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Sylvia Stark operating spinning wheel on Salt Spring Island, circa World War I Photo courtesy United Church Archives at UBC

Determination rewards persistent historian

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Peggy Cartwright is an investigative historian of the most formidable kind. She has been in dogged pursuit of the story of British Columbia's early black settlers for nearly 25 years, and must be one of the most knowledgeable people alive about this little known and little understood part of B.C. history.

"The story began almost a century and a half ago," she said during a recent visit to Ganges, "when a man named Howard Estes came to California from Missouri as a cattle drover during the Gold Rush; it was simply there, waiting to draw me on, so that I had to know more.

"I didn't plan it. I didn't go looking for it."

Cartwright had visited Salt Spring Island in 1969 and been fascinated by its early history. Naturally, she was introduced to Myrtle and Robert Holloman, and was captivated by the story of Myrtle's family.

'Terrier's instincts, woodpecker's persistence'

Myrtle's grandmother was Sylvia Stark, a pioneer who was born a slave in Clay County, Missouri, in 1839. Her whole family went out to California in 1851 and emigrated from there to British Columbia in 1858. Sylvia's memories of the

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journey she made with her family from Missouri to Salt Spring Island were written down by Sylvia's daughter Marie Stark-Wallace in the 1960s.

Marie was nearly 100 years old by that time, remembering what her mother had told her more than 50

years before.

In November 1979 the *Driftwood* published a 12-week series on the Stark family history, based on Marie's recollections. It included an addendum by Peggy Cartwright about events not covered in the manuscript.

As Cartwright's interest in the family stories grew, she learned that memory can play tricks. Her search for corroboration of the manuscript material has proved to be a story in itself.

"The fascinating thing for me was discovering I was totally wrong," Cartwright said. "I rolled up my sleeves and what I found out was generally so much more interesting than the fabrication."

One of her early searches took her to Placerville, California, where the Estes and Starks lived when they were prospecting for gold and farming after 1851.

"Placerville, California,

originally called Hang Town, seemed the logical place to start," she said. "Howard Estes (Myrtle Holloman's) great-grandfather, had been promised by his master, Tom Estes, that if by staying on to work in the gold fields he could send \$1,000 back to Missouri, he would receive his freedom papers.

"To be sure, California was a free state, but there was a fugitive slave law and slave-catchers had

little trouble returning those who escaped to their owners if they could find them.

"At the El Dorado county library I asked what information there was about Negro Forty-Niners. It seemed no one had ever asked such a question. The librarian told me kindly, with regret, that there just wasn't anything she knew of.

"I was still very new to the research game, but I'd already dis-

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First First Lady

Good for Kim Campbell! Good for Canada! The campaign has shown her up as a fighter who shoots from the hip and says what she thinks even without thinking. But to rewrite the once popular song, "It ain't what she says: It's the way that she does it!"

There's lots of time to see what Kim Campbell does to the Conservatives and what the Conservatives will do to Kim Campbell. But the national political picture is undergoing some quick changes.

Only the real Tory die-hards were convinced that a Mulroney-led election campaign could have brought victory the next time around. Now there is new hope in those Conservative hearts. Campbell Conservatives will meet Chretien Liberals in the coming months with the New Democrats and Reformists both exerting their own influence.

A few years ago the picture would have been a delight to analysts.

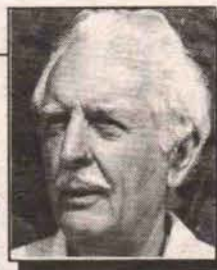
Today we simply sit back and listen to the pollsters tell us what we are thinking. But the pollsters have a new challenge. They have to find out what Madam Prime Minister is thinking!

Taking a roasting

Seems to me that there is no end to this argument, mostly my own, about the difference between roasting and baking. And I don't think there is any difference.

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FRANK RICHARDS



Years ago I used to eat roast potatoes cooked in a portable oven and offered on the street. That was in Britain. From that same oven came roast chestnuts. Later the potatoes came out of that same oven as baked potatoes.

It's like cooking meat. You put a roast of beef in the oven, side-by-side with a ham. In due course, you remove from the oven roast beef and baked ham. And if you roast a leg of lamb, you might put in a pie to cook with it. So you have a roast lamb and baked pie.

I must roast myself an apple pie sometime or bake a tender cut of beef. And while I might get roasted over the confusion, I'll not likely be baked for it.

How did she know?

It was warm and dry and we went to Victoria when I entertained a family from Vancouver last week.

One of my friends was sitting behind me and made some observation about my shirt. She added a rider to the commendation. "You ironed it yourself." It was neither a

question nor statement, but a bit of both. And she was right. I had ironed my own shirt.

But how did she know that? I must be better than I knew!

Two ways of hearing it

Thinking of irons and ironing, there are two ways of saying the words. In Britain the "r" is not mentioned and the word comes out, "eye-en". Here the word is pronounced with each letter sounded.

Only where the word refers to a proper name does the "r" show up across the sea. Mr. Irons has an "r".

How old is it?

When no doctor is looking I have a fondness for treacle tart. It is an abomination of sugars, my late wife insisted. In simple terms it consists of a double crust of pastry with syrup, as in golden, where apple might otherwise be found.

Thoroughly bad for me. But I like it occasionally. Besides, I really made it for my visitors.

If I had waited until my visitors arrived we might all have been sick. As it was I snatched a sliver as soon as it had cooled.

It tasted not unlike thick diesel oil with a hint of vinegar. A very unusual flavour but one that would take years to enjoy, so I threw it out. With the same close attention to detail, I looked at the can in which it had been contained.

The syrup would be best used within a year of its purchase, I learned. That threw my mind into gear and I remembered. I remembered that the can was an aging possession of my wife at the time of her death. It had to be more than eight years old, maybe 10. Now I am more puzzled because I can't remember whether we brought that venerable can of syrup from Sidney when we moved nearly 30 years ago.

Pension rates rise

The new rate for the federal Old Age Security pension, paid to people 65 years and over, will be \$383.51 per month from July to September 1993.

This in an increase of \$1.91 per

month over the previous quarter.

