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### Alarming

A growing population means a higher incidence of break-ins and vandalism in the islands. But there's help — Salt Spring's Grant Hoban can fix you up with an alarm system to protect your home. Page R1

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Mike and Maggie Hayes, a well known couple on Salt Spring and Saturna Islands, are leaving for Victoria. Reporter David Fraser talked to them about their 16 years in the Gulf Islands. Page B1

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## Heat wave closes woods

Although barbecues are a welcome summer pastime local fire departments ask that charcoal briquettes be extinguished before they are discarded. On August 3 Salt Spring firemen responded to a grass fire in the Long Harbour area, caused by briquettes smouldering from a barbecue the day before.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Les Wagg notes early shift restrictions went into effect for industrial burning permits Tuesday morning. Unless there is precipitation, all industrial operations must shut down by noon and all crews must leave the bush by 1 p.m.

## Fair catalogue in this paper

Summer may have just arrived in the Gulf Islands, but September isn't too far off. And neither is the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair, scheduled this year for September 16 and 17.

To enable fair participants to prepare their entries in the many different classes, the fall fair catalogue, *Fairtime*, is being distributed with this issue.

Fairgoers will find all the information they need for the event, whether they're entering their prize chrysanthemums or their pet rabbits.

Entry forms will be found inside the catalogue.



## Youthful sailor gets boat thanks to Shrine Club

Ten-year-old Dustin Chamberlain lives and breathes sailboats. So the Salt Spring Island youth bought 15 tickets for the local Shriners' raffle of an 11-foot sailing dinghy.

But it was with some disappointment that Dustin, who was the only ticket-holder at the boat draw in Centennial Park Monday, saw the boat go to someone else.

But the story doesn't end there.

The island resident whose name was drawn did not want the prize as she had two boats already. So the Shrine Club members came to the rescue. They passed the hat, took up a collection from among themselves and purchased the dinghy for a thankful Dustin.

## Seawalk builders ignored process, says Clement

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING — The president of the Farmers' Institute charges that groups promoting a seawalk have ignored due process in attempting to win approval for their project.

"The important issue is whether the boardwalk was given expedited final approval without the project being in the public eye," says Ian Clement, who took over as Farmers' Institute president in late May.

Clement, a lawyer, says the project does not conform to the island's community plan and zoning bylaws. He cautioned the Islands Trust about amending zoning bylaws and the island's official community plan "to suit the development plans of the upland developers in the south corner of the harbour."

He says by approving the fill proposal a dangerous precedent could be established. "What is then to prevent, say, Hastings House, from committing some atrocity at their end?"

"Due process, and public hear-

ings if necessary, are the only ways to ensure that concerns of this nature can be satisfactorily addressed," says Clement.

Clement says the project was approved by the Ministry of Crown Lands on May 19, the same day the ministry placed a notice in the *Driftwood*.

"The community had no chance for input," says Clement, adding that applications for development aren't normally approved until 30 days after two insertions of the public notices.

The project, which includes a dinghy basin, boardwalk and fill, is planned for the west side of Ganges Harbour. It would continue from the existing portion of the seawalk at the Harbour Building. Plans have been approved by the Ministry of Crown Lands, Ministry of Environment, Fisheries and Oceans and the Islands Trust.

It calls for filling a section of harbour with .3272 hectares of fill on which the public seawalk would be built. Eventually, the boardwalk would extend from the north end of

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## Dunked

In spite of pleas to the person throwing the ball, Galliano Lodge co-owner Shirley West couldn't avoid a bracing plunge into dunk tank during Lions Fiesta Satur-

day at Galliano Island. Event at Bellhouse Field is biggest fundraiser of year for Galliano Lions. More photos, Page B11; story, Page B12.

## Man dies in fall at Pender

A Victoria man working on his Pender Island retirement home died August 1 when he fell 20 feet through an unfinished spiral staircase to the basement below.

William Thomas, 67, of Cannon Crescent on North Pender Island, was evacuated by air to Victoria General Hospital where he died from head injuries that evening.

Coroner for the Gulf Islands, Ivan Dare, says no one witnessed the accident, although the deceased's wife, who was in the house at the time, heard her husband fall.

Meanwhile, Pender Island RCMP are blaming cyclists for

causing an accident Sunday near Otter Bay which resulted in the injury of a Victoria motorcyclist.

Ginger Penner of Victoria suffered head injuries when she swerved to miss a group of cyclists riding up a hill from Otter Bay ferry terminal. She crashed into a motorcycle ridden by her husband and was taken to the medical clinic, where she was treated and released soon afterwards.

Constable Yves Antaya says many cyclists are impatient and take up the whole road, instead of waiting at the ferry slip until automobiles drive ahead.

# THE WEATHER

Weather report for the week ended Monday, August 7, 1989.

High temperature: 29 deg. Celsius on August 6.  
 Low temperature: 11.5 deg. Celsius on August 1.  
 Total precipitation: .2 mm.

Days with precipitation: 1

**OUTLOOK:**  
 Sunny with cloudy periods for the rest of the week. Chance of rain on the weekend.  
 Highs near 25, lows 11.

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## 'Seawalk ignores due process'

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Ganges near Gasoline Alley to Harbour's End Marina.

The boardwalk committee, however, has yet to receive permission from the Farmers' Institute and West Ganges Holdings which have property fronting on the harbour.

The Farmers' Institute has always been enthusiastic about a boardwalk if it has the support of the general public, Clement told *Driftwood*. "But the institute is not so enthusiastic about landfill being used in the project.

Clement says the actual amount of fill in the harbour will far exceed — by up to 15 times — the 1,800 cubic metres applied for in the development permit application.

"Given the very great amount of fill which is proposed to be placed at the head of the harbour and the inquiries from the general public which no doubt will follow, the institute does not wish to be seen to be facilitating or encouraging anything improper," noted Clement in a July 12 letter to Salt Spring Island Trustee John Stepaniuk.

Stepaniuk has been acting as a mediator between the upland owners and government ministries involved in the project. He says that fill has already been used for walkway sections at Gasoline Alley, Centennial Park and part of Grace Point.

Stepaniuk says that although much of the walkway can be built on pilings, in certain areas fill is more desirable due to weather and tide conditions. Fill will offer lasting protection to the foreshore, prevent erosion of the road and make the area safer.

Stepaniuk says permission from the institute is crucial to the project because it is the only access to the boardwalk not in private hands between lots owned by West Ganges Holdings and Gulf of Georgia Land & Timber properties.

Clement says he has not received a satisfactory explanation as to:

- \* why it is necessary "to cover a beautiful piece of shoreline" with fill;
- \* the nature of a marina planned for the area;
- \* how the Farmers' Institute foreshore will co-ordinate with the development plans of the owners of Gulf of Georgia;
- \* who were the members of the committee responsible for drafting the plan of the proposed boardwalk;
- \* what other steps will there be

in the approval process before construction of the boardwalk commences;

\* what is the role of the Islands Trust in facilitating the boardwalk proposal.

Clement says the Farmers' Institute has not received satisfactory responses to these questions, which were laid out in a June 7 letter to the Trust.

Stepaniuk refutes the charge that the Trust has acted on behalf of individuals at the community's expense. "Under no circumstances would the Islands Trust amend or tamper with zoning or the community plan to suit the desires of individuals at the expense of the community."

Stepaniuk anticipates that if fill is used on the harbour front a zoning change will be required — but only for that specific lot — from its present designation as a log dump to some other commercial use.

With the boardwalk, he says, the public will gain a more useful waterfront access on foreshore leases granted to upland businesses, which are paying in full the costs of constructing their section of the boardwalk.

At a July 26 information meeting Clement told the boardwalk committee that the Farmers' Institute could not lend support to any design that has not been approved by the community.

Clement said the institute never received formal, written correspondence from anyone regarding the seawalk. "And although it's true we only own a sliver of land we are still an upland owner.

"There are pressures of financing which lend urgencies to your endeavours. But community planning and respect for the process and our bylaws and community plan take precedence over funding."

Stepaniuk says, however, that the Farmers' Institute had ample opportunity to respond to the boardwalk proposal. He says that in March he convened a meeting at the Ministry of Highways office in Royal Oak with Farmers' Institute director Jean Taylor and former president Paul McKenzie present.

After the meeting Stepaniuk and highways official Bob Webb assumed they had consent for the boardwalk because the two had no objections to the proposal.

Stepaniuk says the Farmers' In-

## Fishermen return to work

Striking British Columbia fishermen, tendermen and shoreworkers are back on the job this week following a settlement.

The agreement means that a handful of Gulf Islands fishermen are back at work as well. As most of the local fishboats are trollers and gillnetters, the effects of the strike were minimal in the islands.

On Salt Spring four seiners and a packer were tied up by the work stoppage, affecting about 25 families.

About 120 Salt Spring families depend on the fishing industry for a livelihood, with about 60 to 80 boats. A survey two years ago of Salt Spring fishermen determined that vessels worth a total of \$27 million are based on Salt Spring.

stitute did not adequately discuss the boardwalk issue with its membership. He says that at the annual general meeting of the institute in April the directors didn't even mention the seawalk proposal.

Clement says the boardwalk committee approached upland owners in an ad hoc manner. He says the boardwalk proposal should have been brought to the Farmers' Institute board. Instead, he says, a letter of consent was sent to director Taylor in May, which Clement says is the first time the institute learned of the fill proposal.

