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Ashes to ashes...

While Knud Hansen rows and Nigel Gow (right) spreads ashes, his wife Piinppa tosses flower petals into waters near Beaver

Point in memory of Doris Anderson. Ceremony, conducted by Rev. James Koester (left) and attended by a party of about 30

people lining the beach, was held last week almost three years to the day since Anderson died at age 81. Story, Page 9.

Graduating students honoured at ceremony

Forty-three members of Gulf Islands Secondary School's Class of 1987 bid farewell to tests and textbooks at the traditional *School Leaving Ceremony* held Saturday night.

Entering the gymnasium to the sounds of Phil Collins' *In the Air Tonight*, the graduates were introduced to the approximately 500 guests, then took their seats on stage.

The annual presentation of scholarships followed opening remarks from Principal John Wellingham, Schools Superintendent Mike Marshall and Board Vice-chairman Lorraine Campbell. This year, Wellingham said, more than \$11,000 in scholarships and bursaries was handed out to deserving graduates.

The list of award winners is as follows:

- Agriculture Bursary: Drew Hardy.
- Camosun College Award: Corey Brown.
- Canadian Union of Public Employees Bursary (two): Simon Jang, Carol Minette.
- Community Arts Council Award: Naomi Potter.
- Doris Tothill Memorial Bursary: Michelle Andrews.
- Fred Greenslade Bursary: Matthew Taylor.
- Gilbert Mouat Scholarship: Melanie Marshall.
- Gulf Islands Teachers' Association Scholarship: Chris Koski.
- Gulf Islands District Scholarship: Christy Aust.

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Holiday alters Driftwood delivery date

Next week's Canada Day holiday will force a one-day delay in deliveries of *Driftwood*.

Driftwood employees will observe the July 1 holiday, which falls on a Wednesday. That means copies of the newspaper will be bundled for distribution on Thursday, July 2 — not on Wednesday, July 1.

The one-day delay will see deliveries of *Driftwood* take place on Salt Spring on Thursday instead of Wednesday, and to Outer Islands customers on Friday instead of Thursday.

The Canada Day holiday will not affect any of the *Driftwood* advertising or printing deadlines, however.

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Former fireman looking for a miracle

By MIKE TURKKI

On September 2, 1985, Bob Walde was working in the backyard of his Fulford Harbour home when he received word of an oil spill in Long Harbour. The 36-year-old Salt Spring fireman did what any dedicated volunteer would: he grabbed his fire gear and answered the call.

Little did he know the call was the start of a two-year nightmare that may rob him of his ability to work — and perhaps take his life.

Bob, who spent all day at the spill wringing out specially-treated cloths used to soak up fuel

Bob Walde battles his condition

oil, has developed what doctors describe as acute sensitivity to hydrocarbons. Diesel and gasoline fumes can cause him to black out; even the slightest "whiff" of cigarette smoke and car exhaust may bring on excruciating headaches, nausea and altered perception. Nearly two years after the incident at Long Harbour, the stocky B.C. Ferry Corporation employee and at least one of his

physicians are convinced that his condition was caused by over-exposure to fuel oil.

"It all started on September 2, 1985," says Bob as he sits at the kitchen table with his blond wife, Marjorie. Scattered in front of him are doctors' reports, letters from specialists and books filled with hastily scribbled notes; together, they tell the story of his life since the diesel spill — nearly two

MB land options outlined

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

A potential purchaser's best-case scenario for development of MacMillan-Bloedel's Salt Spring Island properties would see the land host a mixture of parks, large-acreage homesites, small farms and industrial sites.

John Upward, a Nanaimo developer who holds a conditional agreement to purchase the 4,900 acres of land from the forest company, outlined his tentative — and flexible — plans for the seven properties to *Driftwood* earlier this week.

Upward indicated that his purchase of the property and the eventual uses made of each block depend on two factors: feasibility studies currently underway to examine land development factors like real estate markets, suitable water supplies and potential zoning densities; and the sale or trade of about half of the 4,900 acres to the provincial government or the Capital Regional District (CRD) for parkland.

While the results of the feasibility studies and the negotiations over transfer of some of the land into parks will largely determine the eventual form of the development, Upward said there is still a wide range of possibilities for each of the seven blocks of land in question.

Running from north to south, the parcels of land and the possible uses envisioned by Upward include:

- One unit of three blocks borders Sansum Narrows to the west, Mt. Belcher to the east and Mt. Erskine to the north. Twenty to 30 acres of the 320-acre parcel could be rezoned for industrial use and house a scrag mill, debarker and chipping plant. The waterfront area could be home to aquaculture ventures, a breakwater for log booms and a dryland sorting

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Cameron Leask adds a new—but old—touch to Burgoyne United Church. Page 8.



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Parks, small farms proposed for MB lands

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area. Other possibilities include public boat-launching facilities, a recreational fishing camp and development of recreational-residential properties in 20-acre parcels.

• Just to the south is an inland property composed of three blocks. Upwards envisions selective logging to create small, 25-acre farm lots and turning over a portion of the land for a Maxwell Lake watershed preserve.

• To the southwest is a block of two units bordering Sansum Narrows. Possible uses include a provincial government small craft marine park, aquaculture ventures, log booming and

recreation-residential lots. One corner of the property drains into Maxwell Lake, and Upwards said that portion of the land could also be signed over for inclusion in the watershed preserve.

• To the west is the largest block of MacMillan-Blodel property, which borders on Stuart Road and Salt Spring Island's western shore. The block, made up of several units, also surrounds Peter Arnell Park.

The property, according to Upward, is the key to his development plans. Ideally, he would sell or trade about half of the block to the provincial government or the CRD for use as a park. The other half — located to the east — could be used as a small woodlot, as a landfill site and for light industry.

A perimeter network of hiking and riding trails would be built to connect to the parkland to the east, and a smaller chunk to the north would be set aside to protect the Cusheon Creek fish hatchery.

If the land does not become a park, Upward continued, his options include cluster developments or marketing the land as a large, private estate.

• Directly south of the Stuart Road parcel, across Fulford Harbour, is a single block at Isabella Point. The 160-acre parcel would be marketed as one farm, or split into a series of 20- to 25-acre farmsites.

• South and west of the Isabella Point block lies a unit of four blocks near Cape Keppel and a

provincial ecological preserve. This land, covering about 600 acres and including the top of Mt. Tuam, has been identified as a potential parksite, Upward said. Failing that, and depending on the availability of water, it could be developed as homesites.

• The last parcel is a 640-acre unit of four blocks just west and north of the Mt. Tuam property. This piece covers 640 acres and has also been identified as potential parkland which could be linked to the Mt. Tuam block via a network of trails. Another option calls for creation of 20-acre homesites.

Upward, whose option to purchase the properties is subject to conditions and expires later this year, said his main task at present is to identify potential purchasers

of any and all portions of the land.

At the same time, he is hoping for feedback about his plans from Salt Spring residents and is considering holding a series of open house information meetings on the island.

MacMillan-Blodel, meanwhile, has retained two consultants to draw up a contingency plan for its properties in the event Upwards does not follow through with a purchase. One of the consultants is Salt Spring resident Ken Renaud — a project planner who also serves as president of the local small woodlot operators' association and on the board of Island Futures — while the other is Don Duncan, from Vancouver.

Income assistance recipients asked to pick up their cheques

The continuing disruption in postal service means recipients of provincial Income Assistance or handicapped benefits must pick up their cheques in person this week. Anyone unable to do so is being asked to contact the Social Services and Housing ministry to arrange delivery.

The ministry asks all Salt Spring residents on the GAIN rolls to pick up their cheques tomorrow (Thursday, June 25) at the Government Agent's office in the Lancer Building on Lower Ganges Road. The cheques will be available between 10 am and 3 pm.

Residents of Mayne, Galiano, Pender and Saturna Islands can

pick up their cheques Thursday and Friday at the ministry's office in Suite 111 of the Landmark Building, at 2506 Beacon Avenue in Sidney. Cheques will be available between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

The ministry says people picking up cheques must produce at least one piece of identification.

Cheques not picked up Thursday on Salt Spring will be returned to the Sidney office. Recipients will then have to travel to Sidney or telephone the office (653-3941) to make arrangements for delivery.

Cheques for Outer Islands residents not picked up in Sidney on Thursday or Friday will be distributed by hand early next week.

Recipients are asked to contact the office (653-3941) to make the appropriate arrangements.

Anyone unable to visit the Salt Spring or Sidney offices on pick-up days — i.e., the physically-unable — is asked to contact the ministry at 656-3941 to arrange delivery of their cheques. The same number should be called by anyone with any questions about the distribution system.

Should the postal dispute continue, the ministry says the same distribution arrangements will have to be made for several other types of cheques, including those for Family Allowance and Old Age Security benefits.

UIC cheques available at Bay Street Armory

UIC recipients living on the Gulf Islands will have to travel to Victoria this week to pick up cheques and drop off their report-period cards.

Cheques must be picked up at the Bay Street Armory in downtown Victoria, which is open from 10 am to 3 pm. Claimants are asked to drop off report-period cards when they pick up their cheques.

The arrangement has been prompted by the uncertainty surrounding mail deliveries during the current postal dispute. Canada Employment officials advise claimants against mailing in their cards during the current dispute.

A system of cheque pick-ups and card drop-offs has been drawn up according to Social Insurance Numbers (SINs). The

last digit of a claimant's SIN determines the day a cheque may be picked up.

Claimants whose SINs end with the digits 0, 1 or 2 may pick up cheques on Mondays; those ending in 3, 4 or 5 may pick up cheques on Tuesdays; those ending in 6 and 7 may pick up cheques on Wednesdays; and those ending in 8 and 9 may pick up cheques on Thursdays. Fridays have been reserved for pick-ups by claimants who were unable to visit earlier in the week.

setting it straight

Last week, we incorrectly identified the IODE as representing the International Order of Daughters of the Empire.