Other benefits will also increase for the July to September period. The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will increase to \$455.76 (from \$453.49) per month for a single person and for a married person whose spouse does not receive the Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance.

For each married person whose spouse also receives an Old Age Security pension and for a married person whose spouse receives a Spouse's Allowance, the maximum will increase to \$296.87 (from \$295.39) per month.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance (SPA), paid to people between 60 and 64 with a limited income who are married to GIS recipients will be \$680.38 (up from \$676.99) per month.

The maximum Widowed Spouse's Allowance (WSPA), paid only to low-income widowed persons aged 60 to 64 who reside in Canada and met the basic residence requirements, will be \$751.13 (up from \$747.39) per month.

The Old Age Security Act provides for benefit increases every three months by a factor based on increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure.

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An architectural firm with experience in single and multiple residential, commercial, recreational, educational and institutional projects has established representation on Salt Spring Island.

Henderson - Architect, based in Richmond, also does feasibility studies and reports, graphic design and corporate image programs.

An associate of the firm, Frank Tofin, is available for consultation on Salt Spring several days a week.

On the Gulf Islands, Henderson - Architect hopes to apply its experience in all areas with emphasis on residential and commercial work.

Tofin can be reached on Salt Spring at 537-9422. Either he or the firm's proprietor, Doug Henderson, can be reached in Richmond at 273-1779.

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EVERY MONDAY (Sexual Assault Recovery Anon.) SARA group meets, 7pm.
LAST MONDAY ea. month, free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon.
EVERY TUESDAY 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
EVERY TUESDAY Archery Lessons, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 4:00-5:30pm.
EVERY TUESDAY Weight Control Hospital Basement 7-8pm, no charge everyone welcome.
EVERY WEDNESDAY Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
EVERY WEDNESDAY Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
EVERY THURSDAY Seniors for Seniors luncheon, seating 11:30 and 12:30.
EVERY THURSDAY SSI Camera Club, photography classes, 172 Reid Rd. 7-9:30pm.
FRIDAYS Smiles Cafe, Ganges United Church, 12noon - 1:00pm.
JUNE 16: SSI Painters Guild, summer sketching, Vesuvius Beach, 10am.
JUNE 16: Garden Club meeting, Ganges United Church, 8pm.
JUNE 16: Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook, 10am-12noon.
JUNE 19: Eat vegie wedgies, Centennial Park, all day.
JUNE 19: Sea Capers, Centennial Park, 8am-5pm.
JUNE 19 & 20: Sustainable Homes Conference, Activity Centre, 9am FREE.
JUNE 20: Sea Capers, Drummond Park, 10am-5pm.
JUNE 20: CAC-AGM, GISS Pathfinder lab, signs posted, pot luck 11:30; meeting 1pm.
JUNE 23: SS Painters Guild, summer schedule, Govt. dock, Ganges, 10am.
JUNE 29: Trail & Nature Club, strawberry picnic, Ruckle Park, meet Drummond Park 10:15am
JUNE 30: Strawberry tea & bonnet contest, Seniors for Seniors, 2pm.
JUNE 30: SS Painters Guild, summer sketching, Vesuvius Village, 10am.
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CWL wraps up busy schedule

The Salt Spring Island council of the Catholic Women's League has had a busy schedule before closing down for the summer.

On May 26 members gathered for a party at the home of Alicia Anderson on Wildwood Crescent, to say farewell to longtime member Bets Minten who has moved to Victoria.

June 9 saw council at the home of Donna Flannery on Maliview Drive for a short business meeting before enjoying an afternoon tea there.

Members were told that Alicia Anderson, Donna Flannery and Julie Godwin had all completed the 10 kilometres when they took part in the annual walk-for-life in Victoria on May 9. Among them they

raised \$422 for Larchwood House, the crises pregnancy centre in Victoria.

Coming events such as the provincial convention being held in Langley June 15-17, and a Marian Conference in Nanaimo in October, were discussed briefly.

With business details completed, Elsa Drummond presented the new slate of officers for 1993-94.

They are: President, Donna

Flannery; past president, Alicia Anderson; secretary, Phyllis Meagher and treasurer, Pat Taylor.

Conveners are: Christian family life, Alicia Anderson; communications, Ursula McEwen; community life, Shirley Graham; legislation and resolutions, Elsa Drummond; membership and social, Lilian Beauchemin; spiritual life, Joy Johnsen.

The next meeting will be on September 15.

