

## Large outcome grows from tiny start

"Parvis e glandibus quercus," (Tall oaks from little acorns grow) - *Anonymous Latin Saying* - with a little help from William Jennings.

By JIM BLACK  
*Driftwood Reporter*

Salt Spring Island has a large number of oak trees dotting its landscape, but there are two particular oak trees which stand out from the rest. The towering old oak which sits at the east entrance to the Ganges elementary school and the one which shades the entrance to St. Mary's Anglican church in Fulford are English oaks, grown from acorns by Victoria florist Jennings 54 years ago.

Both trees can trace their history back to Windsor Park in England. To commemorate George VI's coronation, the Royal Automotive Club of Great Britain gathered acorns from beneath mighty oaks growing in the park and distributed them around the world.

According to William Jennings' son Ken, his father received the acorns from a brother.

"I remember my dad's brother giving him this tin with 150 acorns in it. The Royal Auto Club in England undertook to gather these things up and ship them out. Dad planted them and spread word around that he had them and was willing to give them to churches or organizations inter-

ested in planting them."

Apparently a number of people were interested. Before very long all the trees, which Jennings had planted in four inch clay pots, were gone, taken by people from all up and down Vancouver Island, Gulf Islands and Lower Mainland.

All went except one, which Jennings kept and planted in front of his house at 1666 MacKenzie Avenue in Victoria. And it is still there.

"It is getting to be a fair size," Ken Jennings said of his father's tree, "not nearly as big as they can get though. England is famous for its huge oaks which can live for more than a hundred years. Ours don't compare in size, but they're not that old yet."

The two oaks on Salt Spring were planted sometime in 1937, most likely late spring or early summer. It all depended upon the individual.

According to Josephine MacGregor, chairman of the Heritage Tree Society of B.C., the trees were supposed to have been planted on May 12, 1937 to commemorate the coronation, but some did not get planted until later.

"I know they weren't all planted on that specific day. My sister planted one out in Gordon Head on May 29, which is her birthday. I'm sure some of the others didn't get planted on that date either."

Today the Heritage Tree Society has a list of a number of the trees and where they ended up. Not all the trees survived, but a good number of them are still around and growing strong.

"We have trees designated on Salt Spring Island, one on South Pender Island, in Duncan, Gibsons, Cowichan Valley and quite a number in Victoria," said MacGregor.

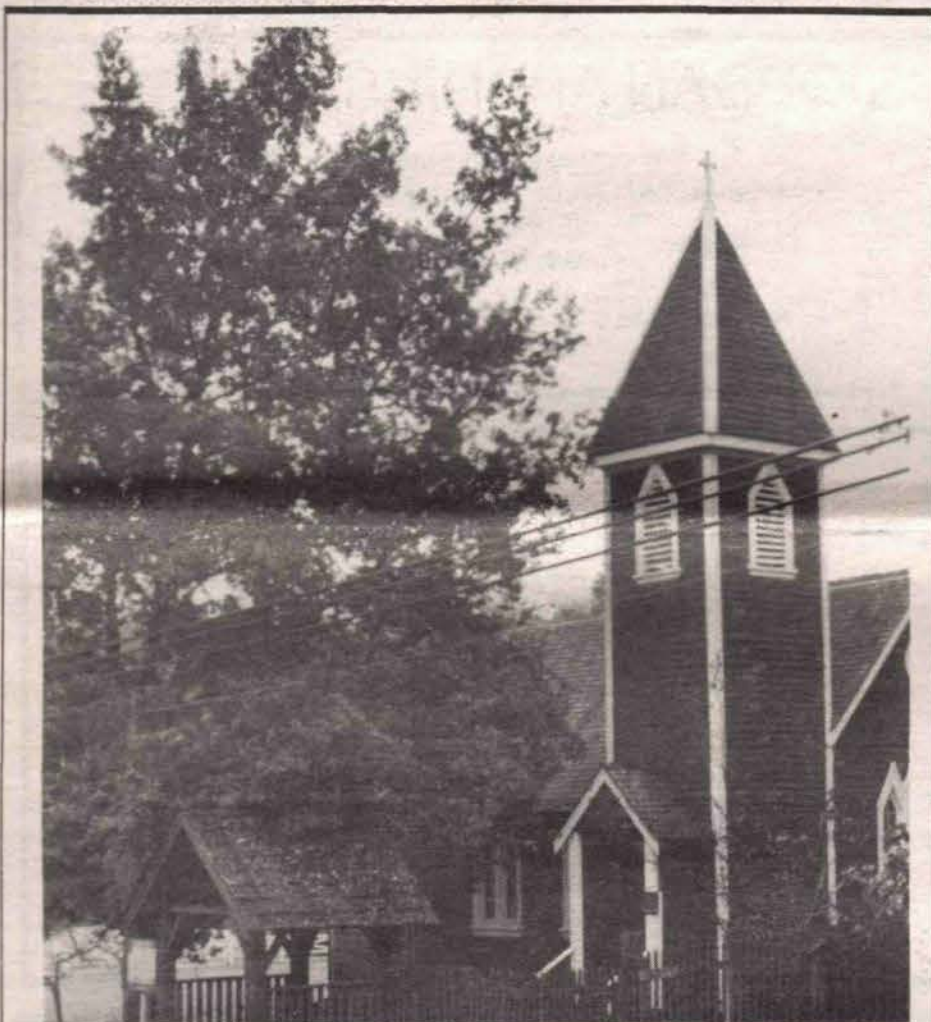
According to Jennings, his father used to have a book listing the names of the people who took the trees and the places where they were planted. Unfortunately the book no longer exists.