Clement says the boardwalk committee was premature in taking its plans to the Advisory Design Panel before upland owners had a chance to see them.

Gordon Cudmore of West Ganges Holdings refuses to allow the seawalk to front his waterfront property because he disputes the way his land was most recently surveyed by the Ministry of Highways.

The boardwalk committee claims Cudmore owns 27 feet of waterfront. Cudmore, on the other hand, says the location of a survey pin is wrong. He claims ownership to 62 feet of frontage. This would affect the location of the proposed dinghy dock as it would occupy Cudmore's waterfront.

Stepaniuk says that the Ministry of Crown Lands is reviewing the property's survey.


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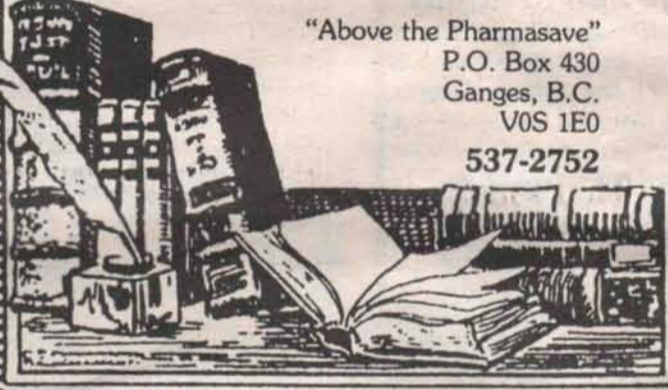
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# SCOTCH ALE?

## There's not a drop to be found in Britain!

By FRANK RICHARDS

"Beer, beer, glorious beer," sang the veterans of war before they had quit long enough to be considered veterans.

I was made of sterner stuff. "Beer before you're 40!" cautioned my late father-in-law and I abandoned the brew in my middle years. At least, I almost quit. I still buy the odd sixer of imported dark beer brewed in the north for the Scot and Geordie he-men. I am none of those things.

Sometimes I stock up on six bottles of Newcastle Brown and other times I select a half-dozen Scotch Ale, brewed by McEwan's. Naturally, when I venture so far from the gentle hills of Salt Spring Island, I look for my favourite imported beer. Alas! While Newcastle Brown comes in pints, rather than the half-pint size sent abroad, Scotch Ale is not to be found. I have sought it in Wales, in the wilds of the English Midlands and in Yorkshire: all to no avail. "Scotch Ale? Never heard of it!" So runs the tale. Not even in Scotland!

I can get McEwan's Export Ale because it isn't exported at all. It's sold over here. But the Scotch Ale is not sold in Scotland; it's exported. At home we don't import Export, we just bring in the Scotch. In the very native town of Scotch Ale, the city of Edinburgh, they don't drink it. They enjoy the unexported Export. I'm just glad I'm only a light drinker of heavy, dark beer, while the rest of the world drinks lager.

### That's me!

Walking, riding, floating or flying, I've covered a fair distance over here and I've seen a lot of people and many places.

Oddest coincidence of all was when I visited one of my many old friends in this little island. I was greeted with a clipping from the *North Shore News*, one of British Columbia's notable newspapers. It had been culled from the mainland journal and sent over here. The clipping came from Noel Wright's column, *Insights*.

"Forty Years On", read the lead. It consisted of a summary of what I had written some weeks ago of my long journalistic career on the coast. After reviewing briefly my own estimate of the volume of writing I had undertaken, the wright man of the North Shore soliloquizes mildly when he says that the community newspaper business, even for its bosses, is not the fastest way to become a millionaire, "but being paid for what you enjoy doing most of 40 years has its compensations . . . not least when you do it on Salt Spring!" It was a happy greeting to find so far from home. Thanks, Noel!

### Expatriate

For what the information is worth, his name is Jim. Born in Moncton, he has lived most of his life in England. And now he can't get back.

Even if the Canadian immigration authorities would let him return home, he's too old to earn the money for his fare and he doesn't have that kind of money around. I know he's a veteran of the Royal Navy and I know he has been pensioned off by the British post office after a lifetime of delivering mail. But no matter how many Canadian

mailing pieces he handled, he was still denied the privilege of going back home.

I assured him that if I had come from Moncton I wouldn't be in all that much of a hurry to get back there. He'd sooner get to the Pacific coast, anyway, he told me in indignation.

Happy, good-natured, Jim is a walking advertisement for the country that wouldn't have him back. That's his story and I'm sticking to it!

### Repatriated

I sat on a bench in the railway station at Nice, kidding myself for having failed to reserve a seat on the Paris train I had planned to take and waiting in great patience for the train I was obliged to take instead.

The area was crowded and a line-up for telephones was a constant discouragement to those who, like me, sought to leave a message.

I wasn't sure what his nationality was, at first. It had to be German to judge by the little I could get from his somewhat broken English.

He left me with the pharisaic satisfaction that I spoke my little French with a greater fluency than he could command in English or French. It was evident that he was in trouble. He had been stopped by the police and ordered to return to Germany, I gathered. His consulate had given him \$65 and he needed \$400 to meet the cost. Was I prepared to help?

Left to myself, I might have dug into my pocket and found 50 francs, or some \$10. But I was not alone. I was accompanied by a charming lady who was also heading for Paris with me. She had followed the broken conversation with little dif-

ficulty. Begging sounds the same in any language, I guess.

As I groped for my pocket, my companion was indignant.

"You're not giving him anything?"

It was asked as a question, but it came out as a direction. My heart wasn't in it and I wasn't about to argue or debate the issue, but a few dollars might help him and wouldn't hurt me.

It was a matter of principle, urged my fellow traveller. If the police had directed him back to Germany they must have a reason and there must be a good and recognized system whereby he might obtain official help for the journey back home. My hand groped no more for a 50-franc bill. I shook my head and simply said, in English, "Sorry, no!"

He was reluctant but he knew when he was beat. "He'll probably be back," observed my companion. It was merely a comment and it came without editorial opinion as to the nature of such a return.

"Of course, he won't," I retorted. "He can see the KGB is still here!"

And he didn't come back. Of course, I got my own back. We eventually reached Kings Cross station in London. The strike was threatening and the trains were late. The hall was crowded with passengers hoping for trains and when was the next train out? My young companion, another friend of my youth, undertook to find the facts while I kept the bags from straying. Almost at once I was approached by a young woman.

Had I any loose change I could afford to give her? Why should I? For what purpose did she want it? To drink it away? It seemed that was her problem and if a pound, or

a couple of bucks could help her, she was welcome. She accepted it so quickly I figured she was leery that she might lose it if she stuck around.

It's not simply that I am more generous. Far from it: m'lady would go short to help someone in need, but she must first be assured of the need. You see, she is truly charitable, whereas I'm just the sucker!

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## Residents' petition seeks takeover of water district

A staff report to the Capital Regional District (CRD) board recommends a takeover of the Fernwood Waterworks Improvement District.

The recommendation was made after the CRD received a petition from residents in the waterworks district, requesting the takeover.

The staff report, which is on the agenda for today's (August 9) board meeting, indicates the petition received enough support by residents to qualify for CRD approval.

Under the terms of the Municipal Act, a petition must be signed by at least two-thirds of property owners in the district, and by a sufficient number of individuals with a total land value representing at least half of the net taxable value of land in the proposed service area.

Of the 75 properties in the district, 57 owners (74 per cent) signed the petition. Signatures on the petition represent 82 per cent (\$4,485,851) of the total assessed value of property.

The petition requests the CRD obtain from the Fernwood water district the water supply, treatment, storage and distribution system together with any other assets, and to "establish, operate, maintain and

improve the works and services connection" as a local service for the specified area.

The staff report recommends the CRD apply for the dissolution of the Fernwood Waterworks District and prepare a local services bylaw.

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## Ganges has acts that need cleaning

Last week we noted that we were endangering the islands' number one industry by the manner in which the Ganges water problem was being handled.

This week, then, it is perhaps timely to examine other areas where our act needs some cleaning up, specifically in Ganges.

A Ganges resident this week is questioning the safety of walking on the harbour's beaches. The beach at the head of the harbour, she stated, was littered with broken glass and tree trimmings. Where revellers have been, broken glass remains. Where trees were trimmed back recently along the beach side of Lower Ganges Road, slash on the beach remains.

Last week the executive of the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club decided to get out of the garbage business. Many years ago, the island service club spent time and money providing concrete garbage containers for strategic locations on the island.