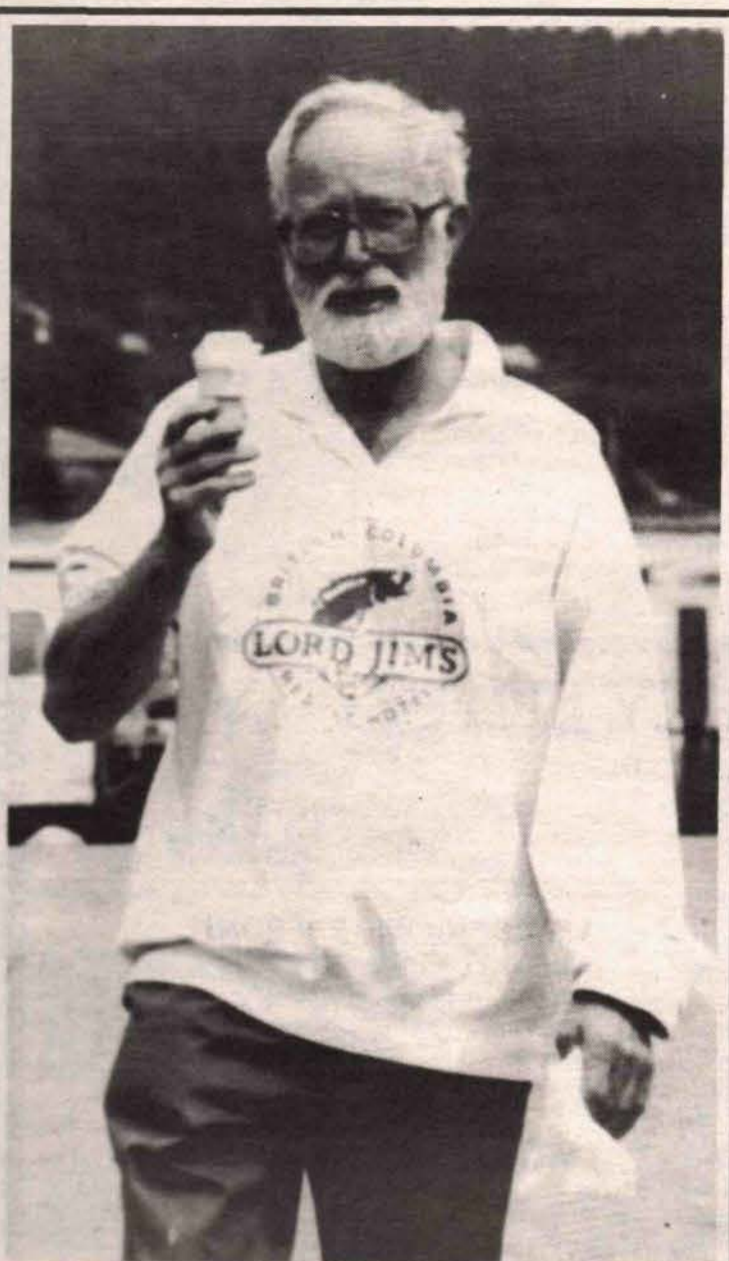


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HISTORIAN: Research reveals more about black settlers

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covered that two essentials were required — the instincts of a terrier and the persistence of a woodpecker. So I asked for whatever newspaper files were available, and sat down to a careful reading."

Cartwright picked up the *Placer Times* and the *Mountain Democrat* and started reading from cover to cover.

"Reading these papers I began to be puzzled by recurring items in the personal column. These always came from relatives of men who appeared to have gone missing. Any news of them and their present whereabouts would be received with relief and joy. The similarity of wording in these notices strongly suggested that they were in fact attempts by slaveowners to locate lost property.

"Then I found the map, crudely drawn as part of a dispute over some county boundary. On it, a few miles west of Placerville, close to the boundary line for Sacramento county, was an area plainly marked 'Negro Hill.'"

So the search began, always finding more material than she expected, learning more and more about the people and places and the times. All this was material for the characters in her historical novel-to-come.

The wonder of the Stark-Wallace manuscript is not lessened by discrepancies like this. That's part of oral history. But for Cartwright the point is that the manuscript enabled her to find the historical story.

Of the events recorded in the family manuscript, of the most vivid is the sea journey of the Stark family from California to Fort Victoria. It says the family came up on the *Brother Jonathon* and that during the voyage there was a terrific storm. Cargo was jettisoned. Horses were thrown overboard and drowned.

"It's very dramatic," Cartwright said. "There are such details here."

But it isn't quite right. "When I mentioned *Brother Jonathon* to the archivist at the marine museum out at San Francisco Bay," Cartwright said, "he smiled very sweetly and bade me go to Lewis and Dryden's *Marine History of the Pacific North-west*.

"All the facts are there: the names of captains, ships, what ship went where and when and what happened to the ship. It's very dry but there's everything you want to know about the Pacific northwest."

The Stark-Wallace manuscript said the family sailed to Fort Stillicum at the southern end of Puget Sound in Washington Territory. But the *Brother Jonathon* only sailed between San Francisco and Fort Victoria. It never went to Fort Stillicum, according to the marine history.

But in 1858 — the year the Starks and Estes came to Victoria — the *Brother Jonathon* stopped

twice in Portland, Oregon, up the Columbia River.

The Estes and Starks could have taken the *Brother Jonathon* to Portland, Cartwright said, then taken a river boat up the Cowlitz River route and thence overland to Fort Stillicum. Another regular boat run would have taken them to Victoria.

As for the storm and the horses, such a disaster is recorded in Lewis and Dryden as occurring to the vessel *Commodore*, which was rechristened the *Brother Jonathon* some time before 1858. So the Starks would no doubt have been told the story on their journey,

though they did not witness it themselves.

The excitement and wonder of the Stark-Wallace manuscript is not lessened by discrepancies like this. That's part of oral history. But for Cartwright the point is that the manuscript enabled her to find the historical story.

"The characters in the (Stark-Wallace) manuscript are all real people," she said. "I found them all in the archives." And she has put them all together in a novel, with the other information and people she found in archives and libraries and used book stores between here and California.

The novel, *The Free*, has never been published, but some of the material is being published in a historical booklet titled *Black Pioneers in Gold Rush Days*. It contains two vignettes: Sir James Douglas and the Black Settlers, and Royal Governor and the Black Militia.

The first is how Douglas needed settlers and how the Starks and Estes got to Salt Spring Island. The second is about the Pioneer Rifle Corps. James Douglas outfitted them — the only militia the people of Victoria had for a while.

The booklet is being published by Manning Press this month.



Peggy Cartwright

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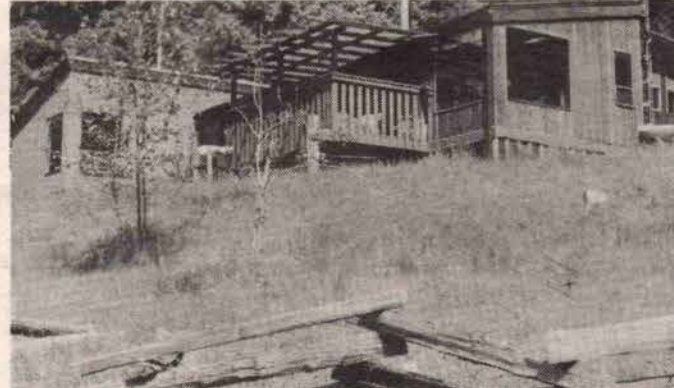
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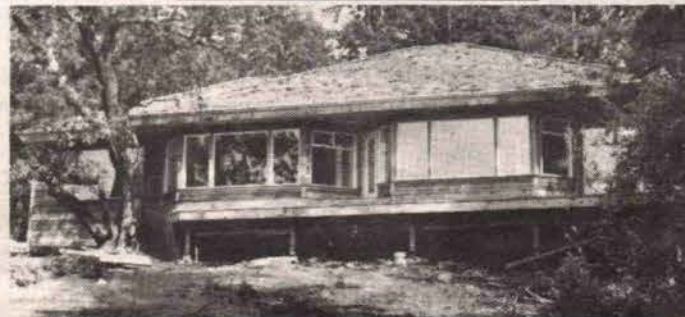
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—Robert Browning

What a delightful time to walk throughout the countryside admiring the wonderful selection of wildflowers our island provides. I have been forced to slow down and take notice recently due to my vehicle's unwillingness to work. I have seen vetches, foxgloves, trilliums, poppies, daisies, lupins and all manner of blooms during my two-legged travel.

