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Memory of Cy Peck still vivid after 25 years

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Reporter

It has been a quarter century since the B.C. Ferry Authority sold the *M.V. Cy Peck* to private interests, and to this day, a mere mention of the vessel to long time island residents can evoke far off gazes and mutterings like "ah yes, the old Cy Peck. Now there was good little ship."

Gulf Islanders who lived here between June 19, 1918, and the mid 1960s must have, at one time or another, been ferried around island waterways on the venerable old ship.

But the ship's history dates back further than that. Built in Tacoma, Washington by Matthew McDowell, the *Cy Peck* was originally christened the *S.S. Daily*. It was part of the "D" fleet, built by McDowell, which became well known throughout the

Puget Sound area. Others in the fleet included the *Dove*, *Defiance*, *Dauntless*, *Daring* and *Dart*.

The *S.S. Daily* was a wooden hulled steamer with a 140 passenger capacity. Her length was 116 feet, beam 28.3 feet and draught 8.5 feet; she was powered by Detroit diesels.

After her launch, and for the next five years, the *S.S. Daily* plied the waters between Seattle and Tacoma with stops at

Vashon and Maury Islands. In June of 1918 she was purchased by the Canadian Pacific Railway for the Victoria — Gulf Islands route.

After being purchased by the CPR, the ship was recommissioned and christened *S.S. Island Princess*; she began what would turn out to be nearly a 50-year career serving Gulf Islanders. She ran from Victoria to the Gulf Islands three times weekly, with an alternating route.

The 1922 ferry schedule stated that the *Island Princess* served "most of the islands most of the time." Her weekly ports of call included Galiano, Salt Spring, Mayne, the Penders, Saturna, Moresby, Thetis, Kuper, James and Gabriola, as well as Sydney on Vancouver Island.

Besides handling foot and car passengers, ferry travel involved a wide variety of cargo including cattle, sheep, chickens and an assortment of other farm animals.

In her original form, the ship could only carry 18 cars. She was later enlarged and could handle between 30 and 40 autos, depending on their size.

When she first entered service on the Gulf Islands, there were no navigational aids on board to assist the crew. Radios and radar came much later, she even had a hand winch for use when docking.

Alison Maude, daughter of long time *Cy Peck* skipper Captain G.A. Maude, said the ship's whistle was in constant use during foggy weather allowing the captain to steer the ship by echo sounding.

"My father had a number of trees in various spots around the island which he used to bounce the echoes off in bad weather," she said.

Navigational aids were added later to
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Photo by George N.Y. Simpson

"Grand Old Lady of Fulford Harbour" plies Gulf Island waters

Tour gives better understanding of logging practices

By HUBERT BEYER
Driftwood Columnist

VICTORIA — We leave Williams Lake early in the morning for "A Tour of the Working Forest" sponsored and organized by the city's five major sawmills, Jacobsen Brothers, Fletcher Challenge P&T, Lignum, West Fraser and Weldwood to give people a better understanding of what logging is all about.

At Riske Creek, we leave Highway 20.

We're in the Chilcotin Plateau, a flat, undulating landscape carved by the last retreating ice age about 10,000 years ago, leaving behind a blanket of material and deposits that formed the soil which grows the current forests and vegetation types in the area.

Our first stop is at the top of Farewell Canyon. To the left of the Chilcotin River, which flows far below us, is the Junction Wildlife Management area, created in 1973.

The area is home to a native population of Californian Bighorn Sheep. It was from here and the deer Creek Park herd to the north, that the biggest successful transplant of animals in North America occurred, helping to boost the world population of Californian Bighorn Sheep from 1,700 to 3,500 today.

The entire upper slope on the south side of the Canyon was logged in the early 60s. The method used was the "diameter limit cut," according to which every tree over a

certain size is cut down, and only a few trees are left standing as seed trees.

That method is no longer deemed acceptable by current standards, but 30 years later, it is nearly impossible to tell that any disturbance took place here. The forest looks as if it had always been here.

A little farther on, we come upon an area that was logged in 1988. About 40 per cent of the timber volume was removed to

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ISLAND LIVING

Island credit union lowers card interest

Island Savings Credit Union has lowered the monthly interest rate on their MasterCard Credit Card to 15 per cent effective November 18.

The change has been made at all of its branches including the one on Salt Spring Island.

"We are pleased to be able to extend to our members a rate which is lower than the cards offered by major chartered banks and national department stores," said chief executive officer Ray Bush.

The interest rate applies only to balances carried over from one billing period to the next. If an statement is paid in full by the due date no interest is paid.

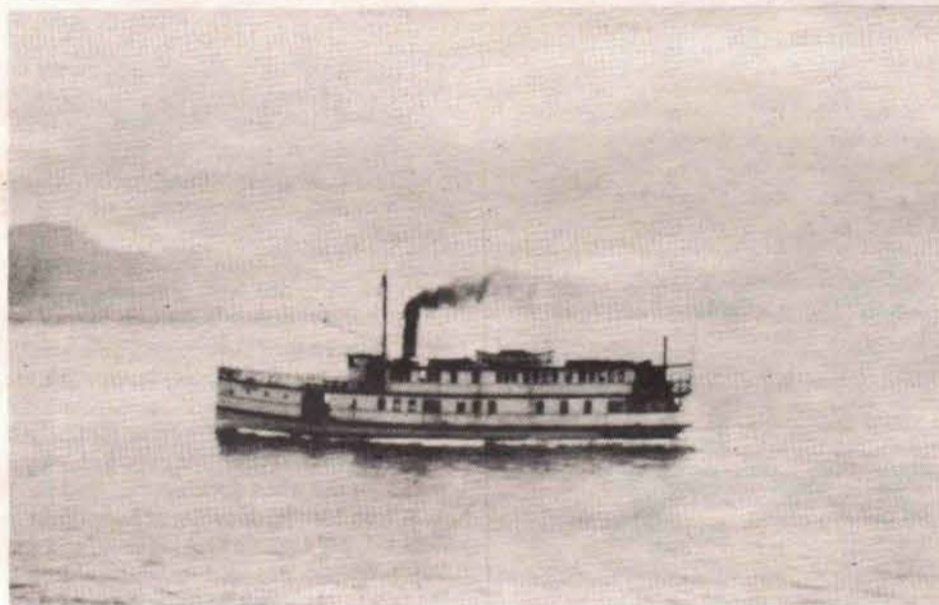
In addition to the new lower interest rate, Island Savings does not charge any

