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In the hand

Suzanne Oskam holds a new family pet—a Japanese homing pigeon. The Oskams found the

exhausted bird near the Japanese Pavilion at Expo and are currently trying to trace its owner in Japan.

Weary pigeon lands new owners

The Oskam family's new pet is a homing pigeon from Japan. Never mind that it took a few wrong turns and landed several hundred thousand miles off target.

Eight-year-old Suzanne Oskam found the pigeon last Sunday under a tree at Expo. The bird was exhausted and unable to fly, but only a little way from the Japanese Pavilion.

Jan Oskam, whose father owned pigeons in Holland, says the bird's ring identifies it as a Japanese pigeon. Its racing band suggests it should be enroute to the Orient.

The bird, too reluctant or tired to eat at first, now happily pecks away at bird feed and corn. It sits calmly in both Suzanne or Jan Oskam's hands, observing spectators with a tilted head.

Diverting the flow of water in two creeks has been proposed as a solution to periodic flooding problems in downtown Ganges.

The proposal comes from the Ganges Creek Task Force, an eight-member body established earlier this year by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee to review an engineering report covering the two creek systems and study possible alternatives to its findings.

That study — the Spar report

— proposed construction of a covered culvert system extending from the B.C. Hydro office on Rainbow Road, across Lower Ganges Road and into the bay near Mouat's Mall. When the report was written in 1980, it estimated the project would cost \$140,000.

The report of the Ganges Creek Task Force, which chairman Ian Fraser stressed is preliminary and theoretical, suggests that proceeding with a culvert system

would eliminate the flooding problem but not the creek beds — which would then "become just ugly drainage ditches, subject to trash collection and probably a blight on the community for years to come."

In examining the creeks, the task force said it believed "there had to be some more beneficial way to solve this problem and utilize the creek systems as a community asset, rather than ... as a liability."

To that end, it argues that its proposed diversion plan would not only solve flooding problems but could lead to creation of a linear park system in downtown Ganges and contribute to revival of the historic salmon-rearing capabilities of the two creeks.

The report, which will be presented to the public for comment and input at a meeting some time in early June, recommends diverting Swanson Creek — which is blamed for most of the flooding problems — into Ganges Creek, and diverting Ganges Creek from its present path to its historic route, which was changed some years back.

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Return of ferry passes requested by committee

Directors of the transportation committee voted Monday to approach MLA Hugh Curtis and the B.C. Ferry Corporation to request reinstatement of passes for students travelling on school-related activities.

If the corporation will not revive the free pass system, the committee said it would at least fight for equality in student cost, bringing fees in line with other provincial ferry prices.

Schools Superintendent Mike Marshall told the committee that children living on Denman and Hornby Islands can take a ferry, play soccer on Vancouver Island and return for a total cost of 45 cents. And, Marshall noted, they can leave at six a.m. without having to return until 11 p.m.

"It costs four times as much for our kids to travel, and the times are much reduced," Marshall said.

Committee members Bev Un-

ger said Ferry Corporation officials have apologized for the way the issue was handled. "They said they had to do it right away because of the hassles they were getting from others who had heard of the freebie."

The corporation pulled the passes last month when it received a letter from the B.C. School Trustees Association, requesting all students in the province be given access to free ferry travel.

Marshall noted that the Gulf Islands school district is unique in its dependence on water travel. The free travel was only for students and an extension of tax-related school activities. As Marshall noted, the system may have increased ferry revenue for the corporation in that parents travelling with students were paying their own way.

"We had something that was

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Events program included inside

This week's edition of *Driftwood* contains a special Sea Capers supplement.

The 16-page booklet includes a full schedule of events for the mid-June celebration.

Reading was great but timing terrible

A Salt Spring Island man who spent last year living in Oman is now enjoying regular, on-time delivery of *Gulf Islands Driftwood*. And it's quite a change after his sojourn in the Middle East.

W.R. Turner arranged in late 1984 to have *Driftwood* mailed every week to his new address in Oman. The first

mail he received from this newspaper came in the form of a postcard. It was a reminder that his subscription was due and that it would be cancelled soon if payment was not made.

The card arrived in March of this year, a full 15 months after he purchased his subscription. The only trouble was, he had yet to receive a

single issue.

It was only a few days later that Turner began receiving newspapers in his mail. Over a period of three days he received 52 issues of *Driftwood*.

Turner has since returned to Salt Spring Island, where he enjoys reading about island affairs while they are still current.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

Drawing a pint

Clinic technicians draw pint from Salt Spring Islander Walter Davis, who donated at Legion hall in Ganges last week. Return of

clinic after three-year absence was deemed a success as 136 pints of blood were collected for use by the Red Cross.

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- Craig and Bonita Brown of Vermilion, Alberta.
- David Lynch of Spring Valley, California.
- Robyn Taylor of Elcampo, Texas.
- Ray and Joyce Trull of Toronto, Ontario.
- Wilson Lanbrum of Bodega, California.

EXCHANGE RATE:

This week's recommended exchange rate on U.S. dollars is 35 per cent.

Tourism centre sets open house

An open house in Ganges Friday will allow islanders to view the newly renovated premises of the tourist information centre, now known as the Travel Info Centre.

Refreshments will be served at the affair, which runs from 7.30 to 9.30 pm.

The premises have been enlarged to accommodate the large volume of tourist traffic that passes through the building every summer. Nearly 20,000 visitors registered at the centre last year.

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Curtis pondering options in party leadership race

Local MLA Hugh Curtis may be pondering a run for the Social Credit leadership post vacated by Premier Bill Bennett.

Curtis, who told *Driftwood* he has yet to make a decision about contesting the party's leadership, was widely mentioned as a possible candidate immediately after Bennett announced his retirement last Thursday.

"It (candidacy) is a matter for careful and thoughtful consideration," Curtis said Friday. "It's a decision that won't be made in a few days, and I guarantee you that won't change by Wednesday (today)."

Meanwhile, the Salt Spring Social Credit constituency association said Friday it hopes to send delegates to the convention that will select Bennett's successor.

Local president Blair Nelson explained that the local group is but a wing of the larger Saanich association, meaning its members would have to be selected as delegates under the Saanich umbrella.

"There has been some interest expressed by our directors to have a say (at the convention)," Nelson said. He added that the local association has doubled island membership to 140 in the two months since it was revived.

Both Curtis and Nelson were

taken aback by Bennett's decision to retire, with Nelson saying the move "knocked me off my feet."

Curtis said he was shocked by the move but, in looking back, felt Bennett's move was not surprising.

"Of course, there was shock ... but he (Bennett) said in 1975 that he would serve only two terms, and he said it again a few times after that," Curtis said.

Nelson took a different tack, saying he was "surprised but not shocked" by Bennett's decision. "I thought that if he was going to do it, it would have been before now," he said.

Nelson added that some members of the local association were "quite upset" by Bennett's decision to retire because "they don't know where we're going to get direction from now."

The question of direction also came up with Curtis, who said he believed Bennett's detractors will, "in time, come to realize that he played a critical role in steering this province through difficult times. It was a great honour working with him."

Nelson said he believed Bennett's decision to step down was based on a feeling "that he had accomplished everything that he set out to do."

Island nurses endorse B.C.-wide strike mandate

Eighty-six per cent of Lady Minto Hospital nurses voted last week to support a strike to back contract demands.

The Salt Spring tally is included in a province-wide total of 91 per cent of B.C.'s 15,000 nurses voting yes to strike action. Figures in Victoria were 93 per cent at Royal Jubilee Hospital and 95 per cent at Victoria General hospital.

The nurse's union contract expired in March, 1985, and negotiations with the Health Labour Relations Association (HLRA) have been ongoing since that time.

The HLRA offered nurses a three-year contract, beginning in 1985, that would see a one per cent wage increase in 1986 and a two per cent increase the following year. The nurses received their last wage hike in 1984.

"We want to bargain, not to strike," said union spokesman Jerry Miller. "We believe the employers must recognize how serious the situation is and how serious the nurses are about getting conditions that are fair for

nurses and the health system."

According to Miller, B.C. is a "net importer of nurses," meaning this province does not educate enough nurses to fill the necessary positions. Because conditions are less favourable here, he said, registrations from out-of-province nurses hit a 20-year low in 1985.

Between 1982 and 1984, registrations averaged 739. Last year that number dropped to 558.

"Other jurisdictions offer better wages and conditions," Miller said.

Under the union's previous agreement with the HLRA, nurses can be called upon to work eight consecutive full-day shifts. According to Miller, this is one condition they want changed.

"It brings up serious concerns, such as fatigue and stressful working conditions," he said. "We want it reduced to six shifts. It's not a cost item. They have to have a nurse on anyways."

Miller said the HLRA refuses to talk about it unless the union is prepared to give up other agreements.

police report

Five Salt Spring residents suffered numerous injuries Saturday after a head-on collision between two vehicles on Lower Ganges Road.

Damage to the vehicles was estimated at \$4,000 to \$5,000.

RCMP Sgt. Mitch Hanks said four people in a vehicle driven by David John Laucek were taken to hospital by ambulance with injuries ranging from whiplash to a possible fracture.

Passengers in the Laucek vehicle included Karen Saunders, Rick Howland and Lorraine McNeil.

Russel Mark Crouse Jr., driver of the second vehicle, a Loomis truck, was taken to hospital by taxi.

The accident is still under police investigation.

A Salt Spring RCMP spokesman says the detachment is receiving numerous complaints about cars passing school buses while the red lights are flashing.

Drivers are required to stop when school bus lights are flashing, regardless of their direction of travel.

Penalties for infractions include fines, points, or a combination of both.

Road foreman retiring from highways post

Thirty-five years of service with the highways ministry came to an end Saturday night when 65 people honored Ken Stevens on the eve of his retirement as Salt Spring Island road foreman.

District highways manager Joe Jensen and regional engineer Roy Giddons gave speeches at the dinner and dance, held at the Masonic Hall and organized by Gordon McPhee. According to McPhee, Stevens will eventually be presented with a plaque commemorating his service to the ministry.

As road foreman on Salt Spring for the past 12 years, Stevens was responsible for maintaining all local roads. His replacement, John Stepaniuk, took over the position May 12.

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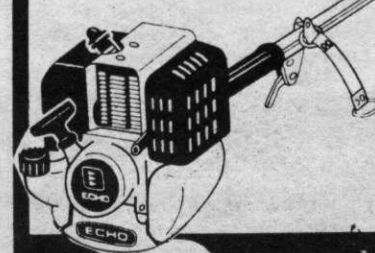
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to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Several weeks ago I recalled the old Royal Air Force call for assistance, *Two-six*. I had a prompt explanation that it referred to six men to push on the main plane and two at the tail plane when moving an aircraft.