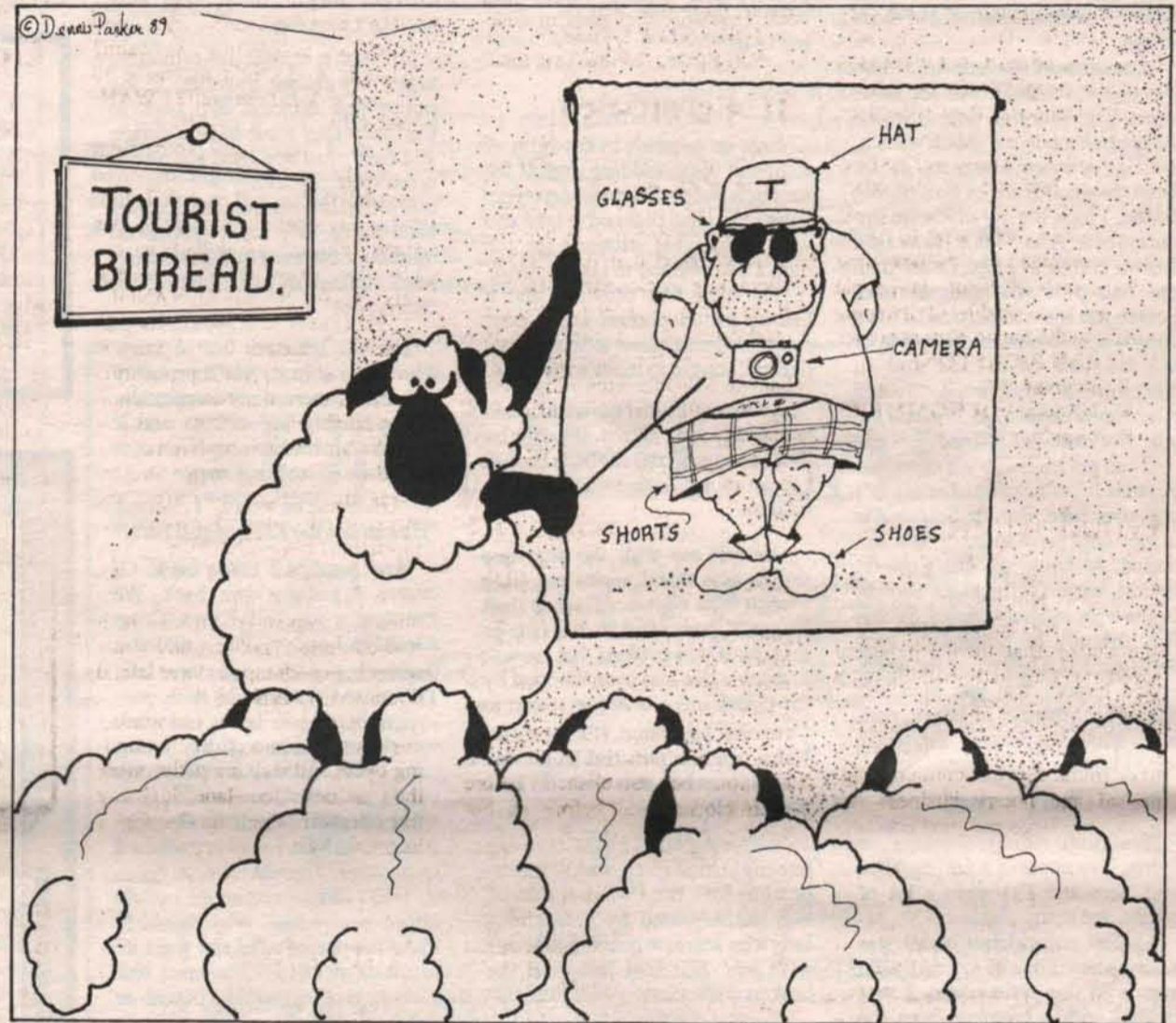
Over the years they have been a constant source of bother for the club. They have been picked up (no easy feat!) and discarded in the brush and the Rotary emblems have been removed. But the worst nuisance of all has been the removal of the garbage itself.

To this day, the Rotary Club's garbage containers in Ganges are almost always overflowing with litter of various origins.

On the holiday Monday there was a near-accident at the crosswalk between Harlan's Chocolates and Gasoline Alley. Vehicles heading south through Ganges generally drive as if they were on the Trans-Canada — you can't blame them for being surprised when they round the bend and are presented with a rapidly fading crosswalk with pedestrians on it.

Someone will be killed here soon unless somebody does something.

And there lies the problem. Who's responsible? The Chamber of Commerce has tried its best over the years to replace some form of local government.



The regional director and the Islands Trust more recently have endeavoured to do the same.

But it's not good enough. These groups haven't — in most cases — the authority or the mandate to attend to those problems outlined here.

This is not the first time we have felt it necessary to comment on these matters. But we believe their importance to the community is such that they warrant comment again.

And we shall continue to harp on them until they

are resolved. Resolution can best be brought about through some kind of incorporation — Ganges or island-wide. Or perhaps through a limited form of village status that would enable us to elect people to look after matters such as public works and high-ways planning.

But until we do something, we endanger the tourist industry and, worse still, the lives of pedestrians.

## A eulogy would have been appropriate this week

By TONY RICHARDS

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN a good week for a eulogy.

We could have waxed eloquent over the passing of a longtime companion, a luxury that not all Salt Spring Islanders have been able to share. But it was one that few islanders have not enjoyed.

It was and still is a part of everyday life in Ganges — impossible to do without. It was crystalline in its clarity, glacial in its purity. But today it is less than but a shadow of its former self.

It was the best piped water on Salt Spring Island.

Now, Maxwell Lake water is but a memory. Like many other forgot-

ten attributes of island life, it has fallen victim to urbanization. The flavour of chlorine is the flavour of city water.

Welcome to the city of Ganges.

WE HEARD NO REPORTS of those nasty little fecal coliforms sending islanders and visitors rushing for the nearest available biffy. No, Mexican turisto and its inconvenience and discomfort didn't surface in Ganges.

But that hasn't stopped Ganges restaurateur Peter Grant of Luigi's from coining his own name for Maxwell water.

Maxlax, he calls it.

Peter also felt somewhat like the victim of a scam last week. First,

health authorities told him he had to boil all his water before using it for any purpose in his restaurant. This he must do, he learned, until chlorine had been added.

Then along came a salesman offering him a product that would take the chlorine out.

OUR BEST WISHES for a speedy recovery to longtime Salt Spring Islander Wilf Bangert. Wilf is in a Victoria hospital recovering from a double bypass operation.

The former contractor-turned-realtor was reported early this week to be in stable condition. Only family members are being permitted to visit.

SALT SPRING ISLAND Lions have found something they can cook.

Some years ago I recall filling some of this space with some very unkind comments about the Lions and their lack of culinary proficiency. The meal was a pancake breakfast and the hotcakes themselves resembled round, leather envelopes containing a lukewarm filling of raw batter.

I regret to report that I didn't sample the club's pancakes Saturday morning in Centennial Park. I have an addiction to Noot's Thai food — a shrimp and noodle mixture only found in the Saturday market.

But I did sample some crab during Sunday's salmon and crab feast, an annual affair for the Lions. It was excellent and so, I hear, was the salmon.

SPEAKING OF LIONS, it was an ex-Lion (one of those pancake chefs, in fact) and ex-realtor, retired and dwelling at Scott Point, who was acting very tame last week.

Seems he confused his own vitamins with his dog's anti-scratch pills, much to the delight of his family, who report a noticeable improvement in his demeanour.

The dog, meanwhile, has destroyed the sofa but enjoys excellent health.

letters

Rude

This letter is about the Pied Pumkin concert that we recently attended on Saturday, July 29, 1989.

This concert was wonderful. Shari Ulrich was outstanding, Rick Scott was in fine form and Joe Mock was terrific also. There was, however, one part of the evening that just about ruined this concert for ourselves and I'm sure other people also. This was the unnecessary chatter of some very rude people. The evening was billed as a concert, not a cocktail party. If people insist on talking through concerts, they should be asked to leave.

Luckily, the music was so fine, that these few rude people could not completely ruin the evening for those of us who went to listen. I do recommend that the next time there is such an event, the people who are not capable of listening quietly to the music, stay at home.

SARAH PICKSTONE,  
Vancouver.  
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Salt Spring.

Good wishes

It has been my great pleasure to serve as Notary Public on Salt Spring Island since April 1979 and during that time I have enjoyed meeting and working with many local residents.

However, as business volumes have increased, my wife and I have found that our combined appraisal and notary business has grown too large and time consuming.

I have transferred my seal to Sonja Taiji of Mayne Island and I wish to extend my good wishes for her future success in the Gulf Islands.

RON McQUIGGAN,  
Ganges.

No deals

Mr. Hassell, or anyone else, is entitled to give constructive criticism and input on any project taking place in the community.

However, this criticism and input must be based on fact, and the fact is that the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee made no deals, no concessions, and were not duped, hoodwinked or in-

fluenced by anyone, with regards to the seawalk concept.

Those who are waiting in the wings to take advantage of the situation will have to go through due process of application just like anyone else. I have nothing but admiration for the approving agencies who deal with waterfront and harbours and I am satisfied that they are taking every step necessary to protect the public interest.

I am asking Mr. Hassell to retract those statements.

JOHN STEPANIUK,  
Salt Spring Island Trustee.

It's a crisis

The guest column (*Driftwood*, Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1989) "No Crisis, No Rush for Solution" written by a group of Fulford residents charged that the CRD was attempting to close the Blackburn Road dump in order to ensure the establishment of a transfer station on the island for shipping our garbage to Saanich. This allegation is a most unfortunate misunderstanding.

The only reason the island garbage dump is to be closed is because of its environmental hazard to Blackburn and Cusheon Lakes and to the area ground water. Our present dump site would never be approved under today's strict guidelines for location of landfills. Moreover, since the Ministry of Environment intends to close the Blackburn Road dump, good community planning would indicate that some alternative solid waste solution be established before such closure and before an environmental crisis occurs.

We believe there is a garbage crisis on Salt Spring Island. The CRD and the local Recycling and Solid Waste Committee has a plan to deal with it and it will be presented to the community at a public meeting within 60 days. Time and place will be announced.

TOM GOSSETT, Chairman,  
Recycling and Solid Waste  
Committee.