IODE is actually short for Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire. We apologize for this error and any embarrassment it may have caused IODE members.



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Parents, teachers get credit for helping grads

The members of Gulf Islands Secondary School's graduating class have learned a lot from their parents and teachers — and owe both a debt of thanks.

That was the message delivered Saturday by Sarah Stark, GISS's valedictorian for 1987.

"It seems like yesterday when we started our first day of school, and we never thought then that our lives would revolve around it for the next 12 years," Stark told those attending Saturday's graduation ceremonies at GISS. "When we started school, we were afraid and unsure of what it would be like, and this is how we

Sarah Stark delivers valedictory at ceremonies

will feel when we leave here today and look down the path of life. We should, however, be confident, for it could be said that school has the foundation for our future and success.

"School has taught us many things over the years. Some lessons have been educational and some have taught us the realities of life. Over the last couple of years, especially, we have been taught to make our

own decisions, to communicate with people, to think of ourselves as individuals and not as a group, to compete with ourselves, to strive to do the best that we can, and to look to the future with a positive attitude.

"People may complain about school, but without it we would never be prepared to face the important decisions we have to make over the years to come, decisions that will probably deter-

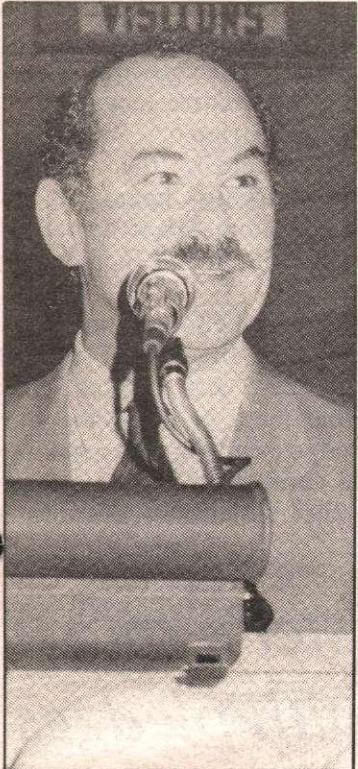
mine our destiny.

"School and teachers are not the only ones who have helped us get here tonight; a large amount of the credit should go to our parents. They have been there to help and guide us and have probably been looking forward to this day since we were born, because we have finally completed one phase of our lives.

"Our future has so much to offer us, so many new avenues to

explore and experience to gain. Our world is changing so rapidly that there will always be new challenges placed before us. One unique aspect about being a grad class in 1987 is that in the year 2000, it will be our age group running the businesses and corporations of the world. And who knows? One of us may be Prime Minister.

"We have experienced many changes together over the years and have made what we hope are lifetime friendships among students and staff. The time has now come for us to go our separate ways, to choose our own path."



Stuart Margolin



Isabella Mouat (right) presents the Jane Mouat Scholarship to Gulf Islands Secondary School

graduate Erin Fewings during Saturday's school leaving ceremony.

More than \$11,000 handed out at Saturday grad ceremonies

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- Hospital Employees Union award: Amos Lundy.
- Island Farmers' Institute Scholarship: Rachel Lloyd.
- Jane Mouat Scholarship: Erin Fewings.
- Lady Minto Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary Scholarship: Brad Davies.
- Laurie Mouat Memorial Award: Rachel Lloyd.
- Marilyn Ryles Memorial Bursary (Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary): Christopher Watson.
- Metro Toyota Scholarship: Samantha Wellingham.
- Mike Wells Bursary: Naomi Potter.
- Principal's Award: Debbie Cunningham.
- Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 92) Bursary: Brian Stacey.
- Richard Toynbee Award: Michael Brown.
- Salt Spring Lions Club Scholarship (two): Sarah Stark, Melanie Marshall.
- Salt Spring Island Rotary Club award: Robert Bradford.

This year, Grade 11 student Gregg Dow delivered the farewell to graduates.

Dow told students and guests that "the grads made this school year something special for everyone with their energy and excitement, but most important of all, their ability to make friends. With this they make it one of the best years ever."

Dow said that although the Grade 12 class had its share of bad times, it didn't allow these

misfortunes to get them down.

"The grads have left us with some wonderful memories, memories that we'll all cherish for the rest of our lives, and I want to thank them," he continued. "On behalf of the Grade 11s and the rest of the students, we're damn proud to call all of you our friends, and I myself would like to give you guys a big hug."

Guest speaker for this year's grad was actor-director Stuart Margolin, whose address to the students was both humorous and helpful.

"I'm not here to tell you all how you got here — you know that already," he said. "What I'm here to do is hopefully address the question of *Now what?*"

Margolin said most students were probably trying to decide how they wanted to do to make their livings. "Fortunately," he said, "I always wanted a career in entertainment, and I was lucky enough to be able to do that. Not all of you, though, may have decided yet what you want to do.

... but there's no reason why you have to make that decision now. Time is your ally."

Margolin told the graduating class he preferred not to give them advice. Instead, he "recommended" some things that he'd found useful or beneficial in his life.

"I recommend reading," he said. "A good book can be your best friend . . . I recommend theatre and a movie now and again."

Margolin got the biggest cheer for his comments on television, however. "Time is your ally," he said, "but television is not. TV is a new state religion; it's taxation without representation.

"I also recommend travel whenever possible, blonds, brunettes and redheads, and not smoking," he said jokingly.

Following closing remarks from Wellingham and the presentation of diplomas, the graduates participated in a Grand March for the enjoyment of those relatives and friends in attendance.



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Parking ticket woes symptom of greater problem

Salt Spring Island's RCMP detachment doesn't deserve the level of heat it is drawing for enforcing parking regulations in place in the village of Ganges.

The head of the detachment, Sgt. Mitch Hanks, reports that he and his men are being criticized by the public for the dollar value of the fines being handed out, and for the regulations themselves. Like him, we find the backlash difficult to understand.

The regulations themselves shouldn't be a problem. Anyone travelling through the village, particularly on a busy Saturday, should be able to see that improperly-parked vehicles (those extending onto the roadway) and those in *No Parking* zones block sight-lines, constituting a hazard to both pedestrian and motorized traffic. If we're at all interested in safety, we have to support enforcement of the regulations.

If the monetary value of the fines is a bother, it shouldn't be. True, the dollars involved bring a pain to the pocketbook, but the nuisance factor involved is just enough to make people take note of the regulations. If it does that, and prevents future violations, who can fault the fine level?

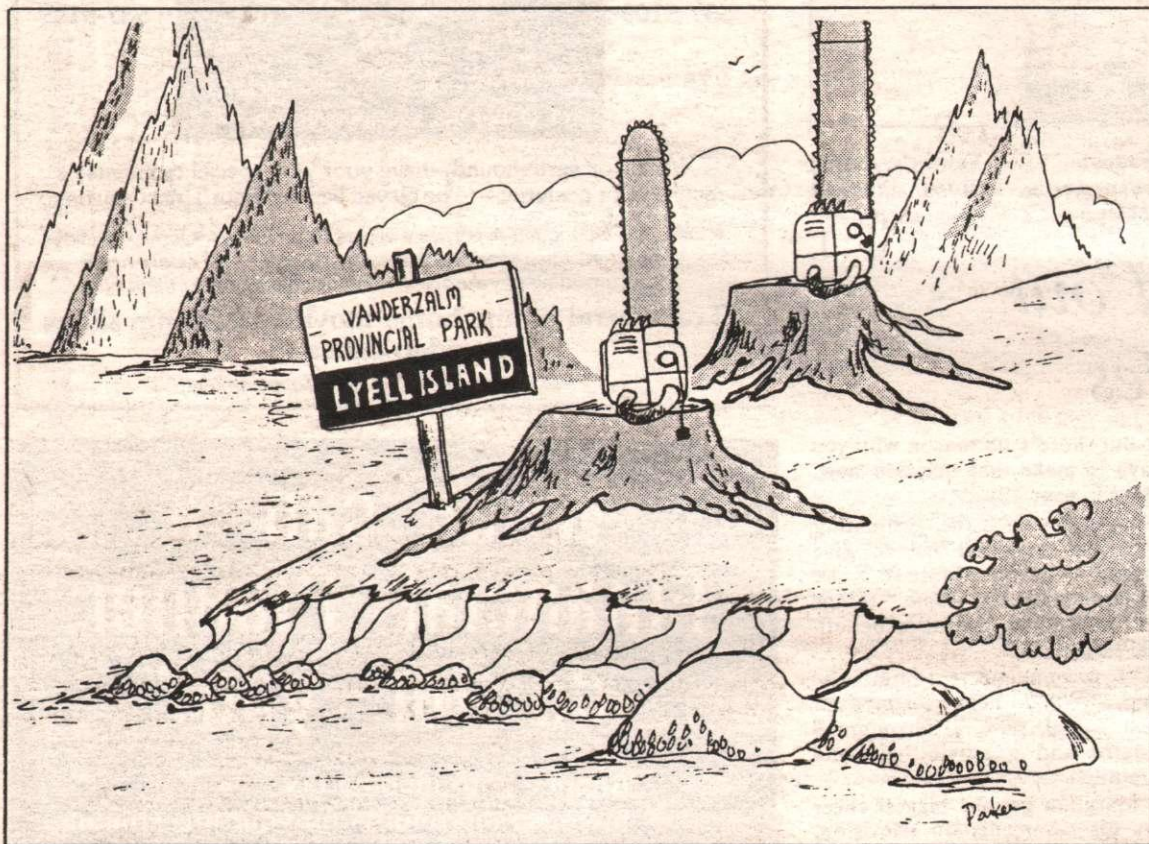
Complaints about enforcement appearing like a bolt out of the blue are also unfounded. For at least a month before the RCMP began cracking down, the detachment issued warnings through this newspaper about its pending 'get-tough' attitude, and also practised a bit of roadside leniency. The public can't say it wasn't warned.