### Designated heritage trees can be found on Pender, Salt Spring and Vancouver islands.

Designation actually took place on Salt Spring 15 years ago, and for the oak tree situated at Ganges Elementary, it wasn't a moment too soon. Before the tree was officially designated, there an old rope swing attached to it and the flag pole was strapped to the tree with a set of steel cables. This was not doing the tree much good.

According to a spokesman from School District 64 board office, situated close by: "It was probably the best thing that ever happened to the tree (being designated). If that hadn't happened, those cables would have eventually killed the tree."

As it is, the trees in Ganges and Fulford are examples are just what can happen to little acorns.



**FIT FOR A KING:** One of two oaks on Salt Spring Island planted to commemorate King George VI's coronation, this tree reaches above St. Mary's Church steeple.  
*Driftwood photo by Jim Black*

## Building permit values down on some islands

Salt Spring, Pender and Saturna islands have seen a reduction of building projects started this year as compared to last. However, both Galiano and Mayne islands have shown a steady increase in the number of building permits issued.

Total value of building permits issued in the Gulf Islands to the end of September was \$17,415,468, according to a regular report from the Capital Regional District.

Numbers indicate a substantial reduction from the year before. In 1990, the total value of permits until the end of September

was \$24,861,089.

Greatest difference in totals has been recorded on Pender Island which to date has permit values of \$3,661,054 compared with 1990 figures of \$9,855,875. The difference seems to lie in the fact that last year there were 19 commercial industry permits issued, whereas there have only been three this year. Housing starts on Pender are only two behind last year's pace with 55 permits issued. All together there were 261 permits issued on Pender Island.

