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Board laments instruction-only campaign

School District 64's board of trustees expressed its opposition last week to the instruction-only campaign initiated recently by Gulf Islands teachers.

In a motion passed unanimously at its May 7 meeting, the board stated that it "does not support the continued instruction-only campaign of its teachers."

Board members also reaffirmed their commitment to student activities by unanimously supporting a second motion indicating that special events such as Gulf Islands Secondary School's graduation ceremonies will proceed as planned — with or without the help of teachers.

Board chairman David Eyles

said Thursday that trustees are not pleased by the current situation.

"There was a lot of frustration expressed in that we can see kids doing without things, and it's not their fault," he explained. "We can see that teachers feel concerned and want to do something to address that concern. But I

think that by doing instruction only, the end result may be that parents are alienated."

Eyles said the board wants scheduled school events to proceed as planned. Trustees have looked into the possibility of taking action to force compliance from teachers, and have learned

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Vesuvius dock work completed

Ferry service between Vesuvius Bay and Crofton is expected to be back to normal today (Wednesday).

For the past two months, weekday sailings between the two points have been interrupted to allow renovation of the Vesuvius and Crofton docks. Trips were cancelled between 10 am and 3 pm, from Monday to Friday.

B.C. Ferry Corporation spokesman Betty Nicholson said last week the renovation work should be completed by this Wednesday, leading the corporation to "expect service to get back to normal."

However, Nicholson said some paving work is still to be done in the vehicle compound at Vesuvius Bay, and that the project may cause "a few, intermittent delays" to scheduled sailings.

The dock renovation work, carried out by West Shore Constructors, cost the corporation an estimated \$830,000. The Crofton side of the project involved replacement of the starboard wingwall and installation of a floating lead. At Vesuvius, both wingwalls were replaced, all dolphins but one were removed and replaced with a floating lead, and the wharf was redecked from the shore to the loading ramp.

(Wingwalls are the flat, wooden structures between a wharf and a ferry; the vessel rests against them when it docks. Dolphins are round sets of pilings in the water.)



Turn, turn, turn

Salt Spring Elementary School student Sam Davies, right, joins others in his class who last week

sampled the delights of Maypole dancing. Victoria Day tradition returns May 18.

Education 'wars' set to cease?

The leader of B.C.'s school trustees said Friday he is growing more convinced that some people in B.C. want "war" in education.

Charles Hingston, president of the B.C. School Trustees' Association, said that despite the government's pledge to amend its controversial Teaching Profession Act, some of the people and groups opposing the legislation still appear more interested in promoting conflict between teachers and the government than reaching a negotiated settlement of the issue.

The BCSTA met May 4 and 5 with teachers' representatives and government officials to discuss possible changes to Bill 20. On Thursday, two days after talks concluded, Education Minister Tony Brummet released details of the first series of amendments. Another series of amendments was to be announced Monday.

Hingston, after reviewing the legislative changes proposed by Brummet, is convinced they address the concerns of teachers. He urged B.C. teachers to consider the amendments carefully.

"Some of the amendments (announced Thursday) deal with due process, appeal procedures," he said. "One entire subsection has been taken out of Bill 20, Section 58, which was the most offensive to teachers and dealt with termination for cause, has been pulled out and a new section substituted."

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Individual island counts climb

Each of the major Gulf Islands recorded an increase in permanent residents between 1981 and 1986.

Figures from the 1986 national census, compiled by Statistics Canada and released last week, showed the following population gains were made since the 1981 count:

- Salt Spring Island — 6,164 permanent residents in 1986, compared to 5,433 in 1981.
- Pender Islands — 1,149 permanent residents in 1986, compared to 1,020 in 1981.
- Mayne Island — 620 permanent residents in 1986, compared to 553 in 1981.
- Galiano Island — 806 permanent residents in 1986, compared to 721 in 1981. Both counts include Prevost Island and Indian Reserve totals.

- Saturna Island — 252 permanent residents in 1986, compared to 229 in 1981.

The census gives the Gulf Islands a full tally of 8,991 permanent residents as of 1986, up almost 2,000 people from the 7,966 counted in 1981.

Those numbers differ slightly from totals released recently by the Capital Regional District (CRD), which were also based on national census figures. The CRD said the 1986 census total for the Gulf Islands was 9,067 people in 1986 and 8,023 in 1981 — tallies which are 76 and 57 people greater, respectively, than the Statistics Canada counts.

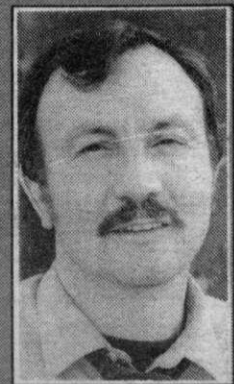
The CRD said last week the discrepancy in totals can be attributed to its inclusion of the populations of Piers, Sidney, James and Pym islands in its 1981 and 1986 counts for the Gulf Islands.

Deadlines advanced

The Victoria Day holiday weekend has forced advancement of regular *Driftwood* advertising deadlines.

All display, classified display and real estate advertisements for the May 20 issue of *Driftwood* must be in our offices by 5 pm, tomorrow — Thursday, May 14. The holiday weekend will not affect normal delivery of *Driftwood*.

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Fernwood meeting

Panel debates Teaching Profession Act contents

By MIKE TURKKI

The polarization of teachers and government over B.C.'s new Teaching Profession Act was evident at a meeting held May 5 in Fernwood Elementary School.

Though designed as a question-and-answer session for the public, the meeting did little more than afford teachers and government officials an opportunity to restate their positions on the controversial legislation.

The meeting opened with a panel discussion involving Okanagan South MLA Cliff Serwa, Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA Terry Huberts, Fernwood Elementary School principal Glenn Woodley, and Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Barb Aust.

Woodley, the first to speak, expressed his concerns about Bill 20. He noted that the legislation will "eliminate principals from the B.C. Teachers' Federation," and make them managers rather than educators.

The Fernwood principal said he is concerned the bill could destroy the "aura of trust" between teachers and principals. He said that in a 'good' school, teachers trust their principal and feel free to express their opinions. Bill 20,

he said, could destroy that trust.

"Bill 20 would structure schools along a corporate model," he said. "Principals would be seen as 'the boss.' In that type of climate, teachers could become reactionary and suspicious — and I'm against it if it leads to that."

The proposed unionization of the B.C. Teachers' Federation would also lead to the creation of limited job descriptions for teachers, according to Woodley. Teachers and principals would become extremely conservative.

"Principals would walk a tight-rope between militant, unionized teachers and the board. We may feel to intimidated to speak out," he said. "Right now, we feel confident that we can speak up. I'm afraid that Bill 20 might make me think of Glenn Woodley first, rather than the students."

Woodley opposed the government's plan to take the responsibility for professional development away from the BCTF and place it under the control of the new College of Teachers. He added that the new bill deals a great deal with discipline and the way in which teachers can be fired, as if B.C. schools are riddled with incompetent instructors.

"In my experience, I have dealt with few incompetent teachers," he said, adding that "effective teachers are not born, they're trained." This is why it is so important, he said, for teachers to keep abreast of new developments in education and be exposed to the most up-to-date teaching techniques.

In concluding his address, Woodley said he is disappointed at being faced with the bill. "We just emerged from restraint, and this could be an exciting, positive time. Controversy is the last thing we need now. I think it should be tabled, put on hold until the conclusion of the Royal Commission on education. We need more input."

Huberts and Serwa claimed that by introducing Bill 20, the government is merely responding to the requests of teachers and the public. They both stressed the government is adamant on its plan to separate "academics from monetary reward" by granting the BCTF union status and creating the new College of Teachers to police teachers.

Huberts stressed, however, that contrary to teachers' allegations, they will have a voice —

several of them, in fact — on the new college board. "Fifteen members" of the board will be teachers elected from districts around the province," he said. "Two other members will be appointed by the governor-in-council — the government — two by the ministry of education and one by the dean of colleges."

The two Social Credit MLAs added that Education Minister Tony Brummet has said the Teaching Profession Act will be amended to address concerns of teachers. Huberts also said the government wants to "get on with the job," and for this reason does not want to table the bill.

"Government should lead, and if it feels this is a good bill — which we do — then it should take that lead," he said. "How would you feel if the government sat back and didn't follow its mandate? I'm not one for that. I think we should get on with the job."

Speaking on behalf of GITA, Aust said the bill concerns local members. She said local teachers recognize B.C.'s education system is not perfect, but feel all groups should work together to make improvements.

There are four specific aspects of Bill 20 that concern teachers, she said: the provision for a College of Teachers, proposed changes in the role of school principals, new rules regarding teacher dismissal, and the bill's impact on local autonomy.

After opening comments from the speakers, the meeting was opened to questions. Most were asked by local teachers. Serwa and Huberts answered those they could, and promised to take those they couldn't answer back to their cabinet colleagues for comment.

It was clear toward the end of the meeting that teachers and government officials remain at loggerheads over the bill and its benefits to education.

Commission struck to study electoral boundary reforms

Saanich-and-the-Islands is one of 17 provincial ridings slated for study by the recently-established Royal Commission on Electoral Boundaries.

The commission, to be headed by Judge Thomas K. Fisher, has been instructed to recommend ways in which the boundaries of electoral districts currently returning two members can be rearranged so that each riding elects but one MLA.

In making these recommendations, the commission has also been asked to consider:

- the principle of the electoral quota, or the quotient obtained by dividing the population of the province by the total number of Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs);
- historical and regional claims to representation;
- special geographic considerations, including the sparsity or density of population in each region and its accessibility and size;
- special community interests of inhabitants of particular regions; and
- the need for a balance of community interests.

Terry Julian, the commission's

chief administration officer, explained that the commission's establishment is tied to comments made by Premier Bill Vander Zalm during last fall's election campaign. He noted that the commission has been instructed to consider the "composition" of electoral districts contiguous to those currently returning two members, before recommending possible electoral boundary changes.

The Royal Commission's first meeting will be held May 15 in Vancouver, at which time the groundwork will be laid for a series of public hearings to be held throughout B.C. this summer. The date and time of these meetings will be announced in the near future, Julian said.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit both oral

and written briefs. The latter must be turned in on or before June 12, however.

Julian said that at the conclusion of this first round of public hearings, Judge Fisher will likely formulate some preliminary recommendations for cabinet. A second series of hearings to consider these 'concrete' suggestions will then be held.

Julian would not comment on the types of boundary changes that may be considered.

The Royal Commission on Electoral Boundaries has not been given a deadline for making its recommendations. "The hope is, though, that it will wrap up by late fall — the end of November," Julian said. "So, yes, it is a fairly lengthy process."

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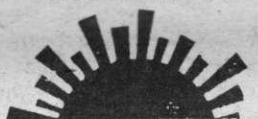

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there are steps they can take to achieve that goal.