And, finally, why carp at the RCMP? All the local detachment is doing is policing the *No Parking* zones laid out by the highways department, and issuing parking infraction tickets for a dollar value set by the clerk of the provincial court.

If there is a culprit at the heart of the ticket uproar, it's the continuing and acute shortage of proper parking space in downtown Ganges. The current *laissez-faire* attitude towards parking on any available spot of land in the core area is tied directly to an absence of alternative locations.

We hear a lot about a pedestrian orientation for Ganges. For that to happen, the current regulations governing parking have to be enforced, and enough additional space has to be found to meet the demand for parking in and near the downtown core.

One without the other is not enough, however. If the heat being applied on the RCMP for its enforcement of regulations was shifted, for example, onto the department of highways and local politicians and tied to a call for more parking space near the core, the complaints about parking tickets would—like the violations—evaporate quickly.



Finance minister's move inconsistent with pledges

In the wake of federal Finance Minister Michael Wilson's White Paper outlining reforms to Canada's current income tax system, it is interesting to recall the Progressive Conservative stand on the topic back in 1984, before it was elected to form the current government.

At that time, the party's candidates in general — and Wilson and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in particular — stressed that a Conservative government was most interested in reducing the federal deficit. That goal would be reached, they said, through cuts in government spending and a reduction in the number of civil servants employed by government.

The only mention made about income tax reform at that time was in criticism about the overly-complex nature of the system then in place — a system the Tories said should and would be simplified.

Perhaps the Tories ought to go back and re-read their 1984 election campaign speeches.

One week's accumulation of various odds and ends

A few short takes, scribbled on the run, at the end of a week filled with disruptions and interruptions:

• There are salesmen, and then there is Jennifer Inderwick.

A few months ago in this corner, I recounted the problems I was having finding shelf space for a growing collection of books. When I noted that the best possible solution was to acquire more shelves, Jennifer responded from her home in Toronto:

"Having read with great interest your article on how book collections expand (only too true) and of your plans to add an entire wall of bookshelves to your living room, may I offer you some suggestions for filling it? Should you find any of the books in the enclosed catalogue irresistible, I would be only too happy to send

them to you on receipt of your order."

Jennifer, who operates a Toronto store specializing in pre-owned, collector-edition natural history books, added that she had the same problem with lack of shelving space in her home. Her solution was to become a book-seller.

(I like her store's motto: "It is a good thing to read books and it need not be a bad thing to write them; but it is a pious thing to preserve those that have been some time written.")

By the way, Jennifer, your catalogue contains a number of books perfectly-suited to my reading tastes, and those of my father-in-law, whose birthday is fast approaching. Watch for my order in the mail.

• Does anyone out there know a

my word

by Duncan MacDonnell

Tim Rogers? He wrote a letter to the editor some time back and forgot to attach a telephone number or an address. Some points in the letter need discussing before it sees print, but first we have to find Tim. Can anyone help?

• The big-city media has been giving the Social Credit government its lumps recently, over everything from parkland policies to Bills 19 and 20. Last week, the Socreds struck back.

At an obscure park in Victoria,

the Social Credit caucus whumped the Press Gallery scribes 24-3 in a softball game. The score was passed on to me by a member of the losing squad, who reports that the Socreds fielded a surprising number of MLAs with semi-pro experience, including two or three who had played against barnstorming professionals on the Prairies.

The game's outcome, meanwhile, was not reported in the sports pages of the big-city press.

• Speaking of sports pages, when will the *Victoria Times-Colonist* wake up and realize that baseball line scores belong in a museum with linotype machines? C'mon you guys, give us full box scores or don't bother with baseball.

• This year's July 1 Canada Day holiday falls on a Wednesday, which should make for an inter-

esting emotional contrast a few days later. Since most people like to mark holidays on a weekend, some will likely celebrate Canada Day on the following Saturday — which happens to be July 4, the date our American neighbours wave their flags. Will *O Canada* drown out the strains of *The Star Spangled Banner*?

• And finally, a tip of the hat to the B.C. Ferry Corporation for its new summer schedule — not the actual ship movements, but the pamphlet telling us which boat goes where, and when. The brochure copies the format used by airlines, and it's actually easy to read and understand.

(Rumour has it the old schedules will be turned over to MENSA, the high-IQ group, for inclusion in their brain-wracking entrance examinations.)

Two-fold

Sir,
For the past two years I have attended the all-night after-grad as an interested and involved parent. My personal intent in doing this has been two-fold: first, to ensure that my own graduating student and date were safe; and second, to provide food for the stomachs of all the grads. These parties are not school functions and the adults who organize and provide food to the grads are not there to act as chaperones for the entire island student population.

Peer pressure and teenage pressure on parents are very real forces. It is up to each of us, as parents, to determine whether to allow our undergrads to attend this unchaperoned party and to accept the responsibility that accompanies that decision. None of us condone teenage drinking parties. In fact, most of us are petrified of what can happen as a result of them. We all want our teenagers to survive these tough adolescent years intact. In my opinion, these all-night parties are no place for our 13-to 16-year olds to be and, believe it or not, there are a great number of them there. The dynamics of this and other parties can only change if individual parents are prepared to make tough decisions and stick by them.

I don't consider myself a model parent — I've won some battles and lost some with my own teenagers. I simply want to speak out now and not wait until a tragedy occurs and someone, maybe me, is saying "If only I'd..."

I want to assure my own children and their friends that I am not "snitching" on them. I am writing this out of the deepest of love and caring for them. I will choose to sign this letter at the risk of embarrassing them but, if it saves some grief, it will be worth it.
BARB AUST,
Ganges.

Progress?

Sir,
Is there anything new? Nothing. I will quote from a letter I received from a manufacturer in Ontario:
"An extremely high percentage of the units we send by Insured Parcel Post come back to us damaged and so we can no longer use the Post Office for shipping purposes."

A friend of mine mailed a small parcel on May 5, 1987, from a Vancouver sub post office — I have yet to receive it.

The alternate services are at present skimming all of the cream off the inept public sector system. What a golden opportunity for the system to be put completely into the hands of competent, efficient entrepreneurs.

During the 1930s, a six-cent airmail stamp got a letter from Vancouver to Toronto in three to four days — now, at 36 cents — it takes a week; and on Christmas Day, the postie delivered two-cent postal Christmas cards. Some progress!
R.P. McCAFFREY,
Ganges.

Behaviour

Sir,
Watching the news regarding the postal strike in Vancouver and eastern Canada, and the behavior of pickets, it really is comparable to the riots going on in far-off countries.

One wonders at the mentality of these grown men and women, who no doubt are parents bringing up the next generation, who may follow in their footsteps, unless this stupid blackmail is nipped in the bud, right now.

These people are irresponsible; why do they become bullies in a group? What right have they to damage depots and trucks, and hassle people willing to do a day's work?

Maybe one of these days there will be peace in the workforce, and pride in this country. I hope so.
N. DALBY,
Ganges.

P.S. This letter refers to any strike when there is irresponsible behaviour, not just to this postal strike.

Numbers

Sir,
In the story concerning the proposed marina at Saltery Bay, published in the June 17 issue of *Driftwood*, the owner of Galiano Fishing Charters characterizes his opposition in the community as "a few people at the North End," his supporters as "the majority."

He should be made aware that the petition circulating against his project now stands at 418 signatures and continues to grow daily. The signators are predominantly Galiano residents and number amongst them boat owners and residents of the smaller islands. The Saltery Bay Preservation Society has a paid membership of over 50 people at the time of writing. Their funds, committed to the purchase of the bay, are considerable and mounting, and we wish to thank the generous people who are making purchase of the bay a feasibility.

The society and its members are deeply respectful of ecological considerations, but their concerns

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are based just as strongly on the physical restrictions of the site in relation to the proposed development plan. There is, for instance, no room for adequate off-road parking, septic field, or appropriate ramp access. No concern has been shown for traffic hazards or road subsidence resulting from the necessary blasting of bedrock. Financial feasibility has yet to be publicly addressed by the developer and it is in its lack of apparent financial sense (together with his studied silence when facing intelligent questions from the community) that the project must be judged. If the investment far exceeds the possible returns, it is logical to assume that there is more in the wind than on the plan — and this wind blows no good.

SHIRLEY CHAMBERS,
Saltery Bay Preservation Society,
Galiano Island.

Full fare

Sir,
In reading the June 10 issue of your newspaper I was taken aback to see in the report of the Islands Trust meeting a statement made by Steven Wright, Trust member for Pender Island, that free ferry travel for Island senior citizens is unfair to Island businesses.

Senior citizens pay full fare for their cars at all times and only enjoy free passenger travel for four days each week. For senior citizens, and others, the question of ferry fares is not the reason many Salt Spring Islanders are going off island to shop. Parking is the reason, and as the parking disappears, more of our citizens, senior or not, will go to shop where parking is convenient. It is equally difficult for mothers with small children to shop in an area with inadequate parking as it is for seniors.

However, if parking tickets keep getting handed out like popcorn on Farmers' Market day, in hopes of destroying the greatest tourist attraction the island has, there will soon be lots of parking in beautiful downtown Ganges.
ELLEN L. BENNETT,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
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We'd like to mention one organization. The ladies' auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion: they made our first Christmas as

a family on Salt Spring Island one we have never forgotten.

As a retired employee, first working for the Gulf Islands Ferry Company and then for the B.C. Ferry Corporation, I thank all my former colleagues and friends, those on the Outer Islands crews and the management of the Ferry Corporation for making my life and that of my family pleasant and wonderful.