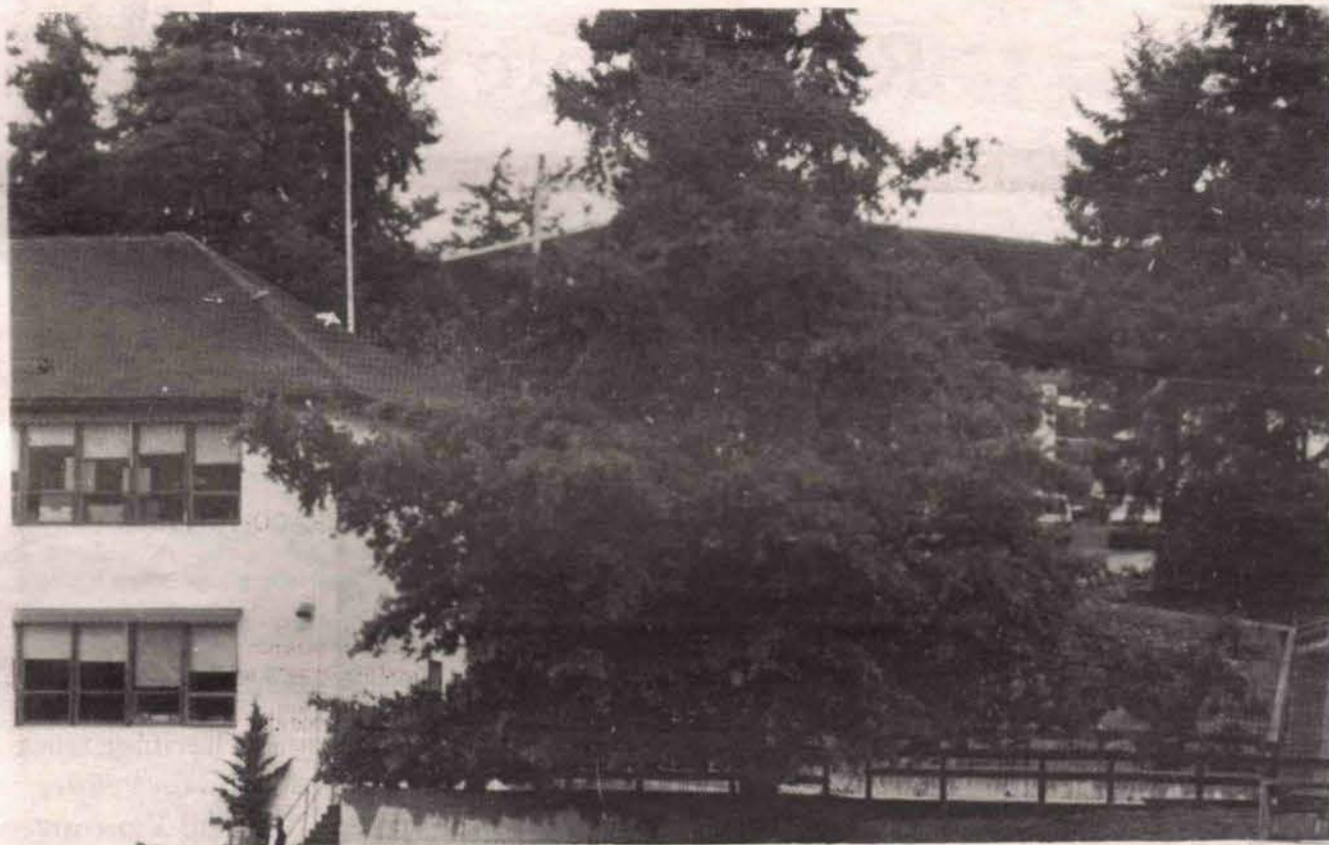
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Salt Spring Elementary School's oak tree mascot was being injured by a rope and steel cables before its official designation as a heritage tree.

## PERMITS

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On Galiano Island, this year's totals are up to \$1,166,071 from \$917,273 last year. The greatest increase in building permits lies in the commercial/industry where there have been nine permits issued this year, compared with only two last year. Single family dwelling permits are behind last year's with 10 permits compared to 15 for this time last year. Total permits issued for Galiano are up to 95 compared to 78 for last year.

On Mayne Island, this year's totals are \$1,677,600 compared with \$1,295,023 for last year. The number of permits issued this year is 157, a hefty increase over last year's 112 for the same period. In this case both single family dwelling starts and commercial/industry permits are ahead of last year. There have been 26 single family dwellings compared with 18 last year and three commercial/industry permits to zero last year.

Salt Spring Island heads the list with a

total of 609 permits issued. These include 109 single family dwellings, two two-family dwellings and 12 mobile home permits along with 21 commercial/industry. The value of the permits issued on Salt Spring is \$10,388,709, down from last year's total of \$11,887,662. While single family dwelling permits are up six from last year's total of 103, the commercial/industry starts are down to 21 from 24. As well, two-family dwelling permits are down one from last year to two permits and there have been no multiple family dwelling permits issued this year compared with three last year.

Saturna Island's totals are also down this year. To date permit value equals \$522,034 compared to \$905,256 for last year. The greatest reduction is single family dwelling permits which are down to seven this year from 11 last year. No commercial/industry permits have been issued for this year whereas two were issued for this time last year.

## BRIDGE Talk

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on October 28 were:

**North/South** — Marguerite Hall and Jill Wainborn, Lois Johnson and Bill Buckler, Helen Shandro and Bunny Jordan.

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Winners on October 29 were:

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# Firefighters plan annual pig barbecue

Saturna Volunteer Fire Department is holding its semi-annual pig barbecue Saturday, November 9.

By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

Tickets for dinner are available at both stores. Duncan Curtis will provide canned music for the dance.