However, Eyles added that School District 64 does not want to take any action that might result in escalation of the teachers' protest.

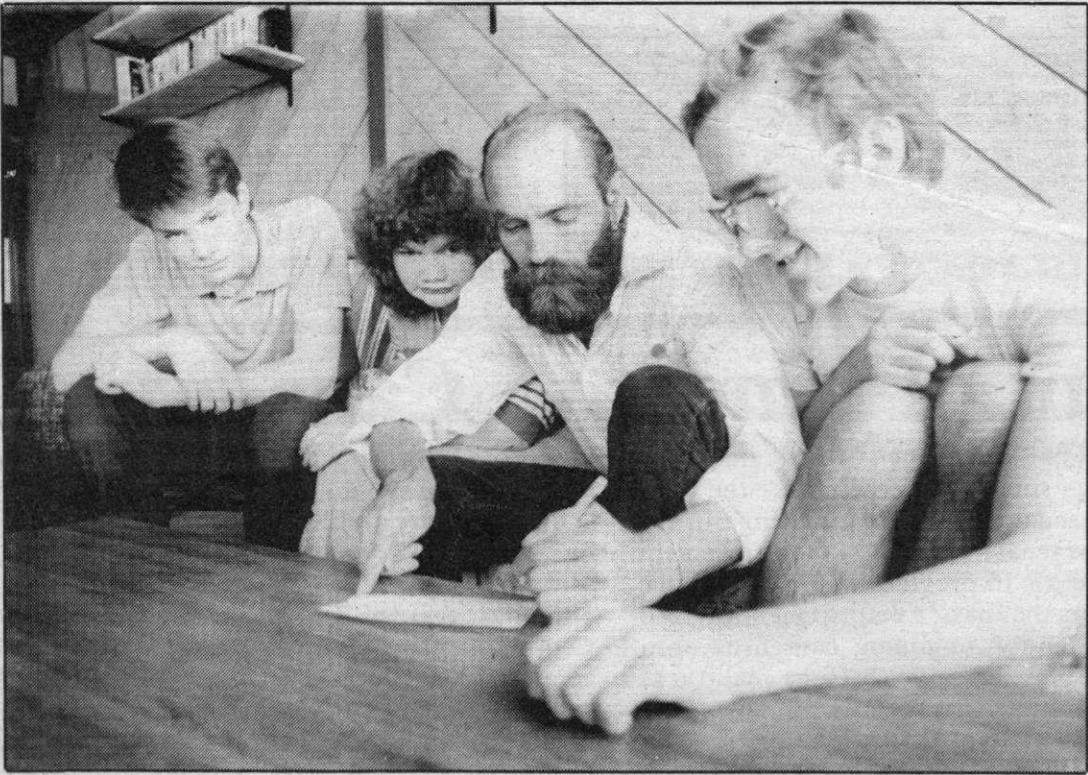
"As a board, we can take further action," the chairman said. "We can go to another stage which would entail saying: 'Okay, instruction only is what you want as teachers, then you better make sure you're doing instruction only. That means no professional development days.' But our concern is that might lead to further disruptions. We'd like to think we

can work together to find a solution."

Eyles noted that School District 64 currently has a good, working relationship with its teachers. The local instruction-only campaign, he pointed out, is a teachers' protest aimed at the provincial government and not at School District 64.

Eyles said he doesn't feel the current protest has strained relations between the board and its teaching employees.

"I don't feel it's got in the way of our own relationship," he said. "We're still getting along well and I think we can come to some resolution."



Proceeds

Life Skills Program representatives Chris Mackey (left), Sharon Rowe and Jason Matthews (right) watch Harbour House Hotel

bartender Lane Gromme sign cheque for \$500. Money, handed over to Rick Hansen's *Man in Motion* Fund, represents one night's tips

contributed by island bartenders and owners. Students will turn local donations over to Hansen in Coquitlam.

BCSTA president says:

'Significant' amendments should address the concerns of teachers

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Other amendments announced Thursday deal with the government's proposed College of Teachers. They provide for the election, rather than appointment, of the college's first 20-member board. When first introduced April 2, Bill 20 would have resulted in the college's first board being an appointed body.

Another change in the Act, announced Thursday, will permit teachers to retain their certificates of qualification granted by the college even if they stop teaching for several years. Under the amended Act, teachers will have the option of appealing to the Supreme Court.

"There are three pages of amendments, and these are the same ones Elsie McMurphy (president of the B.C. Teachers' Federation) has seen," Hingston continued. "They are significant. I don't know how anyone who has seen them could not say they are significant."

Hingston said that if Thurs-

day's amendments were followed by similar changes on Monday, many of the concerns expressed by teachers will have been addressed by the government. Yet despite this turn of events, he is not confident the war in education will end.

"I don't see why (the conflict continues)," he said. "But I am more and more convinced that there are people in the BCTF and the government who would rather see a war in education."

Hingston said he hoped all B.C. teachers would review the proposed changes before voting to escalate job action against the government. "If they take the time to look at its effects on education rather than the BCTF — and I'm talking about the BCTF as an institution, not as teachers — I'm sure they'd realize the significance of the amendments."

The BCSTA president said he felt discussions between government representatives, trustees and teachers over Bill 20 were

worthwhile. He said, however, that even more could have been accomplished if teachers and government had been more interested in settling their differences.

"There were a lot of frustrations, but we had the process and I think we're better for it," he concluded.

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Meech Lake agreement of benefit to Canada

Detractors of the Meech Lake constitutional agreement are demonstrating a startling naivete about Canadian politics. The recent federal-provincial conference that brought us the Meech Lake Accord at long last brings the province of Quebec into Confederation. Canada, on paper at least, is a country united under one constitution. No longer is Quebec the distant cousin who refuses to participate in the activities of the Canadian family.

The agreement was not without its price. The key part of the deal is the clause which recognizes Quebec as a distinct society within Canada. The implications of that concession will slowly become evident, largely through decisions of the courts, over the next few years.

But the part of the agreement which rankles the most, among some westerners, is the one pertaining to senate reform. Any change in the structure of the senate will now require agreement of Ottawa and all 10 provinces. Considering the number of years that passed before Quebec agreed to rejoin the family, obtaining consensus on a Triple E-type of senate may become realistic at about the same time the Soviet Union agrees to become the 51st state of the U.S.A.

In all the excitement over constitutional accord and what it will mean to the West, some have forgotten just how plausible the Triple E Senate (meaning elected, equal and effective) was in the first place. In Canada the power is held by the regions with the greatest population. To all intents and purposes, this country is governed by the

voters of Quebec and Ontario. It always has been and, until our system of government provides for some kind of regional representation, always will be that way. Without Meech Lake, senate reform that would give fairer representation to the less populous regions had to have support from Central Canada. With Meech Lake the same support is needed, along with that of the other eight provinces — those that need senate reform most. The latter are not likely to stand in the way of reform that gives them more clout in Ottawa.

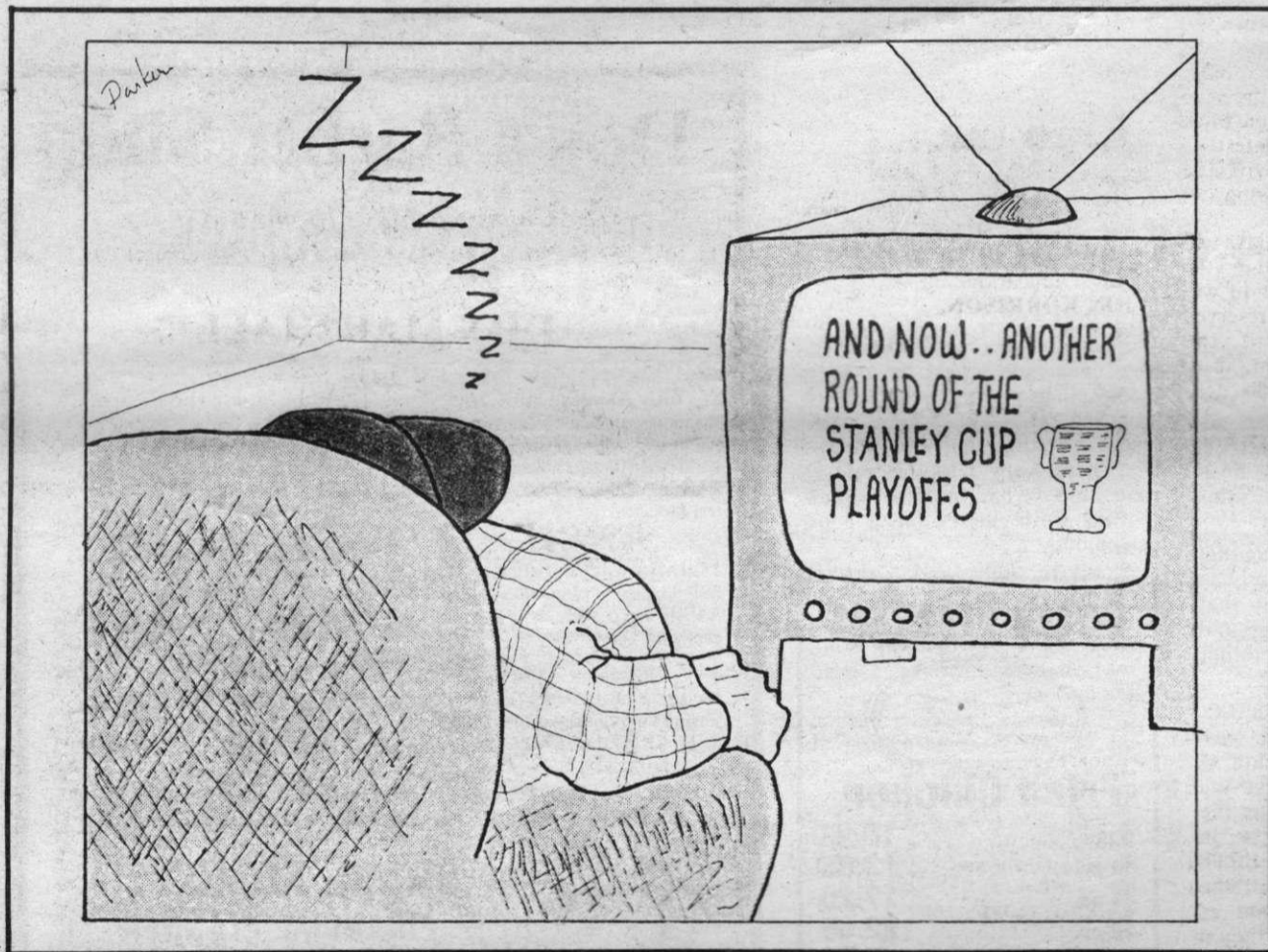
The real barriers to a Triple E Senate are Ontario, Quebec and the federal government.