One reader was rudely jerked back to his wartime service and wrote me a note. The note, in verse, came to me slowly from Rob Weston, formerly LAC Weston, R.J., 567. I was getting a lot of notes at the time in connection with the Centennial Park campaign and I put this envelope aside in the wrong pile. That's why it's belated. And here it is:

*I don't know if it's good or not,
Stirring up mem'ries best forgot.
I suffer an impacted toe
From kicking a chock that failed to go
Because I was caught in a fix
From no response to my "two-six"!*

*The other bods — the rotten lot
Had all skived off to the you know what,
So they could have a crafty smoke.
Careless of me poor stupid bloke;
And I'd been left alone what's more
To open unaided a hangar door.*

*A frequent victim of "blow you Jack!"
Says I, "two-six my poor sore back!"*

While islanders sit back and review the damp spring with that misery reserved for the weather, there are consolations to be found elsewhere.

I have a February issue of *La Depeche*, published in Tahiti, sent to me by Esther Dickinson, still sailing the South Seas aboard the yacht, *Kapduva*. When they are not sailing, the Dickinsons have their home on Wilkie Way.

The newspaper reports the arrival of the cyclone

Ima in French Polynesia, with pictures of its passage. The storm did not pass over the islands and the damage was largely the side effects of its passage.

The sailors were as close as they want to be to such violent weather. Writing from Moorea, in French Polynesia, Esther Dickinson explains that they were moored in the Baie de Cook.

"It was a tiresome time," she says, "but we suffered no damage. That is the closest I want to get to a cyclone!"

And here we are complaining of a late spring and too many slugs.

Prime Minister Mulroney is heading into a minority government, says Women's Lib. If the casualty list keeps up she figures the Tories will all be gone before the next election.

It was on the radio. A survey had been carried out regarding Expo and its impact on Canadians.

Among other things, CBC told me, the survey shows that while lots of British Columbians and Albertans will be visiting the fair, there will be fewer easterners.

I figure that didn't need a survey. I think I could have thunk it out for myself.

Let's not be smug about infestation of island lakes! That's the message I had from a reader who has followed the St. Mary Lake dispute.

Eurasian milfoil is something that happens in other parts of the province, she remarked. And she was confident that we were in the clear, here in the islands, until she read a report in the *Advertiser* at Qualicum that Long Lake, near Nanaimo, is now infested.

The reader explains that while milfoil hasn't entered the St. Mary Lake dialogue, the threat should not be ignored.

Pins, awards handed out by Legion

A Saturday night dinner marking the Royal Canadian Legion's 60th anniversary saw service pins and other awards handed out to members of the Salt Spring branch.

Capping the evening was the pinning of a meritorious service medal on long-time Legion member Al Ryan, and presentation of a 50-year pin to Jack Pothecary.

Other service pins were handed out as follows:
• 40-year pins — Ed Allan, Frank Cunningham, George Heinekey, J. Holder, Colin Mouat, Mac Mouat and Jack Smith.
• 35-year pins — Henry Butler-Cole, Tom Campbell, Ivan Mouat, Bill Trelford and Stan Wakelyn.



Al Ryan

- 30-year pins — Walter Carlson, Ben Greenhough, Jake Javorski, Arthur Moore, Joseph Rozzano and John Waterfall.
- 25-year-pins — Terry Byron, Bruce Campbell, Pat Harrison, Mark Holmes, Margaret Johnston, Dennis McCormick, Ed Miller and William Orr.



George Dunaway, left, presents Jack Pothecary with 50-year Legion pin during Legion's 60th anniversary dinner and dance Saturday at Ganges.

Ganges park turned over to district

Centennial Park in Ganges has been officially transferred from the provincial ministry of lands, parks and housing to the jurisdiction of the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The .7 hectare park—which Lands Minister Jack Kempf said has an estimated value of \$460,000—was granted to the CRD as a regional park.

Transfer of the land clears the way for the Salt Spring Park and Recreation Commission — which will act as caretakers — to consider a bylaw outlining guidelines for park use. The bylaw has been drafted but consideration was put on hold because the CRD must have control of the park before the rules could be enforced.

The CRD first requested title to the park last fall.

A drive to raise funds for Centennial Park renovations has taken in approximately \$4,000 from the public as well as numerous labour donations, downtown Ganges landowner Tom Toynbee said last week.

"It's going quite well," he said. "We expect there is more coming in."

According to Toynbee, the drive — which began April 2 — has seen numerous donations in the form of equipment and time, including backhoe drivers and truckers.

The project will receive half of its \$25,000 Lotteries Fund grant "very soon," and the balance will be paid upon its completion.

"We're still in possession of a bank debt," Toynbee noted. "We're not in the greatest financial shape, but we're confident we'll be able to pull it through."

Transportation committee to seek return of passes

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really working well," he said. "The others are not water-based communities; all they (the corporation) had to do was say no."

If the corporation will not reinstate passes, the committee decided it would approach Curtis on the issue of equality for all school children and the balancing of ferry travel in the province.

In other business arising from the Transportation Committee's general meeting:

• Bruce Patterson and Arvid Chalmers were elected and re-elected by acclamation to two-year directorships on the committee. Hal Wright also joined the committee as a representative of commercial transportation. Mike Glenmore resigned his directorship and David Clegg was elected to replace him.

• Tony Richards and Hal Wright formed a committee to draw up a list of five names which will be presented to Hugh Curtis for a possible position on the Ferry Corporation's board of directors.

The submitted names will be of people who have either served on the transportation committee for one year, or who have relevant transportation experience.

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Fund-raising efforts need moral, monetary boost

With the recently-announced transfer of ownership of Salt Spring's Centennial Park from the provincial government to the Capital Regional District (CRD), one more long-awaited step has been taken towards solidifying the status of the Ganges landmark. Some equally-important hurdles remain to be cleared, however.

Of immediate concern is passage of a bylaw governing the uses to be permitted in the park, which sits in draft form before the parks and recreation commission at the time of this writing. The commission, identified by the CRD as park caretaker, was forced to wait until the land transfer was official before it could act. Now, its way is clear.

The technical, political and people considerations inherent in a park use bylaw will surface and sort themselves out—and perhaps provoke comment—as the paperwork winds its way through the commission process. More on

that as it develops.

Meanwhile, one aspect of Centennial Park as important as the ownership transfer and the adoption of a proper use bylaw lies waiting to reach its goal. The reference is, of course, to the efforts aimed at raising \$25,000 to match a conditional Lotteries Fund grant for the same amount. If that drive falls short, we can kiss the grant goodbye.

Despite the strong effort and long hours put in by volunteers like Bill Webster, who spearheaded the bingo game fund-raisers, and the soliciting of donations through a letter-mailing campaign, the drive has to date collected but \$4,000 towards its goal of \$25,000. That's less than one-sixth of the way.

It's too early to say the effort is falling short, but soon enough to call on Salt Spring residents to show a tad more support for the project. Simply put, we cannot afford to lose the \$25,000 headed our way.

Support may be slow in building because of disagreement over the shape a renewed Centennial Park will take, or because the project faces \$10,000 in debts arising from work carried out to date. Be that as it may, the same argument holds true—support fund-raising and clear the path for what will arguably be an improved park, or sit still and chance flushing \$25,000 away.

Fund-raising organizers like CRD representative Hugh Borsman have, to their credit, maintained that fund-raising will continue until the goal is met. Whether that holds true in the face of a slow buildup—and how soon the park project is finally completed—depends on the willingness of island residents to contribute.

Our hope is that the donations begin to pile up soon. Anything less takes away from the hard work, dedication and community spirit a legion of fund-raising volunteers have contributed to date.



Count yourself in

Gulf Islanders must make every effort to ensure they're counted in during Canada's national census.

The reason is simple enough, and has nothing to do with providing government agencies with stacks of statistical information about me and thee.

Simply put, the numbers tallied on census day—June 3—will go a long way towards determining the amount of money transferred from Ottawa to the provinces over the next five years.

For every person in B.C. not counted on census day, the province will lose money in transfer payments used to help finance post-secondary education, medicare, hospitals and extended health care. For instance, missing out could mean the difference between a school buying a box of pencils instead of a computer.

We bring this up for two reasons. First, the 1981 census determined that B.C. had the highest rate of under-counting of any province in Canada, costing this province dearly in terms of transfer payments.

Secondly, the 1986 census schedule is complicated by an event peculiar to this region. The opening of Expo, the advent of warmer weather and a desire by many to beat the summer crowds rushing to the fair means many local residents are likely planning an early visit—and June 3 may be the date they've circled.

If so, change the wording on your calendar. Make it read *Census Day*, not *Fair Day*.

Bill, Dave and Whitey would be one class act

What does Bill Bennett's retirement as leader of the Social Credit party have to do with Whitey Herzog, manager of the major league baseball team in St. Louis? Read on.

To trace the connection, we have to go back a couple of years to the retirement of Dave Barrett as leader of this province's New Democratic Party.

When he called it quits, Barrett was treated to a going-away party attended by all sorts of prominent people and the evening's agenda included the reading of some telegrams sent in by friends from afar.

One of those friends was Whitey Herzog, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. Barrett was a fan of the ball club since his youth, when he attended university in the Missouri city, and had followed its fortunes in later years.

Herzog's letter is kind of cute. It says the unemployed Barrett should hike down to St. Louis and try out for the ball club, and goes on to list possible positions the ex-politician could play.

As might be expected, Herzog said the perfect spot for Barrett would be left field, "the one position you've trained for all your life."

(By the way, I'm not making this up. Doubters are welcome to

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

stop in at the office and see my copy of the letter.)

Where does Bennett and his retirement fit into all of this? While running through the on-field lineup, Herzog notes: "Right field is out. I got some guy named Bill Bennett who wants a tryout after 1986. He says bet-

ween the northeast coal and Expo debt, he'll probably have to leave town—go on the road for a few years."

The point is Herzog's letter is dated May 16, 1984, and if some guy from Missouri knew all the way back then that Bill Bennett would probably be hanging 'em up around this time, we shouldn't have been so surprised by last week's events.

In fact, just about everything I've read and heard about Bennett's decision to retire makes reference to the warning signs having been in place for a long time. For instance, local MLA Hugh Curtis points out, quite

rightly, that Bennett had said a number of times—going back as far as the mid-1970s—that he would serve only two terms, possibly two and a half.

True, the decision to leave may have been triggered by poor showings by Bennett in private party polls, but it's also possible that those findings were nothing more than the nudge the premier was looking for—especially if we read Herzog's letter in its proper context.

Baseball, Barrett and Bennett. It's a weird mix of fact and fantasy perfectly in keeping with the strange brand of politics in this province. Batter up.

Rebuttal

Sir,
We wish to comment on Ian Fraser's letter in the May 7th *Driftwood*, in which he attempts to explain the rod and gun club's operation and the effects the neighbours have on the club. His defense is shot through with errors; just about the only thing of accuracy with regard to us as adjacent neighbours is that he spelled our name correctly.

Mr. Fraser started his letter accusing us of "attacking" the gun club. That surprised us, as we always thought that the people at the receiving end of rifles and shotguns, are likely the ones being "attacked." Despite our lives being endangered by the club's frequent ammunitional forays, we have maintained a position of questioning and fact-finding.

We wonder why, for instance, the club lacked the courtesy or concern to warn us of our safety and rights, even after three months of owning the property? Why did we have to risk our lives determining whether shot and pellets were invading our property and then, when mentioning it, being accused of "attacking" the gun club? Why, when the club executive knew of the 25-year ammunition dump they created next door, did they fail to notify the tenants, a mother and her four-year-old daughter, during the past year? And finally, why was the executive falsely reassuring of the safety of the adjacent pasture to the caretaking family of the deceased John Lees, the owner previous to us?