With wildflowers comes the abundance of other forms of life, airborne and landbound. The "soup" of insects during warm humid times can sometimes seem to have no purpose but what is actually happening is essential and beneficial to attain good balance on the land.

An excess of any particular insect often means a natural cycle isn't being completed and so to truly co-exist without pest in-

vasions a healthy natural balance has to be obtained.

If for instance, you have a slug problem it could mean you are encouraging them with wet-foliated and ill-drained areas. I often try to create an area they prefer and one that is away from prized plantings. A dry barrier is a good defence between plantings to inhibit their movement. A friend of mine, plagued by cell bugs, finally found a perfect solution. She spread cornmeal around where the problem occurred and presto, no more cell bugs.

Deer have more curious habits than I can keep up with but I must say, I have found that the more inclined you are to try and keep them out the more determined they

are to get in.

Wild areas such as meadows keep deer content forever and they won't risk going too near the house during times of abundance. Trees in the wild survive deer all the time so I figure that the more natural the garden, the less damage the deer do.

I find that talking to them helps but I won't elaborate on that theory. Mice are often a very persistent pest if you sow seed. They like both seeds and new shoots. I find my best defence is still my cat.

I am compiling a selection of west coast natural remedies for anything pertaining to garden problems and I would be grateful to anyone who has a particular favourite to share.

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cross currents

By REV. CHRIS CORMACK
Pastor, Community Gospel Chapel

I've been thinking about history, specifically the men and women whose lives have influenced the course of history. I came across an article about a man. A man like no other, whose "One Solitary Life" would change human history.

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled 200 miles from the place where he was born.

He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him.

His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While he was dying, His executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life.

Driftwood worth cash Sunday

A piece of driftwood will turn into cash this weekend for those participating in the second annual Great Driftwood Driftwood Contest held as part of Sea Capers.

The contest will be held Sunday at Drummond Park. Entries are to be registered before 11:30 a.m.

Islanders and visitors attending Sea Capers events at the park will judge the contest, which is open to all age groups. Winners will be announced after the judging is completed at 1:30 p.m. and votes are tallied.

Prizes for first, second and third will be awarded in two categories — natural or unadorned and decorated with items from the sea and shore in their own natural state. First prize is \$100, second is \$75 and third is \$50.

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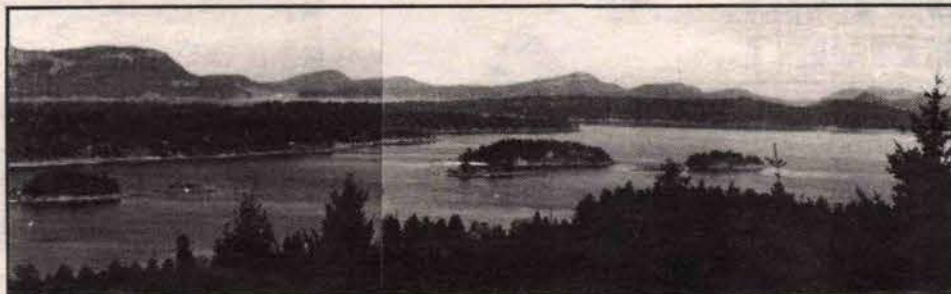
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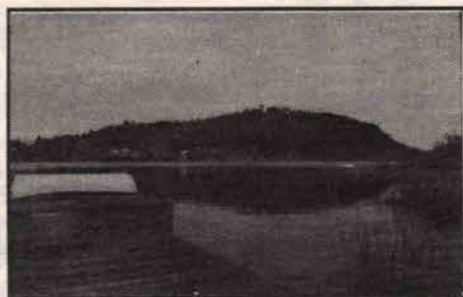
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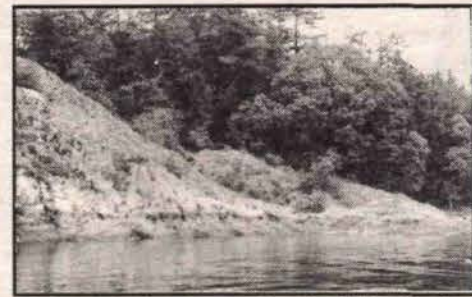
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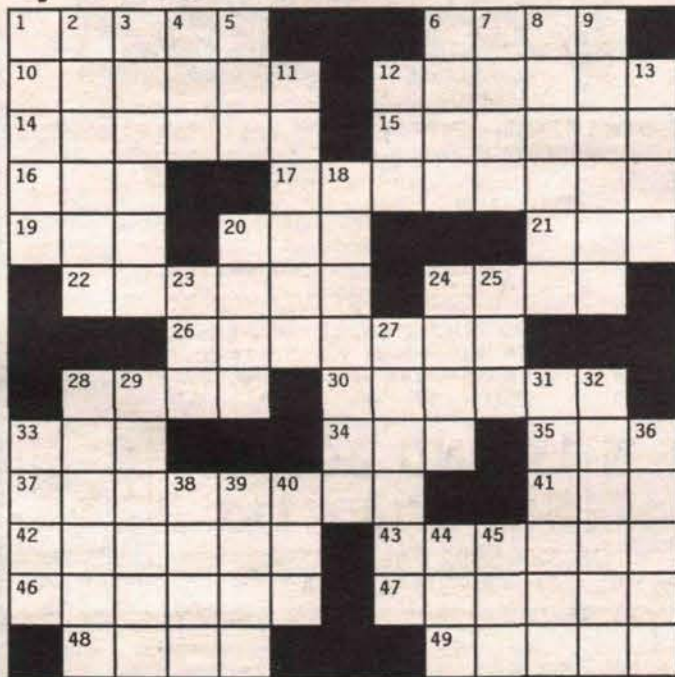


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 - 20. Marsh
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 - 9. Meshlike caps
 - 11. Sheep loser
 - 12. Charge of wrongdoing
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 - 18. Actress/singer Julie
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 - 32. Spain
 - 33. Actor Leon
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 - 38. School semester
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 - 45. Personality

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**Injuries
higher
among
seniors**

The rate of accidental death and injury leading to hospitalization is about three times higher for older Canadians than for other age groups, says Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.