Barely two weeks before the Meech Lake Accord was reached, Prime Minister Mulroney demonstrated just how formidable a barrier Ottawa represents. He told a representative of this newspaper that his government, through the House of Commons, would continue to govern effectively, by respecting the national interest and the national will. Not only did the prime minister indicate that senate reform has a low priority, he stated quite firmly that he believes the current system is quite adequate. (Shortly after, Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski, who represents an Alberta riding, said just the opposite.)

For Brian Mulroney, getting Quebec to agree to sign the Constitution is an important accomplishment. It may, in fact, be the only real accomplishment for which he is remembered. He knew that alienation in the West could provide him with an extremely useful negotiating tool, senate reform. He used that tool skilfully in soliciting agreement.

Canada is certainly no further away from having a Triple E Senate, but it's not much closer, either. While the prime minister has promised to bring in changes to the senate before the end of 1988, it's unlikely that those changes will satisfy disgruntled westerners.

In the meantime, we should be thankful for Meech Lake. The Canadian Constitution now provides us with a foundation upon which we can build an even better country. Canada's strength lies in its being one nation.



Now, if each islander gave nine cents more

Local fund-raising efforts have to date raised close to \$6,500 for Rick Hansen's *Man In Motion* campaign in aid of spinal cord research. No matter which way you look at it, that's a substantial contribution from this island's relatively small population.

The monies raised include about \$2,700 from the recent fun run organized by Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, another \$2,600 — with more to count — from the Like Skills Program wheelchair relay, about \$300 from a concession stand which catered to participants at those two events, \$500 in one evening's tips donated by island bartenders and their employers, plus \$50 from the HMS Ganges Chapter of IODE.

Officially, that means a minimum of \$6,250 has been contributed to date to the *Man In*

Motion campaign, but the final tally will easily reach close to \$6,500 and could even end up near the \$7,000 mark.

Still to be added to the current total are private donations to a special account at the Credit Union in Ganges, the pledges from a few wheelchair relay teams who didn't pass on their amounts when the event was held, plus the accumulation of 50-cent pieces Ganges Pharmasave owner Les Ramsey will contribute for each old or outdated drug prescription handed in to his store before May 23, when an event in Coquitlam will welcome Hansen home from his two-year, around-the-world trek.

The reason for all this number-crunching is to provide a foundation for my guess that Salt Spring Island's total contributions to the

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

Hansen campaign will likely end up around the \$7,000 mark, and to put that figure into some kind of perspective.

There's no point comparing our \$7,000 to the \$9-plus million Hansen has collected so far, but we can take a look at where our level of generosity puts Salt Spring in relation to other communities in the region.

The rankings come from Powell River Mayor Colin Palmer, who recently challenged all coastal B.C. communities to see which

one could raise the most, per-capita, for Hansen. The latest tally is interesting, especially since no one on Salt Spring — to my knowledge — knew anything about the challenge.

The most recent total put Duncan, our next-door neighbours, at the top of the list with contributions equalling \$3.33 per person. It was followed by Gibsons (\$2.76 per capita), Powell River (\$1.71), Ladysmith (\$1.69), Victoria (\$1.24) and — by my reckoning — Salt Spring Island (\$1.15).

(Salt Spring's per capita total is based, by the way, on a \$7,000 contribution divided by the 1986 Statistics Canada census figures giving us 6,164 permanent residents.)

Following Salt Spring are Nanaimo (\$1.08 per capita), Comox (85 cents), Sechelt (83 cents) and Parksville (four cents).

The rationale behind *Man in Motion* fund-raising is to aid a worthy cause, of course, and has nothing to do with a drive to see which community can earn the highest marks for generosity. Still, it's interesting to compare our totals to the amounts raised elsewhere, if only in the interest of perspective.

However, if challenges like Colin Palmer's act on you like a carrot, there are about 10 more days before Salt Spring's *Man In Motion* contributions are added up and made out to the spinal cord research fund.

Let's see — nine cents behind Victoria means . . .

In support

Sir,
I am writing about the teacher-government controversy. There have been many hard feelings toward the government and the teachers, and I can understand why. The teachers have tried to speak up, but no one will listen. The government feels that this instruction only campaign is silly.

Not many people realize that teachers are not paid to lead all the extra-curricular clubs, sports, field-trips, etc. How many cashiers go out and arrange for their kids to play volleyball? Most teachers do. Also, the kids that they arrange the activities for aren't even their sons and daughters.

I am in Grade Six and go to Fernwood Elementary. Our school has always been one of the leading schools in the province academically. We have a first-class computer program as well as other specially developed school programs. Our teachers care.

Many people are upset at the teachers for taking action, but think, how would you like to be so busy at lunch hour that you couldn't even eat your lunch? If you have not read Bills 19 and 20 you cannot judge the teachers since rumours are all that you are reacting to.

The teachers of British Columbia do not mind leading these extra-curricular activities, but they do mind having their rights taken away from them. They feel that Bill 20 is taking their rights away so they have started this instruction-only campaign which will go on until the government begins to answer their calls. I, personally, am behind the teachers in British Columbia.
MAGNOLIA PAUKER,
Ganges.

Meeting set

Sir,
The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee will be holding its annual general meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 pm in the Salt Spring Elementary School board room.

This committee will be meeting with the B.C. Ferry Corporation on Tuesday, May 12 and will have much more information regarding the proposed summer schedules.

Please attend this meeting and add your input. If you are unable to attend please write to us and express your concerns and suggestions: S.S.I. Transportation Committee, R.R. #3, Quebec Drive, Ganges, B.C., V0S 1E0.

We sincerely welcome your ideas.

Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee.

Correction

Sir,
In a news article titled *Rec commission gives vendors ultimatum to draft regulations in the Driftwood* of April 29, 1987, there is a piece of misinformation that should be corrected.

A statement, "One mid-week vendor, according to the commission, still owes \$800 for four months' use of a spot in the park," creates an incorrect impression of the actual situation.

First, the mid-week vendor

alluded to had not been billed for the \$800 and thus is not in debt to the commission.

Secondly, there are certain legal matters regarding the amount of money that must be resolved between the vendor and the commission, so the figure of \$800 is not definite at this time.

The commission apologizes for any embarrassment caused to the mid-week vendor because of the above misinformation.

GLENN WOODLEY,
Chairman,
Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

Guidelines

Sir,
The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to publish the guidelines under which the Salt Spring Island Market Association will operate the Saturday Farmers' Market during 1987:

- The Association shall have the right to operate the traditional Saturday Farmers' Market in the two existing parking lots forming part of Centennial Park during 1987.

- The Saturday Farmers' Market may operate from 5 am until 4 pm on Saturdays only, with the exception that all vendors must vacate that portion of the side parking lot not on Centennial Park Property by 2 pm at the latest.

- The Association will be responsible for cleanup during and after the market.

- Vending space on Saturdays will be available only through the Association. The Association will make space available on a reserved basis for members of the Association up to 8 am, after which non-members and non-residents may rent space.

- The Parks and Recreation Commission agree to the use of a portion of the front lot for vehicles in the event that all this space is not needed for vending tables and stalls. The majority of vehicles used for vending are to be located in the side lot.

- The Association has agreed to pay a fixed sum to the commission each month (in advance) for the right to operate the Saturday Farmers' Market. All monies received will be utilized in the maintenance and beautification of Centennial Park.

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank the association, and in particular Mr. Terry Owen, for the co-operation to date. We also would like the public to feel free to comment on these guidelines in order to make our market an outstanding event each week.

PHIL HUME,
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

Copies out

Sir,
All members of the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society should now have received their copy of the second edition of our newsletter *The Splash*. Any members who have not received it may call 537-

5149 and the error will be rectified.

This issue is particularly informative and was typeset locally by *The Village Scribe*. Copies will soon be available to the general public at various locations in town, including the Saturday Farmers' Market.

As well, we need more volunteers. If you have the time and inclination to give us a hand, please contact me at 537-9265. The small but active group of people who have been doing most of the work are finding that the workload gets a little heavy sometimes. If you would like to sit at our booth in the Farmers' Market one Saturday, paint a sandwich board, or anything else, please call. Thank you for your continuing support.

WENDY VINE,
Chairperson,
Swimming Pool Society.

Thank you

Sir,
I would personally like to thank all the participating staff members of the Vesuvius Inn, Fulford Inn and the Harbour House Hotel for accepting my challenge. We raised over \$500 through our customers' generosity in the Rick Hansen *Man in Motion* tour.
LANE GROMME,
Ganges.

Keep out

Sir,
If Mr. Vander Zalm wants teachers out of politics, then his government should keep politics out of education.
JON KORRISON,
Ganges.

No purpose

Sir,
On entering the east side of Gasoline Alley, one is suddenly confronted with a signpost which, in my opinion:
• is an ugly and dangerous obstruction to vehicular traffic;
• serves absolutely no purpose since there is no *Gulf* station located there; and
• even merits a directional sign from the highways department placed right in front of it. Is this less dangerous than flower boxes on the concrete traffic island?

With all those commendable improvements being made in downtown Ganges, I say "get rid of it."

JOHN G. NORGET,
Ganges.

Idiotic

Sir,
The public boat-launching ramp near Centennial Park is on Dominion Government property: the Islands Trust should have no say in the matter, Dr. Borsman and the CRD even less; and the group who are putting condominium housing on Grace Point least of all. (They have already displaced the Sabot Club, fortunately not with any detriment to that club.)

The idiotic proposal to put another ramp over half a mile

away, on private land, where there is already inadequate parking, is so laughable that it can be forgotten.

Why not leave the public ramp alone? It is fine as it is, and there is no reason why commercial and other fishermen, and boat users, should be put to any inconvenience for the benefit of a group of speculative builders.

COLIN NICHOLSON,
Ganges.

Fill gap

Sir,
Congratulations to Bill Best and Maggie Simms and all the other volunteers at the Employment Action Centre on Salt Spring Island. I am sure that this service will fill an important gap in the lives of unemployed and poor people on the island.

I am also sure that the residents and small businesses will get behind this important venture. Salt Spring is emerging as an important tourist, retirement and cultural centre in the life of our province.

I understand there are now tours organized by entrepreneurial tourist operators to view and purchase many of the valued arts and crafts objects now being

produced on Salt Spring. This industry has grown in response to the many retired homeowners on the island who want not only beautiful things to adorn their homes but to give back to the islanders that respect for art that most Canadians have had for generations.

Opportunities exist for young people in many of the areas of service that have grown up on Salt Spring: the hospital and care facilities; home construction and repairs; restaurant and food services; etc.