Mr. Fraser indicated that the club didn't believe the bullets entered our property with any considerable frequency, and that the shot is "not considered hazardous." We can vouch that the shot is definitely dangerous to anyone who values their eyesight, and that the bullets enter with witnessed frequency. We dare not enter that part of the property during active shooting.

Ian Fraser correctly said: "Target shooting is a legitimate and challenging sport...and is quite safe provided satisfactory facilities are available and adequate supervision provided." Interestingly, Mr. Fraser neglected to qualify the rod and gun club as fitting this statement. He knows there is no supervisor and that there are numerous safety problems.

There was also a recent letter, poem style, about us by a gun club member. The poet indicated that I was a developer — and Ian Fraser said that I was "...thinking of possibly building on this field."

Wrong again on both counts. My wife and I purchased this farm in the hopes of working it and raising our family here — and the building we hope to put on that south-facing pasture is a greenhouse. When we bought the property, we knew of the rod and gun club but felt we could probably learn to deal with the all-pervasive noise of the turkey shoots — but we never expected to be recipients of live ammunition and, now, mud-slinging.

With regard to the noise argument, Mr. Fraser said: "We asked three of the club's closest neighbours if they felt we were objectionable to them by our presence. Their reply was that we were not objectionable, and noise levels were at least acceptable." Firstly, we thought that we had the honour of being the club's closest neighbour. Secondly, the neighbours referred to are gun club members and live across the highway and on the other side of the target — and noise — from us.

At this point, we do wish to commend the club executive for their prompt response to our

objection of the shot trespass. It is questionable, however, whether a six-foot addition to the rifle berm would prevent further encroachment of bullets. Nevertheless, the club has shut down the trap houses and will rearrange the field so they'll be shooting northeast toward the base of the Long Harbour highway embankment.

It would be interesting to see whether these same gun club neighbours will still be tolerant when the trap shooting season begins, and the new field arrangement directs the noise towards them. And as the hill which the club will be shooting toward is directly facing Ganges, it appears that the noise will be more keenly heard by the people of Ganges and Long Harbour. We would hope that some kind of testing and/or noise berm will be considered, given these probable consequences.

Our goal with the gun club is to stay and develop a relationship of respect for our neighbours, which we hope would become mutual.

The gun club and ourselves agree that they need larger, better and more suitably-located facilities. Their problem is admitted by everyone, the buck-passing is committed by the politicians and the solution can only be found by a community effort—involving the real estate industry, the CRD, the Islands Trust and the Advisory Planning Committee. Such a solution can only be achieved by continued negotiation, open discussion and further research into the effects and needs of the rod and gun club.

**RICHARD KREIGER,
MAGGIE KRIEGER,
Ganges.**

Choices

Sir,
Would it not be wonderful if all of us who are so concerned with the vagaries of the weather, were to direct our ire at our leaders' myopic stance over nuclear proliferation, whether it be with weapons, power plants or food irradiation? The time saved not griping about our west coast climate could be put to productive use with some short and postage-free letters to those in charge of leading us down the garden path.

Personally, I would much rather have the occasional frontal system than a permanent nuclear winter.
**RICK LAING,
Ganges.**

Input

Sir,
I wish to inform the Gulf Islands community of the local advisory council established by the federal government and to request input to that council through myself as the Lower Gulf Islands representative.

The purpose of the council is to advise Canada Employment and Immigration officials in Canada Employment Centres about labour market issues, especially in relation to local planning activities.

To do this, I need to know things such as specific skill shortages in our community, concerns about delivery of C.E.I.C. services to the local labour force (especially the unemployed) and employers, and in general local views on the way in which such services can be improved.

I would anticipate information especially from such groups as local chambers of commerce, the

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Community Society and Island Futures Economic Development Society, all of which have involvement with local employment and labour force matters.

Though I will be contacting such groups, my knowledge of the Outer Islands is more limited, so initiatives from them will be especially welcome.

This is your opportunity to get involved in helping resolve some of the problems of workers and employers on the local scene. I intend to carry your thoughtful suggestions and concerns to the local advisory council meetings, which are held quarterly in Saanich at the Borden Street Manpower Office.

Call me anytime, either at my office (537-5568) or at home (537-9510).

**DAVID WILLIAMS,
Ganges.**

Big mistake

Sir,
I cannot help but follow up on the statement in the last issue of *Driftwood*, where Nick Gilbert is quoted as saying he will not present a proposal to MacMillan-Bloedel unless MB has received a concrete purchase proposal.

If this statement is true, I suggest Mr. Gilbert and the Trust have made a big mistake. It is against the law to interfere in a contract, it is against the law to extort anything from anyone.

Private property rights for everyone are in jeopardy with this type of bungling buffoonery. No doubt the Islands Trust is preparing to rezone all uplands and forest, thereby reneging on its original commitment. They won't stop with uplands and forest.

If you are a landowner or want to be, it's time to rid ourselves of these overzealous, unnecessary, interfering people once and for all. If you are an islander, help extricate ourselves by signing the petition that will see the Trust disbanded.
**MURRAY CYPRUS,
Ganges.**

Stop, think

Sir,
They say that politics makes strange bedfellows. How's this for an interesting quote:

"Free trade with the United States would be like sleeping with an elephant. If it ever rolls over, you're a dead man. And I'll tell you when he's going to roll over. He's going to roll over in times of economic depression, and they're going to crank up those plants in Georgia and North Carolina and Ohio, and they're going to be shutting them down here."

Who said this? Brian Mulroney in 1983, as a Progressive Conservative leadership hopeful. What a quick turnaround.

Selling Canada to the U.S. picks up speed; we are already 50 per cent foreign-owned (mainly by the U.S.) while Japan, Britain and most other developed countries have 10 per cent or less foreign ownership.

Our own CBC has had budget slashes and our most basic communication system, the post office, is now threatened. In contrast, Britain's postal service is in the black with two mail deliveries a day. Even if we must subsidize our service, we need cheap communication in a democratic country.

Isn't it enough that our television brainwashes us daily to

believe that most human beings are all stupid, bumbling idiots whose main goal in life is to consume more and more useless, overpriced, disposable merchandise produced by ever more sophisticated robots to make fewer and fewer people richer and richer?

I say stop and think. Change your programmed directions.

**HARRIETT ARNOTT,
Saanich.**

Cutting

Sir,
Yesterday I took some of my relatives up to Maxwell's Peak to see the view. I was very surprised that someone had cut down some snags along the roadside, but more surprised that some green trees were also cut down up at the parking area and left there.

Falling dangerous snags is fine but will someone please tell me why the green trees were cut, and what will now happen to the logs? Will they be cut into wood for Ruckle Park campfires or will they just be left until they are stolen and hauled away?

Just short of the parking area there is a depression in the road that is filled with water. Yesterday, two small cars came up, the drivers stopped, looked at the small lake then turned around and left, apparently afraid of how deep the water was or what submerged object might damage their undercarriages.

Couldn't a local trucker be commissioned to deliver a load of shale to eliminate this unnecessary obstacle?

Will someone in authority please give me some answers?
**J. BENNETT,
Ganges.**

Alternatives

Sir,
What's to be done about the combined dangers of nuclear plants and the need for energy? Under scrutiny, the answer is unanimous — shut them down and switch over to alternative energy grids, reduced consumer needs and intense conservation of energy.

The more you investigate the 'facts' about the recent breakdown, the worse it gets because you can't rely on information from the governments, the industry or the media and it becomes apparent we are going to have to rely on the public's common concern for needed information and changes.

According to recent reports, the radiation in the environment here is apparently from radiation 'vented' during the underground test in Nevada recently—not Chernobyl. The reactor just south of the border here in Hanford is similar to the one at Chernobyl — it is plagued with problems, has no containment structure or safety features and 365 tonnes of uranium at its core. It should be shut down. (It produces fuel for the Trident and Liberty Class submarines and aircraft carriers.) Apparently there about eight similar reactors in the States, all about the same age and about to break down.

Greenpeace points out they should be all shut down: "If a CANDU reactor were to experience a loss of coolant accident, this could result in a power surge which would cause over-heating which could result in fuel damage, the release of hydrogen gas and an explosion that could be large enough to breach the secondary containment."

The alternatives suggested by Buckminster Fuller, of using giant optic fibre grids to supply energy around the world, need to be looked at when so many countries rely on nuclear energy, and also useful conservation methods — such as R2000 house design for super-insulated houses. It is ironic that B.C. Hydro decided to end the "Super Energy Efficient Research Program" because it was 'against their corporate motive.' The role of the utility companies, their profits and surpluses, also need to be looked at.

On the positive side, the grandfather of an island resident just happens to be the former mayor of Kiev and is currently on Parliament Hill lobbying with members of the Ukraine for more information on the victims and exact details about the Chernobyl incident. Maybe we'll hear more from him. Thanks to all who contributed to this information.

**SUE HISCOCKS,
Ganges.**

Escape

Sir,
Imagine your day including an escape to the Salt Spring Island swimming pool.

You were in the garden this weekend; kneeling and digging, planting and raking. Your shoulders and neck muscles are aching. It's Monday morning and you know it's going to be busy at work today. But, adult swim is from 11:45 to 1:30 and that'll make it all better. You know who else will be there — you've been waiting to see her to tell her about the stroke improvement course that's starting this week.

After taking your time doing 20 lengths, (wow, that's an improvement over the three you could only do two weeks ago), you meet your friend in the hot tub. Aaah, that's just what you need. The pulsing action of the water jets massage your aching shoulders, and the arthritis you thought was coming in your hands seems to have subsided.

Lunch tastes better when you know you've exercised, and the busy week doesn't look as impossible when you remember that it includes three more swims.

On the way back to work, you remember that your mom wanted to go shopping for a new bathing suit, because the seniors' aqua-fit is starting next week. Boy, that family swim pass sure was a good deal.

**GAIL BRYN-JONES,
Ganges.**

Perspectives

Sir,
This Saturday, the second biennial Foundations for World Peace Open Forum will be held at St. George's Church Hall. This year's speakers will address a wide variety of topics, including Native prophecies, Buddhism and peace and peace and the law, with personal perspectives both broadly based and unified in focus.

We are pleased to have Virginia Newman, Gordon Sloan, Alison Jason, J.C. Lucas and Reggie Newkirk as guest speakers, and warmly welcome everyone's participation in the dialogue to follow.

While the insights and inspiration of speakers at our last Foundations for World Peace brought increased understanding of our mutual goal, it was the earnest and animated questions and critiques from the audience that really brought it to life.

Please plan to attend. Refreshments at 7 pm, open forum to follow, May 31, at St. George's Church Hall.

**KATHE LUCAS,
Fulford Harbour.**

Pattison would be perfect successor to Bennett

VICTORIA — Say goodbye to Premier Bennett and say hello to premier-designate Jimmy Pattison.

Far-fetched? Not if you think about it. Tell me one name that would be a bigger asset to the Socreds after the retirement of Bill Bennett.