The fire department holds a barbecue twice yearly to produce general operating funds. Other support comes from donations and grants. There is no tax assessment for local fire protection service.

The barbecue is staffed by island volunteers. Alfred Reynolds will be out early Saturday morning watching the fire and basting the pig as it turns on a spit outside the community hall. This operation usually draws a crowd of curious onlookers and co-workers taking a break from the job of setting up tables or preparing rice and cole slaw. Another crew will carve and serve dinner while others tend bar or clean up.

The fire department is expecting the delivery of a *new-to-us* water tanker within two weeks of the barbecue. This vehicle has been acquired through the Windfall Fund.

Please come out and support your local fire department. Whether you contribute your finances, labour, or both, you will be helping your community and maybe, one day, yourself.

## Flu clinic

There will be a flu clinic Thursday November 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fire Hall. This clinic is free to those over 64 years of age or to people with chronic medical problems such as heart disease, diabetes, or emphysema. For details, readers can call nurse Jane Cameron at 656-1188.

## Sunken ships video

Friday, November 15, at the Community Hall, Ian Pope will present a video and slide show which will take participants on

a fascinating underwater tour of the ships sunk before 1915 from Sidney to Sooke. The two-hour presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Pope is a past trustee on the board of directors for the Maritime Museum of B.C. and a current member of their speakers' bureau. He also serves as proctor for the basic boating course of the Power and Sail Squadron. He is the director of the B.C. Artificial Reef Society and Underwater Archaeological Society of B.C. Pope still continues to find time to pursue his love of scuba diving.

The fee for this presentation is \$3.21 (G.S.T. included) and we need a minimum of 20 people pre-registered to bring this presentation to Saturna. Please call Pam Lind now, at 539-5592, if you plan to attend.

## Casino night

Saturna Parents' Advisory Council will be hosting a casino night at the Red Lion Inn in Victoria November 9 and 10. Melanie Gaines and Carol Money will be joined by Eve Patterson, Ian Middleditch, Call Hollings, Rene Hollings, John Money and Beth Jones as volunteer workers.

This is a major fund raiser for the council. They hold this and other fund raising activities throughout the year to pay for winter swimming lessons, outdoor education programs, supplementary library books, sports equipment, musical instruments and special activities for the children.

## Pumpkin appreciation

Elementary school children send their thanks to the Saturna Lions Club for

providing pumpkins for Hallowe'en carving. Each child created a unique design. Those with younger brothers and sisters invited them along for the fun. Carving was followed by popcorn, cookies, and juice and a pinata filled with treats.

The evening started with a bonfire and fireworks at Haggis Farm. Trick or treating followed. Many of the children and some adults wore imaginative costumes.

It was reported a relatively quiet night on the island.