In our country there is no reason why there cannot be full employment, social justice for all and equality. As long as there is not full employment, I believe our welfare and UIC programs should serve as an adequate "safety net" for the poor and the unemployed. Today in B.C., neither reach the official poverty line established by Statistics Canada (which does take regional differences into account) and the National Council on Welfare.

Services like the Employment Action Centre, run by volunteers, provide a valuable service in an era where governments are preaching "restraint" and denying even senior citizens adequate access to the most basic services, such as Pharmacare and GAIN for Seniors which fall woefully short by anyone's standards.

PETER RAMSEY,
President,
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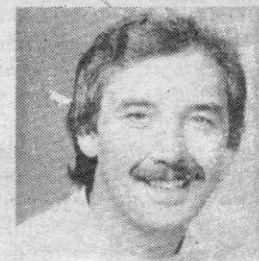
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Recognition

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteer Industrial Task Force, consisting of Pat James and 15 other full-or-part-time members who have attended weekly meetings for the past eight long months.

They now know how difficult it is to set reasonable expectations and controls for commercial and industrial use in a rural community. Their final report has now been received by the Trust and was reviewed by the APC on May 11. It is a reasoned and reasonable report, the product of lengthy deliberation and debate.

Despite the detailed and clarifying articles provided by *Driftwood* in the previous two weeks, some members of the public appear to misunderstand the intent and ramifications of the task force suggestions.

There was a recognition that the rural economy was enhanced by home occupations. All or part of a family's income can be generated within the home without creating a demand for a large commercial area. If an economic activity becomes a nuisance to the neighbours, one of two directions should be taken. Either the business should move to a commercial or industrial location, or the proprietor should move to a large and/or suitably screened property. The task force recommended criteria for various rural home industries.

When it comes to zoning land to an industrial use for the first time, the neighbours are bound to be offended.

The Trust and its task force are faced with the phenomenon of a growing community that demands services: repairs, automotive, trucking and manufacture. Often, the very person who wished to drive his mechanical horse up his black-topped driveway to his well-furnished three-bedroom home is the first to shout in protest against the establishment of a service station, a trucking firm, or an asphalt plant, anywhere on the island. Who is to repair his car, truck his building materials and furniture, and pave his driveway? That old chap NIMBY, of course. (Not in my back yard).

The task force suggested areas that might be suitable for light industrial use, to provide the services we all demand.

The areas suggested were off the well-travelled roads, on poor soils, close to (but not cluttering) our rural villages, and accessible. No one at the public meeting could suggest better sites. No one approved of the proposed sites. These proposals simply identified land that could be subject to rezoning after public hearings in the future.

Where do we go from here? The Trust will prepare community plan amendments and present them for your consideration and formal public hearing in the coming months. It is not too late to suggest suitable sites for light industry appropriate to our island.

We should all applaud the members of the task force for their public concern, hard work and excellent report.
**NICK GILBERT,
PAT BYRNE,
Salt Spring Island
Trust Committee.**

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the members of the Industrial Zoning Task Force. The schedule of weekly meetings was rigorous, but the attendance was always excellent.

The members represented many

different points of view, all of which were listened to and endlessly discussed, but there was gracious acceptance of the majority vote when a motion was finally passed.

The trustees, Nick and Pat, were patient and helpful as we slogged through the pages of background information required to bring ourselves up to date on the issues.

A special thank you is due to Fran Thompson, the secretary of the task force, who meticulously recorded our deliberations, and kept the reams of paper in careful order.

**PAT JAMES,
Chairman,
Industrial Zoning Task Force.**

Benefits

Sir,
I've lived on Salt Spring all my life and, being a teenager, I feel my age group would definitely benefit from a pool.

There are very little recreational activities for us to do in the winter. Having a pool would give us something to do with our friends and family.

I am sure the pool would benefit most islanders. The elderly and disabled could use a pool for physiotherapy. Our schools would save time and money on field trips, by not having to take ferries and buses. It could cut down on teenage drinking at the lakes, number of people, and the coliform count going too high.

There are a few teenagers who would have liked to take swimming courses in being a life guard but were unable to do so because of the hassle of going off-island.

A swimming pool would give those a chance who have allergies and cannot swim in the lakes to get a swim. It also encourages those who can't swim to try.

Having somewhere to go and something to do with your friends is vital in being a teenager. A pool would fit this need.

**PAULA MARCOTTE,
Ganges.**

Opposition

Sir,
In late March of this year, the provincial cabinet approved changes to Strathcona Provincial Park, removing large areas of virgin forest, adding small deforested areas and opening up remote alpine watershed in the central park to mining.

Opposition has grown steadily and now includes, in addition to all major Vancouver Island conservation and outdoors organizations, the Chambers of Commerce of Gold River, Campbell River, Courtenay, Qualicum, Parksville and Tofino, the IWA (Courtenay local), the Vancouver Island Trollers Association and the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona.

They maintain that:

- resource development within provincial parks is not compatible with the philosophy of environmental stewardship;
- Strathcona Park is more valuable in the long term as a tourist resource; and
- if mining is allowed in the designated areas, drinking water and fish habitat will be critically affected.

Westmin Mines, a major claim holder in the disputed areas, and operator of an open-pit mine in Strathcona Park, has an abysmal pollution record.

Public hearings on the boundary changes were promised and never

more letters

conducted. Instead, over the next two weeks, an environment ministry display entitled "Strathcona Open House" will spend six hours in each of six Vancouver Island communities. It will solicit input not on boundary changes but on what to do with what's left of the park.

In order to inform the public of the larger issues in Strathcona Park, the "Save Strathcona Caravan" (sponsored by Friends of Strathcona Park) will travel down Vancouver Island setting up a booth near the "Open House" in each community.

If you are concerned about the erosion of our provincial parks, or about the lack of public input into this important issue, please drop by the Caravan between 4 pm and 10 pm on May 15 at Beban Park Social Centre, Nanaimo, B.C., or May 21 at the MacLauren Building at UVIC, or write to: Parks and Outdoor Recreation Ministry of Environment & Parks 1610 Indian River Drive, North Vancouver, B.C. V7G 1L3.

**DONALD KREYE,
Ganges.**

Information

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

Sir,
I am writing in response to an article that appeared on the front page of the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* of April 29. According to this article, you addressed a group of Salt Spring residents about the government's stand on the proposed legislation of Bills 19 and 20.

I feel that I must provide some information, both to you and the general public who read this article, as I found your statement, as is quoted below, to be very misleading:

The basic principle that we're adamant on is the separation of judging teachers' competency from the organization that bargains for their working conditions and wages.

The BCTF does not, and never has had the responsibility of judging a teacher's competency. This function is performed by the ministry of education through the principals and superintendents who are required, under the present School Act, to write regular reports on teachers and submit them to the ministry.

I refer you to the School Act, Section 6(1), which deals with who is authorized to write assessments on teachers. School Act Regulations 65 which deals with a process of "at least three reports indicating that the learning situation ... is less than satisfactory." School Act Regulations 93-96 specifically deal with a principal's responsibility for writing teacher assessments.

As you can see from the above references from the School Act, contained therein is a procedure by which due process, a fundamental tenet of a democratic system, exists. The BCTF's only role is to participate as one member of a tribunal at the board of review level. That is, once the process is followed for the dismissal of a teacher for reasons of incompetency, that teacher has the right to appeal. The teacher's advocate and one of the boards' sit with a mutually agreed upon impartial party. Together they review the circumstances from all points of view and attempt to arrive at a consensus. It should be pointed out that in the vast majority of

cases (some 85 per cent) the outcome is agreed upon by all members of the tribunal.

This right to appeal and support is also contained in Bill 20. However, the process of report writing is not mentioned, nor is incompetency clearly defined. (The only other disciplinary action that the BCTF has at its disposal is the revoking of memberships for reasons of breach of our Code of Ethics.)

As further information, the BCTF does not bargain for our wages and working conditions — our local association does.

Mr. Couvelier, the judging of a teachers' competency has been a government function. Therefore, this basic principle that you state you are adamant about changing in fact already falls under the government's authority.

Therefore, why Bill 20? Perhaps a tightening in the process — one that could be accomplished by amendments to the present School Act especially in terms of dealing with situations of child abuse that you alluded to.

I welcome, indeed request, a response from you on this matter. A democracy can only work if there is due process, a system of checks and balances and informed decision making. The clauses concerning teacher dismissal for reasons of incompetency that are contained in Bill 20 do not provide for these basic democratic rights.

Please note that I have not even begun to address dismissals for reasons other than incompetency as contained in Bill 20 though they are also of grave concern to all of us who teach.

**JOYCE F. WEIR,
Ganges.**

Funny place

Sir,
Salt Spring is a funny sort of place.

It's not like New York so you don't need mace.

Salt Spring Island, my dad lives over there.

He's so strong, he can beat up a bear.

Salt Spring Island has no traffic lights at all, but in the pub you just might see a brawl.

Salt Spring Island has lots of big trees,

but you'd better watch out for those so and so bees.

Salt Spring Island has clean fresh air,

so if you're from L.A., don't go there.

Salt Spring Island has its very own ferry,

and I know someone on it, whose name is Gary.

Salt Spring Island has farms all over,

where dogs can run around with names like Rover.

Salt Spring Island has a whole lot of grace,

It's also a very nice and beautiful place.

**JASON SMITH,
Saanichton.**

Success

Sir,
Since opening our doors on April 15, the Employment Action Centre has found both casual and full-time work for 23 people. We continue to average 12 visits and calls per day from employers and job-seekers, and we expect the demand for workers to steadily continue for the next few months.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity and assistance of local businesses, organizations and individuals,

some of whom I would like to mention here.

The first organization to help was the Community Society, which provided \$300 for start-up costs, transportation, secretarial services and supplies. This was followed by a CRD grant-in-aid of \$600 through Director Dr. Hugh Borsman, with subsequent additional funds being contingent upon the successful operation of our service.

We have also been assisted by a \$300 grant from Rev. James Koester and the Anglican Parish, and by Dale Codd, our building manager, who has given us a month's free rent. The legal costs for our incorporation have been met by David Phillips, and the materials for our signs and office partitions were provided free of charge by Windsor Plywood. Tom Gilbert generously supplied his time and talents in the design and construction of our interior renovations.

Our original furniture consisted of a desk left behind by a former tenant plus a kitchen chair donated by the Great Ganges Junk Co. Then the fire department learned of our predicament and delivered an eight-foot table and four office chairs for our use. Two weeks later, Adolph Eckstein presented us with a very handsome and finely crafted desk for our second interviewing office.

We must also mention the donation of small tables and miscellaneous items by John Olsen and the loan of office equipment by *et cetera* and Jack Reynolds. Art Simons has donated signwork and we are indebted to the Ganges Car Lot for the gift of a large utility trailer. Delivery services were provided by Tom Wright, Jim Sinclair and "Dietrich."