But Jimmy has said on at least one occasion that he's not interested in politics. A man can change his mind, can't he? And my bet is that Pattison will do just that.

(I should also mention that in the same TV interview in which he said he wasn't interested in politics, Pattison said "you never say never.")

First, there will be a few more coy denials of any interest in running for the Socred leadership. But as time goes on and the wave of support for Pattison grows, he will bow to popular demand.

And considering the slump in which the Socreds have been for some time, they couldn't come up

with a better candidate. Pattison, in my opinion, is the only one able to work a little magic with the polls. His reputation as the iron-fisted man who brought Expo on stream with nary a hitch is formidable. For some time now, he's been more popular with British Columbians than Bennett.

And I have a strong hunch that Bennett has already struck a deal with Pattison: I'll step down now if you run for the leadership.

There will be other contenders. They will probably include Bill Vander Zalm, Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, Human Resources Minister Jim Nielsen and Post-secondary Education Minister Russ Fraser, the man the Vancouver Board of Trade last year called a desirable choice for premier.

Until recently, Nielsen had the best chances of the insiders to get the support of the Socred caucus for a leadership bid. However, his involvement in a scandal, which earned him a black eye, has

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by
Hubert Beyer

reduced his chances considerably, by.

But even without the scandal, I don't think Nielsen has got what it takes to become premier. And with all due respect to the rest of the Socred MLAs, there's not one among them who could lead the party to victory in the next election.

Vander Zalm says he's thinking about it. Unfortunately for him, he's been away from politics for too long. His image is all but a distant memory.

There's also talk about Bud Smith, former principal secretary to the premier, being interested

in the leadership. Smith resigned from his job a couple of months ago and moved back to Kamloops to seek the Socred nomination in that riding. Again, his possible candidacy for the leadership is only speculation at this point.

It was the Bennetts who kept the Socreds in power for 30 of the last 34 years. The name was a big drawing card. It was associated with the province's best years — years that saw B.C. change from a have-not province to one of the richest provinces.

To give Bennett Junior his due, he did turn out to be more than just his father's son. He did run his own show. And that makes it all the more difficult for a successor. Now there's two pairs of Bennett shoes to fill.

There will be a lot of speculation about why the premier didn't lead his party into one more election. His own explanation that it's time for political renewal means absolutely nothing.

The only explanation that makes any sense is that Bennett

was not certain he could win the next election. All recent polls would support that assumption.

Despite Exo, despite the Coquihalla Highway, despite the millions of dollars spent on mood advertising, the figures didn't improve. The Socreds were trailing badly in every poll.

If there's one thing Bennett remembers about his father, it's the devastating effect the 1972 defeat had on him. There's no way Bill Bennett was going to put himself through the same agony.

That's why he chose the same route that Pierre Elliot Trudeau took. He decided to step down before the voters put a sudden end to his career. That way, he will be remembered as a winner, not a loser.

If Bennett actually succeeded in recruiting Pattison, there's a chance of reviving Socred fortunes in time for the next election.

If Pattison won't take the bait, the NDP will almost certainly form the next government.

Update

Sir,
You recently published an article on the great peace march, in which I described some of the problems which they encountered after the marchers left Los Angeles on March 1st.

Your readers may be interested in learning that the march is still underway. In a verbal report I recently received from Derek Youngs of Galiano Island, he advised that although many people wish to join the marchers, a collective decision has been taken to limit the number of marchers to 500 until they can be sure that their logistic support arrangements will handle a greater number.

It is expected that by the time the marchers reach Denver, Colorado, they will definitely know of the capabilities to support more marchers, and hence will make the decision then.

Readers who wish to support this effort should direct it to the Galiano Island Peace Group, Box 37, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0.
WOODROW W. COWARD,
Galiano Island.

Confusion

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the B.C. Ferry Corporation, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
Well, you've done it again. Right at the time we were altering our schedule to make our operation more profitable and easier to manage, you've changed the sailing times and screwed up everything.

Our operation is a co-operative freight service between Salt Spring Island and Vancouver, with twice-weekly service. We used to go on Tuesdays and Fridays, but since the Friday night sailing meant our driver's day was 18 hours long if the ferry wasn't late, we switched to Thursday. Imagine our shock when we learned that your new schedule made not only Thursday but also Tuesday ridiculously long.

We catch the first sailing from Long Harbour at 7 am, and when the schedule made a bit of sense, could comfortably catch the 7:20 (or 7:40) pm from Tsawwassen. Now we are stuck with arriving at Salt Spring at 11:35 pm at the earliest. And that's only the odd time when the ferry is not late.

Our alternative to this is to take the Swartz Bay ferry, then go

through Fulford Harbour. This route costs 30 per cent more than the other route — a cost we cannot absorb without difficulty. Also, there is no assurance that we could get onto either the Swartz Bay or the Fulford ferry. Summer lineups are pretty long, and we could wind up sitting at one of the terminals for hours, and still miss the connection. Sitting at a terminal is a fact anyway, since your schedules mesh only well enough for us to wave goodbye to our departing Fulford ferry and sit for an hour. There is only one ferry matchup in late afternoon that results in a half-hour wait. Again, there is no assurance that we could be loaded.

The best situation for our organization would be the reinstatement of the 7 pm ferry from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour. Since you are not likely to do this, the next best thing would be assured loading at Tsawwassen and at Fulford Harbour, with an alteration of sailing times to allow making connections, and a through fare that equals the Salt Spring-Tsawwassen rate.

Ideal for those of us who rely on the ferries for our livelihood would be the following: those who make decisions which so profoundly affect the lives of us ferry travellers should be the people who actually ride the ferries themselves.

D.W. EVANISHEN,
Salt Spring Market Co-op,
Ganges.

Why run?

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the chairman of B.C. Ferry Corporation, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
Tuesday last I was on the ferry from Sturdies Bay. A beautiful calm evening. The ferry ambled over to Tsawwassen. Just like a bus, perfect timetable timing, right on 7 pm. That left two minutes to spare to catch the bus.

I hurried from the car deck, ignoring the "overhead" announcement. A grey-haired lady also took off from the car deck, running up the exit roadway. I just made it to the bus, explained I was first from the Gulf Islands ferry and the driver agreed to wait a couple of minutes longer so a few more could make it.

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Why do we have to run for the bus? Why do we have to rely on the goodwill of the driver who risks being late at the Ladner exchange? Why do we have to ignore the overhead if we are to catch the bus? Why does it take 50 minutes for the Tuesday and Wednesday run from Sturdies Bay to Tsawwassen but only 45 minutes on Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays? That five minutes would make all the difference in getting the bus. If translated to the winter schedule, it would do away with the two-hour wait.

How about responding to Gulf Islanders through the pages of *Driftwood*. We have been waiting at least two years for a resolution of this problem. Let's solve it now.

Oh, yes. What about the grey-haired lady running up the road? Well she made it to the bus. The driver asked: "Where did you come from?" She replied that usually the only way she could catch the bus was to cut it off up the road. That is disgusting, isn't it?

M.W. FRAYLING,
Galiano Island.

Helping out

Sir,
The Centennial Park bingos resulted in more than \$1,850 being raised to help pay for the renovations of the Ganges park.

Helene Carey of Ganges won the trip to Hawaii after answering a skill-testing question. She indicated that plans are being formed to take advantage of her prize in October.

There were six bingos run over the past month and the average attendance stood close to 40 players per game. Those people paid a total of \$2,533.11 to play the games. Of that amount, \$602 went for cash prizes, and expenses for the games came to \$56.93, for a total income of \$1,867.18.

In addition, 42 businesses of Salt Spring contributed gift certificates, merchandise and cash totalling \$1,375 for use as prizes.

The Hawaii trip was donated by Bay Ventures Ltd., owners of Gasoline Alley in Ganges.

The following businesses contributed to the success of the bingos: Mouat Bros. Trading Co., Vesuvius Store, Sunshine Farm

Foods, Video Ranch, Vesuvius Inn Dining, Kingfisher Cafe, Seaside Kitchen, Fulford Inn dining room, Harbour House dining room, Patterson's Groceries, Gulf Islands Driftwood, Salt Spring Players, Hastings House, Windsor Plywood, Booth Bay Resort, Pharmasave, Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, Salt Spring Esso, Gulf Island Insurance, Pemberton, Holmes real estate, Shady Willows Resort, McColl's Shell, Our Gas Co., Gulf Island Video, Matt's Meat, Village Market, Deli Shoppe, Harbour Low Cost, Video Visions, Luigi's, Harbour Fried Chicken, *et cetera*, Kanaka Place restaurant, Volume II, Marsim Craft and Gift Shop, Salt Spring Precision Jewellers, Hedgehog Farm, The Loom Room, Humberdink's, Pegasus Gallery, Trading Company meat department, Trading Co. groceries.

Also helping out were members of the Rotary Club. The Lions aided with bingo cards while Greenwoods loaned a bingo machine and Our Lady of Grace Church supplied a machine for most of the games. Adding to the list was assistance offered by Legion Branch 92.

Al Black and Gary Greico donated time and effort to help as well.

Other efforts at raising funds for the park will be announced soon.

CENTENNIAL PARK COMMITTEE,
Ganges.

Proposals

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to MLA Hugh Curtis, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
I attended the meeting on Friday, April 12, on Salt Spring Island and I was encouraged to hear you advocate the principle of free enterprise; on that basis I became a member of the party. As per your request, we are submitting the following suggestions that we believe will improve conditions in the Gulf Islands and in the province:

- that the section in the

Municipal Act be quickly clarified or eliminated with respect to the pending "tree cutting permits" to be placed on private property.

- that the Islands Trust Act be amended to include a priority commitment to preserve and protect "the rights of private property ownership."

- that the Islands Trust Act be amended to eliminate the need for General Trustees to be present in order to conduct an official meeting (a locally nominated chairperson would suffice).

- that the Islands Trust Act be amended to include a section that states official meetings must be held on a bi-monthly basis (at minimum).

- that the province of B.C. make a "simple procedure" with respect to the exportability of logs cut from private property. Crown-granted prior to March 12, 1906.

Logging in certain areas and in general has become a contentious issue in the province. We have given this problem a great deal of thought. We believe that what is happening is a direct result of a lack of education and participation. An example: most children from cities play in parks and grow up with the trees they see and touch special trees, unloggable trees. They are not educated in any real way to appreciate the long-range forest cycle.

The process begets an attitude. A program that would start in the elementary schools, based on the sound principles of reforestation can only help in dramatically improving the present attitude.

Grade ones could spend one day a year planting. Grade twos could spend two days, and so on.

The program should include preparation studies and related work. Each planted area could be specially marked so that the participating children in their lifetimes may return to witness the forest cycle.

The commitment by all has obvious rewards for all. The

The province and related industries could offer schools and students as incentives for achievements such things as computers, software and forestry diplomas.

This program, once established, may well be the largest ongoing demonstration of the essence of participation.

MURRAY CYPRUS and company,
Ganges.