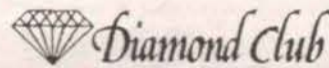
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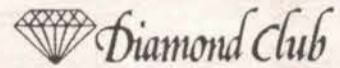
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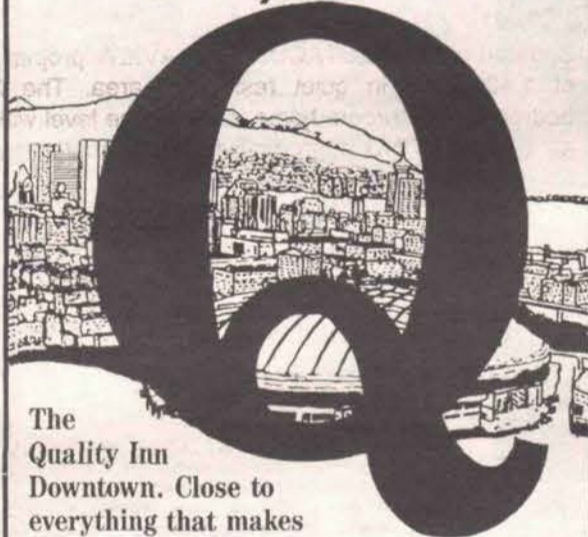
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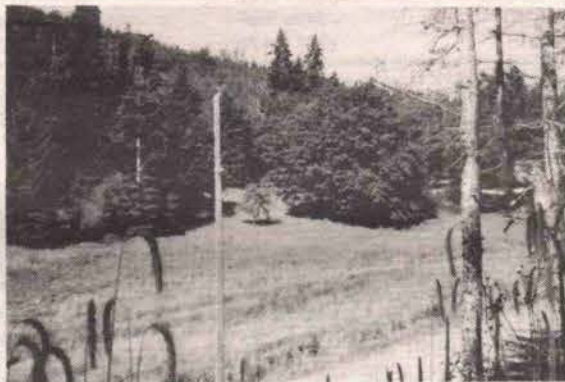
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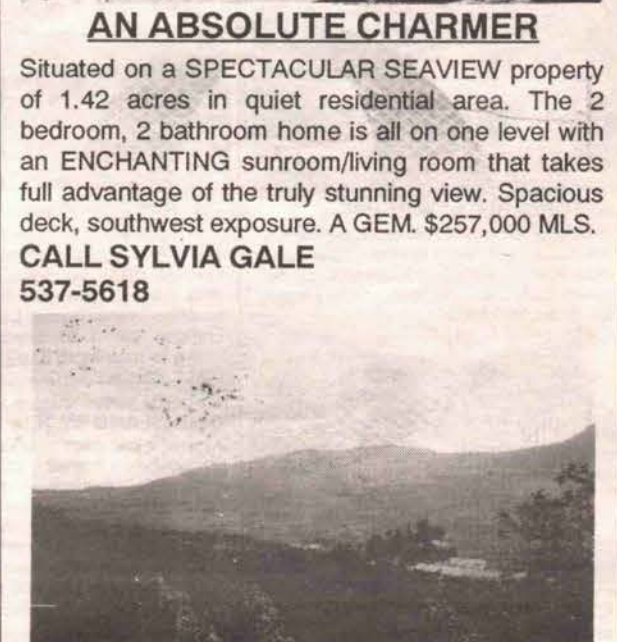
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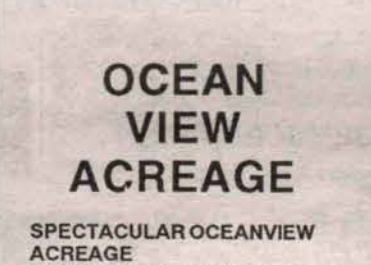
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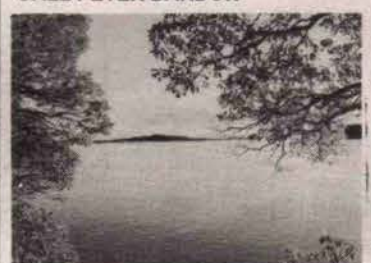
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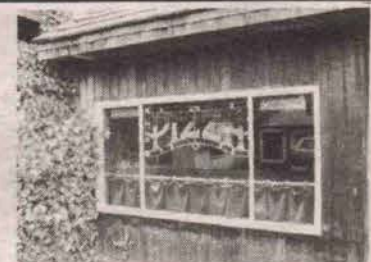


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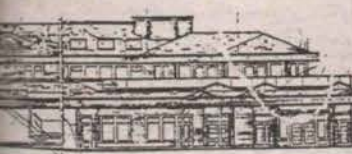
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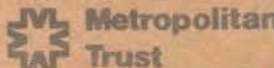
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# Islanders enter kinetic boat race

Salt Spring resident Wayne Simons took the long way around when it came to designing his entry in the Ninth Annual Great Port Townsend Kinetic Sculptor Race. He went to Africa to do it.

By JIM BLACK  
Driftwood Reporter

Simons spent two years in Swaziland as a technical teacher for Mozambique refugees. While there, he tinkered away on his drafting board, working on unusual designs. It was then he came up with the idea for a peddle-powered boat. Nothing new you say. Except this boat can also be driven — by peddlers — on land. The boat is a wooden 24-foot, flat-bottom design with eight pairs of peddles set perpendicular to the craft. These in turn are hooked onto a shaft which runs the length of the boat and attach to a propeller. In order to move on land, an ingenious set-up involving a Toyota rear-axle assembly is attached to the bottom of the boat at the mid-section and a chain-drive hook up is attached.

While the craft is an amazing work of art, Simons is quick to deflect any praise. "I like to design and build all kinds of different things, this is just one of them."

The eight pairs of peddles were manned, and womanned? by islanders — Susan Just, Robert Blaco, Henry Bade, Katy Peter, Ellen Box, MaryAnne Kuchera, Wayne and Bob Simons.