monthly, annual or transaction fees on their MasterCard credit card.

Bush also pointed out that while the introduction of "Debit Cards" has been in the national news lately, Island Savings has offered members this service for over three years.

By using this card as a "plastic cheque" to make purchases at any merchant displaying the MasterCard symbol, purchases are processed through a member's chequing account within days.

With the advent of the new EFT/POS (Electronic Funds Transfer, Point Of Sale) system nation-wide in mid 1992, purchases will be debited from the member's account immediately.



HISTORICAL ANGLE: The *Cy Peck* was known as the *S.S. Island Princess* when this photograph was taken in 1924. Twenty-five years have passed since the fondly-remembered Gulf Islands ferry was sold to private interests. Photo courtesy of World Ship Society

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make life somewhat easier for the captain and crew.

In 1929 the *S.S. Island Princess* was withdrawn from the Gulf Islands route and sold for the sum of \$2,000. The purchase was made by William Gardner on behalf of the ship's new owners, the Gulf Islands Ferry Company.

The Gulf Islands Ferry Company was formed to facilitate better access between the islands, the mainland and Vancouver Island. This was especially important to Gulf Island farmers who needed regular service to get their produce and livestock to market more quickly.

Victoria *Daily Colonist* proprietor and editor, Sam Matson invested in the enterprise. Conservative M.P. for the islands at the time was Colonel Cyrus Wesley Peck. He managed to secure a subsidy from the government for the new ferry company. The ship was refitted to take more cars and a new diesel power plant was installed.

The vessel was, at this time rechristened the *Cy Peck* in honour of the first World War Victoria Cross winner, and M.P. for the area. The date was September 27, 1930.

One newspaper stated, "The whole government of British Columbia went sailing today on the ferry ship *Colonel Cy Peck* which inaugurated the service between Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island near Sidney."

In 1951 a group of Salt Spring Island business men decided to form a company to take over the ferry service when the Matson's gave up the business. Spear-headed by Gavin Mouat, who became president, the company also included Cap-

perintendent and senior skipper, directors Colonel Desmond Crofton and Joseph Lautman and ship's husband Case Morris.

The "Grand Old Lady of Fulford Harbour," as the *Cy Peck* was affectionately called, went about business for the next 35 years without too much fanfare. She was refitted twice to increase her car capacity — in 1956 and again in 1961.

Over the years, she was accidentally rammed by the *Alaska Prince*, which was loaded with 600 tons of dynamite (there were no injuries) in October 1945, and in February 1959, with Captain Edward Lacy at the helm, she rescued the only survivor from tug boat *Henry Foss*, which sunk off Beddis Beach in a 50-knot gale.

The *Cy Peck* continued to service either the Gulf Islands or as a backup on the Bowen Island or Langdale to Horseshoe Bay route.

Finally, in the mid-1960s she was decommissioned and later sold to J.H. Todd and Sons fish packing company for the sum of \$5,125. The ferrying days of the *Cy Peck* were over. Now she would be used as a fish camp for the salmon fleet.

At this time, the 53-year-old vessel was looking very rough. Time and neglect catching up with her. Eventually, she was towed back to Salt Spring Island by her new owner James Russel. She was tied up in Welbury Bay for a period of time prior to her final demise: she keeled over on a sand bank in Nanaimo harbour in 1986 and could not be refloated.

The "fine little sea boat, very fast and always a useful little ship," as Captain Maude once described her, finally succumbed to old age after 73 years of service

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ISLAND LIVING

MacBlo will pull Galiano fire equipment

Neighbour moves away

MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. which is no longer logging on Galiano, has notified Galiano Island fire department the company will soon be taking its fire fighting equipment off island.

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

South Galiano Fire Hall contains a few pieces of Macmillan Bloedel equipment, and Fire Chief Willaims and his committee are currently discussing what the effect of its loss may mean.

In the small, newer North Galiano Fire District, where most of MacMillan and Bloedel's lands are located, a good three-quarters of the volunteer department's portable pumps, hoses and nozzles belong to the company. Without them the area's volunteers will be hard pressed to offer the fire protection local residents have come to expect.

In talks with MacMillan and Bloedel's forestry division, North Galiano Fire Chief Ted Waterman negotiated a purchase price for the equipment, an action which was applauded at a combined meeting of North Galiano Community Association and North Galiano Fire Committee.

The purchase price of \$4,600 will be paid out of funds collected by the association's fire auxiliary over the past few years, money which was being held for the eventual purchase of a new pumper or a tank truck. Chief Waterman, disappointed in having to spend the association's funds in this way, nevertheless pointed out that the partnership with MacMillan Bloedel for fire protection has been good for both partners over the years. North Galiano

GALIANO ISLAND *Scene*

community is sorry to lose a good neighbour.