Well done

A huge thank you to all the people who organized the Festival of the Arts and made it as exciting and such a lot of fun. We were treated to a month of creative and

interesting music, theatre and dance.

The volunteers were always cheerful and the child care was well organized, reasonably priced and the kids loved seeing their friends.

We're looking forward to next year!

Juliette Laing  
Ganges

Wants to know

Does a doctor's livelihood depend on people in good health? What is a doctor's incentive to make a sick patient well? I WANNANO!

Can I take our government seriously as our representatives express their environmental concerns . . . when they give millions (read billions) of dollars to exploration firms drilling, on and offshore, for oil? I WANNANO!

Vancouver is shipping its garbage . . . inland. Salt Spring is going to ship its garbage . . . offshore. Is there a community planning on shipping their garbage . . . to Salt Spring? I WANNANO!

Is it true that the major forestry firms are attempting to save "the Amazon rain forest" for future exploitation? I WANNANO!

Salt Spring Island does not have a sani-dump for motor-homes, campers or trailers. Is it true that these "holding tanks" are now being dumped into island ditches? I WANNANO!

Should we be concentrating our resources and efforts in building cycle and walking paths rather than a new four-lane highway from Isabella Point to Ganges? I WANNANO!

Marv. Bergson,  
Ganges

Not safe

Just because a substance is in common use does not mean that it is safe. Chlorine certainly is not safe. It is toxic in itself and it readily combines with organic matter to form organochlorines — just the substances we complain about from the Crofton pulp mill.

If we put chlorine into water to prevent it from giving us the colly wobbles, we will create highly toxic environmentally persistent compounds some of which will still be around to trouble our grandchildren. U.S. studies on the

effects of drinking chlorinated water demonstrate the danger — a much higher incidence of cancer, especially liver and prostate cancer.

It's unfortunate Maxwell Lake water has to be treated, but by now we should know better than to use chlorine. Let's go for a proven method that is safer for the environment and human health — perhaps ozone treatment is the answer.

SUSAN BRADFORD,  
Ganges.

Up in the air

I read your story on the "Choosing Our Future" meeting on Galiano Island with more than a little interest. As your reporter noted, MacMillan Bloedel (MB) is exploring development options on its Galiano property. But this became somewhat clouded behind what the reporter meant by a "world-class resort."

This points to a larger problem of people defining what MB means to do with its property. Essentially, we have not yet defined how we would like to develop the property. So the matter of scale, recreational use, logging, etc., is up in the air until we have some

information — some development concepts — back from Intrawest, our joint venture partner.

MB fully intends to consult with its Galiano Island neighbours on these concepts and we will seek ways in which we can make our eventual proposal mutually beneficial. Additionally, we are committed to taking whatever proposal we ultimately come up with, through to the Islands Trust, and work with them through whatever public process they define.

We will be opening a community relations office on Galiano Island shortly. We want to hear about the residents' concerns and ideas. We want to ensure we take their concerns into account. When we receive our development concepts, we will want to discuss them with the local residents. We've already done so with our logging plans, and we'll do it with our development plans.

We must keep this process open so that all concerns are given a fair review.

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by **hubert beyer**



VICTORIA — I envy the folks in Quesnel and Williams Lake, Horsefly and Lac La Hache, Lone Butte and Clinton. They can look forward to a little relief this year from the early-winter doldrums.

Anyone 19 years and over who lives in the general environs of the above-mentioned towns gets to play a cameo role in Showdown at the Cariboo Corral, the latest sequel in the Lovely Lotus Land series.

Previous smash hits in that series include Wacky's Wild West, Dave Goes To Victoria, Billy The Kid and Trampling Through The Tulips. And believe me, for political drama, Showdown at the Cariboo Corral will be worth watching. Curtain time is no later than November 10. That's the day by which the by-election to fill the late Alex Fraser's vacancy will have to be held.

**A dry run for the next general election**

Any by-election is important, but the Cariboo one is crucial. It will be nothing less than a dry run for the next general election. If the Socreds lose this one, their chances of winning the next general election are pretty slim, and there are some fairly good indicators that they will lose Cariboo after holding the riding in a tight grip for more than three decades.

The biggest obstacle to the Socred victory in Cariboo is lack of unity. The recent nomination of Joe Wark showed that the party is deeply and probably irreconcilably split. The wounds caused by Fraser's disaffection with Vander Zalm's leadership and the premier's often nasty retaliatory response are continuing to fester.

The Cariboo results of the last general election give some indication of what the Socreds are up against in the coming by-election.

Alex, the uncrowned king of the Cariboo, led the pack with more than 13,000 votes. Riding on Fraser's coattails was the untried Neil Vant with 11,369 votes. The two NDP candidates garnered 7,500 and 7,400 votes each.

**Only 2,000 voters could tip the scales**

Taking Vant's 11,369 votes as the figure to beat, a mere 2,000 voters switching allegiance will tip the scales in the NDP's favour. And remember that Vant got those votes riding the crest of Vander Zalmania, reinforced by voter loyalty to Fraser.

The fact that Vant was intensely disliked by Fraser further complicates matters for the Socreds. The late MLA's friends and supporters aren't about to be persuaded by Vant to vote for a Vander Zalm man. Even if they won't vote for the NDP candidate, they may either stay away from the polls or throw their support behind Reg Cullis, an old-time Socred who says he will run as an independent.

While there has been no Cariboo-specific voter survey, the NDP has just concluded a province-wide poll of 2,000 people, the results of which don't look too good for the Socreds.

After factoring out the undecided voters, 50.2 per cent of the respondents said they would vote for the NDP if an election were held at this time, while only 35.2 per cent indicated their support for the Socreds. The Liberals came in a distant third with 9.8 per cent, and 4.8 per cent were in favour of various other parties.

**Socreds fared worse in the north**

In the north, the Socreds fared even worse. Breaking the poll down on a regional basis, respondents in the nine northern ridings, including Cariboo, gave the NDP 54.2 per cent, the Socreds 30.1 per cent, the Liberals 9.6 per cent and other parties 4.8 per cent.

Still, Vander Zalm will beat the drum for Wark, and Harcourt will throw himself into the battle on behalf of his party's candidate. And when the vote is counted, the outcome will be a fair indication of who will win the next general election.

Talk about political drama, eh? If only I could land a bit part in this lavish production. Imagine seeing my name as the credits roll by — supporting cast, Hubert Beyer. Too much.

**more letters**

**Thank you**

The Gulf Island Secondary School Graduating Class of 1989 would like to thank the following people and businesses for their continued support and help over the past year:

Murray Warren of Gulf Island Trading Co., Don and Anne Harrison, Merv and Carol Walde, Dale and Lois Codd, the Fulford Hall Committee, TJ's, Ganges Village Market, the bus drivers that drove for After-grad, Mr. Sadler, Mrs. Gardam, Mrs. Lee and the grade 11's that served us dinner, Mr. Astil, Mr. Nicolson, Mr. Byron, et cetera, the Drycleaners, the parents that worked the gate at After-Grad and all other parents of the grads, and the grads themselves that worked long hours raising money and who put everything together.

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I'm glad no one asked me to write a review of *The Fantasticks*. I would have exhausted my supply of superlatives in the first paragraph!

It's a small and perfect cast in an ingenious, intimate setting. (Not always suitable for a musical, I might add.)

And an aging experience to see people one has known as children give such expert and moving performances.

Sue Bowler and James Wilkinson were magically naive in Act 1 and heart-breakingly grown-up in Act 2, while their fathers, Ron Brunette and Ralph Miller, became rejuvenated. Brian Foerster and Michael Curtis were suitably bizarre and Malindi Curtis was a charming and convincing Mute.

I've left Dan Miller to the end because I don't know how to praise him without being maudlin. If he isn't the greatest talent to be uncovered on Salt Spring this decade, he sure is a "reasonable facsimile." His voice and personality raised El Gallo out of Off

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### Married at St. Mark's

Wendy Pattison and John Remesz were joined in marriage recently at a ceremony on Salt

Spring. Wedding took place at St. Mark's Church.

### At recycle depot

## Steady increase in use is reported

SALT SPRING—A substantial increase in volume at the new recycling depot indicates that the island is getting closer to meeting recycling goals set out by the Capital Regional District (CRD).

A spokesman for the CRD environment committee recently stated "our aim this year is to have every resident (in the CRD) recycling by the end of 1989."

Once contracts for the collection, processing and sale of recyclable materials for the Western Communities, Saanich Peninsula and Salt Spring have been awarded, he added, "we will be in a better position to satisfy that aim."

The deadline for tenders on the recycling contracts was August 4.

In other areas of the CRD, the municipalities of Saanich, Victoria,

Esquimalt and Oak Bay have diverted 2,311 metric tonnes of newspaper (1,482 tonnes), beverage and food glass jars (665 tonnes), bottles and cans (166 tonnes) from the waste stream, since the CRD blue box program began 18 weeks ago.

A news release from the CRD indicates that recycling one tonne of steel cans saves the energy equivalent of 560 litres of oil. Therefore, the program has already conserved the equivalent of 92,960 litres of oil.

Each of the participants in the CRD program is diverting between 14 and 16 pounds (seven kilograms) each time they place their blue box at the curb. That exceeds the national average of 12 to 15 pounds.

In the meantime, recycling on Salt Spring has increased with the introduction of the new recycling depot on Rainbow Road, according to members of the local recycling committee.

Committee member Donna Martin says the increased volume of material dropped off at the depot has forced the CRD to increase the

number of pick-ups from once to twice a week.