The federal department has published a report entitled *Injuries and Seniors: The Canadian Context* as part of its efforts to make seniors more aware of the causes of injuries that affect them and how they can be prevented.

Canadians over 65 suffer the largest number of serious injuries or fatalities involving consumer products.

The government has produced a second publication entitled *Product Safety and Our Aging Society: Design Considerations for Manufacturers and Designers*.

It contains product profiles specifying injuries most commonly experienced through product use, and describes characteristics of age-related injuries and design opportunities for safer products.

Among the highlights in the report on injuries among seniors:

◆ Injuries and poisonings were the seventh leading cause of death for seniors in 1989. Over 3,000 deaths were injury-related.

◆ While seniors make up roughly 12 per cent of the population, they account for almost 25 per cent of all injury-related hospitalization.

◆ The likelihood of dying from a fall-related injury increases with age. For people aged 75 and over, the rate was 119.8 per 100,000 population, compared to 12 for people aged 65 to 74 and 1.6 for those under 65.

◆ Over 160,000 seniors reported at least one home injury over a 12-month period (six per cent of older adults).

◆ Seniors with household incomes less than \$20,000 were more likely to report a home injury than were those with incomes of \$20,000 and over.

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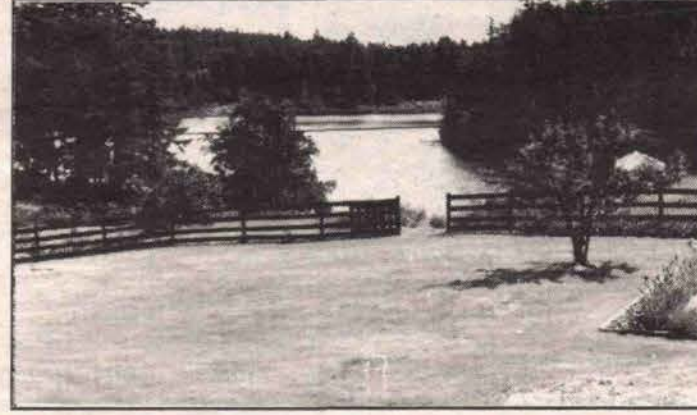
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From the Island Watch Society
 Recently there have been some very positive developments on community issues that the Watch has been involved in, literally, for years. Our local Trust planning staff are now spending half their time on longer term planning (eg. estuary protection), rather than most of the time on rezoning applications.

Trust council has increased rezoning fees, which now cover 20 to 30 per cent of the planning cost associated with development applications. (Shouldn't applicants pay 100 per cent of these costs?)

There are now 28 applications for subdivisions totalling hundreds of lots. This is only a small fraction of the growth potential

Salt Spring now has funding from the Trust to computerize its zoning and land use maps, which will greatly increase planning staff efficiency.

Finalization of the Trust policy statement in the fall should give the Trust more moral suasion with provincial resource management agencies. (Shouldn't the Trust have effective control over resource management?)

In referendums initiated by Julia Atkins, CRD director, and local committees, islanders chose to continue "user pay" hauling to Hartland, but to provide a small tax subsidy for local composting., both of which will encourage waste recycling rather than waste dumping. A rational solution to Agricul-

island watch notebook

ture Canada's gypsy moth aerial spraying proposal was achieved (i.e. ground spraying with approval of property owner, and local involvement in egg mass searches and trapping programs).

A major disappointment recently was Salt Spring's omission from ministry of environment groundwater studies. We understand that trustee Stepaniuk did not support the study, a position we find astounding, given development pressure on this island.

Forthcoming issues? The most important is the review of the Official Community Plan. Can this island sustain a population of 15,000

(accepted by the current trustees and the vast majority of the public as a maximum when the goals of the OCP were formulated several years ago) without degrading the attributes we now enjoy?

There are now 28 applications for subdivisions on Salt Spring, totalling hundreds of lots. This is only a small fraction of the island's growth potential presently allowable under the existing OCP.

CRD issues are primarily waste issues. We need a process (ie. Trust-CRD joint committees) to objectively consider appropriate sites for a private transfer station and a publicly operated inert

landfill.

Regarding the transfer station, the Trust also has to enforce its own bylaws, now being defied by at least one operator, before other potential operators will come forward. An inert landfill could be considered for some of the same sites as the proposed garbage dump, and could be financed largely from tipping fees.

The Watch believes that any dump should be publicly operated to avoid inherent conflicts between

operating regulations and the profit motive. Burning, the main environmental concern for such a facility, should be disallowed. We can now recycle or compost any material which can be legally burned. Finally, islanders should be aware that the Ganges sewer plant has begun testing of the new ultraviolet treatment equipment and continuous discharge into Ganges Harbour. The test results will determine the nature of an application to amend its operating permit early next year.