Stubborn fire quelled

A fire which broke out at the height of the fierce wind and rain storm which occurred on Saturday, November 16 was quelled by members of the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department. Located on Winstanley Point and in full view of residents of Montague Harbour, the fire was started by damage to the power transmission lines which pass through the area.

Lost on the ridge

A couple with a young family had spent some weeks in a rental cottage in North Galiano, enjoying rural life and the walks in the forest. Ready to return to the city, the wife took one last walk.

Entering the Bodega Ridge area at its northern end — her usual access point, she began her walk. A myriad of trails led through the forest. Winter had arrived and with its darkness fell quickly. She became lost.

When she didn't return as expected, the household reported the fact to the RCMP and they in turn called the North Galiano Fire Department. The call went out from the fire hall and search parties were organized to cover the Ridge, the area where her car was found and elsewhere.

Advised by nearby resident Steve Oscko that anyone lost would likely head for visible though distant lights, the searchers

eventually found the young mother under a tree near the eastern shore of the island, just off a logging road.

Cold and fearful about the long night ahead, she was overjoyed to see the firemen's torches and to hear her name called. When reunited with her family, all were grateful for the quick response of the volunteer fire fighters and the organized manner in which the search was carried out. She was lost in the wilderness for about six hours.

Former residents visit

Over the summer months a lot of people come to Galiano to spend a day or two — exploring, visiting or enjoying the rural atmosphere and the forests. Many are first-time visitors, but a few are former Galiano residents returning to renew acquaintances and revive past memories. Last summer on three occasions folk dropped in to visit after being advised to "see Alistair, he has a lot of old pictures you might like to look through."

Our first visitor was Harry Greenough who lived with his parents and younger brothers and sister at Cook Farm (now Therah) in the early 1940s. The children William, Charlie, Dorothy and George attended the North Galiano School between 1941 and 1944.

Now a resident of the Nanoose Bay area, Harry remembers as a young soldier in Sicily, receiving a letter from his father telling of the old house at the farm burning

to the ground (1942). After the fire the family lived for a time in Appleby's cottage at Spotlight Cove.

Our second visitor was Stephanie Biggs of Gibsons. Stephanie's mother, Bessie Starmer, taught at the North Galiano School during the 1949 school year. She followed veteran North Galiano teacher Stanley Flitcroft who left North Galiano after a 14 year stint to go to Beaver Point, Salt Spring.

Stephanie and her mother lived in the two-room teacherage which was attached to the north wall of the schoolroom. While here, Stephanie reminisced about the old times and remembered emotionally things that happened during her year on Galiano. Things like carrying pails of water for schools and household use from the Elliot's home down the road were fresh in her memory.

The third visitor was Alex Bristow. He was born on Galiano in 1913, half brother to Jack and Bill Kolosoff, who many old timers on the island will remember.

Alex's father married the widow of his business partner after the latter's death in an industrial accident. He joined his adopted family at their home on Galiano, and set out to provide a living for his new wife and her four children.

On the Kilosoff holding at Spotlight Cove Bristow and his wife May raised fancy poultry and marketed them on the lower mainland. At that time, according to Bristow, the Cotsford family of Salt Spring ran a vessel between there and the mainland and made regular calls at North Galiano. This service ceased and the poultry farm folded when the Canadian Pacific Railway bought out the Cotsfords and reduced service to one call a week. In 1919 the Bristows moved to Vancouver.