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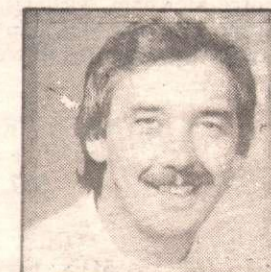
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Thoughtful

Sir,
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Thank you to that fine lad, whose name I do not know.

We need more like him. The real solution would be if we all took our garbage home or held it long enough to find a garbage can.

DEE KINNEY,
Fulford Harbour.

Souvenir

Sir,
On Saturday, June 13, I travelled to Ganges to introduce my visitors from England to our Farmers' Market and to visit the variety of shops in the village. Like most visitors to our island, my friends were looking for souvenirs as mementos of their visit.

However, my efforts for this little excursion were repaid with a \$35 parking ticket. Therefore, the next time I have visitors, I assure you, I will take them to areas where the aim is not to destroy their best tourist attraction, such as the Farmers' Market, but to enhance it. Souvenirs for my visitors will have to be photographs of island scenery.

BUNNY FISCHER,
Ganges.

Era ends

Sir,
This week marks the end of an era at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Mike Byron is retiring after a 36-year teaching career.

As parents of students taught by Mike, we wish to publicly acknowledge the dedication, compassion and good old-fashioned common sense he has demonstrated in his profession. Mike has modelled honesty, empathy, a good work ethic and generosity to all who have had the privilege of being in his classes.

Mike's unique style has touched hundreds throughout his career and we know others will join us in wishing him well in his retirement. Thanks, "Stinks," you are one in a million.

STRICK and BARB AUST,
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Support

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the provincial government's liquor policy review board, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
The Community Society of Salt Spring Island is extremely concerned about the prevalence and seriousness of problems

related to alcohol, particularly among our young people. We urge you to reconsider privatization of alcohol sales as we believe that this will contribute to even more alcohol-related tragedies.

One of our citizens, Dr. Ralph Miller, has already presented a private brief to you. We have reviewed his recommendations and strongly support all of them. We wish to formally endorse these recommendations and hope you will take them under serious consideration when making your final report.

WALTER SWING,
Chairman of the Board,
Community Society.

Benefits

Sir,
I was so pleased to read the recent letters in *Driftwood* from the Aqua-Fit Instructors and physiotherapist Lesley Spinks, in which they point out the important benefits to be gained from regular swimming exercise.

I am one of those fortunate enough to be enjoying those benefits, thanks to the generosity of owners of private pools.

The Aqua-Fit classes are not only a lot of fun but provide excellent exercise and this year I am particularly grateful as swimming therapy, recommended by both doctor and physiotherapist, is helping enormously to heal my injured shoulder. It is marvellous to experience a wider range of movement with far less pain and I am sure there are many people with injuries or other forms of disability who, when exercising in the conventional way, just have to grit their teeth and bear it.

I hope very much that before too long all islanders will be able to enjoy the pleasure and benefits of our own island pool.

JOSEPHINE CLEMENT,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
Once again we ask you to let us use your columns for a heartfelt vote of thanks to Mr. Aage Villadsen and all his golfing friends for their splendid donation to Greenwoods.

We would like to remind your readers that the taking of photographs is not a government priority, and that if it was not for Mr. Villadsen's ongoing generosity, friends and visitors to Greenwoods would not be able to share in our memorable events, unless they had the good fortune to be there in person.

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more letters

books testify to our activities better than any number of words — even in letters to the editor.

JONNA MATTIESING,
Administrator,
Greenwoods.

Short end

Sir,
We have been graced with the new ferry schedule. It would seem to me that the people who design this schedule would take into account the population of Salt Spring Island; in particular, when omitting the important 10:15 am sailing transferring at Mayne Island and going to Tsawwassen.

Why should Pender Island receive the benefit of that sailing, and not Salt Spring? Surely we are more deserving, by the mere fact that we have more people to ferry back and forth to Tsawwassen. Who was the genius that rearranged our ferry schedule? At 6:45 am, our biological clocks are going to rebel. At 4 pm? Again we have no mid-day sailing during the week. This is really ridiculous.

Our island, with the most people, the most tourists and the best services needs that 10:45 am sailing — we get the short end of the stick all through the summer.

I trust that others will write in protest and perhaps we can petition the schedule makers to alter their routes.

ALARRA K. HEWSTAN,
Ganges.

Trust

Sir,
Free ferry travel for seniors is "not unfair to island businesses or harmful to local economies." If the members of the Islands Trust are truly concerned about the welfare of local merchants, they should look at why island residents (not just seniors) travel off-island to shop.

Never mind prices and selection. I think when we choose to live on an island we accept that situation, just as those who choose to be in business here must accept that some customers will shop around for the best deal.

I'm quite sure seniors don't go off-island to shop because they

have free ferry travel (they pay for their car just like everyone else); I bet they go off-island just to find a place to park.

If you're lucky enough to find a parking spot in Ganges the next big adventure is to find a safe and direct way to approach the business establishments. We have Purvis Road running through a parking lot and a limited number of crosswalks, cleverly placed to either leave you nowhere, or to put you in more jeopardy than if you'd jay-walked. Being a pedestrian in Ganges is a new type of Russian Roulette.

Members of the Islands Trust should spend a little more thought on that word, "trust," instead of attacking senior citizens.

What is the Trust doing to protect the Farmers' Market, a place where our local farmers can

sell their produce, to say nothing of its social and financial benefit to this community?

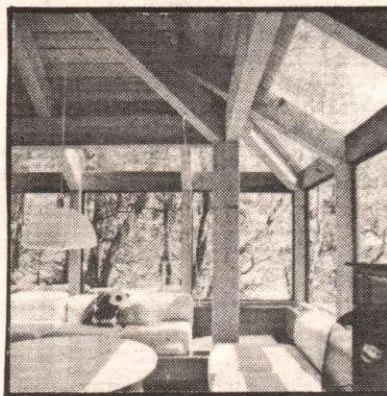
Why does Hal Wright, operator of a local business that's been here and a benefit to this community for years, get so hassled because of a very few complaints? Does complaining truly rule over right with the Trust?

They stood by and let the old-timers of Salt Spring suffer grave insult while the CRD and others destroyed Centennial Park — a park built by those old-timers and planted with trees in memory of those who came before us.

And in the final analysis, can we "trust" in the Trust's decisions? A garage cannot be on Rainbow Road but a gas station can — decisions made less than a year apart and concerning the same piece of property.

Islands Trust — you've more important things to do than trying to take \$1.35 from seniors and telling them where to shop.

LESLIE DAVID,
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Time for labour to give bill a try

VICTORIA — By the time you read this, Bill 19 will probably be the law that is to govern labour relations in B.C. for some time to come.

Having written more about Bill 19 than about any other piece of legislation since the 1983 restraint program — and having been very critical of it — the time has now come to start living with it, to make the best of it.

For starters, I'd like to lend my soap box to someone in support of Bill 19, someone who has no political axe to grind. Meet James Cutt, an economist and professor at the University of Victoria's School of Public Administration.

In a recent article, Cutt defends Bill 19, the Labour Relations Reform Act, as a necessary step in guiding B.C. through an extremely critical period of economic adjustment.

Cutt points out that the Act retains the bulk of the previous Labour Code, "but brings B.C. into a reasonably comparable and competitive position" with other

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Hubert Beyer

the bill offers individual union members and individual employers through provisions relating to freedom of speech, protection against unfair labour practices, fair representation and the employment rights of union members, he says, is the second aspect.

"Third, and perhaps most important, the more flexible, accessible, labour market envisaged by the bill creates more opportunities for the unorganized and the disadvantaged — the youth, the elderly, part-time workers and the handicapped," Cutt says.

Bill 19, according to Cutt, facilitates a redistribution of power from "powerful, established, privileged and highly conservative trade union and employer organizations" to the public at large and to individual union members and employers.

Cutt admits that the first draft of the bill contained quite a few bugs. The amendments, however, addressed the legitimate concerns of labour and management, and while perhaps not perfect, Bill 19 in its amended form, according to Cutt, will work if given a chance.

"In its powerful contribution to fairness, Bill 19 is liberal and progressive. It is one of the ironies of the current debate that it has been labelled conservative and reactionary," he says.

An eloquent assessment, indeed, and perhaps an accurate one. The joker in the deck, however, may be Cutt's own proviso that the bill will work "if given a chance." As I have often pointed out during the heated debate over Bill 19, a law will only work if it is supported by the majority. Lacking that crucial support, the best law will not work.

I agree, Bill 19 should be given a chance to work. The opposition has put up a good fight and lost. If, after its implementation, the bill is still perceived as unfair and unworkable, I suggest that it be put to the test at the ballot box in the next general election.

'Trade unions, according to Cutt, aren't given a bad deal at all.'

Canadian provinces and adjoining U.S. jurisdictions.

According to Cutt, one of the most politically contentious sections of the Act — Section 62 — is necessary if B.C. is to make the adjustment to modern economic challenges.

"Section 62 provides not only for the facilitation of collective bargaining but for the careful monitoring of disputes and for their more efficient resolution where serious costs are imposed by strikes and lockouts on the public at large or on specific third parties not involved directly in the dispute," Cutt says.

He also feels that the tightening of provisions governing picketing other than at the primary place of work will improve B.C.'s labour climate. The same, he says, goes for the requirement that bargaining precede a strike or lockout vote and the clarification of successorship provisions.

Trade unions, according to Cutt, aren't given a bad deal at all. Improved, strengthened local autonomy, the reaffirmation of non-affiliation provisions in the construction industry, the extension of bargaining rights to teachers, the repeal of the Essential Services Disputes Act and the phasing out of the Compensation Stabilization Act, are all beneficial to trade unions, he says.