Martin says usage has increased steadily since the depot opened on July 8.

"In the first week, we thought it was catch-up material coming in," she says. "But it hasn't slowed down."

Martin stresses that while more material is coming in, the depot can always handle more.

The recycling centre is currently being operated by two people from the Achievement Centre, who are being trained to process the material.

A baler, scheduled to arrive at the depot in the next few weeks, will increase the centre's capacity to accept cardboard. At this point, the depot is accepting residential cardboard; the baler will allow it to process commercial cardboard as well.

The committee has expressed enthusiasm over the community response to the new depot and the depot's apparent success. Says Tom Gossett: "I think more people are getting into recycling because of it."

## Ferry worker struck by vehicle

SALT SPRING — A Salt Spring Island ferry worker sustained serious injuries last weekend when he was struck by a vehicle disembarking at Fulford Harbour.

Jerald Smoliak, of Crofton Road, was taken to Saanich Peninsula Hospital following the incident, which occurred just before 11 am Saturday.

Local RCMP said Smoliak was struck while on board the Bowen Queen by a rapidly accelerating vehicle and pinned against a railing. Driver of the vehicle was a local man.

No charges have been laid, but police are continuing their investigation into the matter.

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## Counts remain within limits

SALT SPRING — Fecal coliform counts taken by the Capital Regional District (CRD) at Salt Spring beaches indicate levels here are still well below district limits.

Taken by the CRD regional health services on a regular basis, the fecal coliform count is an indicator for sewage pollution of water, and subsequent risk of gastrointestinal illness to swimmers.

Beach warnings are posted where the fecal coliform count consistently reaches or exceeds 200 fecal coliform per 100 millilitres of water, or where it fluctuates dramatically.

Test results were as follows: Vesuvius, 24; Blackburn, 6; Cusheon Lake, 15; St. Mary Lake, 24; Stowe Lake, 25; Weston Lake, 9.

Six areas in the CRD now have warnings, including Ross Bay (403), Gonzales Bay (158), Shoal Bay (312), Cadboro Bay (at Telegraph Road), Mt. Douglas Park (176), and Prospect Lake (248).

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## Usage would indicate support for two words

By MARY DAVIDSON

Regarding the question of Salt Spring Island versus Saltspring Island, we believe it should be the will of the people who live in a place that decides the spelling of the name of that place.

We, as islanders, do not usually bow to the whims and foibles of petty bureaucrats. Why would we change our independent stance in something as vital as the spelling of Salt Spring Island?

From an historical aspect, Salt Spring has been the choice since this island was first settled, even though the Admiralty Survey of 1857-63 named it Admiral Island. The settlers refused to accept the new name. In 1906 the Admiralty bowed to local opinion, but the spelling was set down incorrectly. Surely we are no less tenacious than the early settlers on this island.

We at the Archives are not alone in our choice of two distinct words — "Salt Spring." Upon conducting a little research into our growing Salt Spring Island Archives, we came up with the following adherents to our cause:

On July 2, 1861 a letter to J.D. Pemberton from John D. Cusheon; January 5, 1874, a letter signed by J.P. Booth, concerning election on Salt Spring Island and June 8, 1885 a letter to Henry Fry from W.F. Tolmie (Provincial Archives photocopies) all referred to Salt Spring Island.

The founders of and preachers in Burgoyne Church 1887; the indenture, deed, certificate of title from Victoria's officials of the times; the church board minutes from 1899, including those by then secretary W.M. Mouat; receipts from the *Colonist* and Columbian College in New Westminster, referred to Salt Spring Island, and more recently, the updated certificate of title naming new trustees in 1931.

guest

column

The Anglicans also adhered to Salt Spring Island, with Rev. E.F. Wilson mentioning it in his diary between 1894 and 1906. It appeared on his land deed in 1894 and his small booklet acclaiming this charming and bountiful island in 1895 bears the title *Salt Spring Island*.

The 1932 will of Alexander McLennan, postmaster at Beaver Point, refers to Salt Spring Island and Leonard Tolson, Salt Spring Island teacher, wrote his memoirs in 1941 using the two-word form.

*Salt Spring Island* is the title of Bea Hamilton's book and as *Colonist* correspondent during the 50's and 60's she always referred to the island that way.

Other consistent users of Salt Spring Island are: the *Driftwood*, Lions Telephone Directory and B.C. Tel, the school board, B.C. Ferries, Provincial Archives and electoral documents.

How would we abbreviate without S.S.I.? S.I. would lack the interest our island deserves.

This is but a brief list, quickly compiled, but it gives one the feeling of a united front in favour of Salt Spring Island. If off-islanders choose to use another form, we do not need to be concerned. When the off-islander is a bureaucrat in Ottawa, who just happened to guess wrongly many years ago, we can ignore the error and carry on using the form chosen by the first settlers, Salt Spring Island.

Mary Davidson is an archivist at the Salt Spring Island Archives.

### Chainsaw dealers awarded

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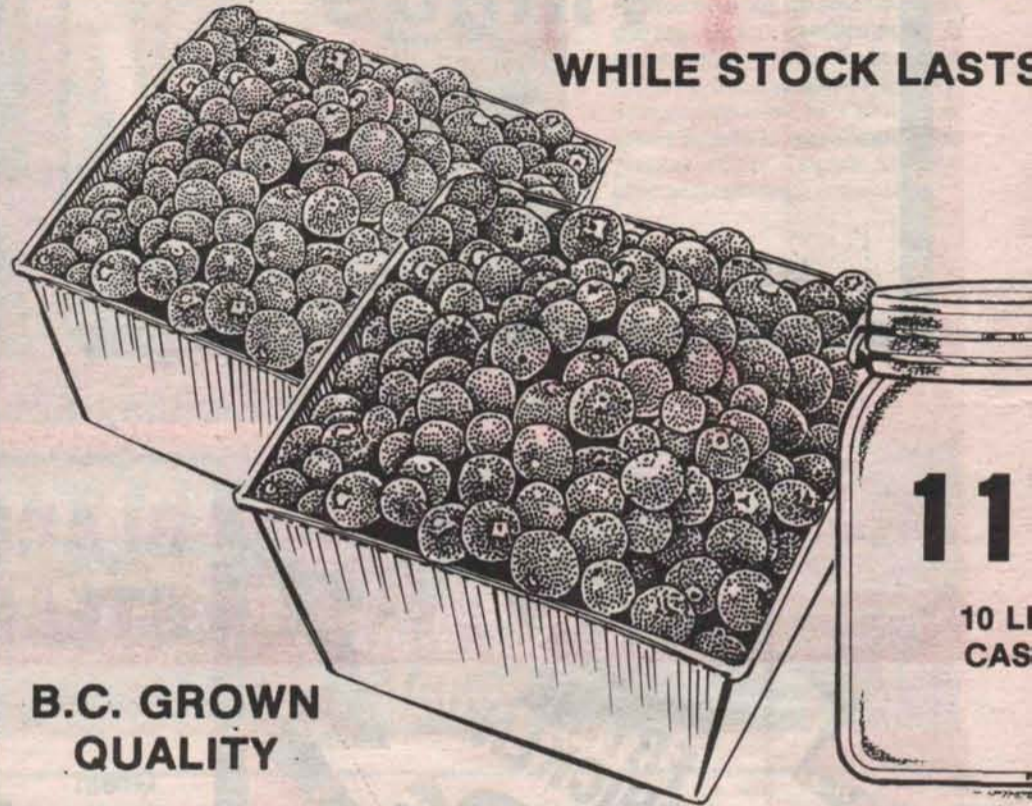
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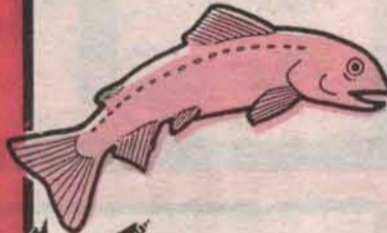
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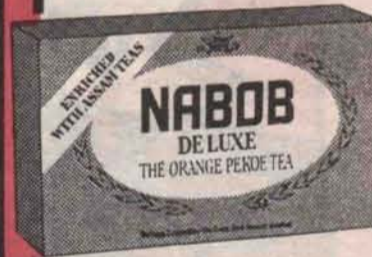


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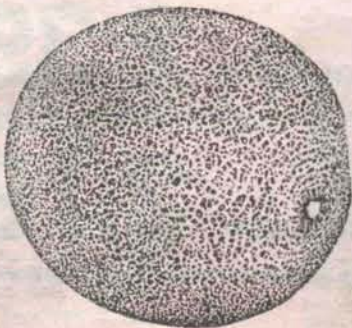


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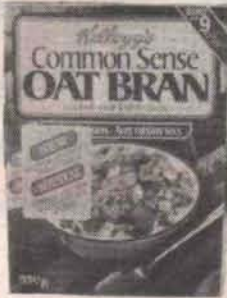
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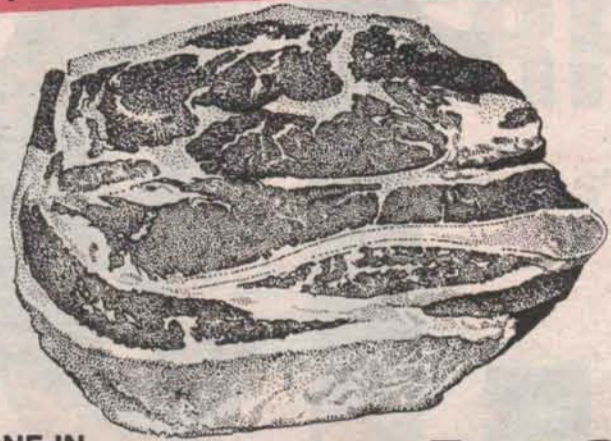
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# Sue Mouat at work on Salt Spring history

By DAVID FRASER  
SALT SPRING — In the end Sue Mouat gave in to appeals by Salt Spring Island old-timers who wanted her to preserve the colourful history of this favoured isle.