The craft was built on Salt Spring, mostly by Wayne. The decorative paint job, with a Greek god and goddess enhancing both sides of the bow, was done by crew members Blaco, Box and Kuchera.

According to Simons, he was racing before they even left for Port Townsend. "We worked on the boat for about two months. Even so, we had to hustle to have get it ready for the race. We didn't even float it until the day before we left. But it all worked out fine," he said.

The boat was towed down to Port Townsend behind Bruce Barto's boat in preparation for the big day.

This year's race attracted more entries than any race with the exception of the inaugural event as 12 different kinetic concepts vied for top honours. Half the entries were from the host town itself.



**PEDDLING AROUND:** Crew members prepare for kinetic boat race south of the border. Built on Salt Spring, the vessel was one of 12 competing in the annual event that recognizes different methods of power. Photo contributed

Top prize for the event was a trip to compete in "Arcadia -to- Ferndale, California Kinetic Race, which is the birth place of kinetic racing, according to Bob Simons. "Essentially it was two sculptors saying my sculpture can go faster than yours that got the whole thing off the ground and it just carried on from there."

The race covered about one mile on water and three miles on the land. But just before the finish line, all of the vehicles had to pass through the "Humphrey Bogart African Queen Memorial Leach Bog", a man-made type of soup bowl of mud and water. Only one vehicle made it through without extra help, the *Lumberghini*, from Bainbridge Island. Most other vehicles needed assistance from their pit crews (no pun intended), volunteers, or from the large crowd which gathered to take in the event.

When all the smoke had cleared and the mud dried, Salt Spring's entry came in second to last. The final entry to cross the finish line apparently had to stop at all the pubs he passed to sample their wares. But Simons remained undaunted about his standing.

"We received a plaque and a ball point pen and had a great time, which is all that really matters," he said. "We back at it again next year."

## Illiteracy hinders Canadians

According to Southam's Literacy Survey, five million Canadians cannot read, write, or use numbers well enough to meet literacy demands of today's society.

Many Canadians are not equipped with enough literacy to apply for a driver's licence, read a newspaper, or a bedtime story to a child.

Myths persist that this country's illiterates are new immigrants, residents of rural areas or elderly. In fact, 70 per cent of the illiterate population was born in Canada, 70 per cent live in cities and 40 per cent are under the age of 45.

Number of functionally-illiterate adults in Canada continue to grow.

An estimated 60 per cent of illiterate

Canadians are unemployed.

Many illiterate Canadians who have jobs work in low-level functions with little opportunity for advancement.

Thirty per cent of Canada's teenagers drop out of high school each year.

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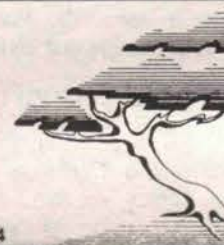
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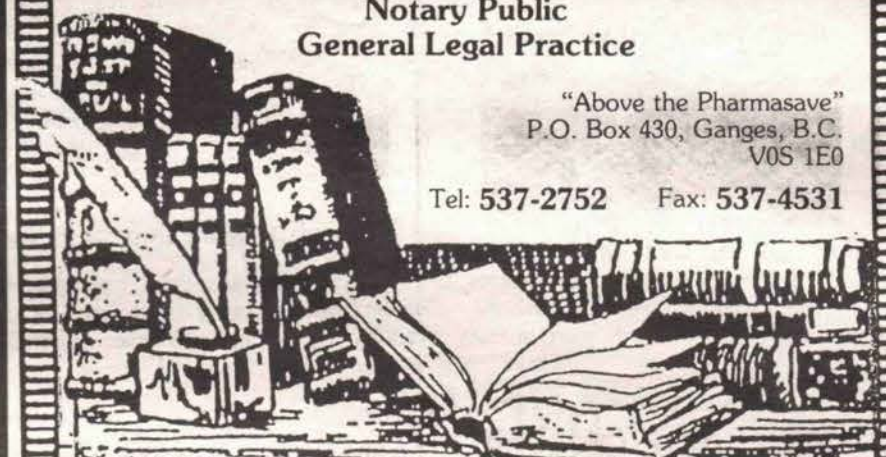


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# Dinner raises ridge purchase coffers

Judi Halliday and Mollie Colson's "Dinner for the Ridge" took place as scheduled October 30. Thirty-seven gathered for a sit-down four-course gourmet meal. Close to \$900 was raised towards Galiano Island Forest Trust's (GIFT) purchase of Bodega Ridge lot from its Salt Spring owner.