"In sum, given a chance to work, the bill contributes to a more efficient and flexible labour market, which is a necessary condition of more investment, more output, more employment and better incomes and opportunities for all British Columbians," Cutt says.

The bill, according to Cutt, provides for improved fairness in three important senses. The legislation's recognition of third parties not involved in a dispute but affected by it and its remedies, he says, is one aspect of this improved fairness. The protection

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Local church furnished with new bell tower

Burgoyne Bay United Church last week looked to its past to prepare for its future.

The church, which marks its 100th year of operation later this year, enters its second century of service with a new bell tower installed last Thursday.

The tower, hoisted to the church roof by a Peninsula Tree Service crew and volunteers from the congregation, is a replica of one which graced the church until the late 1930s. It is thought to have been removed in either 1937 or 1938, when the church itself underwent renovations and repairs.

The replica was built in about two months by congregation member Cameron Leask, whose wife Muriel said the project was tied directly to celebrations planned for August to mark the church's centennial year.

Leask was on hand at last Thursday's installation, which saw the replica tower attached to a bucket-hoist operated from a truck and raised to the front of the church roof.

The precautions and care taken by the truck crew and church volunteers meant a long wait for a crowd of onlookers curious about how the new church addition would look, but no one was in any hurry to see the work finished. After all, the church had waited about 50 years to retrieve the link with its past.



Replica of original Burgoyne United Church bell tower was added to building last week as a project to mark structure's centennial. Above left, Peninsula Tree Service employee Don Gallagher keeps a line on 'tower'

while John Lee operates controls hoisting it into place. Above, Cameron Leask, who built the replica, makes sure it fits snugly into place before going into church attic to fasten it from the inside.

Roads sealed, coated

Approximately 18 kilometres of Salt Spring roads were sealed and chip coated by the ministry of highways in recent weeks.

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Monday heart attack claims G. Heinekey

Long-time Salt Spring Island resident George Heinekey died Monday, June 22, after suffering a heart attack while fishing on the east side of Porlier Pass. He was 74.

Heinekey, born in 1913 in Victoria, moved to Salt Spring Island with his family in 1920. He later operated a dairy farm in the Vesuvius area, then served as an agent for Northwestern Creamery, now Silverwood's.

Always active in local affairs, Heinekey was for many years a Capital Regional District (CRD) representative, a school board member and chairman, president of the Farmer's Institute, chairman of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital board and a past-president of the local Royal Canadian Legion branch.

Heinekey is survived by his wife, Ruth; sons Marshall and Shane and their wives and children, all of Vancouver; brothers Patrick, Dennis and Roderick, of Vancouver and Victoria; plus numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for George Heinekey will be held this Thursday, June 25, at 1 pm. in St. Mark's Anglican Church at Fulford Harbour.

Amnesty launches drive for new members

A fireman goes into a burning building and carries out a child . . . a lifeguard rescues a drowning swimmer . . . a motorist pulls an unconscious driver from a flaming truck. All three are honoured for their bravery, and each has been privileged to save a life.

Amnesty International mem-

bers aren't required to do anything as spectacular as this, but they also enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that they save lives and sometimes lifetimes of ill-treatment. They don't know which letter or telegram, reaching a dictatorship desk, was the one that stayed the hangman's or

torturer's hand, but they do know their Amnesty candle has saved countless thousands from death or torment. Even the most blood-thirsty regimes have been known to moderate their repression when convinced that Amnesty International — and the world — were watching their activities.

Amnesty International's Salt Spring chapter currently has 32 members and is aiming for 50. Local residents are encouraged to join the organization, which will hold its next meeting tomorrow (June 25) at 7:30 pm in Room 4 of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Rural landowners unlikely to feel effects of new bill

The Taxation (Rural Area) Amendment Act, which received first reading in the legislature last month and has gone to committee for review, is basically a house-keeping bill, according to a ministry of finance official.

The official, who asked to remain unidentified, said that although the bill alters the rules governing forfeiture of property to the Crown for nonpayment of taxes, property owners in rural areas are unlikely to be affected.

Under the Act (Bill 29), landowners in unorganized rural areas will lose title to their property after taxes owing on it have been outstanding for 30 months. In the past, property title did not forfeit to the Crown until taxes remained unpaid for 42 months.

The bill, however, adds a provision that entitles property owners to receive notice that their land is being forfeited for nonpayment of taxes. Although title will still forfeit to the Crown, the previous owner will also have absolute right to redeem it at any

time during the first calendar year by paying his outstanding taxes.

Other provisions of the Act will give to individuals whose property has gone to the Crown the option of applying to the minister for revestment as late as three years after forfeiture. The minister, if he chooses, may approve the application and return title to the original owner — providing all taxes are paid.

"The average person isn't going to be affected by this," the ministry official said. "We haven't had much reaction to it, and it appears pretty straightforward."

Local students given degrees

Two Salt Spring Island residents were among the spring graduates of Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Vancouver:

- Jezrah Marie Hearne of Fulford Harbour received two degrees from the University — a Bachelor of Arts degree (communication major) from the Faculty of Applied Sciences, and a Bachelor of Arts degree (English major, psychology minor) from the Faculty of Arts.

- Gladys Ann Hills of Ganges received a Bachelor of Arts degree (geography major) from the university's Faculty of Arts.

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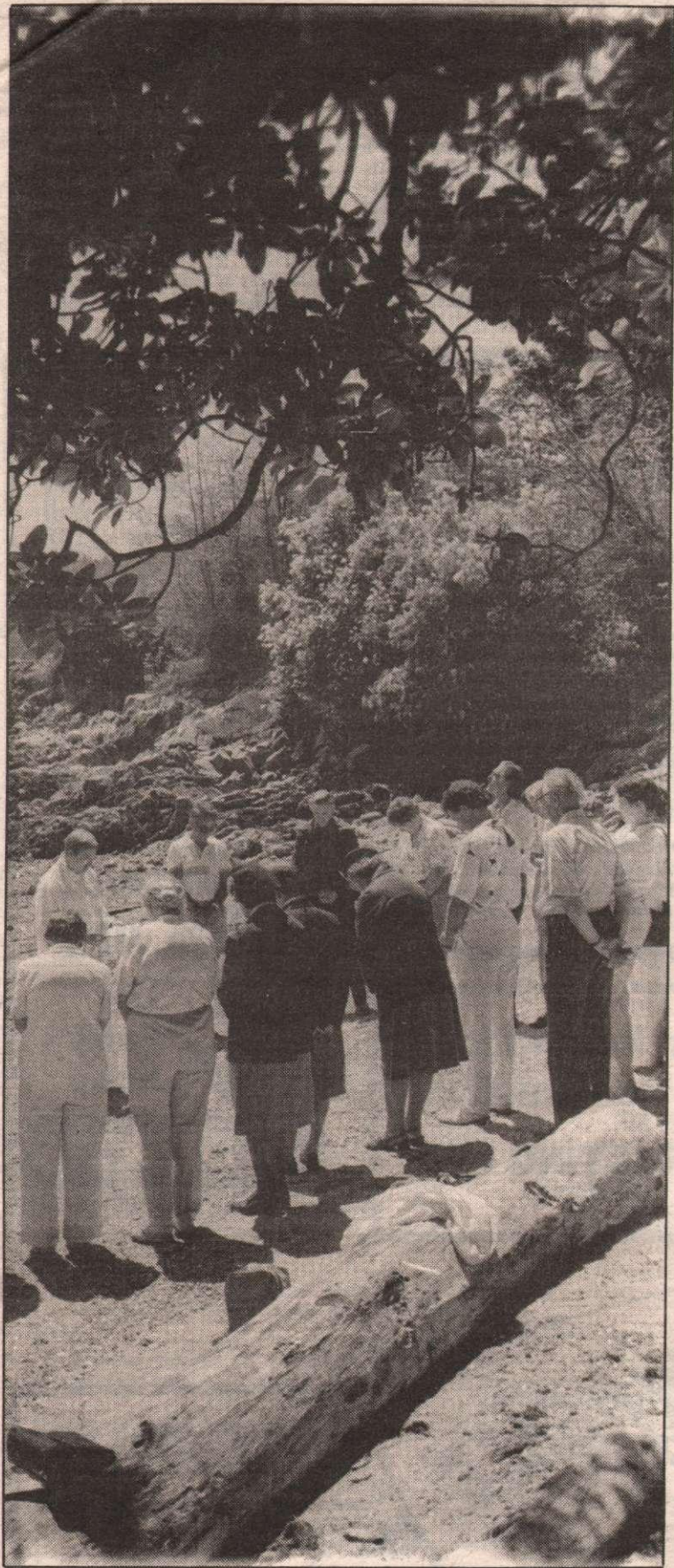
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Doris Anderson remembered

Service honours island woman



About 30 people attended last week's beachside ceremony held in memory of Doris Anderson, who died three years ago at the age of 81 years. Rev. James Koester moved participants into a semi-

circle near the water before he and Alice Andress read prayers for Anderson. Following the ceremony, the throng retired to Anderson's former home next to the beach for refreshments and reminiscences.

About 30 friends of the late Doris Anderson gathered at Beaver Point last week to spread her ashes across the ocean waters in front of her former home.

Anderson died on June 16, 1984, at the age of 81 years, leaving behind an enviable record of community service and a request that her body be donated to medical science upon her death. Three years later, her ashes were returned to Salt Spring Island for last week's memorial service.

The service, held on the beach in front of the house Anderson built, was a simple one conducted by the Rev. James Koester. He termed it a service held to commit Anderson's ashes to sea "in the context of a Christian ceremony."