"Every year you lose human interest stories. If no one records them they'll be lost," says Mouat, who has already penned two chapters of a new history on Salt Spring Island.

Mouat says she doesn't expect to make five cents from her book, given all the expenses she has incurred in making research trips to Victoria.

The project is more a labour of love for Mouat. She's an example of what aspiring writers can do if they put their minds to it.

Her writing got off the ground after taking a writing workshop with writer Scott Mowbray. Using the archives, she wrote an article on the Spanish flu epidemic which hit B.C. early this century, selling it to *The Elder Statesman* magazine.

Mouat first became involved in local history with the Community Arts Council's publication *Times Past*, a collection of stories on Salt Spring houses built before 1900.

Mouat says Marlyn Horsdal of Salt Spring's Horsdal and Schubart Publishers wanted her to do all the Gulf Islands. "But that's five times the work." Besides, the Gulf Islands chapter of the B.C. Historical Federation is set to publish a sequel to the *Gulf Islands Patchwork*, the group's successful history of the islands.

Mouat says she spends two or three weeks at a time in the B.C. Provincial Archives in Victoria researching her book. She expects the history, which spans pre-historic times to the end of World War II, will be completed in a year.

As sources Mouat uses early Hudson's Bay Company references to the island, and early references by B.C.'s first governor, Sir James Douglas, "who was excited about Salt Spring as a source of salt for preserving fish," Mouat says. She also finds early surveyor's reports of value.

## Victorians don't care for pipes

VICTORIA — A Salt Spring piper will have to move every three hours or pay a "parking" ticket if he wants to continue playing his music on Victoria streets.

At a recent Victoria city council meeting aldermen adopted a bylaw forcing street musicians to move at least 440 metres (or two city blocks) every three hours, or face fines ranging from \$10 to \$25.

The bylaw was prepared after some workers at the legislature complained about Salt Springer Fred Tarasoff, who plays the bagpipes on a regular basis on Belleville Street near the Inner Harbour.

Some Victoria storekeepers and office workers complained about becoming "captive audiences" to street musicians who stay in the same spot all day.

some good historical articles written on Salt Spring. "Archie Fluke wrote an excellent article in the B.C. Historical Quarterly in the 1950s.

"But so much is poorly researched. The mistakes keep getting repeated." For instance, there is a myth that the Hudsons Bay Company once operated on Salt Spring Island. That simply isn't true," she says.

Roger Coster of Volume II Books in Ganges says there is a need for a volume of history devoted to Salt Spring Island. He says Bea Hamilton's *Salt Spring Island* was a good history but has been out of print for some 10 years.

When customers come looking for a history Coster usually steers them towards *Snapshots of Early Salt Spring Island* by Dick Toyn-

bee, a popular collection of photographs of the island.

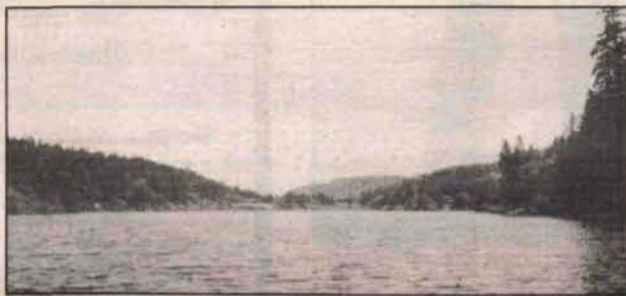
There are also two books on Salt Spring heritage buildings — *Times Past* by the Community Arts Council Heritage House Committee and *Island Heritage Buildings*, a selection of heritage buildings in the Islands Trust area. The latter has a "very good section on Salt Spring," says Coster.

*Go Do Some Great Thing*, on the

black pioneers of B.C., includes some references to early Salt Spring settlers. Unfortunately, the book is going out of print so it may be difficult to find.

Another book with some excellent sections on the island is the *Gulf Islanders*, a volume in the Provincial Archives of B.C.'s "Sound Heritage Series" containing first-hand accounts of early Salt Spring settlers.

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**THE FANTASTICKS:**

**'Theatrical entertainment at its best'**

By PETER BLACKMORE  
"Superb," "talented," "magical," "hilarious" are the words that publicists use so frequently they lose meaning — but with *The Fantasticks* the meanings are put back. This musical — the latest production by Active P.A.S.S. now playing at Off Centre Stage — is theatrical entertainment at its best.

Two mawkish, star-crossed lovers are kept apart by feuding fathers and a wall. But nothing is as you see it — or don't see it. The lovers try hard to get together because their fathers are trying to keep them apart; but their fathers secretly have a plot of their own. It needs a magician and his mute, a couple of pirates, and a cardboard moon to hatch it. And so the happy ending arrives at the midway point of the play. Thereby, as Shakespeare said, hangs a tale.

*The Fantasticks* is a wonderful production, full of songs well-sung, of drama, of pathos, and of thigh-slapping hilarity. It has all the erratic brilliance of a chimpanzee let loose in a magician's box of tricks. The stage overflows with local talent emerging as the resident company of Off Centre Stage. This dedicated group, Active P.A.S.S. (an acronym for Performing Artists of Salt Spring) — actors, musicians, technicians, and directors — have put a lot of effort and love into this production and it is worthwhile.

It is impossible to single out any one actor — they are a coherent ensemble and must all share the praise.

Sue Bowler, for instance (we are assured she is 16 years old), dances beautifully through the role of the tra-la heroine Luisa, squealing in an excess of romanticism, yet has a delightful voice ample enough for some of the more dramatic songs.

Matt, the boy-next-door, Luisa's love from afar, is ably played by James Wilkinson with the right mixture of wisdom, humour, and naivete. His singing ranges from tender duets to gutsy blues.

Weaving his spell throughout is the Magician, a demanding role varying between lyrical and the masterful. Dan Miller's magical El Gallo is the golden thread of a voice, sometimes flashing, sometimes dark and heavy. El Gallo,

along with his mute, shuffle the partners, shape the events and captivate the audience.

As the mute, Malindi Curtis deftly brought out the surprises, and, with her nicely expressive eyes, spoke louder than any script.

The two Vaudevillian fathers, Hucklebee and Bellomy, strut and mutter around the stage. Ralph Miller and Ron Brunette play these well-meaning buffoons who connive yet boisterously dance and

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by gary cherneff



Contrary to popular belief this columnist is not an undercover agent for the Seattle tourist bureau. They don't pay me a thing and as far as I know they've never heard of Salt Spring Island or this newspaper. With this disclaimer my conscience is clear about passing on the following information.

"Bumbershoot" (no, that's not a dirty word; instead it's more like an ancient incantation employed to ward off inclement weather) is the name of the famous Labour Day weekend Seattle Arts Festival. And I'm sorry I don't yet have the 1989 official program.

Instead, I've dredged up from my murky files last year's edition, so you can get the idea of what this thing is all about.

Bumbershoot, according to promoters, is one of the top five festivals in the U.S., and as I wade through the 36-page program, the word comprehensive comes to mind. The categories are dance, film, kids' activities and family shows, literary arts, music including last year's "Bumberdrum Festival," and the theatre and comedy. As well, you can expect to enjoy special visual arts projects and "Boulevard of Crafts" — a juried crafts fair with over 70 participants.

**It happens at the Seattle Centre**

All this happens at the Seattle Centre, the complex of buildings and courtyards that are the legacy of a bygone world's fair. I don't want to dwell on the past but just to whet your appetite, here's a sample of last year's menu. *Writers in Performance* featured Canadian novelist and poet Michael Ondaatje and poet Denise Levertov among its cast of 26. *Mixed Media* presented "poetry collaborations with visual and musical art forms."

The dance agenda included traditional Appalachian folk dancing, flamenco dancing, and the Northwest African American Ballet — 23 acts in all.

**Music is a big draw**

Music as always is the big draw. Last year, some of the big names were Albert Collins, Los Lobos, John Hammond, Etta James, Miriam Makeba, Bonnie Raitt, Sweethearts of the Rodeo and Sonny Rollins. Jazz, rock, Latin, classical and folk groups were all represented. Kids' activities included an "Imagination Market," hat and mask workshop, a puppet playshop and 37 family entertainment shows generally scheduled for afternoon or early evening.

The news flash is that this year's festival program is out. The number to call for your copy is (206) 684-7337.

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According to Haltrecht, the workshop could be helpful for anyone, regardless of age, with specific injuries or particular needs, such as anyone wishing to improve their athletic abilities.

The instructor is a professional dancer and has taught dance for over 15 years. She performed recently in the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts. In 1986 she completed a four-year Feldenkrais training program in California.

Moshe Feldenkrais was an internationally known physicist and engineer, and worked on atomic research for France, authored books in five languages and was an expert in judo and soccer. He

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Salt Spring Island nurse Jacqueline Wrench, centre, and other international volunteers had chance to meet Mother Teresa at one of five clinics she operates in Calcutta, India. Wrench will speak and show slides of her experience at Central Hall August 17 at 7:30 p.m.