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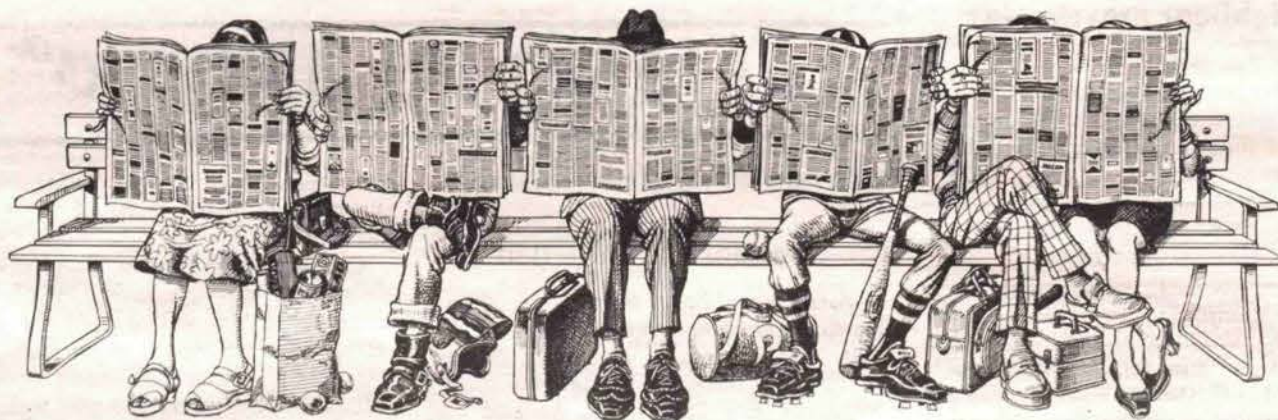
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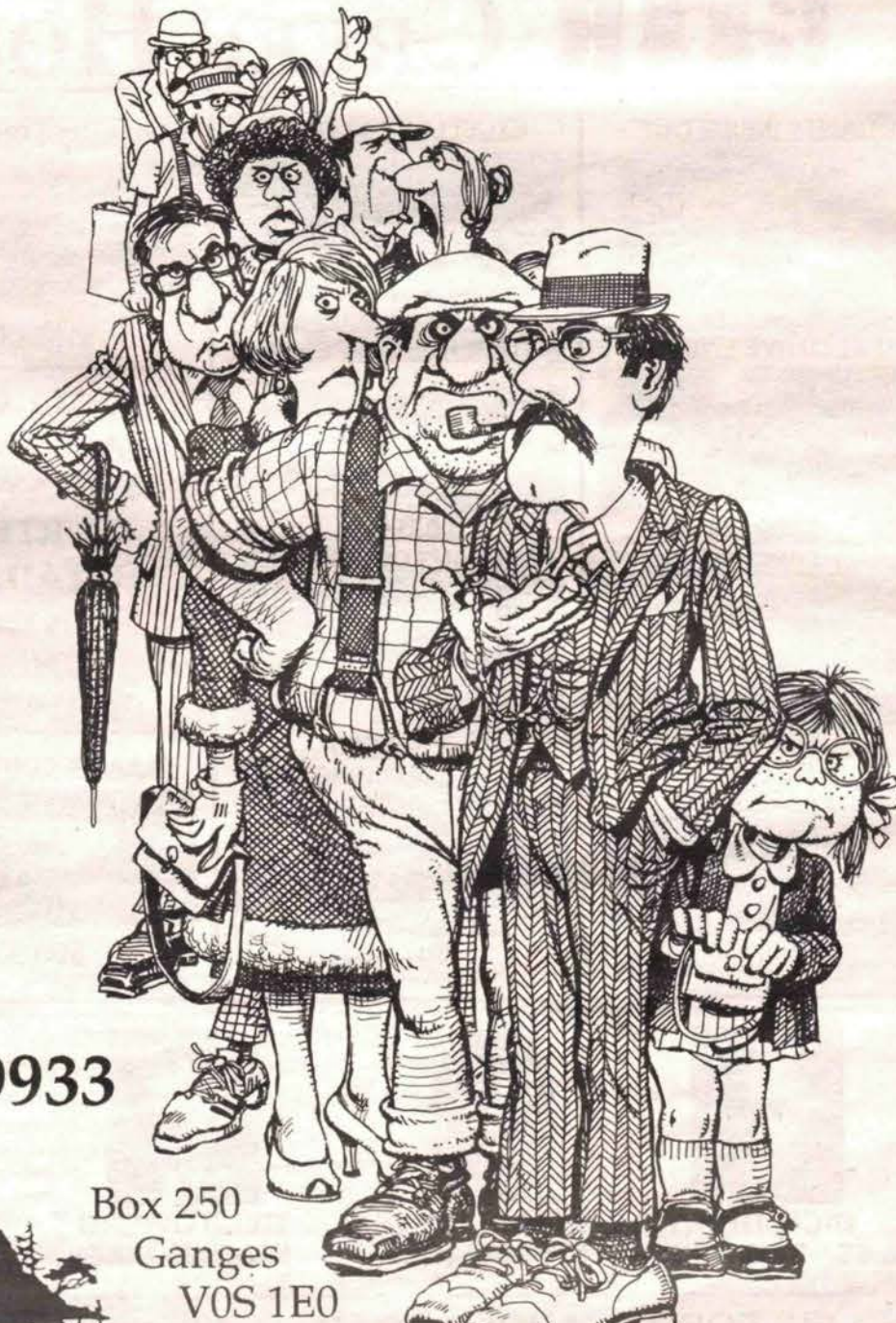
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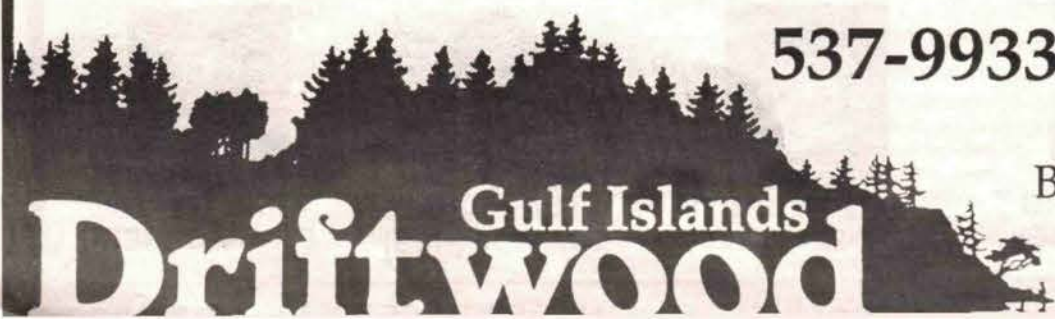
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ISLAND LIVING

Saturna power out for more than two days

Early winter storms played havoc with Saturna Island during the last two weeks. Power outages lasted from the early morning of Saturday, November 16, until the evening of Monday, November 18, on parts of the island. Ferry travel to the mainland was cancelled that Saturday morning and the passage to Swartz Bay took almost five hours.

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Saturna news for last week was not available because of power outages which shut down word processing equipment.

Search and rescue

A search and rescue operation off East Point resulted in the rescue of a commercial diver reported missing Saturday afternoon about 3:30 p.m. Crew members from the *James Sinclair*, ashore at Lyall Harbour were called to join in the search. They returned later in the evening to report a successful mission.

The diver was plucked from a buoy between East Point and Orca Island at about 8 p.m. after he was spotted under flares dropped from a rescue helicopter.