Following an address and prayers by both Rev. Koester and Alice Andress, a rowboat manned by Knud Hansen was launched into the waves. While Rev. Koester continued the service from the bow, the boat glided across the bay with Philippa and Nigel Gow spreading the ashes into the waves.

After the party returned to shore, they and the throng of guests retired to Anderson's former house for refreshments and reminiscences.

A toast to the deceased was delivered by Nigel Gow, who instructed that one glass of wine be poured and left untouched on a table. The reason, he said, was because "Doris is here — welcome back."

He continued: "To Doris Anderson: may she be with us forever."

In the interlude that followed, Anderson's record of public service was recalled. Born in Ceylon — now Sri Lanka — in 1903, she graduated from the Vancouver General Hospital of Nursing in 1937 and went on to see wartime duty as a nursing sister.

Decorated for her wartime service in Burma, where she nursed wounded soldiers at a front-line hospital, Anderson later returned to Vancouver General Hospital to establish a maternity milk laboratory and write a book, *Baby's Birthright*.

Moving to Salt Spring Island, she worked at Lady Minto Gulf Island Hospital and became active in both the Trail and Nature Club and the Royal Canadian Legion branch in Ganges.

Salt Spring also saw Anderson establish the Mendies Fund to collect donations for the operations of an orphanage she had visited in Nepal. The orphanage, operated by Canadians Betty and Tom Mendies, survives to this day, as does the Mendies Fund and its annual fund-raising activities.

Close friend Alice Andress recalled that no matter what Anderson did, she retained a marked sense of humour. Andress noted that some arrangements for last week's memorial service became complicated by unforeseen circumstances, creating "a madcap situation that Doris would have loved."

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Expects a reply soon

Chamber of Commerce asks for ferry schedule changes

A request by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce for changes to the current summer ferry schedule should produce a response from Victoria sometime this week, acting chamber president Jack Cherry said Monday.

The chamber last week asked Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA Mel Couvelier to help address its requests for resumption of a mid-morning ferry connector service, plus enough sailings to meet what it expects will be a significant increase in summer visits to Salt Spring by tourists.

Cherry, fellow chamber member Pearl Graham and the newly-elected chairman of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee, David Clegg, met with Couvelier last Tuesday in Victoria. While Clegg raised a wide range of concerns with Couvelier, the chamber representatives confined their remarks to requests for revisions to the current summer schedule.

Cherry said Couvelier has promised to take the concerns voiced by the Salt Spring delegation to Transportation and Highways Minister Cliff Michael, whose office has jurisdiction over the B.C. Ferry Corporation. A meeting between Michael and the local representatives has also been promised, as has the assistance of Couvelier's executive assistant, Blair Cafferky, in any efforts made to improve the current level of ferry service.

"We expect to hear something definite on the schedule by some time this week," Cherry said.

Clegg, meanwhile, indicated the meeting with Couvelier was productive and said the MLA was receptive to requests for help in answering local concerns.

Among the points Clegg raised with Couvelier were:

- the need to resume a mid-morning connector (10:10 am sailings to Mayne Island) service;
- if the connector cannot be resumed, a Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay transfer plan should be put in place with fares equivalent to those for a direct Long Harbour-Tsawwassen trip;
- late-night ferry arrivals are ill-timed, particularly for resort operators and campers (i.e., the Ruckle Park gates close at 11 am — one hour before the late-night ferry docks in Long Harbour); and
- the current summer schedule represents a pull-back in service at a time when Salt Spring's population is growing by four per cent a year, and tourism is up by 25 per cent over 1986 levels.

Clegg said he also proposed better co-ordination of the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay sailings to allow passengers easier access to departures from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen. He noted that a survey conducted by the committee

five years ago showed 75 per cent of users favoured improved co-ordination of the two services.

Another request was for "more frequent summer runs to eliminate overloads, and extension of runs to allow for late-night weekend runs." Clegg said improvement in those areas would "provide Salt Spring with the service it was receiving 10 years ago, when the population was half its size."

The transportation committee

chairman also pointed out a need for extended service on the Vesuvius-Crofton route, to 9 pm, which he said would provide a much-needed improvement in connections to Vancouver Island and reduce overloads at Fulford Harbour.

Clegg said the issues he raised with Couvelier will be highlighted in talks with Michaels, and that his committee invites continued input from island residents.

Clegg selected chairman of transport committee

A new slate of officers was elected last week to lead the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee.

The committee, which is responsible for carrying local concerns about ferry service to the B.C. Ferry Corporation, has chosen David Clegg as its chairman. Clegg succeeds Joan Ingram, who stepped down recently.

Joining Clegg are table officers Bruce Patterson (vice-chairman), Pearl Graham (secretary-treasurer) and directors Shirley Love, Clair Nutting, Bryan Smith and Bev Unger.

Other members of the committee are Mike Marshall (school

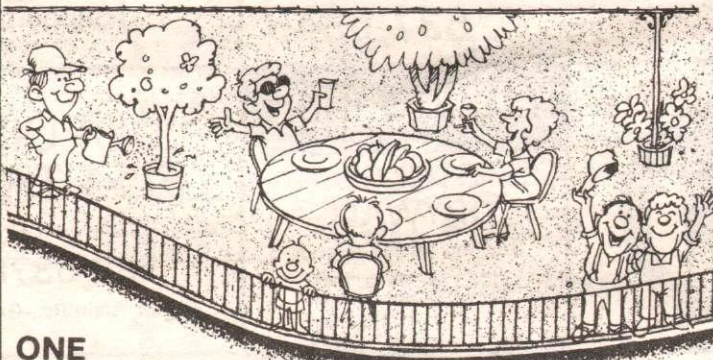
district), Nick Gilbert (Islands Trust), Dr. Hugh Borsman (Capital Regional District), Dr. Howard Helm (Old Age Pensioners' Organization), and Dan Evannishen (Salt Spring Truckers).

Membership on the transportation committee is open to any local group or organization upon submission of a letter stating their function and interest in transportation issues.

The committee holds meetings once a month and invites the community's questions, complaints and concerns about ferry service. Public input, it says, is used to determine policy stands on specific issues.


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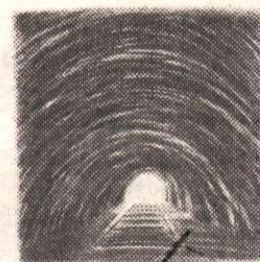
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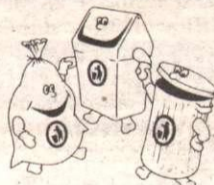
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Small contribution helps Third World community

Local family supports foster child in Columbia



Salt Spring resident Margot McKague with a picture of foster

child Milena. The McKagues' small monthly contribution is used

by Foster Parents Plan to help the young girl, her family, and her community in Columbia.

By MIKE TURKKI

The photograph is a black and white, and it shows a little girl standing hand-on-hip in front of her home. The child's thin cotton dress is stark against the backdrop of chipped brick, and her bare feet are dusty from constant contact with the dry earth. Though she smiles for the camera — olive-black eyes bright and filled with the innocence of youth — heavy iron bars on the small window behind her are indicators of life's harsh realities in the Third World.

This photo, though it only arrived in *Driftwood's* mailbox last week, is already a familiar one to Margot McKague of Salt Spring Island. Along with a similar picture and several letters, it represents the bond between the McKague family and its foster child, seven-year-old Milena Posada Velasco of Colombia.

Margot and her husband Elwyn — along with their children

"We started (contributing) last October," Margot explained last week. "We'd wanted to for quite a while, and we finally did it. And it's only \$23, which is what — a carton of cigarettes?"

According to Margot, it was the experience of another island couple—Sam and Lee Evans—that convinced the McKagues to join Foster Parents Plan.

"One family on the island did this, and one of the children they supported was a little boy in Africa. They sponsored him for years, and he eventually grew up and went to law school. He now pays for the education of all those in his family, and he still writes to them (Plan members)."

Because Plan contributors have the option of supporting 'foster' children in any region of the world, the McKagues decided to have their money sent to a South American country. "We talked about what we wanted to do, and decided we wanted to help a child in South America," Margot said. "We were very interested in the culture of the area."

When they started contributing to Foster Parents Plan, the McKagues were aware of the social, economic and cultural differences between Colombia and Canada. Yet like so many Plan supporters, it wasn't until they received the first information on Milena and her family that it really hit home.

Milena lives with her family — her step-father, mother and three sisters — in one room of a brick home that belongs to friends. The family's only home furnishings are two beds, a wardrobe, a wooden table and a kerosene burner.

The Posadas' average monthly income is \$75 U.S. per month — comparatively high for a Third World country, but still not enough to adequately food and clothe their children. Approximately \$40 is spent on food, primarily rice, plantains and coffee. They seldom consume meat, eggs or milk, because they cannot afford them.

The Posadas' dream is to find a home of their own, and Milena hopes to be a secretary when she grows up.

"It was quite a shock," noted Margot in commenting on the family's life.

Thanks to the McKagues and other families donating to Foster Parents Plan, however, the com-

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'We started contributing last October. We wanted to for quite a while, and finally did it. And it's only \$23.'

Kaija, 9, and Graeme, 7 — are four of several thousand Canadians helping children overseas through Foster Parents Plan of Canada, a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization now in its 50th year of operation. The Salt Spring family began making monthly contributions to Velasco last fall, and it's a decision they've never regretted.

As foster parents, the McKagues donate \$23 per month to Foster Parents Plan. In turn, FPP uses the money to help Milena, her family and their community in Barrio Los Comuneros, Colombia, by establishing medical programs, vocational training and family counselling. Unlike some 'fly-by-night' foreign aid groups, this organization works diligently to ensure as much money as possible goes directly to the communities for which it was intended; yearly reports show where and how every dollar was spent.