Many others have helped us in some way; not the least of these is *Driftwood*, which has generously provided us with the classified advertising we need to get our message to the public.

Generous contributions from various businesses and individuals will enable us to carry on for the next few months. Recent donors include: CUPE Local #788, The Vesuvius Inn, Pharmasave Drugs, Mouat's, Richard Murakami, Embe Bakery, Peter Grant of Luigi's, Tom Gossett, Ganges Village Market and Virginia Newman.

And to the others who have wished us well and contributed to our success, including the volunteers who have given so generously of their time and energy, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks. To those who have expressed an interest in contributing, but have not yet done so, your help is still very much needed.

The success of our first month in operation has convinced us of the need for an employment service on Salt Spring. Once again, we wish to thank those who have helped to bring about the beginning of this valuable and necessary service to the community.

**BILL BEST,
Co-ordinator, Salt Spring
Employment Action Society.**

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Premier's sex stand needs dose of reality

VICTORIA — With all due respect to Premier Vander Zalm's moral convictions and the undoubted sincerity with which he exhorts them, the man could do with a refresher course on the modern world and its reality.

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

Here we are with the greatest threat to human health since the bubonic plague knocking at our door, and the premier can't make up his mind how to warn people, especially young people. When he recently viewed a video tape on AIDS, produced by some U.S. firm for use in schools, the premier expressed grave reservations about the tone of the production.

It was too permissive, he said. It didn't stress that sexual abstinence was the best protection against AIDS. "It repeats over and over, *I want to have sex but I don't want to die*," the premier said to reporters afterwards, adding he was sure "that we can do better."

I'll certainly be looking forward to that. Trying to tell young people that the only way to escape the horrors of AIDS is to lay off sex should prove interesting. For his next trick, he might consider reducing the number of traffic deaths by telling British Columbians to stop driving.

It's becoming clear that the premier is trying to escape into a dream world in which everybody ought to be guided by lofty ideals, preferably his own.

Not that those ideals aren't worthwhile: the trouble is that a lot of people no longer embrace them.

'And as long as people have sex, they are liable to contract AIDS.'

Vander Zalm desperately wants to bring back the days when young girls "saved themselves" for their future husbands, and studious young boys spent their time in Sunday school and cold showers.

I have no idea whether that world ever really existed, but I'm sure it holds great attraction for the premier. Somebody should tell him, however, that today's reality isn't nearly as pretty and tidy.

The premier may not like the fact that people have sex before they are married. Neither do many parents, but that doesn't keep the kids from doing it. And as long as people have sex, they are liable to contract AIDS. It's as simple as that.

It follows, then, that until a cure has been found, the only effective way of combatting the disease is through education in protective measures.

Distasteful as it may be for the

premier, any AIDS information program which doesn't take into consideration the basic fact that a lot of young people are sexually active falls short of the mark. And a premier using the AIDS scare as a handy excuse for preaching his own moral values stands to be accused of contributing to the problem.

Today's kids may be precocious, they may be sexually active, but they are still kids. They may be a lot smarter in many ways than we were at their age, but most of them are dangerously naive when it comes to matters of sexuality. To withhold vital information from them — information that could mean the difference between contracting AIDS or staying healthy and alive — is tantamount to criminal negligence.

That isn't to say we should forget about moral values, whatever they may be. I wouldn't presume to tell Vander Zalm to keep his moral counsel to himself. Abstinence is, no doubt, the ultimate weapon against AIDS and other venereal diseases, for that matter.

But considering reality, the first line of defence must be a concerted information program stressing protective measures. Such a program doesn't have to concentrate on the joys of sex. It doesn't have to be an invitation to promiscuity, but it must acknowledge that a large number of teenagers are sexually active and will remain so.

If the premier believes that there is a chance of convincing some kids to swear off sex, by all means, preach away. Tell the kids that sex is more or ought to be more than instant gratification. Tell them that sex without love is demeaning. Tell them about the newly-appointed Advisory Committee on AIDS. The committee will be chaired by Dr. Michael Rekart, director of the health ministry's Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control program.

In addition to six medical experts from B.C., the committee will have four specialists of international renown, including Dr. Paul Volberding, director of the San Francisco General Hospital's AIDS clinic, and Dr. Donald Frances, AIDS advisor to the California department of health services.

The committee will be responsible for review and recommendations of British Columbia's AIDS programs. Perhaps the committee members will be able to talk some sense into the premier.

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Early customers offered savings

The operations of Mouat's Trading Company have seen a number of changes since the business was founded 80 years ago.

One indication of the effect time has had on the firm can be seen in an advertisement distributed by Mouat's in 1913, when it still operated a grocery outlet.

The letter — which noted the store had a "long distance phone" — said that for \$4, customers could purchase an order of goods valued at \$4.80 — a 100-pound sack of Royal Household flour (\$1.85), 20 pounds of B.C. Granulated Sugar (\$1.35), one pound of Monsoon Tea (40 cents), 10 cakes of Sunlight soap (50 cents), one pound of Daddy's

coffee (50 cents), and two tins of Old Dutch cleanser (20 cents).

"We have been careful," the letter said, "to list articles that are used in every household and there is an opportunity of buying them at a saving of 20 per cent."

The letter added that "for our customers living at a distance, we will ship two orders, freight pre-paid, on receipt of \$8." The store supplied a number of Outer Islands residents.

Dated August 19, 1913, the letter said the offer was effective August 20 until August 31. "Please do not overlook this opportunity," it concluded.

With celebrations

Mouat's to mark 80th birthday

Mouat's Trading Company in Ganges celebrates its 80th birthday later this week with a variety of activities, special sales and prizes.

The general store has been a cornerstone of Ganges since 1907, when Mrs. Jane Mouat and her son, Gilbert, purchased the business opened a year earlier by the Malcom and Purvis families.

Originally called G.J. Mouat and Company, the name of the firm was changed in 1908 to Mouat Brothers, when William Mouat became a partner in the business.

William, secretary-treasurer of the firm, remained with Mouat Brothers until the 1960s while Gilbert Mouat, first manager of the enterprise, continued until his death in 1946.

Soon after beginning the business, the Mouat family realized that the original building contained an inadequate amount of space. A decision was made to erect a new building — it was opened in 1912 and houses the business to this day.

Continuing for 40 years from the day it opened, Mouat's remained a general store. Manson Toynbee, who worked in the store in the 1940s, recalls that it stocked "everything from soup to nuts."

Included in the merchandise was most anything from chicken feed to building materials, pins to washing machines, and cars (Fords) to caskets.

In addition, Mouat's purchased the produce of local farmers — livestock, eggs, fruit and vegetables — and sold some of the goods locally while shipping the rest to Vancouver or Victoria.

Following the Second World War, Mouat's consolidated operations by selling off some portions of the business, including the grocery department and its Imperial Oil agency.



Mouat's building in 1907

Another major change came in 1969 when the basement space formerly occupied by the grocery department was turned into a shopping mall. The mall was subsequently extended into the former warehouse located adjacent to the store building.

Also in 1969, the store was sold to several nephews of the original operators. At present, Manson Toynbee explained, all principal shareholders in the business are

grandchildren of Jane Mouat, or their spouses. Jessie Toynbee is the last surviving child of Jane Mouat, who founded the company with her son Gilbert in 1907.

That founding will be recalled this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Mouat's Trading. Manson Toynbee said the entire community is invited to participate in the activities, and a special welcome will be extended to all former

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Creel count shows St. Mary Lake a fishing hot spot

St. Mary Lake is producing good numbers of trout for fishermen, according to creel surveys conducted recently by the provincial Fish and Wildlife (F&W) Branch.

The survey shows 2,180 trout were caught on the Salt Spring Island lake between October 1, 1986, and March 31, 1987. F&W says the amount of time fishermen spent on the lake represented about 4,200 angler-days, each one lasting an average of 4.1 hours.

The catch tally includes 1,056 Rainbow trout and 1,124 Cut-throat trout.

The average Rainbow caught was about 35 centimetres long, while the average Cut-throat was 38 centimetres in length. The largest Rainbow reported was 51.8 centimetres long and tipped the scales at two kilograms, while the largest Cut-throat was 55.4 centimetres in length and weighed two kilograms.

The creel census showed that Salt Spring Island residents made up 60 per cent of the fishermen on St. Mary Lake during the survey period. Twenty-five per cent were from Vancouver Island, 10 per cent made their homes in mainland B.C., and five per cent were Canadians who live outside the province.

F&W field worker George Scholten, who reported the creel survey results to *Driftwood*, indicated the catch totals were relatively high in comparison with other lakes in the region. He also expects the fishing to improve.

"In mid-February, there was a real bite," he said. "Then, it

Anglers took over 2,000 fish in six-month period

tapered off a bit and now it looks like it's picking up again." Scholten noted that when conditions warm up, bass in St. Mary Lake will begin to bite and catch totals will rise accordingly.

F&W, he said, will continue to follow the angling conditions on the lake. Another creel survey will be conducted by the branch

from about June 1 until the end of September.

The survey will see an F&W representative on the lake an average of nine weekdays and three weekend days a month, to tally catch totals and record any comments anglers may have about fishing conditions on the lake.

The branch's survey of angler success and reactions is being used to gauge the results of ongoing work it is conducting to improve fishing in St. Mary Lake. F&W operates an aerator to increase the oxygen level in the lake, and each year introduces stocks of fish to the water.

Since 1984, F&W's stocking

efforts have seen it introduce about 75,000 fish to the lake — including close to 28,000 Cut-throat trout and approximately 33,000 Steelhead.

The branch's most recent stocking work was done earlier this year, when 8,000 Cut-throat and 6,600 Steelhead were dumped into the lake. Scholten said those fish weighed about 20 grams each when introduced to St. Mary Lake and should be up to about 450 grams in one year.

Ministry seeking return of fishing questionnaires

The provincial government's annual steelhead survey is underway. Each year, the ministry of environment and parks sends out a questionnaire to a random group of anglers who hold steelhead licenses. The form asks where, when and for how long they fished for steelhead, and the success — or lack of it — they had in each area visited.

The ministry asks people who receive the postpaid form to return it as promptly as possible, regardless of whether they caught any steelhead last year — or went fishing at all.

The information contained in returned questionnaires will be used by the ministry to "get a true picture of steelhead fishing effort," it says. Data helps in the planning for future steelhead management programs, "including provision for additional protection or enhancement, where necessary," the ministry adds.

Returns from the 1986 survey showed that an estimated 19,400 steelhead fishermen in B.C. spent about 216,000 days angling. About 11,000 of them were successful — catching an estimated 145,300 steelhead.