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Production

Sir,
Most everyone has seen the film version of *Amadeus*. The original was a smash hit on stage in theatres around the world. Earlier hit plays by Peter Shaffer are *Eguus*, *Royal Hunt of the Sun*, *Five Finger Exercise*, and a pair of one acts called *The Public Eye*, *the Private Ear*.

Recently, the Salt Spring Players entered a production of *The Public Eye* into the South Island Zone Festival which took place at the Belfry Theatre in Victoria. The play, starring Sid Filkow, Dawn Luker and Gordon Wales, was chosen runner-up in the contest and, save for prior commitments, was to be workshopped at the B.C. Drama Festival of the Arts in Prince George.

If the praise and enthusiastic word-of-mouth proves accurate, Salt Spring Islanders are in for another bona-fide theatrical experience from their local amateur theatre group.

The play will be presented this Saturday and Sunday evenings, May 31 and June 1, at 8:30 p.m. at Off Centre Stage in the Upper Ganges Centre. Tickets at etcetera.
MARK SEUSS,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
We would like to thank Frauke Prystawik as Quartermaster and Sharie Lomas as Guide Leader for all their time and effort to make our *Early Adventures* camp fun and active for everyone in spite of the downpour. We would also like to thank the Prystawiks for letting us use their field as a campground on the long weekend.
JENNY, TIA and GRETCHEN,
Ganges.

Troubles

Sir,
The troublesome noise associated with the landing and taking off of aircraft at Ganges Harbour has persisted despite complaints to Transport Canada. I was reassured some months ago that this would change but there was no improvement. I recently wrote to Transport Canada again, and the following is the answer I received. I thought that if a number of you were aware of the need to report infractions when you notice them, that we might finally improve the situation.

In our letter dated February 19, 1986, we pointed out that pilots could only follow the suggested procedures for take-off or landing on Ganges Harbour when water conditions permitted. At other times the pilot's discretion to use other parts of the harbour would prevail.

It may be that adverse water conditions are causing pilots to refrain from using the water areas east of the island. In any case, we cannot determine the reason that they are not able to follow the procedures as suggested until we can contact the pilot(s) concerned.

You could assist us in this regard by providing us with the identity of the aircraft that are causing your concern. Specific details such as date and time of the occurrence, plus any identification features of the aircraft, would be most helpful. When we have this information we will be able to communicate the need to follow the suggested procedures, whenever possible, directly to the individuals involved.

Meanwhile, we will attempt to have the situation monitored and, based on our analysis, implement some other control procedures should that prove necessary. This may take some time to effect because of other departmental priorities. We will keep you advised of our progress and let you know the outcome of our analysis.

I thank the Driftwood for printing the above letter.
HUGH BORSMAN,
Ganges.

Explanation

Sir,
Your readers have a right to know why nearly 16,000 nurses took a strike vote on May 21 at 135 hospitals and long-term care facilities across B.C.

The reason is painfully simple. It's all about fair treatment of nurses and of the people we care for.

Except for our responsibilities, nurses are no different from other wage earners. We need and deserve a decent living for ourselves and our families.

But our take-home pay is worth less today than in April 1984, when we received our last general wage increase of 2.1 per cent. Now, two years later, our employers insist we fall farther behind. Their demands for 1985-86 would mean another 7.8 per cent loss in our purchasing power, based on the provincial government's own cost-of-living projections.

There is nothing fair about that, or about the way our employers deal with other issues with patient care implications.

For instance, one of our proposals is for formal recognition of the right of nurses to use the grievance procedure to correct patient care problems. This is something that has been denied us. Another proposal deals with the effects of poor scheduling on us and our patients. Right now, nurses can be required to work eight days, or nights, in a row. We want six to be the maximum, so nurses can give the best possible care without the extra burden of unnecessary fatigue.

Although these and other proposals would not create new costs, our employers refuse to consider them unless we give up existing nurses' benefits.

That hardline approach at the bargaining table is leading to a major shortage of nurses. This province has always relied on nurses educated elsewhere, but our wages and working conditions don't attract them anymore. Last year, the number of new B.C. registrations issued to out-of-province nurses was the lowest in 20 years, continuing a downward trend that began in 1981.

It's not hard to see why nurses are staying away from B.C. A general duty RN with 10 years' experience here earns \$14.85 an hour. But the same nurse would earn \$16.27 in Alberta, or \$16.32 in Ontario. Just as important, she would probably find better working conditions, which have a direct bearing on patient care.

We do not want a province-wide nurses' strike, but the employers are making one a distinct possibility with their confrontational tactics. They refuse to negotiate with us on the basis of the real needs of nurses and the health care system.

Nurses are taking a strike vote on May 21 because the employers must be convinced to act fairly -- for everyone's sake.
SHEILA TAMMIVAARA, R.N.,
BCNU Bargaining Committee.

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Debates about water quality 'are irrelevant'

First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Ron McQuiggan for acting in my place these recent weeks. There were many difficult issues he had to contend with, some of which you may not be aware of. I have been away from duty for many weeks these past few months. Most of this has been unavoidable, but that is all finally behind me. I regret any problems that arose because of my absence.

I was distressed, when reading old correspondence and catching up on old issues of *Driftwood*, to find that Mr. McQuiggan was the object of such abuse. The quality of domestic water at St. Mary Lake is obviously, and understandably, an emotional issue.

Ron, as all those acting for the public periodically do, made an unpopular decision, and much of the criticism was at least understandable. Some of it was abusive for the sake of being abusive, and no doubt was motivated by the desire to

demonstrate how witty and clever the writer could be. I found these letters objectionable and in terrible taste. I apologize profusely to Ron for putting him in this position.

Ron got trapped. He knew, as did all of us who had been in touch with the department of environment, that there is, surprisingly perhaps, no evidence to suggest gasoline and oil residues from gasoline-outboard motors cause deterioration of water quality. In fact the provincial department of fish and wildlife feels the motors serve a useful purpose. Nature, apparently, disposes of the residue effectively and expeditiously. This then, in itself, was not the issue.

Ron also knew, as we all should, that the resort operators by their enterprise contribute materially to the island's visitor industry. Whether we like the crowding and other problems associated with our visitors, the fact remains that the million-odd dollars left by visitors each year is invaluable to

director's report

by

Hugh Borsman

the island economy. Without it, there are many services and retail establishments that could not survive, with resulting loss of jobs, etc.

But the chief problem was that the CRD unwisely put Ron on the spot by asking for an immediate opinion. After the damage was done the CRD belatedly decided to reconsider and have a second look. Finally, Ron had copies of correspondence which showed approval of continuing outboard use. The first letter came from R.P. Burnside of the federal government. The fish and wildlife branch of the provincial government also "reiterated their

long-standing opinion that gasoline engines up to 10 H.P. should be permitted."

Under these various circumstances, Ron made his unpopular decision.

So, what is my opinion? Debates about water quality, if this really was in jeopardy, are irrelevant, really. It is, I firmly believe, quite obvious that the people of Salt Spring Island do not want gasoline outboards on St. Mary Lake (a resource for the whole Island). That is really the only relevant factor.

I support, then, the continuation of the ban, and if it is lifted, and if the public continues to have the same view, then I will assist in trying to have it re-imposed. If public opinion needed defending, it is that any increased use of the lake will eventually cause deterioration of the water quality.

CENTENNIAL PARK

There are some pressing

problems regarding renovations to Centennial Park, but I would like to deal with these next week.

The good news is that after 18 months of frustration, Centennial Park has now been transferred, via a Free Crown Grant, from the ministry of lands, parks and housing to the CRD for Salt Spring Island. The park is finally ours.

Furthermore, proposed legislation, sitting unsigned by the provincial government since January, 1984, has been finally passed and the CRD, and hence the Salt Spring parks and recreation commission, has the legal right to control what happens on all our community parks.

I should say that Mr. Hugh Curtis was invaluable in breaking this log jam. A park use bylaw has been drafted by the recreation commission and has been awaiting the above developments.

Over nuclear incidents

Two events show cause for concern

In the fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear accident in Russia, two stories have caught my attention. I think they give almost as much cause for concern as the original accident and its consequences.

The first story is from Sweden. The world first became aware of the Russian accident when a worker went through the radiation monitoring equipment at a Swedish nuclear reactor. Right away, the lights started flashing to indicate that he had a higher than acceptable level of radiation.

Not knowing what had happened, officials at the plant took two actions. First, they closed down their own reactor to try and find the radiation leak which they presumed was from their plant. Second, they issued a statement that the public had nothing to fear. Before they had the slightest idea about the source of the radiation, officials wanted to reassure the public—there was nothing to fear.

The second story originated from France, where 44 nuclear plants produce 64.8 per cent of the nation's electricity, making France the most nuclear-dependent nation in the world. On May 1, five days after the Chernobyl accident, radiation in south-east France reached 300-400 times the normal levels. But government officials kept assuring the public that everything was normal. There was nothing to fear.

This matches nicely with the way the Russians attempted to deny the entire disaster until it became too big to hide.

Americans had pioneered the technique of public reassurance at Three Mile Island in 1979 and at countless other less well-known nuclear accidents.

The nuclear industry in Canada has had its share of problems but

from ottawa

by

Jim Manly

thank goodness none of them have given us any cause for alarm. Our public relations department has been taking very good care of us.

The staggering costs for the clean-up and containment of Chernobyl are only now becoming evident. We don't yet know what the final toll in human lives will be. Considering the world-wide dispersion of radioactive fallout,

we will never know its total effect but, for years to come, human beings will go on paying with their health for the Chernobyl accident.

A few years ago, environmentalists, dismissed as wild-eyed freaks, warned us that something like this would happen. In B.C., there were enough of us to force postponement of any plans to go nuclear. Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and Pickering should help us make that postponement permanent. And maybe it's time we once again began to take seriously the search for economic sources of non-threatening renewable energy.

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Advantages of leisure pools explained at society meeting

Leisure pools, fountains, plants and bright colours dominated "pool" talk Thursday night, as approximately 20 Salt Spring residents attended a slide presentation and directed questions to pool experts Kevin Pike and Lex Tierney.

Tierney, from the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre, touted benefits of leisure pool recreation, flashing slides of the highly popular Maple Ridge centre and explaining new ideas in pool design.

Both Pike, from Parks and Recreation B.C., and Tierney, who also answered questions from the floor during the 90-minute public meeting, said they were not on Salt Spring to advocate one project or another, but to present information.

According to Tierney, the last five years have seen a revolution in pool design based on European concepts that incorporate a waterfront atmosphere.

"The trend is to have more shallow water—and an area to splash and play in," he said.

The Maple Ridge Leisure Centre, the first in B.C., includes a toddlers pool, a shallow leisure pool with a slide and fountain, as well as the standard rectangular competition-type pool. It has saunas, a whirlpool, weight rooms, squash and racquetball courts, a restaurant, a lounge, and an ice cream parlour. There is a level of tables for bathing-suit-clad people, and a concession stand — like a lake.

Said Tierney: "There was no demand for leisure pools until we built them." A leisure pool addition at an Abbotsford recreation centre increased attendance three times; at Powell River, the leisure pool quadrupled numbers.