## Calcutta an assault on senses, Salt Spring volunteer discovers

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING - Jacqueline Wrench's dream to go to India to help the needy and desperate began with a letter she penned to Mother Teresa late one night.

The response was an invitation to come and join an international network of volunteers in one of the most impoverished places on earth.

"Calcutta assaults your senses," says Wrench, a Salt Spring nurse and realtor who organized a group of six volunteers — five nurses and a flight attendant — to visit and work among the poor.

On Thursday, Aug. 17 Wrench will give a slide show and talk at Central Hall. It will be sponsored by the Registered Nurses Association of B.C. (RNABC).

Wrench and her group, who paid all their own expenses, spent a month this spring working for Mother Teresa, who has dedicated herself to saving the destitute and dying in Calcutta.

Wrench says there is a tremendous amount of interest in volunteer work among people of all ages and nationalities "who want adven-

ture instead of lying on the beach somewhere."

On her journey, Wrench joined numerous university students, a retired architect from Ireland, an author from Denmark doing articles on poverty in the Third World and a countess from Rome who spent three months each year volunteering for worthy causes.

*There were also millions of homeless people and beggars — on the streets and along railway tracks.*

Arriving in Calcutta, Wrench was overwhelmed by a city consumed by decay. Everywhere there were crumbling houses, broken roads, open sewers, cows and stench. There were also millions of homeless people and beggars — on the streets and along railway tracks.

"Nothing ever prepared me for this," she says. "Your senses never have a chance to take it all in."

Wrench was exposed to all five Mother Teresa centres in Calcutta but spent most of her time at an outdoor clinic alongside the Sealdah train station. There, she cared for thousands of needy, homeless and hungry people.

There are 21 centres in India and 285 in the world which focus on the "poorest of the poor."

"Mother Teresa's philosophy is to take parasites out of the bowel, put food in the belly, teach them to care for themselves and then dignity will return to life."

She says disease is endemic in Calcutta. "World Health Organization statistics shatter the western mind." Drinking water teems with bacteria and leprosy and bubonic plague are still facts of life.

Wrench says you can't imagine a more crowded place than Calcutta. Of its 10 million inhabitants four per cent live on the pavement. In Calcutta's three railway stations live 100,000 people.

Every year India, with over 800 million people, expands in population by 16 million more inhabitants. "The environment is stripped of air, water, light and space."

India takes up only 2.4 per cent of the globe's land base, yet has 15 per cent of the world's population.

## Unload bikes last—youth

A Salt Spring man believes his seven-year-old son has better vision than some B.C. Ferry Corporation officials.

In a letter written to the corporation, seven-year-old Jeremy Keating says it would be safer to unload foot passengers first from B.C. Ferries, followed by motorists, and finally cyclists. Unloading procedures currently allow cyclists to disembark prior to vehicles.

"When we were going to pick someone up at the ferry," Keating wrote, "there were so many bikes we had to wait a long time to pass them safely. Some drivers don't wait until it's safe to pass, like on curves, and they could have accidents."

B.C. Ferries spokesman Erin Caldwell said cyclists normally disembark first — with foot passengers — at the Long Harbour ferry terminal. Sometimes, she added, they are unloaded last at the Fulford ferry dock, because they embarked last, and travelled at the rear of the vessel.

At one time, ferry workers tried to hold cyclists back, Caldwell said, but it proved difficult because the bikes were located at the front of the boat and the riders "wanted to go" with the foot passengers.

Adding a note of his own to the letter, Jeremy Keating's father Sam also suggests it would be safer for vehicles to disembark prior to cyclists.

"Do we have to wait until someone is seriously hurt before the people of B.C. Ferries see what is obvious to a seven-year-old?" he asked.



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*In difficult times, fashion is always outrageous.*

— *Elsa Schiaparelli*

Elsa was a European fashion designer with a sharp eye and a sharper tongue who died in 1972. That means she probably never got to eyeball anything like the apparition I saw slouching along a downtown street this morning — a teenage kid in a purple Mohawk with what looked like a Victoria Cross hanging from his earlobe. He was also wearing stovepipe jeans with the knees out, paratroopers boots, and a black leather jacket sporting more chrome than a '58 Cadillac. Shriner? Hallucination? Venusian?

Nah — just a 1980s version of an ageless male obsession: the urge to get out there and Strut Our Stuff.

You don't even have to be a card-carrying member of the genus Homo Sapiens to feel the itch. Peacocks do it with their fancy tail assembly. Tomcats caterwaul, ruffed grouse drum, lions roar, bull moose bellow and baboons — never mind. The point is, males of all species simply love to show off — even if it means looking like idiots.

We've been doing it for years. Way back in the 1600s during the reign of Elizabeth I, men of fashion dressed like... well, queens, actually. They wore earrings and necklaces and great, gobberty rings. They stuffed themselves into corsets, wore conspicuous flashy garters on their thighs and padded their hips with straw.

**A bloom of outrageous male dandies**

A century later, Paris spawned a bloom of male dandies that could have given our Skinheads a lesson in outrageousness. They were called the Incroyables — and they were fairly incredible alright. They wore coats so long that the tails trailed on the ground. Their shirt collars rose past their ears while their pantaloons (mustard coloured) came right up to their armpits.

The Incroyables also wore earrings, heavy rouge and artificial beauty spots on their cheeks, just to make certain they'd stand out in a crowd.

Things have been a little quieter on the male fashion front in this century. Quieter, but not entirely dormant. Some of us are old enough to remember the Zoot Suit of the 30s, with its hourglass waist, draped pants and shoulders that looked like somebody'd forgotten to take out the coat hanger. There are no Zoot Suits in my closet, but I'm pretty sure if I dug right to the back I'd unearth a couple of Carnaby Street psychedelic shirts, a Nehru jacket, some moth-eaten bell bottoms and a pair of winkle-picking Disco boots so ridiculous I don't have the nerve to even put them in a garage sale.

**We don't have any role models**

Skinheads aside, there's not much happening in the male flamboyance department these days. Trouble is, we don't have any role models. We need someone like Beau Brummel, the 19th century British fop who wore skin-tight pants, polished his boots with champagne, and decreed that "a perfect gentleman must change his gloves six times a day."

Who've we Canucks got to match that? Oh, Trudeau cut a fairly raffish figure with his roses, his cloaks and his George Raft fedoras, but he's faded from the stage.

Nowadays there's just Don Cherry and his incroyable shirt collars.

**Crossword writer denies IRA link; he doesn't want to editorialize**

A reference to the Irish Republican Army (IRA) as "freedom-fighters" prompted a Pender Island reader to take issue with *Driftwood's* crossword puzzle writer.

The freedom-fighter clue appeared in a recent crossword and the Pender resident (who asked that his name be withheld) suggested that "terrorists" would be a better description. "I will continue to solve the puzzles," he wrote, "if you continue to print them, but please encourage puzzle-makers of different political persuasions to contribute."

The writer also questioned the word "nola," which puzzle-maker Rick McConnell of Regina described as a small bell.

McConnell, a one-time Salt Spring resident, syndicates his crosswords himself through the Know-Whole-Bard Features Syndicate. He has responded to the objection over the IRA clue by denying any ties to the organization.

"Although my name is of Irish extraction, I am 100 per cent Canadian and have never been

to England or Ireland nor worry excessively about their differences. The reason I define the IRA as 'freedom-fighters' is that in their eyes that is what they are and it is not the crossword maker's job to editorialize or put his own opinions into a puzzle."

McConnell says the word "nola" was found in *4004 Baby Names... with origins and meanings*. "I can assure you and your readers that no word is used in my puzzles unless I can verify its spelling and meaning in at least one publication, preferably two.

"I know how frustrating it can be to solvers to get stuck on a word and, when seeing the solution, still not understand it. The only exception is where a colloquialism is used and no official spelling exists, but I try to avoid these."

McConnell also says he used the Dell Crossword Dictionary, "a necessary tool for the puzzle-maker and... handy for the solver as well...."