Broken hip

Frank Loughed, an elderly Saturna resident, was discovered in his garage by neighbour Vern Beaumont, after a fall Friday afternoon. He had been on the floor with a broken hip about 40 minutes before he was found. Dayle Johnson, Barb Ropars, and Geri Crooks attended the accident. Loughed was rushed to Lady Minto hospital by water taxi and then transferred to Duncan.

Candlelight dinner

The annual Candlelight dinner is scheduled for December 17. Tickets will be available December 2 at both island stores. The cost is \$12 per person. Happy hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

SATURNA ISLAND *Scene*

This is a sumptuous, adult-only affair. The traditional turkey dinner will be served in the usual formal style. This is one opportunity to dress up and go out in style without leaving the island.

Jacques Campbell, one of the workers, describes this as a Saturna non-function. It is organized and run by a group of volunteers without any affiliation. There is no profit and any funds remaining after the costs are covered are invested in things for the community hall such as punch bowls. This is one event you won't want to miss.

Christmas craft fair

Saturday November 30 a Christmas Craft Fair will be held at the Community Hall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. About a dozen local artists and artisans are expected to have works for sale. Tea and coffee will be served. Organizers Pip and Fran Woodcock, have designated a percentage of all profits to charity. This will be an excellent opportunity to begin Christmas shopping, so be sure to drop in and browse.

School concert

Friday, December 6 has been set as the date for the school Christmas Concert. Readers are advised to keep this in mind when planning your trips to town. This is a traditional community event and promises some great entertainment. The play "Santa Knows Best" is a musical production with a modern message.

The school is buzzing with music practice, costume making, and set preparation. Many other activities are set aside at this time to allow time for rehearsals and other activities related to the Christmas Concert. Islanders are asked to come out and support local children. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

Basketball resumes

Monday recreational basketball has resumed for the winter. Saturna players have joined Mayne Islanders at their gym for several years for a time of fitness and fun. The game is played three on three. Adults interested in a serious workout are invited to join the group. Transportation is provided from Winter Cove by Bill Douglas. The group leaves Saturna at 5:15 p.m. and returns by 8:30 p.m. For more information call Rick Jones at 539-2641.

Alanon group

The Alanon family group meets at St. Christopher's Church on Tuesday evenings at 8:00. This is a self-help organization for anyone whose life has been affected by a loved one who has a drinking problem. Call 629-3312 for more information.

Saturna amphibian

Saturna is home to an amphibian which closely resembles the California newt and

at this time of year they can be found in copious numbers. The seven to 10 centimetre newt can be identified by its reddish to tan body with yellow to orange undersides. It resides in damp areas and loves to swim. If anyone can provide more accurate information about the identification of this creature please let me know.

A great number of these newts can be seen on East Point Road from Ed Reimer's greenhouse north to the junction of Winter Cove Road, locally identified as the "T". These amphibians often fall victim to traffic. Slowing down and watching may not only save their lives, but enrich ours.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day ceremonies were held on Saturna for the first time in several years. Don Piper led a service at the community hall attended by close to 40 observers. Wreaths were laid by Senator Pat Carney on behalf of the Canadian government and Bob Rodway representing the Canadian Legion. Since plans had been made on short notice and announced at the Pig Barbecue two days in advance, the turn out was considered excellent.