New pools focus on creating a warm, inviting atmosphere with plants, rockwork and soft lighting, Tierney said. "You take a kid

into a standard pool, it's got grey walls, big lockers, it's noisy. The kid sees a big bathtub and he's petrified by the time he gets to the deck."

Leisure pools, he said, encourage socializing, which is a big part of the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre. "It's a big social club, it's not just the exercise." According to Tierney, a popular seniors swim includes an hour in the pool and about two hours in the restaurant with coffee.

A comment from the floor acknowledged the drawing power of a leisure pool, but questioned the additional expense. Others in the audience felt a leisure pool would not satisfy islander wants.

According to Pike and Tierney, a leisure pool would not cost more than a standard pool to build. In fact, they said, it would cost less to maintain due to the smaller amount of water needed.

Regarding islander wants, they

said leisure pools can be used for lessons, exercise and laps, as well as fun. "You don't need deep water to swim."

Two water purification methods were discussed: the traditional gas chlorine system and ozone purification which, commonly used in Europe, is still under study in Canada. Pike felt it would be five to 10 years before the cheaper ozone purification method — recirculating oxygen, drying it, and passing it through an electrical charge — could be used in Canada.

"It's a badly run pool that will have a bad chlorine smell and burn your eyes," Tierney said.

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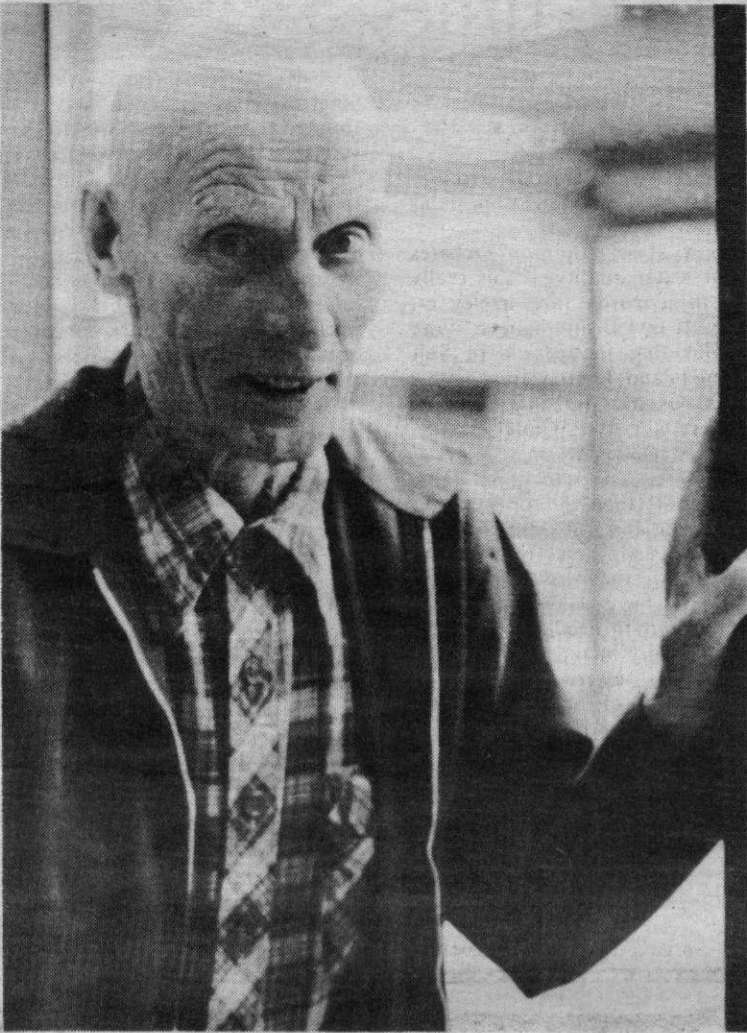
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Ivan Larson

Open house to celebrate birthday, room opening

A special open house will be held today (Wednesday) at Greenwoods to unveil an addition and celebrate the facility's seventh birthday.

The addition to be opened is a sunroom funded by and named after Ivan Larson, a late resident who left Greenwoods "quite a bit of money in his will," says co-ordinator Jonna Mattiesing.

She said a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 2 pm, followed by a pot-luck luncheon (participants are asked to bring cakes and cookies) and open house.

Larson, who lived at Greenwoods for three years prior to his death in 1982, was born in North Dakota in 1902 and moved to Saskatoon at the age of six. He left the family farm at age 26 to box in Manitoba for about four years, then worked in the logging and farming industries before being drafted in 1942. During the war, he served as a mechanic in Scotland before being disabled.

Ivan returned to Canada in 1946 and eventually settled on Salt Spring, where he worked as maintenance man and gardener for Mrs. Horel on properties

around Cusheon Lake.

He was admitted to Greenwoods in April, 1979, one day after the intermediate care facility opened and accepted its first resident.

In addition to bequeathing money to Greenwoods, Larson left property in his will to the Salt Spring Lions to help finance its Crippled Children's Society.

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Modern-day anachronisms salute earlier times

By SUSAN DICKER

In real life Ken Giles sleeps late, looks for work and collects a welfare cheque every month. But as Hieke Dshiro, a 15th century Japanese warrior, Giles slashes at opponents with Samurai swords and makes flowery speeches to ladies of the court.

He belongs to the Society for Creative Anachronism — "escapism with a bit of work," as he describes it.

"The society is heavily emphasized by the unemployed," he says. "It has a large percentage of university students in it, and very few professionals. It gives colour and excitement to what otherwise might be mundane lives."

The 75-member Victoria group, which has scheduled a tournament for Salt Spring on June 7, is part of a large, international network that incorporates thousands of members.

Each participant adopts a persona from the Middle Ages, constructing authentic costumes, inventing a history for the character and involving him or herself in relevant hobbies. Dressed in this persona, the member attends functions such as sword-fighting tournaments and medieval dances.

"You get 1000 years' worth of costumes from several different cultures in one room and it can look pretty weird," Giles says. "The newcomer usually just sits and stares."

Giles joined the SCA six years ago. It took him 18 months to decide on and create his Japanese persona.

"I've always liked the Japanese culture. I was interested in it before ... of course I've done far more research now."

He traces his invented ancestry back to the Dan-No-Ura battles between two major Samurai families in the late 12th Century. While many SCA members can describe all the major events of their persona's life — including

its death — Giles is still piecing his together. Some people, he explains, spend months writing down and charting out histories.

In preparing to adopt the Hieke Dshiro role, Giles constructed several guises. For major events such as the bi-yearly crowning of king and queen, he dresses in full court apparel: a formal wide-shouldered shirt tucked into Japanese-styled baggy pants, with his heraldic insignia inscribed on the lapel of his jacket. He owns several karate outfits and might wear a kimono to a less-formal event. In tournaments he dons a late 1500s suit of Japanese retainers' armour and carries one of two Samurai swords. Giles also takes Japanese bowls and chopsticks to functions where food is being served.

"We try to be completely authentic with our costuming. We take the designs from a picture and then publish the patterns. I'm lucky with the Japanese persona because they recorded so much of their culture."

As Hieke Dshiro and as part of the SCA, Giles researches and builds armour. Used in the tournaments, the armour must protect the knees, wrists, elbows and the throat, groin and kidney areas. The weapons, often made by the members as well, are built with rattan — a solid-core bamboo material — instead of steel. According to Giles, it weighs and feels much the same as the real thing.

Other members take up crafts and hobbies such as armour, calligraphy, juggling, singing, puppet-making and needlework. Fifteen members of the Victoria group have put approximately 2,000 hours into an ongoing tapestry project — now over 30 metres long — outlining the

Society adherents part of growing 'lunatic fringe'

group's history. The society holds fighting practices every Sunday and stages medieval dances or bardic tale-telling every Wednesday.

"There's medieval flirting too: lots of hand-kissing and flowery speech. We learn to be chivalrous."

The tournament marks a focal point for SCA activity. It provides loud "flashy" entertainment for spectators, and is a necessary part of climbing the society's internal social scale. Rising from lord or lady, through squirehood and knighthood, to the pinnacle position of king or queen, is determined by literacy in medieval art and literature, and by tournament skill.

"Of course some of the tournament entertainment is a bit flakey. We give prizes for the 'most spectacular death' and the

'most ferocious but stupid' fighter."

Originating in 1965, the SCA is rooted in a going-away party organized by a woman in Berkley, California. Heading for a year abroad with the Peace Corps, Diana Paxton staged a medieval costume party and tournament for her bon voyage. The idea took off in North America and has since spread across Europe.

The organization is broken down into 10 hierarchies with kingdoms at the top, followed by principalities, baronies, and shires. The Victoria group is a

shire within the kingdom Antir that spans B.C., Alberta, Oregon, Washington, and half of both Saskatchewan and Idaho.

Giles finds it difficult to define the SCA as either a social or educational organization. He says it's like any other fraternal group except that it's highly educated. It runs its own library system and publishes pamphlets on various subjects.

"We're coming together and acting out a weird fantasy while we learn traditional concepts, manners, respect and historical facts."

It is also important on the social level: Giles describes the introvert who puts on a new face and becomes the extrovert. He says the Society opens the doors to all sorts of similar possibilities.

"It sets you apart. It puts some colour and adds some romance to your life," he says. "We're not welfare bums — we're just part of the lunatic fringe."

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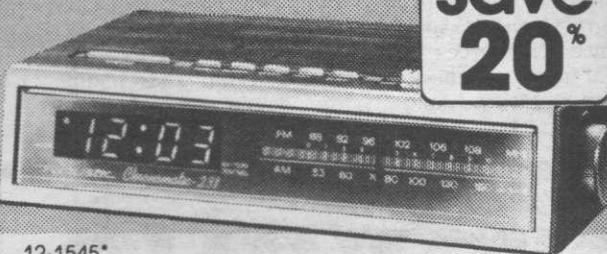
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Manly opposed government move to increase federal wharfage rates

Jim Manly, NDP MP for Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands, announced opposition last week to Transport Canada's plan to raise government harbour rates.

But even with the 25 per cent increase on use of facilities, berthage fees at government docks remain substantially lower than those at private marinas.

"I oppose the entire concept of user-pay harbour facilities," Manly said in a prepared statement. "Wharf and harbour facilities are needed to maintain the whole fabric of British Columbia's economy and it is ridiculous to expect individual users to shoulder the cost."

The hike in fees, effective June 1, will affect the government wharf at Ganges, the wharf and floats on Mayne Island and at Fulford Harbour and Sturdies Bay, the public harbour at Montague, and the float and shed at Fernwood.

According to Manly's office, fishermen will have to pay 25 per cent more on all charges they are now paying. They will not, however, be subject to berthage fees while loading fishing supplies or unloading their catch. Log booms and log boom dozer boats are also exempt from harbour dues.

'Such an increase will work a real hardship on communities where federal facilities are located.'

Tourism will be adversely affected, Manly said, and not only by the immediate increase in berthage charges. He said an additional fee — a \$3 surcharge for each cruise ship passenger — is set to take effect next April 1.

Eugene St. Prix, planning officer for the federal transport ministry, said the increase in berthage fees is minimal.

"Compared to a marina, it's a giveaway," he said.