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Third World child helped by McKague family

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munity in which the Posadas live is getting help. The Colombian families are now able to send many of their children to school, and health care is becoming available.

"Most of the people are in fairly good health, although it said they had the flu and dysentery last winter," Margot said.

Foster Parents Plan encourages contact between foster families and the Third World citizens they support, although they caution North Americans from sending

Monthly contribution funds community programs

pictures of their large homes and many possessions. The McKagues enjoy the letters they receive from Plan workers and the Posadas; the last letter from Colombia noted that Milena is attending school.

"I've got a letter that I think is from her," noted Margot with pride. "It's a nice personal touch. I think it's from her because it's in printing, and it looks about the

same as my son's printing. He's seven as well. If I write a letter, we always get one back."

The McKagues will continue sending their monthly contribution to Foster Parents Plan, and encourage other Salt Spring residents to add their names to the growing list of Canadians helping children overseas. Margot noted that all donations are tax-

deductible.

"Sure, there are kids in Canada who need help, but we have lots of social programs here," Margot pointed out. "That's not so over there. Where Milena lives, they have no Human Resources to help out when somebody gets sick. This (Foster Parents Plan) isn't a rip-off.

"Helping this way is so satis-

fying," she continued. "Children are the future, and we've got to start with them. Who knows? Maybe Milena will be like the boy in Africa, grow up, go to school and become a lawyer or something."

Individuals interested in obtaining more information on how they can support a child through Foster Parents Plan can write the organization at 153 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P8. Foster Parents Plan also has a toll-free number, 1-800-268-7174.

Development assistance report pleases, disappoints local MP

A report on Ottawa's official development assistance policies has both pleased and disappointed Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands MP Jim Manly (NDP).

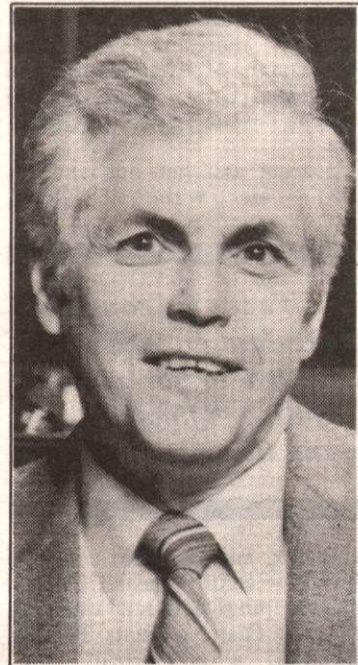
Manly, a member of the all-party committee which researched and prepared the report, said last week the final documents contains several recommendations he was pleased to see endorsed, but is missing others he had hoped to see included.

The report, issued under the title *For Whose Benefit?*, examines how Canada might improve delivery of development assistance to Third World countries. It was prepared by Parliament's standing committee on external affairs and international trade after a year spent in cross-Canada hearings with business representatives, private citizens and government officials.

Manly said he "regretted" the committee's decision to exclude from the report a recommendation calling for Canada to increase development assistance funding to .7 per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP). The government is pledged to reach that level of contributions in 1995, but Manly said he had hoped the increase would come sooner.

However, the MP said he was pleased to see the report contain a recommendation to reduce the amount of 'tied aid' — i.e., contribution levels based on the purchase of goods and services in Canada — and an increase in the percentage of aid funds given to non-governmental organizations.

Manly also called on Ottawa to implement a recommendation regarding decentralization of Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) staff. He ex-



Jim Manly

plained that it is important to build competence in the field — and it can only be done by developing a core of people with long-term experience.

"In host countries," he said, "CIDA workers have to deal with government officials and it is important for field staff to have both the experience and the authority to make decisions."

Manly said the report notes there is "broad public concern" that Canada's development assistance dollars "be spent on the poorest of the poor — particularly women — rather than on propping up elite leaders who are indifferent to the needs of the own people."

He added that the committee also recognized the importance of

human rights in the aid process — not simply as a reflection of Canadian sensibilities, he said, but as a prerequisite for proper development, "which cannot take place in a context of repression."

He concluded: "Increasingly, our world must recognize the impact of all our activities upon the environment, in terms of over-grazing, desertification and destruction of forests for fuel. On the other hand, our committee was made aware that some development projects such as dams and irrigation schemes have had a destructive impact on the environment."

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Police defend their crackdown on illegal parking in Ganges

Ganges RCMP last week defended their recent crackdown on parking violations taking place in the village.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks, who heads the detachment, said he and his men have received "complaints, complaints and more complaints" about the tickets being handed out, but that safety considerations and the RCMP's duty to enforce regulations mean the practice will continue.

"I don't like to apologize for enforcing the law," Hanks told *Driftwood*, "but our function is to control the parking situation and to enforce the regulations. That's all we're doing."

The tickets being handed out for violations in Ganges are primarily being given out for parking with part of a vehicle extending beyond a white line painted along the side of the main road, or for parking in areas marked as *No Parking* zones.

In the first instance, Hanks said, the tickets are handed out because the vehicles constitute a safety hazard. The portion of a car sticking out beyond the white line can block sight-lines, and it can severely narrow the travelled portion of the road, making it difficult for two moving vehicles to pass one another in opposite directions.

"For instance, we have swarms of bikers coming down Ganges Hill," Hanks said. "They don't have the braking power a car has, and if there's a line of cars sticking

out at the bottom of the hill and another vehicle coming, and the cyclist has to swerve, it could be a fatality."

Hanks added there is a possibility of children running onto the road from between two parked cars, and if the cars are parked on the road, approaching motorists have less chance of avoiding a collision.

As for cars parked in *No Parking* zones, Hanks noted that the areas have been designated — and appropriate signs erected

I don't like to apologize for enforcing the law, but our function is to control the park situation...

— by the highways ministry. "I don't have a choice there," Hanks said. "I have to enforce the *No Parking* zones."

Several of the complaints made to the Ganges detachment have been in regards to the monetary value attached to a violation — \$35. Hanks noted that unlike incorporated areas like Vancouver or Victoria, which have lower fines for parking violations, an unincorporated area is governed by the fine levels set forth by the

chief administrative judge of the province.

"The \$35 is a standard fine throughout the province, it's pre-determined and it's laid out in the regulations," Hanks said. "These are all provincial statutes. It's not the police setting these fines — and I'd like that made clear."

For the most part, Hanks said, the public has co-operated with police and observed the parking regulations. "There are only a few people who haven't recognized that we have to correct our parking habits," he said.

Hanks also pointed out that he feels the detachment offered the public plenty of warning about the crackdown on parking violators. One month before the ticket-writing began, Hanks warned of its coming in the pages of *Driftwood*. Later, a period of roadside warnings was instituted before tickets were issued.

"We tried to be fair," he said. "We gave people lots of warning."

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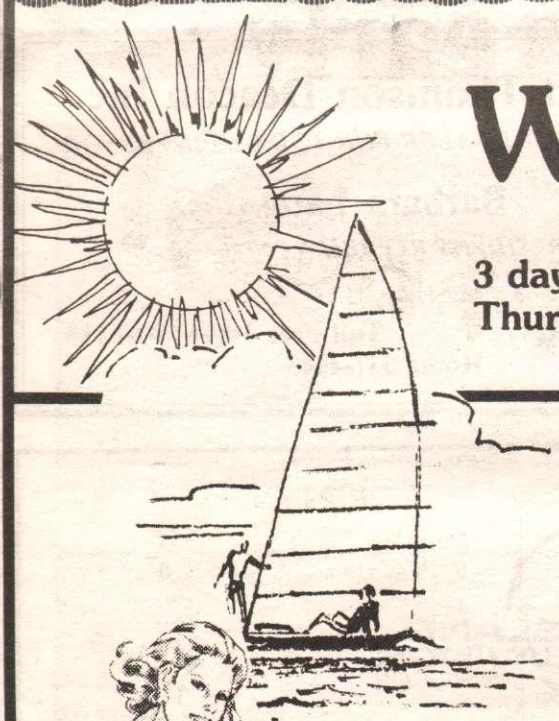
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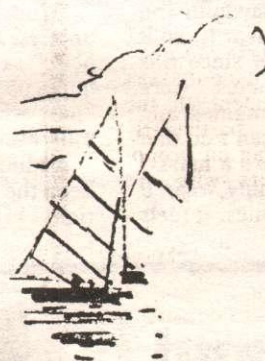
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Bob Walde wants to regain his health

Island man looking to Mayo Clinic for help

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(they) were lifted over and put on the back of my truck, where several firemen, including myself, wrung them out into open barrels and sent them back down to the slick."

The process was repeated over and over. By afternoon, the firemen's gloves were soaked with diesel; Walde's were cracked between the thumb and hand. "My hands were sliding around the inside and blisters were forming," he recalls. "I discarded the gloves and continued wringing."