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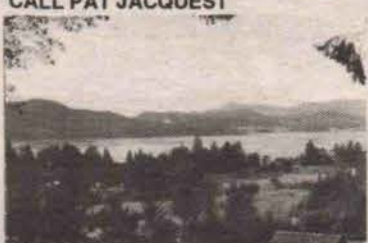
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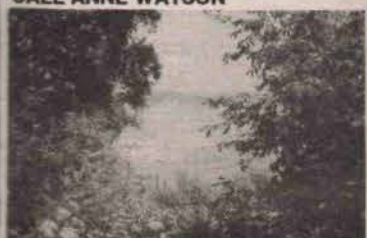
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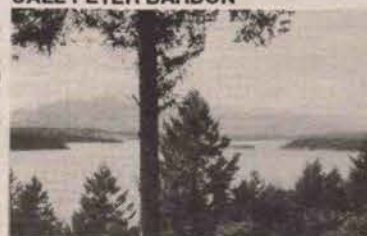
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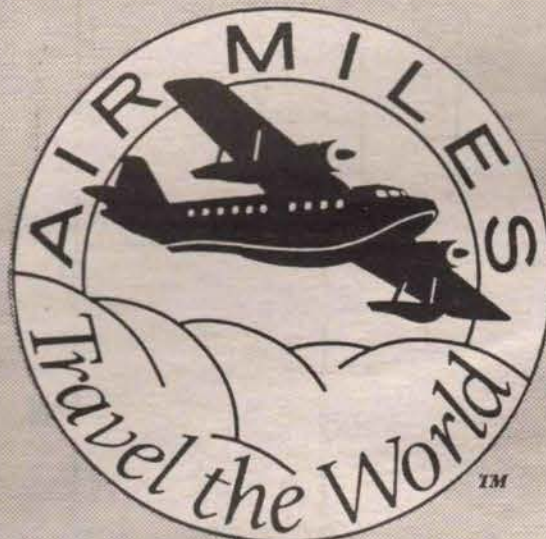


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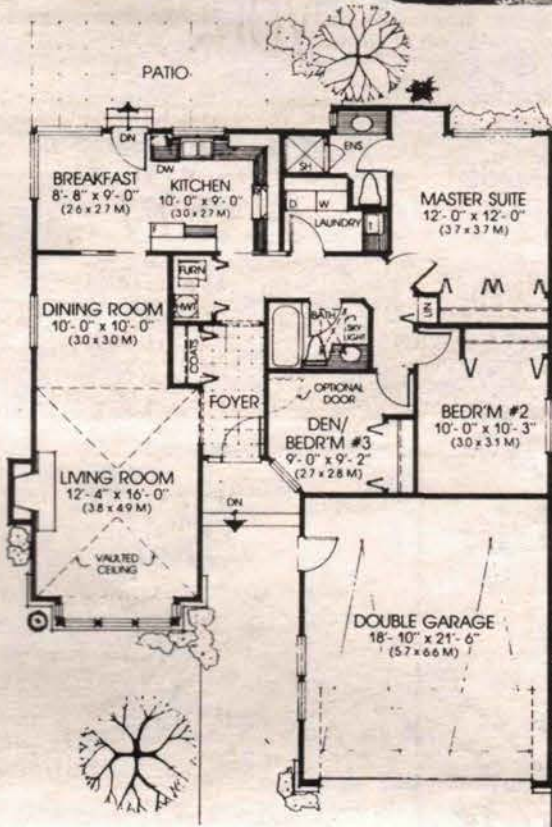
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School track and field teams have busy month

By GITTE BAKER AND JAMIE HILTS
Driftwood Contributors

In a spurt of activity during the last month, the Gulf Islands Secondary School senior and junior track and field teams completed in a variety of meets.

Weeks of persistent training paid off as the athletes competed in individual events. May 19 and 20, the junior team travelled to George Bonner School for the mid-island track and field meet, hoping to place in the top five and thereby qualify for a berth in the islands track and field meet.

In the midget girls Chantelle Huth qualified with a first in the 400 m, 3,000 m and discus. Daniel Bennett qualified for the midget boys with a second in the 400 m and 800 m and a fifth in javelin.

Sean Charish qualified with a run of firsts in the 200 m, long jump, and triple jump. Along with Charish and Bennett in the midget boys, Adrian Hingston earned a first in the 800 m, 400 m, the high jump and a third in shot put.

For the bantam girls, Amber Huth earned a second in shot put and a third in discus. Cara Herman

Students pick up medals

earned firsts in the 100 m and 200 m, and for the bantam boys Jeff Brownsword got a second in discus, third in triple jump, fourth in the 400 m and a fifth place in long jump.

Dave Fiander earned seconds in both the javelin and the 800 m and triple jump. Aaron Dennis came in with a fourth in discus, fourth in shot put, and fifth in both the 100 m and long jump.

In junior girls, Zoe Bennett came in with firsts straight across the board in the 400 m, 800 m, 1,500 m, and 3,000 m. Christi Charish won a third in the 400 m.

For the junior boys Brian Bedard earned a second in the 100 m, fourth in the 200 m, and a fifth in the 3,000 m.

On June 1, the islands track and field meet took place in Nanaimo. Three GISS athletes brought home medals from this event and will continue in the provincials. With a distance of 11.1 m, Sean Charish won the midget boys triple jump to become the Vancouver Island

champion.

Zoe Bennett earned a silver medal in the 3,000 m, a race in which both she and the winner broke the islands record held by GISS athlete Jelina Huth.

The midget girls' Chantelle Huth earned a bronze medal in the discus.

The senior team travelled to Port Alberni only to find the islands track and field meet had been re-scheduled for a 4:00 start at Parkland School in Sidney.

According to coach Bennett, "this did not upset them (the athletes)".

First-time competitor Kevin Hack ran a good 1,500 m against top B.C. runners and jumped well in the high jump.


Two GISS athletes qualified for the provincial championships. Malcolm Fiander placed second in the hammer throw at the islands meet while Jelina Huth ran for a second place in the 3000 m.

Malcolm and Jelina were the first GISS athletes to compete in


the track and field provincials on June 4 and 5. Fiander placed 10th out of 23, which is considered a good standing for a first-year com-

petitor, while Huth, despite her year's training being hampered by injury, placed in the middle of her field.


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Runners finish hour late

A Salt Spring Island team of distance runners braved intense sunshine and warm temperatures to complete the annual Jasper-Banff relay last week.

Team member Stan Peters told the *Driftwood* the team finished the relay in 25 hours and 10 minutes — about one hour and 20 minutes over their projected time.

Although Peters did not have the team's official placing, he estimated they were 115th out of 120 teams.

It was intensely hot this year with no clouds or breezes, Peters said. Despite the 25 to 30 degree temperatures, he added that everybody enjoyed their runs and performed well.