Berthage fees at government docks will now be charged on an hourly basis. A nine-metre boat (approximately 30 feet) will pay four cents per metre per hour. This works out to \$8.64 for a 24-hour stay.

The same boat would pay \$15 for overnight berthage and better facilities at a local marina.

Berthage, however, is not the only service affected by transport ministry increases. There is also wharfage, float and shed costs.

"These are vital public services," Manly said. "In a province as dependent on water services as British Columbia, such an increase will work a real hardship on the communities where federal facilities are located."

In chinook fishery

Temporary spot closures announced

Temporary spot closures on the chinook fishery have been announced for five areas in the Gulf Islands region.

The closures, put in place by the federal department of fisheries and oceans, will be in effect during various summer periods.

Affected areas, with closure dates applying "to all tidal water recreation fishermen," are as follows:

- Coal Island (May 15 to 31; August 1 to 31), affecting "those waters of Haro Strait inside a line from Killer Whale Point on Coal Island to the most westerly point of Little Shell Island, thence to the most southerly point of Kerr Island, thence to the navigation light on Dock Island, thence to Greig Island, thence to Charmer Point on Coal Island."
- Yellow Point (May 20 to June

15), "inside a line from Yellow Point to Fraser Point on Thetis Island, thence along the shore of Thetis Island to Pilkey Point, thence to the most easterly point of Pylades Island, thence along the shore to the most northerly point, thence to a fishing boundary sign at the northerly entrance to Nicholson Cove on Vancouver Island."

- Active Pass (June 1 to July 7), affecting "those waters of Active Pass bounded on the southwest by a line from Crane Point to the buoy on Enterprise Reef, thence to Collinson Point on Galiano Island and on the north by a line from Salamanca Point on Galiano Island 45 degrees true one nautical mile, thence 125 degrees true three nautical miles, thence to Georgina Point on Mayne Island."
- Porlier Pass (July 8 to August

21; September 15 to 30), affecting "those waters of the eastern portion of Porlier Pass inside a line from Virago Point on Galiano Island through Virago Rock to a fishing boundary sign on Valdes Island, thence along the shoreline to Shah Point, thence 60 degrees true one nautical mile, thence 145 degrees true three nautical miles, thence southwesterly to a fishing boundary sign on Galiano Island."

• Sansum Narrows (July 15 to August 15), affecting "those waters of Sansum Narrows between a line from Musgrave Point on Salt Spring Island to Separation Point on Vancouver Island, and a line from Bold Bluff Point on Salt Spring Island to Octopus Point on Vancouver Island."

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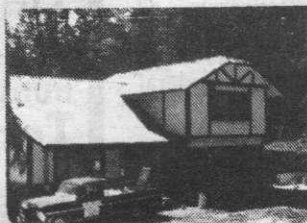
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Creek proposal will be aired at public meeting

From Page 1

The Swanson Creek diversion would take place near the boundary of the west side of the school playing field. The creek would flow through a culvert under Rainbow Road and be channeled into Ganges Creek behind the plant on Rainbow Road.

As an alternative, it could be diverted along the boundary of two area properties and flow down the existing ditch on the north-west side of Rainbow Road and pass through the existing culvert crossing Rainbow Road at the fish plant.

The return of Ganges Creek to its former bed would see it follow the boundary of Mouat Park down the extension of McPhillips Avenue and back into the present bed at a point either behind or to the south of McPhillips Avenue.

Alternatively, Ganges Creek could be rerouted as close as possible to the boundary between Mouat Park and the Murakami property and re-enter its original bed somewhere behind the funeral parlour.

Along with diversion work, the report suggests construction of "one or more surge ponds ... at appropriate points along the creek bed" to prevent too-rapid runoff of heavy rains, and to give control of flow rates during summer. "We're really only talking about moving one creek, in terms of putting a creek where there was no creek before," Fraser said, adding that the beauty of the proposal is that it has the potential to create parkland in the downtown core.

To succeed, however, the linear park system "depends upon compatible land uses along its route and linkages to existing space amenities." In pointing to a call in the report for the proposal to be incorporated into the community plan, Fraser said the parks system could be used "as a focal point for planning in the centre of Ganges."

The report adds: "It is inevitable that development of the Ganges core area will take place over the next few years, now that the sewer has been installed.

This, in turn, may lead to revisions to the community plan, involving changes in land use. We would like to think that these will be compatible with our proposal and, indeed, guided by a plan to incorporate landscaping and public park access to the living and working environment of the village."

Local Trust Committee representative Pat Byrne said that, in some cases, the creek project could speed up development in the downtown core. For example, he said proposals now being held up because of flooding problems would likely receive the go-ahead once creek changes have been

made.

Fraser and Byrne point out that a number of "loose ends" must be worked out before the proposal can become a reality. They include: commissioning a study to work out diversion and parks system details at various points; determining who will pay for the work; deciding liability and property damage coverage for property owners who allow the linear park to cross their land; the effect of the creek system on future landowner plans; effect of the creek system on land values; approval for each stage of the plan from appropriate authorities, like the water management and

parks branches; funding sources; a forecast of peak runoff to be carried by the system; determining channel improvement and retaining pond specifications; and a study of present and future culvert systems and their conditions.

In its present form, the report recommends directing an engineer to check out creek profiles along the proposed route and making appropriate recommendations, having a landscape artist prepare a final set of guidelines based on engineering survey data, and including the plan in the official community plan.

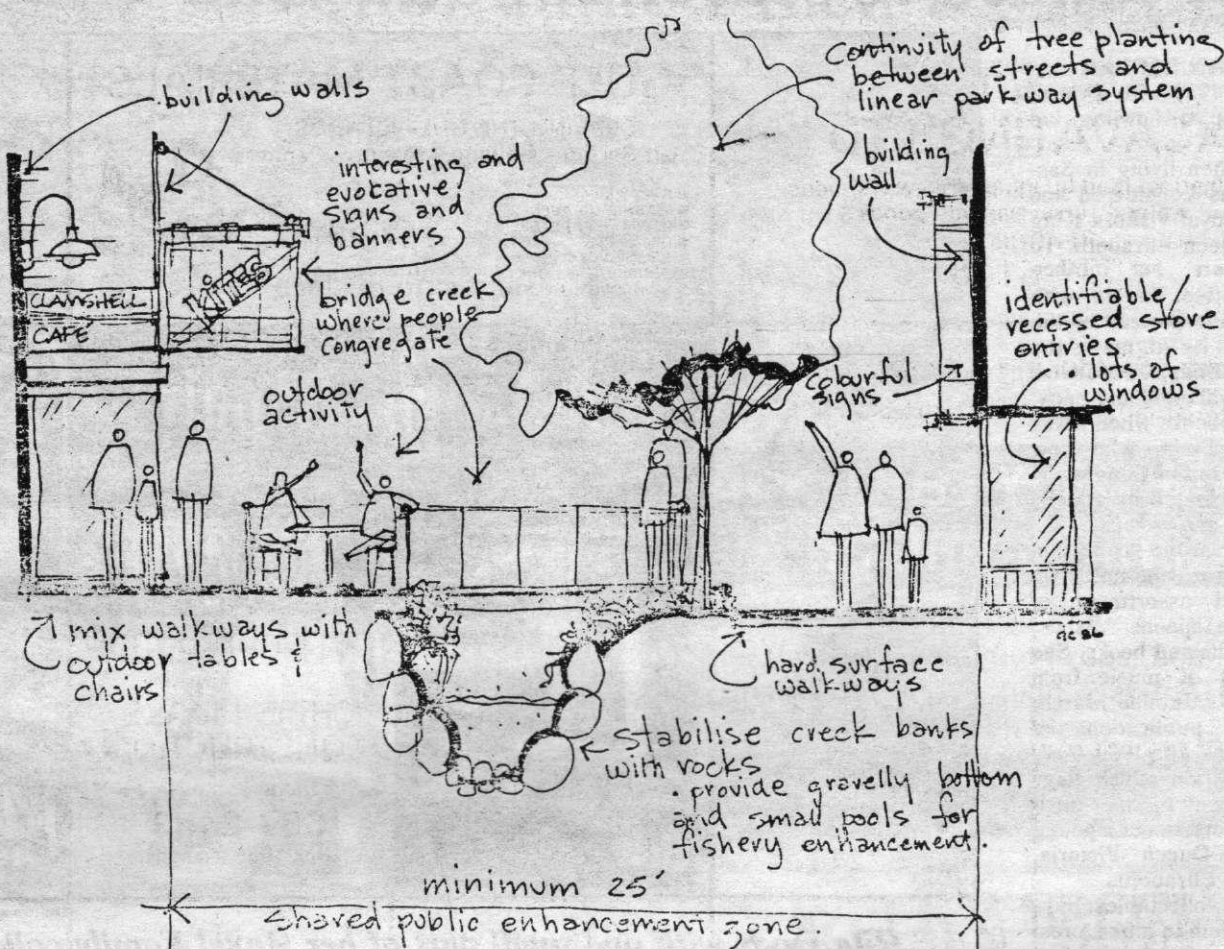
The timetable for the proposal

calls for revising the plan as needed following input gathered at the public meeting, then presenting the finished proposal to the Island Trust Committee.

From there, Byrne and Fraser say they would like to see at least enough work done on the creek system to reduce flooding next winter.

"That's an absolute minimum objective," Byrne said.

Members of the task force included Fraser, Byrne, Kathy Reimer, Bob Hassell, Jane Durante, Andy Dietrich, Art Hopping and Island Trust representative Nick Gilbert.



Rendering shows possible linear park profile

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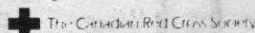
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Of Royal Family memorabilia

Tin can led to search for odds and ends

By SUSAN DICKER

It started in 1939 with a tin of toffees to keep a howling kid quiet.

Rita Dods, then living in Saskatchewan, was considered too young to see royal visitors King George and Queen Elizabeth. To soothe the tears, her mother bought some toffee. The tin, with a black and white portrait of the Royal Family on its lid, marks the first piece of Dods's expansive collection of royal odds and ends.

"I kept scrapbooks when I was a kid," says Dods, who now operates Rita's Inn in Ganges. "I was always fascinated by queens and princesses and crowns."

Dods's 47-year-old collection has expanded from one toffee tin to a colourful assortment of commemorative spoons, dishes, teacups, portraits and books. She has the script of music from Queen Victoria's Jubilee March, London News publications of three coronations, the 1936 Daily Colonist publication which flags Edward's abdication, and intricately framed portraits of a young King George, Queen Victoria, and two Queen Elizabeths.

Dods is given collectables, buys them or finds them in junk stores. "I'm told I'm collecting junk," she says, "but I say it's history."

Dods had planned to see the Queen in Victoria three years ago. When she was unable to attend, friends took pictures and gave them to her. She waited two hours last month to get several snapshots of Princess Diana, and Dods's daughter had some additional Diana photographs framed for Mother's Day. It's all given a place in her collection, which continues to grow.

"The day before yesterday a friend came in and said *do you want this?*" Dods says, pointing to a small dish carrying a royal portrait. "It was just junk to her."

Once, Dods says, an elderly man eavesdropping on her conversation with a friend contacted the friend and offered Dods three large portraits he had taken apart to fix up, and couldn't piece back together.