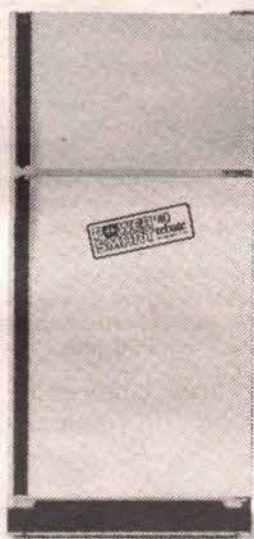
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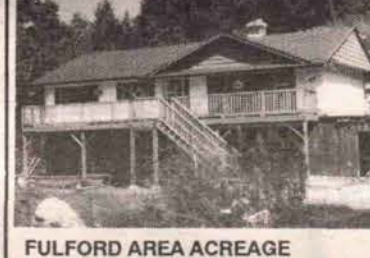
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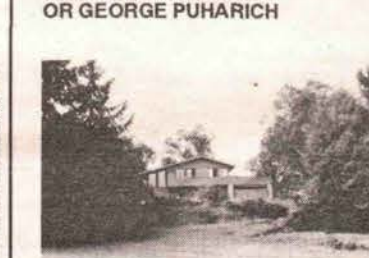
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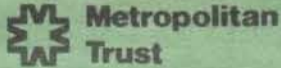
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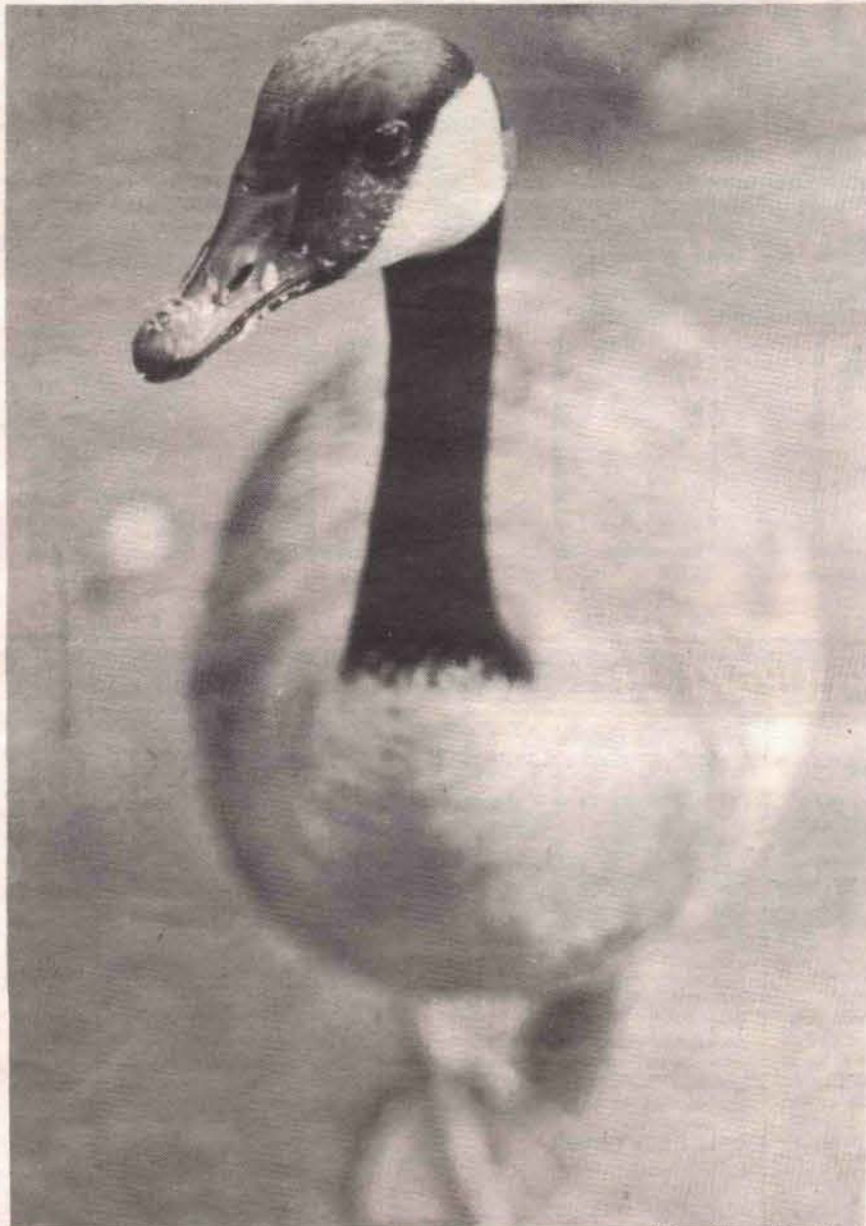


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Which way is up?

"You wear out your heart," she told me. And I didn't know. Unless my heart is reversed and lies against my good right hand.

She wasn't taking a swing at me, it was just that she's studied the question and I hadn't. Where do you wear a poppy? I have to admit that I'm not really sold on wearing them. I now throw out the official bent pin and secure it to my clothing with a safety pin.

There was never a law on the wearing of the poppy when I grew up. Maybe it depends on who wears it. I've worn it with uniform and with civilian clothes and I've worn it in my service cap. But I never thought ahead of time to decide where to locate it.

A poppy is a poppy is a poppy whether it's on my arm or left or right on my jacket or near the heart.

Come down to it, I don't get excited about wearing it against the heart. Sentiment is fine in its place, but that savours too much of sentimentality; and I was a George the fifth man, myself.

Where do you start?

I was removing whiskers the other morning. Laboriously and ineffectually, I ran a razor over my face and it had recently been repaired so, naturally, it didn't do a job. Left me thinking as I hacked away at the chin whiskers.

Where does the average man start on shaving his mug?

I attack the neck first. Get the bristles out of my collar and I'm ready to smooth off the cheeks, as soon as I've shaved my chin.

Don't vary it all that much. It's just an itinerary I've developed after running over the same face so often.

Does every shaver follow a set route? Or do some fellows jump from spot to spot?

Maybe I'd better grow a beard, but each time I've done that I've been accused of imitating Bernard Shaw or Santa Claus, so I still do the same run each morning.

International press

The British Express newspaper has introduced its international Express to the west coast. The weekly is circulated in Australia and New Zealand and a number of other Commonwealth countries.

I found a brief return to nostalgia in a recent issue. The national schoolboy heroes of my childhood are to be resuscitated. Billy Bunter is coming out of mothballs. He will be dusted down with Harry Wharton and the boys of Remove at Greyfriars.

I read the Magnet and the Gem with great eagerness when I was about nine until I was above such tales and rejected them with the lofty disdain of the 16-year-old.

The Magnet, according to Express columnist Jill Parkin, will be back in its bright yellow cover, all set to find a new generation of Magnet addicts.

Harassment

The same Express columnist complains about the word "harass" and harassment like in sexual harassment. Is it like "embarass," with the stress on the first "A"? Or should it be pronounced like "morass" with the second syllable taking the strain?

I sneaked a look at Oxford and Webster and both favour the former. If the word comes from "harry" then the first syllable would inherit that pronunciation, despite the fact that the spelling suggests the stress on the second syllable and it is easier, for me to say it.

But the reference to American pronunciation made me think. Many Brits, complains the writer, are pronouncing the word "as if they were American," placing the emphasis on the second syllable. Is that American? In defiance of Noah?

But she's like the Canadian pronunciation in which we place the emphasis on the "H" and avoid any dispute.

On into my dotage

My daughter retailed a joke the other day and I laughed. What was funny? It happens all the time.

Three aging citizens were comparing notes and as one explained some unhappy experience, each of the others felt a warm sense of superiority that it couldn't happen to him.