Since the team was made up of 16 members and there were 17 legs to run, one member, Mike Turner, had to run two legs. The average distance of each leg of the event was 10 miles.

This year a Canadian team of all-star runners from across the country took first place, beating a highly competitive team from Japan.

Peters said the Jasper-Banff relay has been known as one of the premier road races since 1980, and teams participated in the event from across Canada, the United States, and Japan. As well, there were some European members on a few Canadian teams.

Local team members want to do the race again next year, Peters said, and they want to do it in under 24 hours.



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Island athletes qualify for Summer Games

Five local track athletes have qualified for the B.C. Summer Games this year.

The Salt Spring Island Track and Field Club will send four of its members and the Pender Island club one to the games, to be held in Chilliwack July 23-25.

The athletes qualified during the Summer Games trials in Powell River June 5 and 6.

For most of the athletes it will be their first exposure to provincial competition.

To compete in track and field events at this year's Summer Games, participants must be born in 1978 or 1979.

Dave Fiander, 15, told the *Driftwood* he hopes to come home

from the games with a first-place finish in his two events, the high jump and javelin.

He added that if first place is unattainable, he hopes to achieve a personal best. Fiander began competing in track and field events in elementary school.

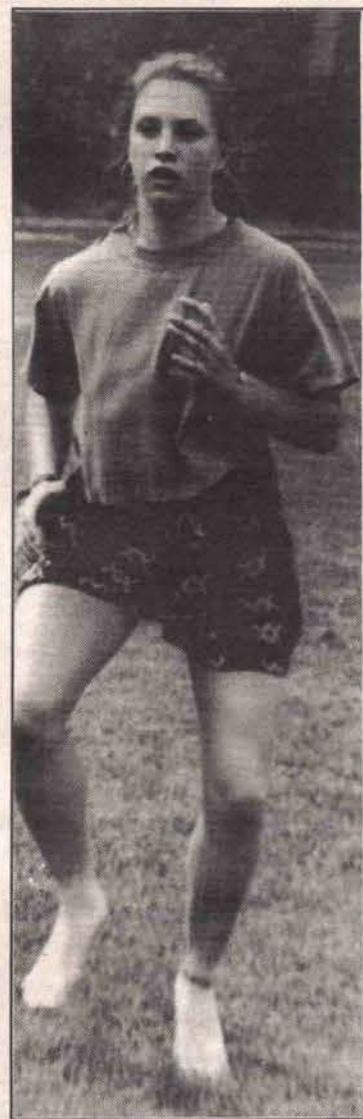
For 15-year-old Cara Herman, improving on her performance at last year's Summer Games is her goal.

Herman hopes to make the finals in her events, the 100-metre, 200-metre, and 4 x 100-metre relay.

Herman told the *Driftwood* she has been involved with track since the beginning of her elementary school days, and joined the Salt

Spring Track and Field Club when she was in grade seven.

Like all other members of the



Cara Herman

club, distance runner Chantelle Huth, 14, is training hard. She hopes to come home with a medal in the 3,000-metre event.

Huth has only been competing for three years but she has some ambitious long-range goals.

She hopes to make the Canadian Olympic team and go to the world

championships.

Also competing is club member Jennifer James from Crofton. She will compete in the 3,000-metre as well as the 4 x 400-metre relay events.

Pender Island will send Aaron Dennis, who will compete in the hammer throw.

Archers to compete in Duncan on weekend

Local archery enthusiasts will be testing their skills against other archers this weekend in Duncan.

The British Columbia Archery Association will be holding its junior olympic outdoor archery championships for archers aged six to 20. This year, eight local archers will be testing their skills.

The championships are part of a program which gets young people involved in the sport through a series of awards which the archers work towards.

Competing this weekend from Salt Spring are: Chris Clements, 12; Kate Clements, 10; Chris Leier, 13; David Leier, 17; Aaron Singbeil, 12; Dean Siamund, 17; Chelsea Hill, 8; and Chris Hill, 10.

Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club winners June 1 were: North/South: Gordon and Norma Joyner, Ian Thomas and Conhor Hunt, Fred Struve and Peter Jacquest, Donna Taylor and Dawny Scarfe, Bunny Jordan and Jim Bradford.

East/West: Shirley Love and Gerry Nicholson, Lois Johnson and Bill Buckler, Edith Owens and Derek Arnold, Blanche Poborsa and Jim Burford, Joan Conlan and Reg Lomas.



June 8, North/South: Fred Struve and Peter Jacquest, Gordon Hutton and Irene Hawksworth, Shirley Love and Hugh Benham.