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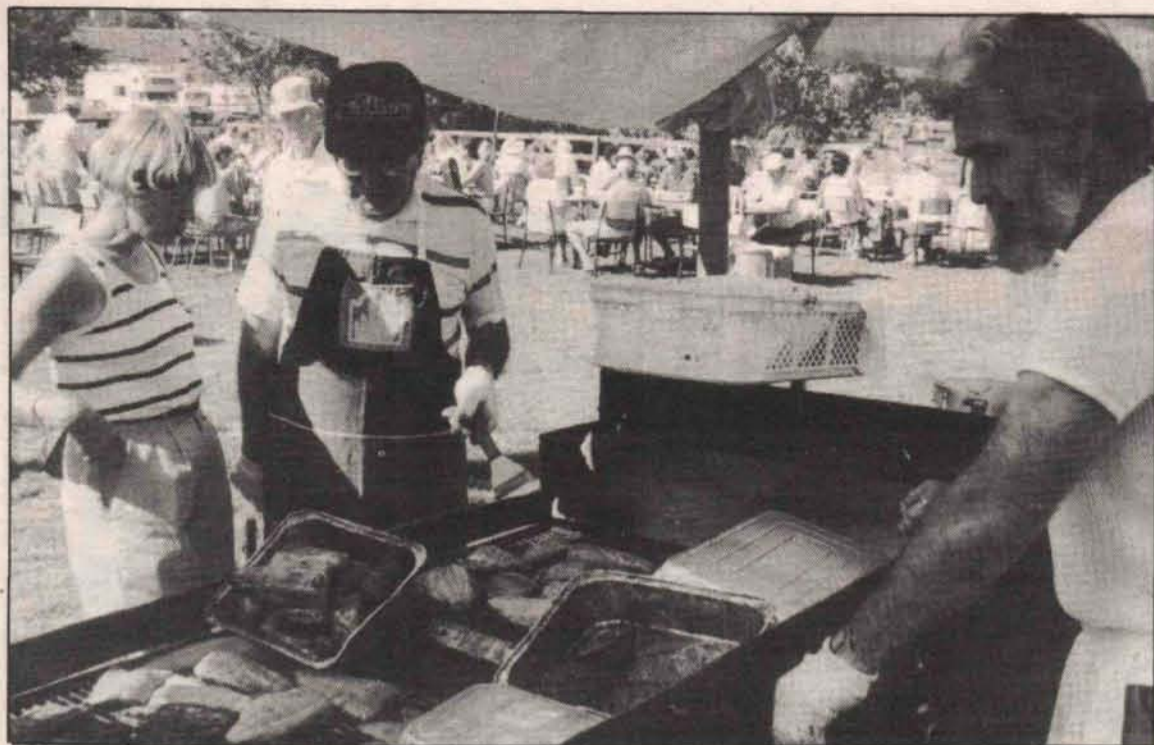
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### Cooking up a storm

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## Tickets invalidated

Anyone issued a speeding ticket on Salt Spring between July 17 and August 2 will not receive the standard three points against his driver's licence.

However, the next time he is caught travelling faster than the speed limit, the penalty will be a little stiffer.

Bill 52, the Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, was given royal assent on July 17, making the standard TVR (traffic violation report) issued for speeding and other moving violations invalid.

The legislation was not supposed to have been passed until July of next year. But a mistake by the government during the last session saw the new regulations take effect a year earlier.

Effective August 2, motorists caught violating the Motor Vehicle Act will be issued a ticket information and fined. The standard penalty for speeding and other moving violations, such as disobeying a stop sign, failing to yield or undertaking an unsafe lane change, is \$75.

In the past, TVRs were issued to individuals with a valid B.C. driver's licence who were found committing a moving violation. The penalty was points against the

driver's licence. Those residing outside the province who were caught committing a similar offence were issued a traffic information accompanied by a monetary fine.

With the amendment, both residents and non-residents will be treated the same.

Ganges RCMP Sergeant Larry Wendel said that the granting of royal assent on the bill has rendered all TVRs issued on or after July 17 invalid.

Wendel also noted that local RCMP have the option to issue a traffic information to those people in possession of an invalid TVR.

## Helicopter to look for speeders

**SALT SPRING** — Radar detectors and other means of avoiding local radar traps are to become less effective for chronic speeders on Salt Spring Island.

Local RCMP were busy marking off lines on Fulford-Ganges Road last week to assist aircraft speed patrols on the island.

Ganges RCMP Sergeant Larry Wendel said helicopter patrols will become a reality within a few weeks.

Adding to the stepped up patrols is a more serious penalty: due to recently passed legislation anyone caught speeding will now be subject to an automatic \$75 fine.

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Intersection; Red flashing light-no intersection; Light-no intersection; Fail to yield at green; Drive over newly painted lines; Slow Speed against highway sign; Speed against municipal lane; Speed in school zone; Speed right; Slow vehicle not on right; Stop signal; Left turn from wrong lane; Right turn from wrong lane; Cross solid broken road; Solid double line; Cross solid broken road; Fail to yield to passing vehicle; Safe pass on right; Pass on right of roadway; Disobey traffic sign or signal; Follow too closely; U-turn; Enter controlled access highway; Improper left turn-no intersection; Turn; Unsafe start; No signal on turn; Signal; Fail to yield at uncontrolled intersection; Fail to yield at left turn vehicle; Fail to yield to stop; Emerging vehicle fail to stop; Pedestrian; Pass vehicle yielding for stop at railway crossing; Leave stop sign; Leave railway stop sign; Disobey stop sign; Reverse into lane; Not on seat; Passenger unlawfully on motorcycle; Permit unlawfully seated passenger; Operate near fire truck; Drive over fire hose;

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# Farmers are out to energize membership

**SALT SPRING** — The Farmers' Institute hopes revamping its community hall can energize membership in the organization.

Institute president Ian Clement says membership in the group has declined over the years because of the absence of social functions.

To remedy this situation the group is trying to upgrade the building on its five-acre property on Rainbow Road which, in the past, was used for such community functions as auctions and dances. Agriculture classes from Gulf Islands Secondary School have also used the building.

Originally designed as a barn, Clement says the building was not intended for social uses and must be brought up to community hall standards.

The institute was recently restructured into different committees. The general public is being encouraged to join the committees and contribute to the group.

He says Salt Spring musician Tom Bowler, lead guitarist with Club Mongo and Hi Risk Chili, has joined the newly-formed building and lands committee in the hope that the building can become a performance space for local groups.

The Farmers' Institute also wants to get involved in marketing Salt Spring produce. Until recently, says Clement, the institute had been preoccupied with a meat inspection bylaw proposed by the Capital Regional District (CRD).

"Local sheep grazers were galvanized against the proposed bylaw and there was a great deal of response from our membership," says Clement.

He says a meat producers' committee has been set up to enhance the production of island lamb. It consists of president Chris Schmah, *Driftwood's* gardening columnist;

Eric Alderson, author and past president of the Pork Producers Association of Canada; and sheep farmer Ross McLeod who, says Clement, was largely responsible for thwarting the proposed meat inspection bylaw.

Clement says before Salt Spring lamb finds its way into more restaurants and stores local producers have to guarantee a consistent supply of high-quality lamb.

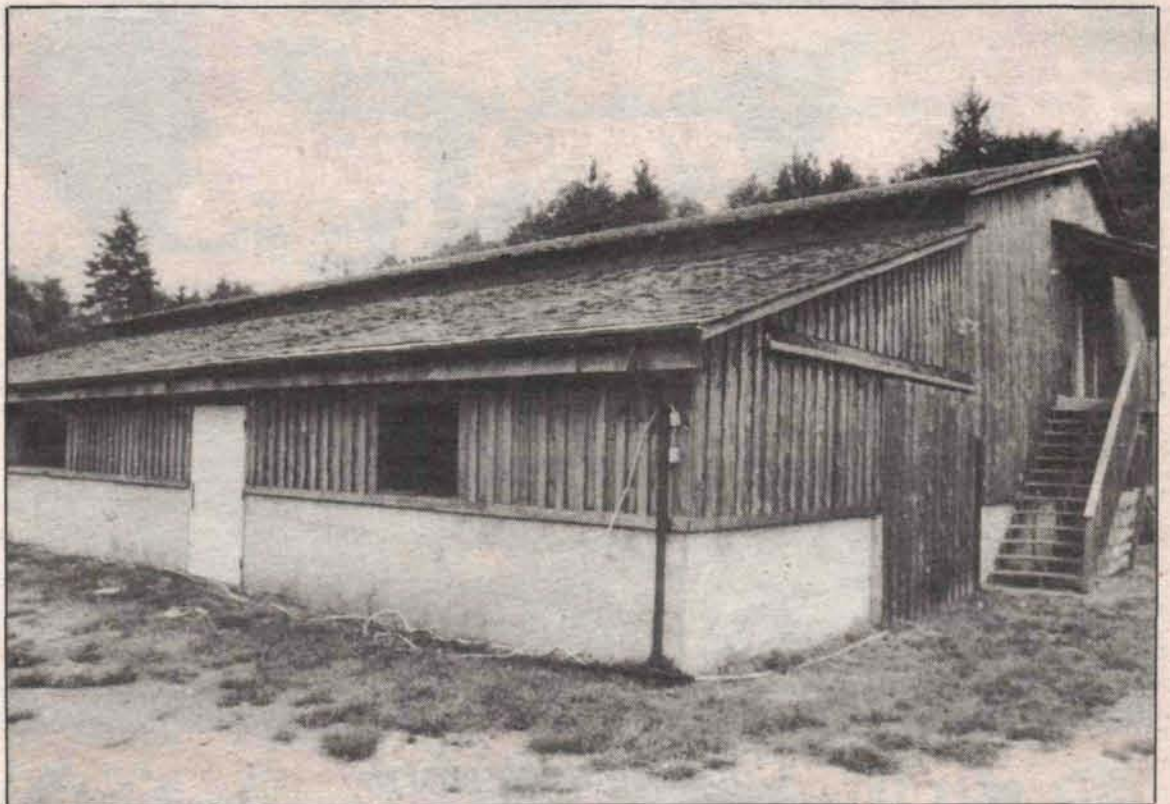
The Farmers' Institute can help by establishing high standards of production. Eventually, Clement says, Salt Spring lamb producers could have an independent, self-regulating body.

One sales point could be guaranteeing that lamb is free of residues, such as hormones.

"We want to prove we have a quality product. It's in everyone's interest to raise quality. We should be able to charge a premium for Salt Spring Island lamb."

Clement says pilot projects could encourage small farmers to produce 12-16 lambs to boost lamb production on Salt Spring and, at the same time, improve the sheepbreeder's tax situation.

"We need to take concrete steps to preserve and enhance the rural way of life," Clement says.



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