But it was time to go home and the first to leave put on his coat and walked to the front hall. There he hesitated.

"Was I just coming in or was I going out?" he asked.

The second excused himself and headed for the toilet upstairs. For a moment he stood on the landing and enquired "Was I going up or coming down?"

The third, in whose home the discussion had taken place, couldn't contain himself. He roared with laughter and crashed his fist on the table.

The laughter stopped.

"Was that knock at the front door or the back?"

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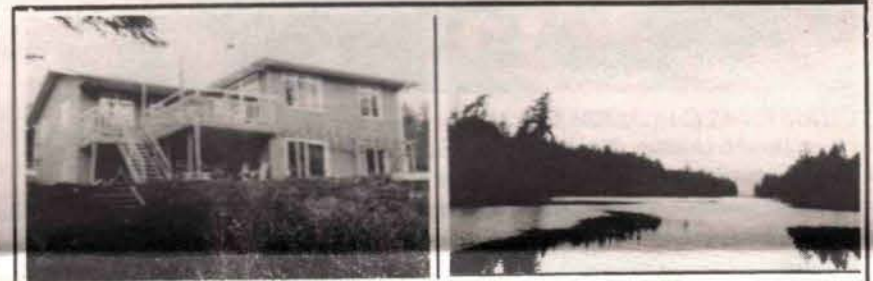


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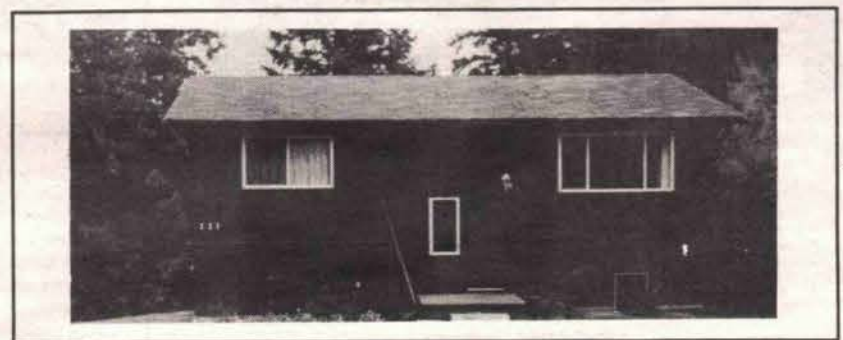
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CHRISTMAS CANDLES: Jani Janzen gives her mother a helping hand selling homemade candles for the Christmas season. Sale was part of craft fair held last Saturday at Ganges United Church.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Landy

Wood heating presents some potential hazards

Everyone loves a roaring fire in the fireplace: they are warm, romantic and natural. But they can also be dangerous, producing harmful indoor and outdoor air pollution.

Used improperly, residential fireplaces and wood stoves put hundreds of chemicals into the air and homeowners should be aware of the health hazards to themselves and their neighbours, according to the British Columbia Lung Association.

"It's important to burn wood efficiently to minimize the release of contaminants that can effect the lungs and the environment."

"These pollutants can cause serious health conditions," said BCLA executive director Scott McDonald. "It's important to burn wood efficiently to minimize the release of contaminants that can effect the lungs and the environment."

"Heating with wood in winter may lead to a high occurrence of pulmonary illness — especially bronchitis and upper respiratory infections in children, the elderly and people whose lung functions may already be limited. Along with this, carbon monoxide particulates, formaldehyde and oxides of nitrogen can be inhaled deep into the lungs, beyond the body's ability to expel them," he noted.

The areas most affected by wood smoke pollution are valley communities subject to temperature inversions, combinations of

low wind and stable climatic conditions that will hold the smoke at ground level where people live and breath.

The Lung Association offers these "hot tips" to burn wood more efficiently and help reduce emissions which create air pollution.

• Select the right stove:

Woodstoves should not be too large for the space to be heated or they will require more dampening to maintain comfortable temperatures, thus producing more smoke and pollution.

Only stoves certified by Underwriters of Canada should be purchased or used.

• Use only clean, dry wood:

Wood should be dried at least six to eight months before use. Cover wood and keep it off the ground for at least that long.

Never burn green, wet, painted or treated wood such as plywood, pressboard, railway ties or utility poles, because they will produce smoke containing toxic chemicals and other pollutants.

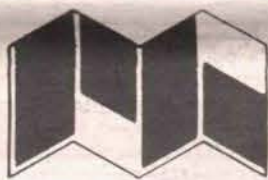
• Keep fires hot and small:

Use dry kindling to start the fire, add larger pieces of wood only as required to maintain comfortable temperatures. A hot fire will heat the stove up enough to burn the wood completely and cleanly.

• Avoid burning on poor quality days:

Your wood smoke will add to the problem, particularly on days of atmospheric inversions and light winds.

For more information on residential wood burning, contact the lung association. Call 731-4961 in Vancouver or toll free from other areas to 1-800-665-LUNG.



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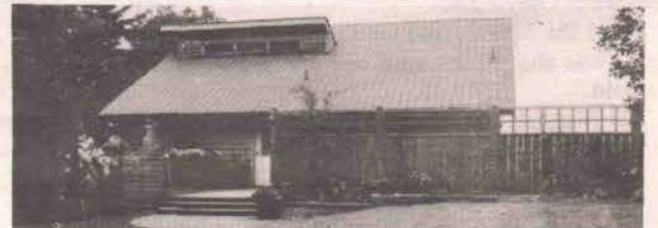
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by Hubert Beyer

Free enterprisers

Ardent free-enterprisers they are, a number of defeated social Credit MLAs are selling the furniture and equipment in their former constituency offices to the highest bidder.