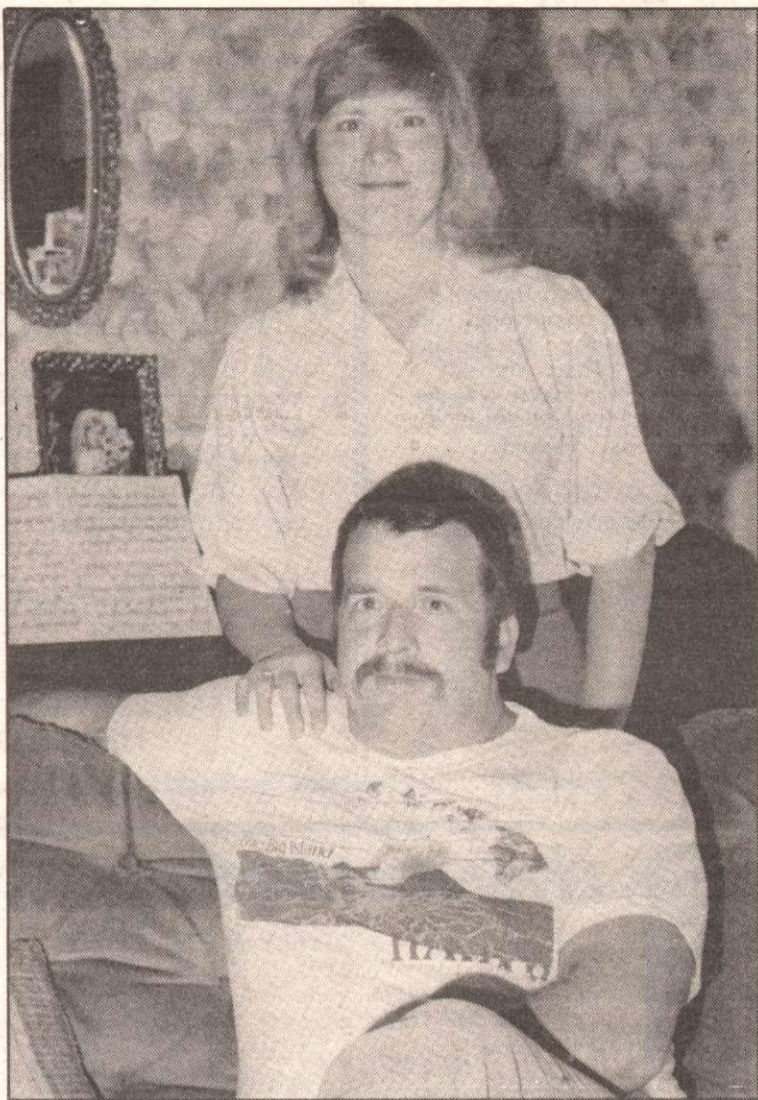
Soon after, Bob and fellow fireman Russ Murcheson developed reactions to the fuel oil. Yet despite this problem, Walde never thought it would cause anything more than temporary discomfort. But the symptoms persisted, and other problems began appearing: dizziness, unexplainable nausea, confusion.

"By September 6, my arms and hands were swollen and blistered," he says. "Doctor (Roland) Graham gave me antihistamine and cortisone. I was really spaced out. Russ got over it, but all fall I kept feeling funny. I'd get up from the table, go for the door and run into the door jam. I had pneumonia — pneumonitis, the doctor called it — and I just couldn't shake it."

Despite these health problems, Bob returned to his job as a deckhand on the B.C. Ferry vessel operating between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay. Yet he noticed that whenever he worked on the vessel *Quinita*, he became ill.

"It seemed whenever the *Quinita* was on (the route), I got pneumonitis," he said. "Last summer, I was pretty good, and I started to come around. I wasn't, well . . . right, but I was a lot better. Then in September, when they put the *Quinita* back on the run, I had pneumonitis."

Whenever Bob was exposed to exhaust fumes or diesel, his health deteriorated. On the ferries, when exhaust left the *Quinita's* engines, air flow around the ship seemed to carry it back on board. He felt much better, he noted, while working on the larger *Bowen Queen*, which is designed differently than the *Quinita*.



Bob Walde at home with wife Marj

In the fall of 1986, when the *Quinita* was again placed on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run, Bob began experiencing heart palpitations. He underwent a battery of tests, and he began missing a lot more work due to illness. Doctors diagnosed his condition, and he eventually had to leave his job.

Things seemed to go from bad to worse. "I just went downhill from there," he says. "I couldn't even walk across the yard without passing out."

"I never expected this. My brother and I have a sawmill, and I can't get anywhere near it, so it hasn't turned a wheel since this happened. My hobbies were working on antique engines and blacksmithing, and I can't do that much anymore. There's a mask I can wear, but I can only wear it for a while . . . sometimes, it feels

like I'm a prisoner in my own home."

Bob's illness has taken its toll on his family as well as his health. The strain of coping with this condition has worn everyone down. The Waldes' two children — 13-year-old Candice and 10-year-old Kevin — have seen family life change drastically since their father became ill. "Dad" can't do the things he once did; the family stays home a lot, because any exposure to smoke or fumes can be disastrous for Bob.

"You keep going to these doctors, hoping they'll be able to help," says Marj. "You get your hopes up, think maybe this one will know what to do. And then you walk away disappointed."

Adding to these problems has been the fact that money has been tight in the Walde household

since Bob became ill. With the head of the house now unable to work and receiving only long-term disability payments through the B.C. Ferry Corporation's benefits package, the Waldes have seen their income drop to approximately half the amount it was two years ago.

Bob has been unable to obtain any compensation from other sources, either. Although the Salt Spring fire protection district provides its volunteers with life insurance and some disability coverage, this case is a special one. The clean-up at Long Harbour, for example, was outside normal firefighting duties and involved Shell Canada; furthermore, while the Salt Spring man and specialists at the University of British Columbia suspect his condition resulted from over-exposure to fuel oil, this has not yet been proven medically or in a court of law.

"It hasn't been easy," notes

Bob, the tension evident in his voice. "The other day, when we went to the store, we agonized over whether we could afford a block of cheese. Jeez, if anyone had told me two years ago I'd be agonizing over a block of cheese, I'd have said they were crazy."

After two years of searching for answers, the Waldes now have but one hope. Next month, they will travel to the world-famous Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, where Bob will undergo at least five days of testing to determine the extent of his condition and the type of work — if any — he can safely do.

Dr. Wayne Martin of the University of British Columbia has indicated he feels there is a good possibility Bob has sustained nerve and brain damage. The family hopes, however, that doctors at the Mayo Clinic will be able to treat Bob's condition — if not cure it.

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Appointment at Mayo Clinic holds hope for Walde family

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"July 15 is my first test," Bob notes. "I don't know what they'll find. I'm booked in for five days, but it may be longer. We're hoping they'll find out exactly what this is, and hopefully a cure."

"Even if they just say: *Look, this is the way it's going to be, that'll be better. It's not knowing that's the hard part.*"

Getting to Rochester, Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic won't be easy. Not only is it difficult for Bob to travel, but the trip will likely cost several thousand dollars — money the Waldes just don't have.

"Exactly what the cost will be, we don't know," Bob said glumly. "We've talked to some people who have gone, though. It costs just over \$1,000 U.S. for the flight down, and then there's hotels. The kids will be staying with their grandparents while we go back east. The clinic charges anywhere from \$900 to \$4,000. Dr. (Jan) McPhail is trying to get some help from the Medical Plan, but they're not saying one way or the other. We're waiting for a call from the MLAs, and hoping they may be able to help."

The Waldes did receive some unexpected good news last week. B.C. Ferry Corporation employees, Bob's former workmates, have set up a trust fund for him at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Volunteer firemen on the island have also donated \$1,000 to help out.

This show of concern and generosity by islanders has deeply touched the couple.

"They've raised money to help us," Bob noted. "You know, it's harder to receive than to give. It's

hard to accept donations. You know, as a fireman I helped raise money for people, and never thought anything about it. But even when you know you need the help, you still somehow don't feel quite right about taking it. But it's a wonderful thing, and I want everyone to know how grateful we are."

"The money will be put into a trust fund. We'll have to borrow for the trip, and we'll only use what we have to. I want people to know that. Any money left will go to somebody else who can use it."

"Some of the people have been just great. Dr. McPhail has really helped. And B.C. Ferries have been just great . . . They've offered me a night watchman's job, provided I can do it. I've not said anything yet, because I want to wait and see what these tests show . . . Jeez, if it wasn't for the ferries, I would have been on welfare."

With less than a month before Bob and Marj head to the Mayo Clinic, the family hopes to get away from their problems for a while. As a reward to their children, the Waldes are taking a short trip up the B.C. coast. The ferry corporation has given the couple a pass on the *Queen of Prince Rupert*.

"We want people to know this, though. We want this up front so people will know. It's just that the kids haven't been anywhere for over a year, because we've always had to say no," Bob said, looking at his hands. "I feel badly for the kids. This was the year we promised to take them across Canada, and now, of course, we can't go. It takes me two or three days just to get over a trip to the doctor in Vancouver; it's the same

thing for a whiff of cigarette smoke. It takes me a week to get over gas, and diesel is worse — it takes five weeks to get over that."

"But the kids have been wonderful. I tell them I'll make it up to them some day, and I will. But the other day when I said this, Kevin said something that really got to me. He said: *Don't worry about it, Dad. You can make it up to us just by getting better.*"

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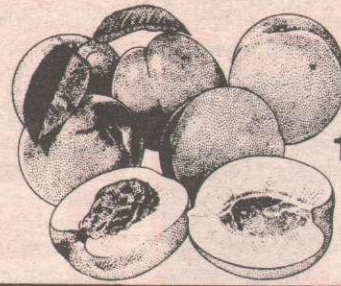
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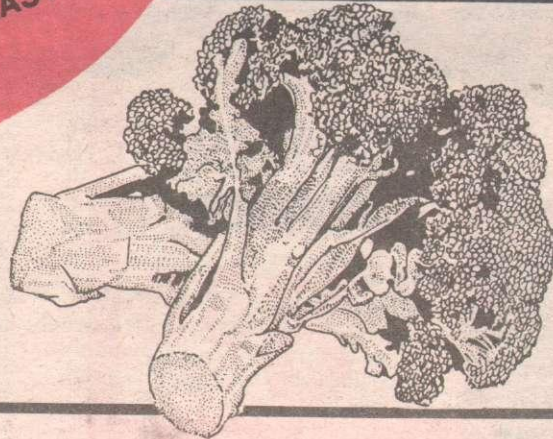
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