The portraits now make a focal point backdrop when she displays parts of her collection.

"I'd like to be able to display it properly, but I'm just so busy with work," she says.

For the time being, Dods settles with exhibiting bits of her



Driftwood photo by Susan Dicker

Rita Dods with one small part of her Royal Family collection

collection at Rita's Inn. Her most recent display, spread over two tables and a wall, included postcards, coins, pictures and books. One thick book, published in 1901, traces Queen Victoria's life through word and illustration. Like this book, Dods owns many she has never read right through.

"If I look through something, and find just one thing that's interesting, then it's worth it," she says. "It's like a recipe book — you don't read every recipe in it."

Also featured in her exhibit was a detailed model of Queen Victoria's coronation coach and an 1898 portrait of a golden-curled Edward, entitled *His Majesty the Baby*.

Dods says a lot of people show interest in her displays.

"I once had an elderly lady in who was just full of nostalgia because she could remember being there and seeing these things. A lot of Americans come in who think it's just wonderful," she says.

Dods thinks interest in the royal family has been revived by Charles and Diana. But, she says,

one still finds numerous people who ask: "Who's queen now?"

According to Dods, she has put up with teasing about her hobby, especially from members of her family. "My background is French," she says. "I've never been to England."

Dods's collection could probably fill a museum room, but she has never tried to estimate its value. One commemorative teacup and saucer, she points out, cost \$35, but much of it may not be worth very much at all.

But as she says: "Someone's junk is my joy."

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golf notes

By PAT DOHERTY

Twenty ladies turned out in the most recent nine-hole section. Pauline Elliott had the best chip on the sixth hole, low net winner was Vi Austen, and the putt pot was shared by Ann Sober and Vivian Storr.

The ladies 18-hole division competed in fairway play. Libby Noble was low net winner, runner-up was Dolly Whorley, and the putt pot was won by Irene Hawksworth.

The visiting Mount Brenton ladies team was outplayed by Salt Spring, which posted a final score of 20 to Mount Brenton's four. Salt Spring is in third place following the first round of play for the Georgeson Cup at Pender.

In the senior button competition, Marie Hopkins and Kas Black won another match at Cedar Hill.

Twilight golf is scheduled to begin June 4 and will continue every Wednesday evening at 5 p.m.

On May 16, 50 good-natured golfers turned out for mixed, two-ball play. The weather wasn't the best but Ada Woodley and Gordon Alexander came out ahead of the rest.

On May 22, C. Walker and T. Jenkins were the honey pot winners. People to watch in the ringer are B. Kirwin and B. Kernaghan (gross), and T. Butt (net). Best ball was T. Butt and J. Sarginson.

The matches for the Matson are going off on schedule. The work parties have done a good job on the new number seven tee and the practice bunker is coming along.

In inter-island play, after one game at Pender, Salt Spring is ahead for net, gross and points.

By MARY JOHNSON

Pender Island golfers had bright sunny weather for the first round of the men's inter-island golf tournament played May 13 at Pender Island. The Salt Spring club leads with a total net score of 542 while Pender Island has 543 and Galiano has 578.

The second round will be played at Galiano on May 31. The trophy winner will be decided after play at Salt Spring on June 14.

The Crawford trophy for low gross, open to all players from Gulf Island clubs, was won by Elmer Bowerman of Pender. Harold Keenleyside of Galiano was second, while Don Keating was third.

Janet Sinker won the Mathews trophy, in the final playoff with Peggy Brewin.

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Canada's chances are slim

Watch France, Uruguay in World Cup play

By MALCOLM LEGG

This Saturday, the World Cup of soccer will start across Mexico. The World Cup is the culmination of four years of competition and elimination which saw over 150 countries reduced to the 24 that reach the finals.

The significance for us is that Canada has reached the final 24 for the first time — a tremendous achievement for our small country, especially when one realizes the limited budget they had to operate on.

The World Cup usually brings to spectators some of the most exciting soccer and best players from around the globe and this year's finals look to provide some of the best soccer ever.

With many attacking sides in the tournament and players like Michel Platini, Glen Hoddle, Paulo Rossi, Karl-Heinz Ruminegge and many, many more, there is no

'Canada's only hope is against the USSR, which has struggled lately in exhibitions and fired its coach three weeks ago.'

doubt there will be some excellent match-ups along with some surprises throughout the tourney.

A look at the teams, which are broken into six groups of four teams each, should give you an idea of who to watch to advance to the next round and on to the final.

Canada plays in a group with France, U.S.S.R. and Hungary. Unfortunately, Canada's chances of advancing are slim as the French are one of the strongest and classiest teams in the world, and Hungary had a strong build up to the finals. Canada's only hope is against the USSR, which has struggled lately in exhibitions and fired its coach three weeks ago.

Another group contains Brazil, Spain, Algeria and Northern Ireland. Brazil, with its experience-laden team, and a reasonable squad from Spain, should advance over the weak Irish and Algerians.

A third group includes Argentina, South Korea, Bulgaria and

Italy. Italy has to be favoured as it is the present Cup holder, although the squad was not impressive in its run of games to the final. The second berth will be a tough fight between Argentina and Bulgaria. Argentina has had a solid team since 1978, while Bulgaria is an up and coming team which reached the finals with some strong wins. South Korea could decide second by being the spoiler.

The fourth group includes Portugal, England, Poland and Morocco. One has to lean towards England and Poland, mostly due to England having its most talented team in years and Poland being loaded in experienced world cup players. Portugal does not have a team in the tradition of old Portugal teams, when Eusebio played, and Morocco has nothing at all.

The fifth group is the weak sister with Mexico, Belgium, Iraq and Paraguay. Mexico and Belgium will advance because the other two are as weak. Mexico will have to be watched due to its excellent exhibition record prior to the finals.

Group six is the toughest, with West Germany, Scotland, Uruguay and Denmark. The Germans are a tough, defensive side with a lot of experience. Scotland has a lot of talent but its teamwork has failed the team many times. Uruguay and Denmark are young, attacking sides that have shown exceptional skills and talent in recent years. I feel both will advance due to those factors.

The top two teams in each group advance, along with four wild-card teams, to the second round and this will be where the match-ups will get really interesting, as all games are single knock-out.

The favourites to reach the final two have to be France, based on talent and recent record; Italy, based on being the cup-holder and having a lot of talent; Brazil, based on experience; and Uruguay, based on talent and its attacking style of play.

Even so, teams like England, Denmark, Argentina and Poland must be watched as all have the capabilities to win.

My prediction is France and Uruguay in the final, with France

winning.

It all starts Saturday, May 31 at 11 am with Italy versus Bulgaria and it is televised on CBC. CBC will televise three-quarters of the

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Vanessa Roodenburg (left) and Lynn Vanderwekken were two models participating in 'Fun and

Fashion' show staged last weekend by Salt Spring Pathfinders and Rangers.

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Pathfinders, Rangers hold fashion show

Trees, plants and umbrellas on the tables transformed the high school gymnasium Saturday, setting the stage for the first Salt Spring Island Rangers and Pathfinders' fashion show.

Over 150 people attended the show, which featured fashions from Maggie's Boutique, music and refreshments. Approximately \$425 was raised for the Ranger and Pathfinders organizations.

"We were really pleased," said spokesperson Anne Marshall. "I've never seen a standing ovation for a fashion show before."

The show, with its garden party theme, began with Martin Wales on the clarinet playing *Summertime*. Malindi Curtis gave a rendition of the theme from *Love Song*, and Bryan Smith provided entertainment on the piano throughout the show.

Fourteen models, including three senior models, exhibited a variety of summer clothing, ranging from bikinis and beach wear to summer party dresses.

"The outfits were just smashing," Marshall said, noting the surprise of many in the audience that such flashy clothes are available in Ganges.

Entertainment lineup taking shape

Arts festival plans proceeding

Plans for the inaugural Salt Spring Summer Festival of the Arts are proceeding at top speed.

Set to open in late June and run for 38 days, the festival will be centred in the gymnasium of Gulf Islands Secondary School. Organizers had hoped to use the Activity Centre but those plans were scrapped when the provincial government provided funding to rebuild the facility's flooring, leaving it unavailable for the summer.

Plans now call for a stage to be constructed in the high school gymnasium, with walls built around the stage and audience areas. Lighting and sound equipment will also be brought in to help improve the gymnasium's "acoustics and atmosphere."

Meanwhile, organizers are calling for volunteers to help in a number of areas. An immediate concern is billets to house some of the acts arriving from off-island, and bodies to help in construction of the stage area.

A call has also gone out for written proposals for a concession stand to provide "a wide variety of snacks and beverages" for festival audiences.

(Volunteers and people interested in the concession contract are asked to contact festival co-ordinator Michael Armstrong at 537-2303, or to write the

festival at Box 1425, Ganges.)

While behind-the-scenes preparations are being made, the festival's lineup of entertainers is rounding into shape. Confirmed acts include Bim (July 8), Shari Ulrich (July 11) and Valdy (July 14).

Also scheduled to appear are the Island Chamber Players, who will make two visits — one on July 3, to perform an octet, and another on July 24, with a quartet.

On July 29, the festival will host the return of the popular Celtic group, *Under the Moss*, and arrangements are being made to bring to Salt Spring a number of

folk acts booked for the Vancouver Folk Festival. Dates are still being negotiated for those visitors, who include groups from Nicaragua, the Philippines and Africa.

Local acts slated to take the festival stage include Chris Kodaly, who will perform a concert of new Canadian music; Ray Newman and friends, for an evening of jazz; and the Salt Spring Players, who will open the festival on June 27 with the first of five performances of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Remaining dates on the festival program have yet to be finalized but are expected to be set soon.

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Its points total tied Fernwood Elementary with St. Michael's University School — ranked as

Canada's leading mathematics school in 1982 — for number 20 in the country and placed it as number seven in B.C.

Fulford's five-member team also included grade five student William Hann. According to Bob Brownsword, it was the first time the student team, comprised of both fifth and sixth graders, had a crack at a such a high-calibre test.

"It was a lot different than answering questions out of a book," he said. "It really made them take the concepts and work at them."

Brownsword noted he is pleased with the the 148 score posted by the team. The grade five students, he said, are looking forward to writing the exam again next year.

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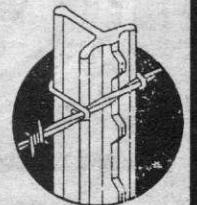
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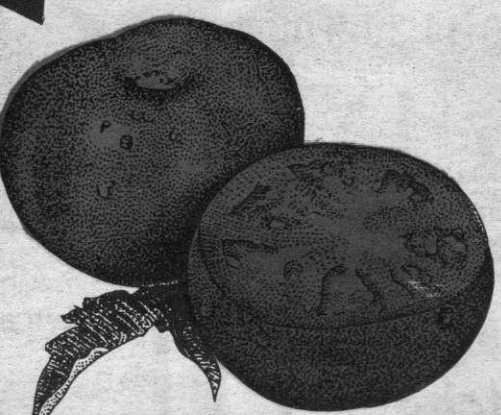
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