Of the total number of steelhead reeled in, anglers kept 11,000 wild steelhead and 8,400 hatchery-raised fish. They released 95,700 wild steelhead and 30,300 hatchery steelhead.

Full program of activities to mark store's birthday

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- On Friday, May 15, an official

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- On Saturday, May 16, the mall area at the rear of Mouat's Store will see a sale of five-cent ice cream cones begin at 10 am and continue as long as supplies last. At 1:30 pm, *Second Wind* will perform again and, at 3 pm, the 80th anniversary cake will be cut and door prizes awarded.

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Agriculture land tax changes could impact island farmers

A B.C. government proposal to alter the income requirements farmers must meet before gaining agriculture tax status on their land could have a major impact on Salt Spring, a spokesman for the island's agricultural organization said Friday.

Paul MacKenzie, president of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute, said local farmers could be hit hard if the B.C. government proceeds with its proposal to significantly increase the minimum income farmers must make off their land before it is classified agricultural for property tax purposes.

Land classified as agricultural is taxed at a significantly lower rate than residential property. At present, property owners need only generate \$1,600 of farm-

related income to gain the benefits of agricultural tax status. However, the provincial government — in an effort to cut down on what it says is abuse of agricultural land status — has suggested the minimum income level be raised to \$5,000.

"Yes, it could have a big impact, and on this island in particular," MacKenzie said. "The majority of farms left here are small holdings."

MacKenzie explained that many small-scale farms would be hard-pressed to produce \$5,000 of agriculture-related income. "It could make things difficult," he noted, "and it could have ramifications on whether people will continue to try and do agriculture work."

The Farmers' Institute president said he and other islanders have known about a B.C. government plan to increase the minimum income requirements "for two years." Originally, he said, government officials suggested raising the minimum income requirement to \$10,000 from \$1,600 — which would have hurt many medium-size farms as well as hundreds of smaller ones.

Although the proposal has since been modified, MacKenzie said farmers still haven't been fully informed of the government's intentions.

"We (institute members) will be discussing it at our next meeting (May 12)," he said. "It will be taken to institute members as soon as we get more information on it. Right now, it's all a little ambiguous."

MacKenzie said institute members probably wouldn't object if the minimum income required was raised slightly to ensure that only bona fide farm properties receive agricultural tax status.

"You don't mind it being raised some, because there are people abusing it," he said. "You hate to see that (abuse of the system), people using it only as a tax break. That, to me, is misleading, misusing the system."

— maybe raising a few calves on their property to sell to their neighbours — just to gain agricultural status for their land and thus avoid paying higher taxes," he said.

Huberts noted that property owners whose land qualifies as agricultural under the current regulations obtain significant tax benefits.

Owners of small farms have expressed concern over the proposal, claiming the \$5,000 suggested as a minimum income by the ministry is too high.

Huberts said Couvelier and his ministry officials have had a "fair bit of reaction" from farmers to the proposal. He added, however, that the tax change does not take effect until 1988 — during which time Couvelier hopes to obtain public input on the proposal. The MLA added that if public opinion dictates a change, the minimum income requirement may be reduced significantly from the \$5,000 level proposed.

Agriculture minister to speak at meeting

Provincial Agriculture Minister John Savage will attend a public meeting May 20 at the Cobble Hill Hall to discuss proposed changes in agricultural tax status requirements which would affect farmers and other rural property owners on the Gulf Islands.

The meeting will get underway at 7:30 pm. In addition to Savage, Cowichan-Malahat MLA Graham Bruce will be on hand to answer questions on the subject.

The tax change proposal, put forward by the finance ministry, would make it necessary for farmers to show income of at least \$5,000 on their land before it would be classified as agricultural land for property tax purposes. Under current provisions, farmers need only generate \$1,600 farm income from their land to obtain agricultural status. Agricultural land is taxed at a significantly lower rate than residential property.

Finance Minister Mel Couvelier was unavailable for comment last week. However, fellow Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA Terry Huberts explained that the proposal is aimed at eliminating abuse of the agricultural tax status.

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'You didn't have to be a genius to see the AIDS thing coming'

District program preceded ministry directives

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL
John Wellingham, principal of Gulf Islands Secondary School, is emphatic: "We have not," he says, "been sitting on our butts."

Instead, a committee of district teachers has been working hard to draw up and introduce a comprehensive family life program which gives students information on a wide range of topics, including AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

At a time when the Vancouver School Board is waging a much-publicized battle with the provincial government over who will have the authority to draft and implement a program offering information on AIDS, Wellingham takes comfort in the knowledge that this school district has no such worries.

"You didn't have to be a real genius to see the AIDS thing coming," he said. "The school district has been developing our whole program, all along, since last September."

The Vancouver School Board, meanwhile, didn't even begin to consider giving students information about AIDS until just recently, Wellingham pointed out.

Work on the Gulf Islands School District program began shortly after Wellingham took over as principal last September. "We realized," he said, "that there was basically no program at all in family life education, and we saw a need there."

The situation led public health nurse Pam MacKenzie and Wellingham to approach district school trustees, who then approved introduction of family life curriculum for students in Grades Nine through 12.

Taught by MacKenzie, the program covered the subjects of birth control, sexually-transmitted diseases — including AIDS — and self-examination for breast and testicular cancers.

"Students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 all have information on sexually-transmitted diseases, AIDS and birth control, and the ones in Grade Nine will get information on AIDS that is more appropriate for their level," Wellingham says.

The program is only an interim measure, however. Wellingham notes that as the current course

curriculum was being approved by the board, a committee of district teachers was struck to draft a more comprehensive version for the 1987-88 school year. At work since early in the school year, the committee has since completed a proposed course

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outline, which now goes to trustees for approval.

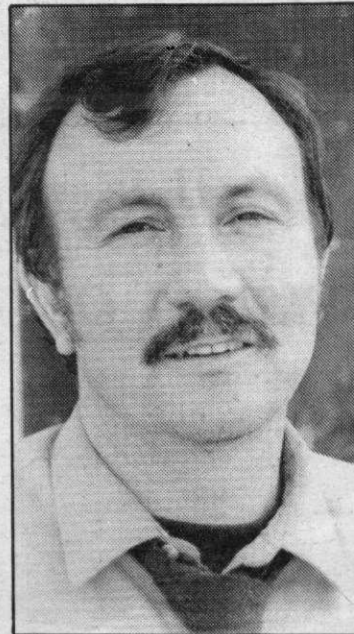
If the program is endorsed — and Wellingham feels sure it will be — the secondary school will hire a full-time counsellor in September. The counsellor's main duty will be to teach and

co-ordinate the family life course, with community resource people, to students from Grades Eight to 12.

"To teach the program will take from eight to 10 hours per class," Wellingham says, "and Pam MacKenzie does not have that kind of time available. The counsellor we are hiring is coming in, in part, for that purpose."

The secondary school principal also points out that drafting of a more comprehensive family life curriculum unconsciously anticipated a directive from the provincial education ministry.

In March, the ministry sent a memorandum to all districts, advising that "in response to the AIDS situation," its schools programs division was preparing a framework for family life education classes which it expected to see in place throughout the province for the 1987-88 school year. The program would be an interim measure until revised health and guidance curriculum can be introduced for the 1989-90 school year.



John Wellingham

Publicity given that memorandum, particularly in connection with the Vancouver School Board's desire to introduce its own program dealing with AIDS,

has probably caused Gulf Islands parents to believe that the local district has failed to meet the need for classroom information, Wellingham said.

"But, as you can see, we had a program in place here at the beginning of this school year, prepared well in advance of the Vancouver program," he said. "Vancouver reacted after the memorandum came out. We had our program in place in September. We haven't been sitting on our butts."

The significance of the ministry memorandum, Wellingham continued, is that it makes family life curriculum compulsory in schools. However, he was quick to add that any such program can still be considered an option since students require parental permission before being exposed to the course content.

He also said Gulf Islands Secondary School will ensure that the content of the family life program will be taught in "a factual, sensitive manner" — one that will encourage student dialogue and comprehension.

Family life program content outlined

The Gulf Islands School Board has put together a family life program for students in Grades Eight to 12. The content, which falls within guidelines recently established by the provincial government, will be adjusted to fit each grade level.

Parental approval is required before a student can be exposed to the course content, which includes:

- Getting to know the other people in the class.
- Physical fitness: parts of the body (cardiovascular and muscular systems); fitness.
- Food and nutrition: taking action; Canada's basic food groups; food and energy; nutrition perspectives; diet and dieting; diet and food processing.
- Myself and other people: thinking about me; myself and my relations with others; being a friend.
- Thinking about communication with other people: some activities in communication.
- Dating: perspectives on dating; dating and the student.
- Families: thinking about families; changes in the family; types of families; making decisions within the family; working mothers; being a parent; family problems, single parents, unemployment, etc.
- Marriage: views of a relationship; working mothers; thinking about partners.
- Drugs and alcohol (Grades Eight and Nine): alcohol and the body; dealing with alcohol; habits and drugs; review of nervous system and digestive system; smoking.
- Sexuality: reproductive anatomy and physiology; uniqueness of self; acceptance of self; emotional maturity; communication; sex roles; decision-making within relationships; STD and communication;

pregnancy and birth; teen parenting; pregnancy alternatives; birth control; life styles; family problems; AIDS.

The proposed program will also follow a definite set of general principles, which include:

- The critical AIDS information must be presented in context.
- The program should start from where the pupils are in terms of their physical, emotional and social development.
- A primary aim must be helping pupils develop a sense of responsibility to themselves, to their families and to society.
- The family's role in communicating moral standards and determining standards of behaviour must not only be respected, but enhanced.
- Pupils must have ample opportunity to ask questions and to become comfortable discussing their concerns about sexuality.
- Emphasis in the program should be on postponement of intimate sexual activity while recognizing the need of young people to understand affectionate relationships.
- Information about ways to avoid or to minimize sexually transmitted diseases should be presented as part of the core program, including the use and limitations of condoms as prophylactics. Abstinence would be underscored as being the only effective method.
- The example of teenage pregnancies should be raised as another consequence of irresponsible sexual activity, but birth control would be an optional topic.
- The program should be structured so that local boards of school trustees can play their role in overseeing implementation at the district level, through appropriate modifications of the program to reflect local needs, while still following the provincial framework.

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Recreation commission hires program co-ordinator

Sandi Geiger is Salt Spring Island's first recreation program director.

Geiger, a University of Victoria Co-operative Education student, has been hired by the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission for the period of May 4 to

August 21.

Prior to obtaining employment on Salt Spring, Geiger worked at a number of recreation-related jobs. She started her career as aquatic director for the Victoria YM-YWCA, a position she held from September, 1981, to June, 1985. During her involvement

with the YM-YWCA, she conducted fitness classes, administered first aid, taught leadership classes to teenagers and assisted in directing a wilderness day camp for youths.

