acre in 15' sheltered, warm Vesuvius area. Paved road, easy access, water, hydro & cable. **Hard to beat at \$22,500.**

NORTH END ACREAGE

Two adjoining sea-view 5-acre wooded parcels with sunny S.W. exposure off Sunset Drive. Driveways in to cleared building sites. Access to warm swimming within walking distance. Excellent vendor financing available. Offers welcome. \$45,000 & \$50,000.

SUPERBUY!

Wooded 4.97 ac. N End. Driveway in to high building site with expansive view to distant sea & coast mtns. End-of-road quiet, hydro at lot line. Anxious vendor asking offers to \$36,000.

GANGES

WATERFRONT HOME



Lovely harbour views from this very attractive home and garden on 1.85 secluded acres. Lots of room for family and friends with 4 BR, 2½ bathrms. and a very cozy 1 BR self-contained guest suite. The garden gazebo and built-in barbecue area are ideal for summer parties. Please call for an appt. to view this delightful property. \$195,000.

SCOTT POINT WATERFRONT

Superb S.W. facing .86 acre of walk-on WF. Quiet cul-de-sac, water system and hydro available—a stunning property just waiting for an exciting house to take advantage of sun, sea, rocks and trees. Asking \$135,000.

Please call for more information or appts. to view.

SYLVIA or ARTHUR GALE 537-5618

FULFORD HARBOUR

An easy care .30 acre lot, views of Fulford Harbour, walking distance to the Ferry, and a 1400 square foot older home, all for \$87,500.

Complete privacy on this 6.40 acres, with southern exposure, large timber, and arable soil. Close to Fulford School and Ferry Terminal. \$59,900.

SHARP ROAD

7.12 acres of fenced pasture, year round stream, woodlot, large vegetable garden, combined with a 1251 sq. ft. architecturally designed cedar home make this property good value at \$149,600.

WESTCOTT ROAD

The 2.11 acres of pastureland combined with a well maintained 1100 sq. ft. home with full basement, make this property very attractive at \$87,500.

ST. MARY'S HIGHLANDS

Fully serviced 1 acre lot, totally surrounded by larger acreages. Vendor financing with excellent terms. \$25,000.

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PENDER ISLAND

RESIDENTIAL BEST BUYS:

Just listed: 2 BR cottage plus garage and sleeping porch. Wonderful setting near beach access. \$59,000.

Swim at your front door—3 BR modern home with feature f/p, large sundeck. Appl. incl. \$64,900.

Only \$5,000 down and vendor will carry! Sunny, 900 sq. ft. cedar home with f/p on .34 ac. Natural setting. \$65,000.

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MAYNE ISLAND

Low budget retirement 14x60 mobile home with additions, fenced lot, productive garden, outbuildings \$49,500. Reduced to \$46,000.

Treed building lot close to small cove, launching ramp & moorage, on water system. \$17,900.

1/3 ac. well treed, close to beach & moorage, good water system. \$14,000.

Beautiful ½ ac. oceanview property on hydro & water system. Spectacular sunsets. \$19,900.

3 BR cedar home on 2 ac., mature trees, ocean glimpses—could be panoramic with clearing. \$69,900.

Waterfront home—3 BR plus guest cottage, good moorage & excellent dock potential. \$107,000.

16 ac. on Village Bay Rd., view building site. \$55,000.

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SATURNA ISLAND

7.6 ac. views of Baker and coastal range, across road from waterfront. \$28,000.

Low bank waterfront acre, nicely forested, beautiful view, super safe beach. \$50,000.

BOOT COVE LODGE—only accommodation on Saturna, 10 min. walk from ferry. \$129,000.

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GALIANO ISLAND

0.19 ac. waterfront—steps to beach, sunny S.E. exposure. Remodelled 996 sq. ft. home, 200 sq. ft. cottage and workshop. Pretty rock garden, walk to ferry. \$145,000.

Highbank waterfront—gorgeous S.W. exposure overlooks Tricomali Channel & other Islands. 2 storey 3 BR (+workshop) cedar home on 1.4 ac., excellent garden area & water supply. Offers please to \$145,000.

10.01 ac. nicely treed. 1600 sq. ft. summer house—a great secluded retreat. \$79,500.

1.86 ac. centrally located view lot. Walk to ferry and stores. A super buy \$30,000.

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