The meal featured a starter of salmon gravalax with capers and brown bread, delicately spiced cream of courgette soup, chicken dijon with rice pilaf and melange of vegetables, and apple, plum or blackberry kuchen with whipped cream. Fruit punch was served prior to the meal and wine with it while tea and coffee followed. An after-dinner chocolate was also provided.

Diners sat at tables of anywhere from three to 10 people. Seven tables were each set with a small bouquet of garden chrysanthemums saved from the recent early snowfall by the quick wittedness of their grower.

A raffle held in conjunction with the dinner added to the profit. Ruffled were a Bodega shirt, winner Mary Hope Lovell; a Bodega mug, winner George Stephen; a Bodega tape (Music for the Mountain), winner Brian Cowperthwaite; a Bodega poster, winner Dennis Olson; and six Christmas crackers from Spotlight Studio, winner Judi Halliday. Prize-winning tickets were drawn by Lindsay Pattison who also helped her mother prepare a garnish for the hor d'oeuvres and wait on tables.

Indispensable in the kitchen was Mike Colson in whites and pink suspenders. Home owners, the Rosses, prepared the house for diners and helped in the kitchen.

## Christmas gift certificate

GIFT is planning to have available a certificate for Christmas giving. For a minimum donation of \$252 a purchaser will obtain a handsome card stating the nature of the donor's generosity. There will be a place on the card as well for the donor and recipient's names.

Certificates will be available at next Saturday's North Galiano Craft Fair and from GIFT headquarters at the Daystar Market. Readers can telephone 539-3327 to order certificates if there is no one at the office when they arrive.

## Galiano hall renovations

Renovations and additions at Galiano hall are to go ahead with volunteer labour. Board member George Harris is lining up a core group of knowledgeable volunteers, each of whom will promise three days work as their contribution to the project. Others working with them will attempt the \$200,000 renovation job in a piece-meal fashion. It is hoped the "under the hall" addition of a teen centre will be more or less

## GALIANO ISLAND *Scene*

complete by the club's annual meeting next March.

"The whole job may take a little longer," says Galiano Club president Bill Callaway, "but at least this way we can get the job done."

Contributions to the building Fund have now reached a total of \$41,500, an amount made up from personal contributions and community events. Elizabeth Steward's organization of "old" lumber sales on Jim Trueit's property added considerably to the growing fund. Galiano Trading Company contributed lumber for the sale.

## Fabulous costumes

The dance and costume party at the South Hall on Saturday, October 26, was a fun-filled evening according to all accounts. Close to 100 people turned out to see and be seen.

Music by three members of the Frank Frink Five from Vancouver added to the fun of the evening. Money raised went to GIFT's Bodega Ridge Purchase Fund.

## Early snow

Galiano folk were somewhat astonished at the snowfall which covered the island October 28. As much as five inches covered driveways in parts of South Galiano, lesser amounts elsewhere. The 24-hour power outage caused problems for islanders unprepared for an early winter, but most "rolled with the punches," and got the airtight heater going for heat and went to their auxiliary water supply to make pots of tea.

Heavy snow took its toll on young alder saplings on roads and driveways, not hardened off as yet from last summer's rapid growth.

## Hoppi's drawings and paintings

A collection of nearly 75 drawings and paintings from the estate of the late Elizabeth Hopkins are to be auctioned off on Sunday afternoon, December 8, at the South Hall.

Money raised through the auction will be donated to GIFT's Bodega Ridge Purchase Fund.

## Remembrance Day service

Those who gave their lives for the country and for peace in the wars of this century will be honoured in Remembrance

Day Service to be held at Galiano Golf and Country Club on Monday, November 11.

Traditional 11 a.m. service is open to all Galiano residents and visitors to the island.

Pat Connelly is to be master-of-ceremonies for the service with George Griffith giving the main address. Griffith's wife Margaret will assist.

The public is asked to arrive at the Golf Course at 10:30 a.m. so that if last minute changes are required because of poor weather, all can be completed and the service can begin on time.

## Under Milkwood

A production of Dylan Thomas's "Under Milkwood," is now in rehearsal and will be presented at the South Hall on

Saturday evenings, November 16, 23, and 30.