Last summer, she designed and directed a wilderness youth day

camp in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

As Salt Spring's recreation director, Geiger will oversee two day camps, supervise the commission's backyard pool program, develop activities for teens, monitor tennis lessons and organize leadership training workshops.

Geiger said Monday she hopes the community will provide input into this summer's recreation program here. Island residents with suggestions should contact her at the Salt Spring Island Community Society (telephone 537-9212) Monday through Friday.

Hydro comfortable with shift towards provision of service

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

The days of personnel layoffs and internal retrenchment at B.C. Hydro are over, leaving the Crown corporation free to concentrate on providing energy to its customers.

Gerald McGavin, president and chief executive officer of B.C. Hydro, told *Driftwood* recently that the corporation now devotes 95 per cent of its time and effort to "running a scaled-down utility," and the remaining five percent preparing to meet future energy demands.

McGavin, visiting Salt Spring Island to meet district personnel and tour local operations, noted that Hydro's current priorities have changed substantially since the recession of the early 1980s prompted a re-thinking of its goals and objectives — and layoffs which reduced staff levels from about 10,000 people to just under 7,000.

Prior to the recession, the corporation was best known as a builder of megaprojects like the Peace River and Revelstoke hydroelectric generating facilities. When hard times arrived in the early 1980s, consumer demand for electricity lagged behind projections, forcing Hydro to turn away from construction projects and concentrate its efforts on marketing surplus electricity.

"Now, 95 per cent of our effort is directed at running things well — at sprucing up the service and looking at some of the things which may have been left out in the heyday of construction," McGavin said.

At the same time, he continued, the Crown corporation must remain prepared to follow energy policy shifts dictated by the provincial government. For instance, if Victoria decides the Site C hydroelectric dam or the Vancouver Island natural gas pipeline projects will be built, Hydro must be ready to carry out the job.

"We cannot lose our capacity to build," McGavin said. "The last five per cent of what we are doing now is preparing for what might happen in the next year or two. When we set everything down, we realize that in another year or two, we could be back to building."

McGavin, who took on the top job in Hydro in 1986 following an extensive career in the financial community, has made a point of regularly visiting the corpora-



Gerald McGavin

tion's installations throughout B.C. He estimates that since he began touring last year, he has been to 50 per cent of the utility's offices and met 70 per cent of its employees.

"I am determined to meet everyone in the company and see all of the locations, every two years," he said. "I want to be familiar with the people and locations, and to hear what the employees think we need in terms of people and equipment."

A common thread in his conversations with employees has been Hydro's past and future role, particularly in regards to major projects, McGavin said.

"People like to remember when the big projects were being built," he said. "They remember the building times, which is natural because everyone likes to build something and to be remembered for what was built."

Now, the employees realize those times are over and that there will be fewer chances to experience that type of fulfillment in future."

At the same time, McGavin noted, employees are seeking reassurances from him that the days of layoffs and internal retrenchment are over. "They've been told things are back to normal, but they ask me the question just to make sure it's true."

McGavin said that an unfortunate aspect of Hydro's reorganization was the layoff of a number of qualified employees. Some of those people could be hired back if the corporation is asked by the province to once again take on large building projects, he indicated, but the numbers will not be extensive.

"You won't notice it in any major way, at any one location in B.C.," he said. "It won't be dramatic. Like the rest of the province, B.C. Hydro is slowly getting back on its feet."

On the bright side, McGavin said the utility's retrenchment has left it with "lots of good people, all of them with a good amount of experience."

"On my tours, I see a terrific group of people. I don't think the public realizes how good our people are, how good the service is."

Hydro employees, he continued, have done a tremendous job of maintaining high standards of service during a difficult period, particularly in the area of operations. "In spite of all the diversions, the tradition in B.C. Hydro has been maintained — our operations are in good shape."

McGavin had special praise for the utility's operations in the Gulf Islands, calling the local district one of the best-served in comparison with other areas of the province.



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Quick-growing spiraea a gardener's favourite

At this time of year the garden is full of bounteous colour and spectacular displays of bloom, but few plants can give the voluminous shows we get from the spiraeas. This quick-growing shrub produces tiny flowers in rounded or flat-topped clusters that are spotted along the arching branches, almost smothering the shrub in cascades of white, pink or red, and its durable foliage is attractive throughout the growing season.

Varieties of spiraea range in form, height (one to eight feet), and flowering season (April to October). Ease of cultivation, combined with its pest-free and deer-resistant nature, make this shrub a favourite choice. Plants are propagated from cuttings or root divisions, and can be set out in spring or fall.

Spiraea prefer sunny locations but also tolerate light shade. They are easy to grow in all types of soils, but do best in average, moist soil (pH 6.0) which is not water logged for excessive periods of time. I have seen them flourishing in shale-based soils and clays, and provided some water is given weekly during the first two years' dry seasons, they will be self-sufficient.

To maximize growth and bloom production, they should be given an annual feeding of a balanced granular fertilizer such as 17-17-17 or 19-19-19 or, if cash permits, use nutricote or osmocote for a full season's feeding. The fertilizer should be broadcast over the root area out to the extent of the shrub's branches, in early spring, at the rate of four ounces per square yard of area, and then rake it in lightly.

your garden

by
Chris Schmah

Don't cultivate too deeply as they have a lot of fine feeder roots near the surface.

Virtually all of the spiraeas require an annual pruning to maintain their growth habits, form and size, as well as to ensure the optimal production of new wood for blooming the next year.

Essentially, there are two groups of spiraeas — those that flower on wood produced during the previous growing season (the spring bloomers), and those that bloom on new wood grown during the same season (the summer bloomers).

The spring bloomers make their flower buds during July and August, so refrain from doing any pruning between July and April, or else you will be cutting off your potential flowering wood. The spring bloomers should get their renewal pruning immediately after they finish blooming. Also, feel free to take cuttings of sprays and branches for floral arrangements, as they keep well and such cuttings will benefit the shrub as well.

If you wish to keep the form compact and with graceful arching growth, cut the plant back hard to within a few inches of the ground right after blooming is done. If you are looking for a more open, taller, informal shrub with arching older branches, as for a screen,

background or border location, then prune back one-third of the growth right after blooming and remove one-third of the plant's stems, cutting back to within six inches of the ground. Remove the oldest stems, thin the stems to balance the shrub's form, and remove crossing stems as well. This will all stimulate the production of new wood that will give abundant bloom.

The summer blooming varieties should receive a hard pruning right back to six inches or so above the ground level. Doing this in February or March will promote new flower-laden wood for a glorious showing later in the same growing season. If you fail to prune the spiraeas at all you will get a taller, more open plant with an overabundance of older wood that won't bloom nearly as well, so prune hard to get good results.

When it comes to varieties, there are several good choices for our region. The first in the spring to bloom is *S. thunbergii*, with its abundant clusters of small white blooms plastered all over the four-to-five-foot high ascending, almost upright branches.

Shortly thereafter comes *S. Vanhouttei* with its larger, rounded clusters on arching, almost cascading branches. This variety attains a height of six feet or so and has a rich blue-green foliage that remains attractive, throughout the growing season. This is the variety commonly called the bridal wreath spiraea.

Spiraea Arguta is currently in bloom with its somewhat upright branches smothered in white. This attractive shrub grows to about the same height as *S. Vanhouttei*, but

has a more upright form.

Spiraea nipponica tosaensis 'Snowmound' is a late spring-bloomer that gives clusters of white blooms on a tight two-to-three-foot high mound of growth. It is a relatively uncommon variety.

The double spiraea, *S. prunifolia plena*, is a spring bloomer that attains six feet or more in height and gives a muted reddish brown fall colour in the garden.

The summer blooming varieties that are available include *Spiraea bullata* and cultivars of *S. bumalda*. The uncommon *S. bullata* only attains a height of two feet but has gathered, fringed leaves that sometimes persist all winter. It has pink blooms in tight clusters held close to the foliage,

borne from July through August.

The dwarf red spiraea, *S. bumalda* 'Anthony Waterer', grows to three feet in height and produces carmine to magenta, flat-topped clusters from June right on through to frost. The maroon-tinged foliage often has some yellowish streaking in the leaves as well. The relative, *S. b. 'Froebelii'*, is virtually identical except that it attains a height of four feet and has a slightly deeper flower colour.

The bronzy golden foliage of *S. b. 'Golflame'* grows to three or four feet and bears rosy clusters of bloom from June until frosts arrive in the fall.

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Move to island brings Stan Laing 'home'

After 18 years and 5,000 kilometres, Stanley Laing has closed the circle. His travels up the professional ladder and across a continent have finally deposited the Salt Spring Island investment counsellor in a setting as aesthetically pleasing as the one he left in 1969.

Laing, a lean 44-year-old, views Salt Spring as an oasis of natural beauty made all the more attractive by its leisurely pace of life. In that way, it is much like Jamaica, the country of his birth — except that it offers more attractive economic opportunities into the bargain.

An unexpected barrier on his path up a corporate ladder prompted Laing to forsake the simple beauty and pleasures of Jamaica in 1969. Employed as a sales representative for a pharmaceutical company, his taste for the job turned sour when a promotion went to someone else.

"I felt I was qualified, but I didn't get the promotion because I didn't have a university degree," Laing says today from his office on Rainbow Road. "I decided it would never happen again."

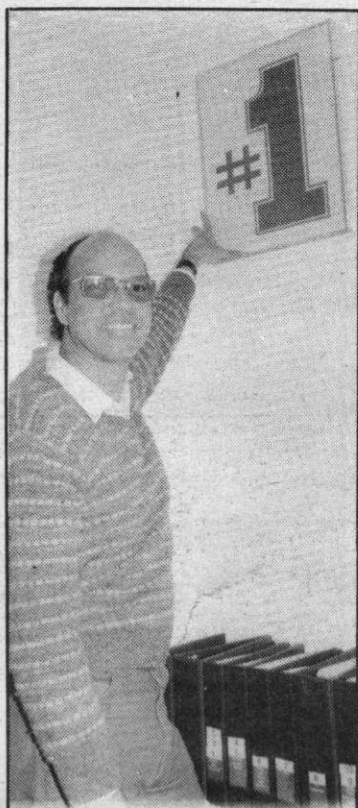
Determined to get ahead, Laing quit his job and moved to New York City to study business administration. He completed the four-year university course in two years by spending 16 to 18 hours a day on his studies.

"New York City, being the centre of world commerce, was the ideal place to study business administration," Laing says. "It was possible to get a first-hand look at any type of business."

But living in New York City was not to Laing's liking. "I suffered from culture shock," he says. "I had left behind an open, easy-going, cheerful and laid-back way of life — and walked right into the middle of a population explosion. On any given work day, there would be 12 million people in Manhattan. The population of Jamaica, at that time, was 1.5 million people."