Others, setting up their own businesses, are keeping the items that were purchases with taxpayers' money.

The questionable practice was brought to light last week by Liberal MLA David Mitchell. He said according to the somewhat fuzzy guidelines established by the former government, the office furnishings and equipment become the property of the MLA when he's defeated.

"I've been surprised that some former defeated MLAs have actually offered to me and some of my colleagues to sell some of their office furniture to us," Mitchell said.

The apparent rationale, Mitchell said, was that the office furniture depreciates "to the point where it is not worth much."

Socred caucus chairman Jack Weisberber confirmed Mitchell's allegations, adding that he wasn't aware of any of the losers donating the equipment to their successors.

MLAs get a \$2,000 start-up allowance to set up shop in their home towns. They also get \$3,600 a month to pay rent, hire staff and maintain constituency offices.

Speaking of office allowance

Hard on the heels of suggesting that the

LOGGING

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open up the stand and encourage more vigorous growth. This system also provides good cover for the wildlife.

Next we're taken to an area that had been struck by pine beetle infestation and was clear-cut in 1983. Tom White, president of the Cariboo Lumber Manufacturers' Association, points out that clear-cutting is still the best way to fight the pine beetle.

In fact, Sweden, which is often held up as the model for forestry practices, uses clear-cutting as the final phase of any lodge-pole pine harvest, not as a matter of preference, but by legislation.

This, White explains, helps to control insects, such as the pine beetle and dwarf mistletoe, and provides enough open area for the sun's heat to propagate natural reforestation. White also points out that left to her own devices, nature completely burns down a lodge-pole pine forest about every 200 years.

Every area we visit shows excellent regeneration and growth, no matter when it was last harvested. There is also abundant evidence of vigorous silviculture activity, which has brought a measure of economic improvement to the local Native population. More than 90 per cent of all silviculture work in the drybelt forests of the area is done by Native Indian crews.

Natives are also actively involved in horse-logging, a harvest practice very much encouraged by the Cariboo forest companies.

We can hear the noise of trees dragged through the forest, by a team of horses from afar, and when we arrive at the logging site, it's as if we had stepped back in time.

Instead of the usual noise and activity of an active logging site with its skidders and delimiters, all we could see was three beautiful Belgians stomping through the woods, sure-footed and eager, dragging big trees behind them.

Greg Loring and his two sons, a local Native family, direct the horses with voice commands to drag the trees to a big pile to be picked up later by a logging truck. The bigger stuff is taken out by two horses hitched together.

Greg and his son enjoy their jobs. They love being out in the open, and they make a good living. In a good year, they can make

government cap wages for public servants on a voluntary basis, Liberal leader Gordon Wilson asked for a \$500 increase in the constituency allowance to \$4,100 a month from the present \$3,600.

The increase, Wilson said, was necessary if MLAs are to do a good job for their constituents. Finance Minister Glen Clark, however, was not impressed. He turned Wilson down flat.

Protester convicted

A Victoria man who said loggers in the Walbran Valley on Vancouver Island invaded aboriginal land was convicted last week in B.C. Supreme Court of criminal contempt.

Justice Richard Low convicted John Shafer, 37, and imposed a one month jail sentence which was suspended for a year.

A B.C. Supreme Court injunction against blockading the Walbran area was issued July 18. On July 30, Shafer was among 30 protesters on the logging road.

Socred post-mortem tour

On December 7, the seven remaining Social Credit MLAs will begin a series of meetings to determine the reasons for their party's massive defeat in the last election.

The first meeting will take place in the Princess Mary restaurant in Victoria. Party members only are invited to share their thoughts with the "Group of Seven". Six more meetings elsewhere in the province

are scheduled. All meetings will be held behind closed doors.

Selling wood in Japan

The first comprehensive directory of British Columbia value-added wood products has been published by the B.C. Trade Development Corporation — in Japanese.

The directory was distributed to more than 400 Japanese forest industry executives attending last week's opening of B.C. Week in Tokyo.

Hiroshi Kosuge, a business reporter for the Shigyo Times, said the production of the directory was timely.

"The Japanese building industry is increasing its demand for more than just raw lumber. The directory will be used by an industry which finds it difficult to get

market information in our language," he said.

The 140 page directory provides detailed information in Japanese on more than 500 B.C. companies in a number of categories, including special lumber, millwork and finishing materials, manufactured homes, two-by-four housing materials, and professional services.

Better phones service

The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) last week ordered B.C. Tel to make single-line telephone service available throughout the province.

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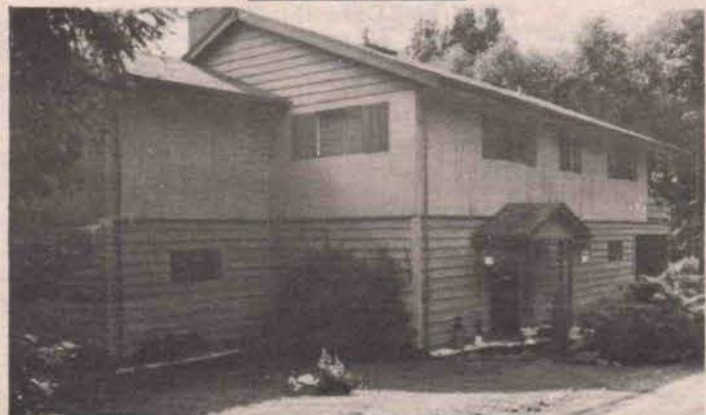
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