After expenses, all profits from the performances will be shared by the Galiano Hall Building Fund and the Bodega Ridge Purchase Fund.

## Forest management workshop

Galiano Conservancy Association, in cooperation with the Department of Forestry at the University of British Columbia, the Forest and Land Use Council, and the Forest Resources Development Association II, is planning a series of discussions on sustainable forest management. These will be given at the Activity Centre on Saturday, November 16, and Sunday, November 17. All are welcome.

A supper in connection with the seminars will be held at the North Galiano Hall on Saturday evening. For more information, readers can call 539-2424.

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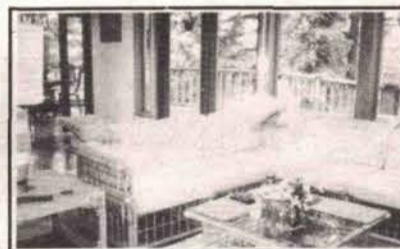
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## Special warrant

Outgoing premier Rita Johnston and incoming premier Mike Harcourt managed to agree on one thing last week before power was transferred from the former to the latter — a special warrant in the amount of \$261.1 million.

Special warrants are the mechanism by which government is allowed to finance its operations without approval of the legislature. And unless Harcourt changes his mind, that's how he will run the province until sometime next February of March.

## A change for the better

A press release last week announced that the Report of the Royal Commission on Health Care and Costs will be released in the afternoon of November 12, just hours after the new cabinet will have received it.

That's got to be a record for the release of any report to cabinet. All too often, in the past, the government would sit on reports for weeks or months before releasing it to the public.

The commission was established in 1990 and held public hearings throughout the province, receiving a total of 904 oral submissions and 600 written briefs.

The report was to have been tabled in September, but commission chairman Justice Peter Seaton decided to delay the release until after the provincial election.

## B.C. firm chronicles

### Hong Kong history

The history of Hong Kong from neolithic times to the present has been brought to life in animated display, using sound, light and motion, by a British Columbia firm.

Unveiled in Hong Kong's Museum of History last week, the multi-media display, developed by Tagish Presentations of Vancouver, consists of animated audio-visual wide-screen images and video disk presentations. Tagish obtained the contract following an international competition a year ago.

## Referendums passed

B.C. voters have expressed their feelings in favour of direct political participation in government by an overwhelming majority. Both referendums, placed before voters in last month's provincial election, passed by an 80 per cent plus margin.

The first referendum asked voters if they want the right to recall their MLAs between elections; the second one asked them whether they want to have the right to propose referendums which the govern-

ment would then place before them at the next election. However, the government isn't bound by the results.

## Moving day

Who was that man pulling a small handcart, loaded with pictures, files, and all manner of paraphernalia that normally adorns an office, outside the Parliament Building last week? Attorney General Russ Fraser, that's who.

Vacating his office to make room for the incoming NDP attorney general, Fraser had packed up the memorabilia cabinet ministers are prone to accumulate and was taking them to his car.

"You got my number, Hubie. If you ever want a pithy comment from a former cabinet minister, give me a call," Fraser said. I do, and I will.

## Wilson wants respect and an office

Liberal Opposition leader Gordon Wilson held a press conference in the rotunda of the Parliament Building in Victoria last week, telling reporters that he just can't seem to get any respect from the new government.

Here he was, nearly two weeks after the election, still without an office. Next day, Premier-elect Mike Harcourt informed Wilson that temporary offices would be available soon for both the Liberals and the Socreds.

## Environment update

Similco Mines Ltd. was charged last week with three counts under the Waste management Act and one count under the federal Fisheries Act for having introduced business waste into the environment.

Charges relate to a spill of mine processing materials into the Similkameen River on October 24, 1990 at the company's operations near Princeton.

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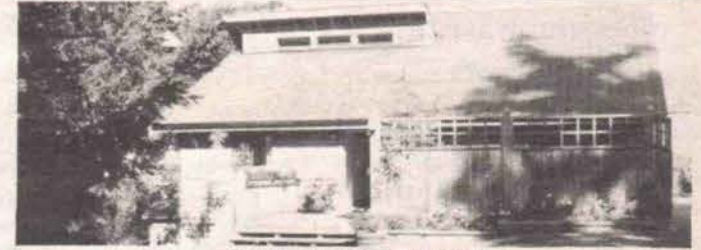
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