He had, Laing recalls, gone from living in a community where he knew everyone, "to being just another number waiting to take a bus or a subway, or to be served in a restaurant. It was hard to take."

Realizing he could not adapt to life in one of the world's most



The '#1' sign in Stan Laing's Ganges office refers to his quest for excellence, he says. It denotes his attendance at the top boy's school in Jamaica, studies at the best business school in the United States, and work for top employers in their field, like Eaton's, Mutual Life and H & R Block.

populous cities, Laing decided to move on. As soon as his university course was completed, he loaded all his material possessions into a station wagon and drove north.

"I ended up in Toronto and spent the first while just recovering from New York," he smiles. "Then I started to look around. There were some opportunities . . . but I finally felt that while the people in Toronto were different from those in New York, were a little warmer and more approachable, there were still too many people in Toronto. I felt Toronto was just a smaller version of New York."

The station wagon was loaded up again, and this time Laing pointed it westwards. "I just drove west on Highway One, through all of the provincial capitals, and ended up in Vancouver. The night I arrived, I took the last boat to Victoria. I didn't intend to go there; I just ended up there."

In Victoria, Laing could go no further. He spent the next 18 years working for department stores, journeyed briefly to the Yukon to try his hand at mining, then returned to take up home renovations and, eventually, house construction.

"Like a lot of people, I got caught in the 1981 crunch," Laing says. "I lost everything. But I figured I was still young enough to start all over again."

Turning back to his business administration training, Laing in 1982 began looking at opportunities in the life insurance sales field. In succeeding years, he took courses through H&R Block which eventually earned him his general insurance and mutual fund licenses.

While working with H&R Block in late 1986, the opportunity came to launch a financial planning business on Salt Spring Island. Laing jumped at the chance, opening his office in January, 1987. He has since sold his house in Victoria and plans to have his family settled here by mid-May.

The circumstances that led him to Salt Spring are, Laing says, sometimes difficult to believe.

"I still remember the first time I visited the island," he says. "It was about four years ago. I had brought a group of Sunday School students over for the day, and we went up Mt. Maxwell. I thought then that this place was very similar to Jamaica — even the people seemed the same — but I had no idea events would unfold this way, in the manner they are unfolding."

If he is enthused about where he now finds himself living, Laing is even more excited about the opportunities he sees for his business. He believes he can provide financial planning services that islanders might otherwise have to seek in Vancouver or Victoria, and that the way lies open to introduce computer databases and other sophisticated tools that would make his services

even more comparable to what is found in off-island centres.

In short, life is looking good to Stan Laing.

"Do I ever think about having left Jamaica? Yes, and I go back to visit, but my roots have been transplanted. They are now re-establishing themselves in a community where I feel at home."

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Island bank honours employee

The Bank of Montreal's Ganges branch last week honoured one of its employees for long service to the firm.

At a special breakfast meeting held Tuesday, May 5, at Hastings House, Marion MacKenzie was presented with two gifts to mark her 27 years with the bank. She received a gold watch and a diamond pin inscribed with the Bank of Montreal crest.

The presentation was made by the bank's area manager, Bert Robinson.

MacKenzie's career with the Bank of Montreal began at its Prince George branch. Transferred to the Ganges branch in 1972, she was mainly employed

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Thanks to the great success of the fall bridge party and the recent fashion show, it has been possible to send \$500 each to the Cystic Fibrosis Fund and Operation Eyesight. The \$50 prize for installing the most new members in the past year (won by the chapter at the annual district conference last month) was contributed to the Rick Hansen *Man in Motion* fund.

Mrs. Dorrie Cherry, educational secretary, displayed the books to be presented to school libraries this month — at Fernwood Elementary on May 15 at 1 pm, and at Gulf Islands Secondary School on May 19 at 1:30 pm. Two scholarships — one for art and one for music — are also to be awarded at the secondary school. Next month, books will be donated to the libraries of the Ganges and Fulford elementary schools.

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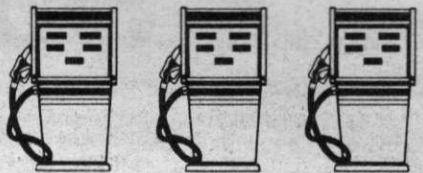
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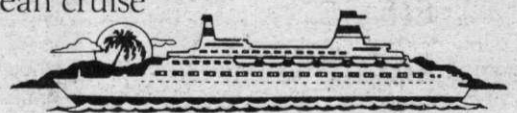
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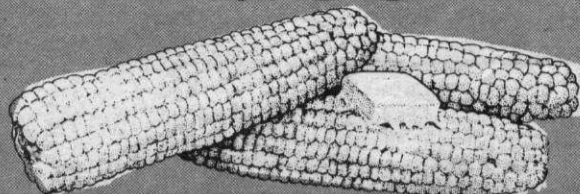


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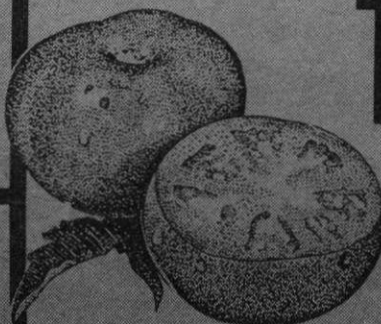
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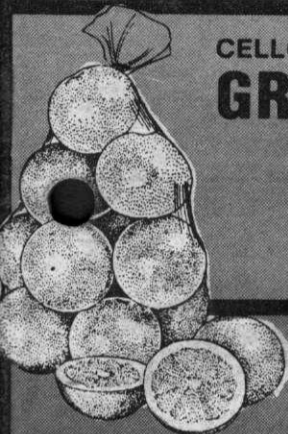


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Council members hear suggestions from artists

By LYNDA LAUSHWAY

Canada Council members visited Victoria and Vancouver last week to hold a series of public meetings. Artists, arts administrators and supporters of the arts were invited to appear before the Canada Council and address themselves to the question: *Do Canada Council programs meet the needs of B.C. artists?*

I attended the meeting in Vancouver dealing with the visual arts, along with approximately 75 other concerned people. The most overwhelming issue, reiterated by many individuals, was the dire state of funding for artists living in British Columbia.

At both provincial and municipal levels throughout our province, funding for the arts is at a minimal level. One council member pointed out that provincial funding for the arts in B.C. is among the lowest, compared to other provinces in

Canada.

One artist said "Vancouver is a wasteland for the arts. There is little or no coverage or co-operation from city newspapers, radio and television stations. People don't buy art here. The biggest reward for a Vancouver artist is to be invited to New York or Los Angeles, and if they're smart they won't come back."

A Canada Council member said that, in recent conversations with our provincial minister responsible for culture, the minister expressed surprise that a lack of funding for the arts was having an impact on the arts in B.C. This message was greeted with hoots and howls from the audience.

Council members indicated they felt compassion for artists living in B.C. and understood what a difficult situation we are working with.

"The Canada Council, however, cannot fulfill the total need for

art seen

funding of the arts in B.C. Money must also come at the municipal and provincial levels, as well as from the corporate sector. Artists must become more involved in lobbying these groups in order to turn the current situation around," said one council member.

Ken Danby, well-known Canadian artist and council member explained that he is currently working on a campaign to raise the consciousness of our whole country regarding the arts. The focus of the campaign is education of the public. One means to accomplish this goal is promotion of the 'artists in the schools' program across Canada.

Danby said "the artistic community gets as much money as the politicians feel comfortable allowing them to have, and maybe

a little bit more. Ultimately, it's up to all of us to influence the general population's attitude towards the arts. The general public is the answer and included in that is the corporate public. The answer lies in education. We need to encourage everyone coming out of our schools to have an awareness and understanding of the arts — that would be a giant step forward."

Artists in the audience had a number of suggestions for new programs and policy changes at the Canada Council. Jack Wise suggested that the council establish a pension fund for older artists. Criticism of the current Canada Council criteria for grant distribution, based on "standards of excellence" of the proposed project, were levelled from a number of sources.

One artist pointed out that the original mandate of the Canada Council was based on the principal

of need, not excellence. He felt that in judging two proposals of equal artistic merit, the grant should go to the most needy artist. Social responsibility of council-funded projects was also addressed and a suggestion made that the Canada Council set aside money for peace-related artistic proposals.

The council members responded to complaints of frustration over our isolation and lack of communication by saying that they recognize this is a widespread problem for all segments of the arts in B.C., and they will be making efforts to improve the situation.

The Canada Council members appeared to be appreciative of the audience participation and their lively discussion and suggestions. They will return to Ottawa with a large amount of information from a frustrated B.C. arts community. I wish them luck in sorting their way through it and bringing about some positive changes.

At guild show and sale

Weavers' project to be exhibited

The result of one year's work by about 40 members of the Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild will be shown at Mahon Hall later this week.

The work, an eight-foot free-standing wall display depicting "the sea around us," will be seen at the annual Painters Guild show and sale set for Mahon Hall on May 16, 17 and 18.

The talents of about 40 local weavers, spinners and dyers were brought together to produce the work, which the guild will enter for judging at the Northwest Weavers Conference, to be held in late June at the University of B.C.

Guild member Wynn MacLachlan describes the process used to create the display, which has as

its central feature a wall hanging depicting water, fish and kelp:

"First stage was to draw a cartoon of the design to go behind the warp threads on a vertical tapestry loom," she says. "Then came the spinning of the fleece into suitable yarn. After spinning, the wool was dyed to interpret the blue-green colours of the sea."

"Weavers worked in teams of two, usually only completing about one inch per hour for this 60-inch by 42-inch tapestry."

"While this was in progress, other weavers were planning and weaving three rugs in various techniques using yarn of deep colours, representing the bottom of the sea."

"To give dimension to the

display, the highly-specialized art of transparency weaving technique produced four panels in blue-green linen with an inlay of sea plants and fish, through which to view the wall hanging.

"To add life to the scene, colourful starfish were made using felting processed from fleece. All the projects come together in a free-standing display unit."

The guild also noted that the members of the Painters Guild are to be thanked for allowing the display to be shown at their annual show and sale.

The Painters Guild event is designed to showcase works by its members and help raise funds for workshops and other arts-related programs.

One-woman show scheduled by OCS

Angela Brown will perform *To A Modern Venus* at Off Centre Stage later this month.

The shows, set for 8 pm on both Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23, will see Brown characterize seven different women from seven decades of the 20th century.

"Drawing on theatrical movement, pantomime, visual art and music, she takes us from the body beautiful to (the) body powerful," Off Centre Stage says.

Vancouver *Sun* critic Susan Martens reviewed *To A Modern Venus* when it played at that city's Fringe Festival, and said Brown "has a nice comedic talent."

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