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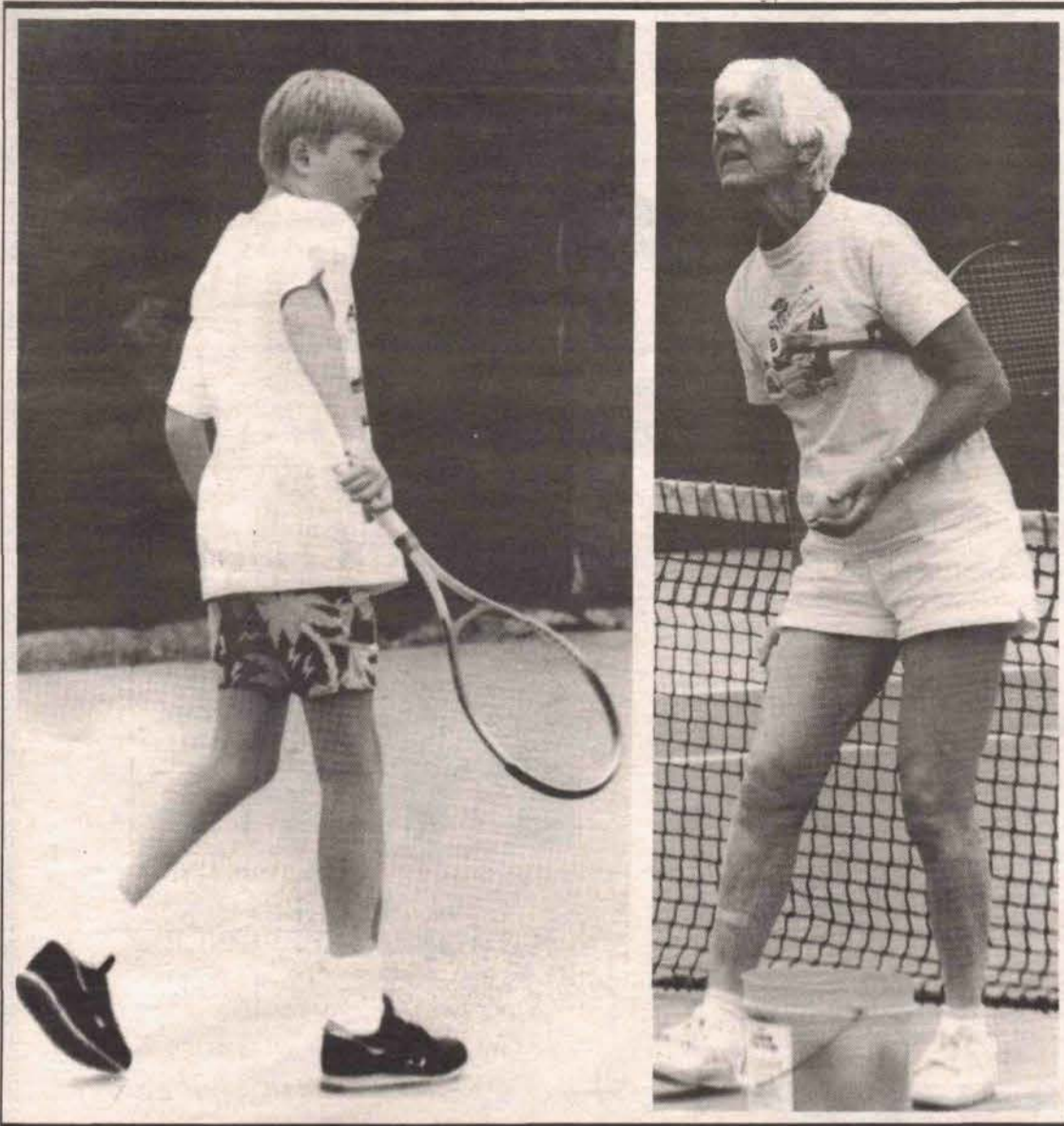
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9/10-year-old little league: June 16, SS Insurance vs. Calypso Carpet.

11/12-year-old little league: June 17, Pattersons vs. GVM.

9-13-year-old girls softball: June 17, Driftwood vs. Flowers & Wine; Rainbow Rentals vs. SS Interiors.

Mixed recreational slow pitch: June 18, Mouat's Clothing Co. vs Baders Raiders at Fulford; Scatterpins vs. Sports Traders at little league field; Island Savings vs. Firemen at Fulford; Dagwoods vs. GVM at Hydro field.

Baseball Scoreboard

9/10 Little League:

June 7: Calypso Carpet 11, McColl's Shell 8
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June 9: Calypso Carpet 14, McColl's Shell 9

9-13 Softball:

June 8: Flowers & Wine 14, Rainbow Rentals 11
SS Interiors 14, Driftwood 12
June 10: SS Interiors 10, Driftwood 10
Rainbow Rentals 12, Flowers & Wine 6

11/12 Little League:

June 8: Pattersons 8, GVM 8
June 10: McCully Moving 5, GVM 4

golf tees

From the Salt Spring Golf Club
The Rose Bowl, our spring championship competition, has now been completed. The winner of the championship flight was Irene Hawksworth and the runner-up was Mildred Mitchell.

Anne Monro won the consolation round and the first flight winner was Barni Cowan. The second flight winner was Chris Lagrow and the third flight was won by Marie Hopkins.

Congratulations to Margaret Rithaler who had a hole-in-one June 8 on number-two hole.

On the same day 44 ladies played a honey pot event. The winner with 47 points was Mildred Mitchell. The second-place spot was shared by Chris Lagrow and Margie Russell with 43 points each, and third was taken by Janet Butler and Jean Hopkins with 42 points. The putt pot was also shared, by Bev Menzies and Dorothy Sneddon.

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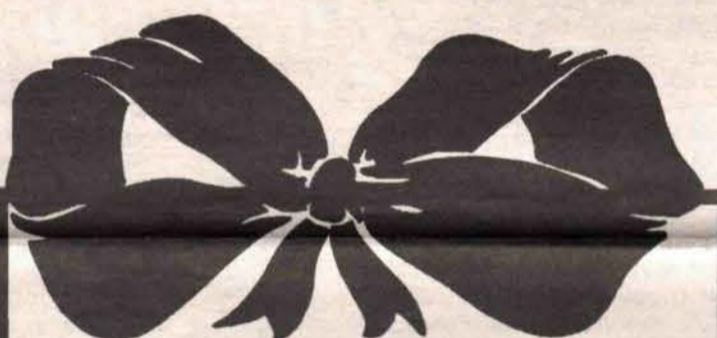
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notes from Saturna

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

The day of the famous lamb barbecue is fast approaching and workers have been chopped and the special sauces are prepared.

The next major work bee will be held Sunday, June 27. Plan on being at the barbecue grounds or at the community hall starting at 10:00.

Workers will be preparing the grounds for the big day. Rakes, shovels, clippers and work gloves would be useful to bring along.

At the hall, workers need rubber gloves for preparing the irons and Spanish rice pans. Everyone who helps will be welcome to join in for lunch at 12:30 at the hall. Come on out and visit with your neighbours while supporting your community.

The sign-up list for the big day is posted at the Narvaez Bay Trading Company. Stop on your way to the post office and reserve a place for yourself. Be a part of the fun and festivities.

A reception was held Sunday for Don and Joan McLellan at St. Christopher's Church. The McLellans have been active in many aspects of community life since moving to the island in 1977.

They have been active church

members and have worked diligently especially in finishing the basement rooms. They were presented with a picture of the church as a token of thanks. The McLellans are retiring to a condominium in Sidney.

Another community member is leaving the island in the near future. Betty Martyn, an active volunteer for the library and the recycling

The McLellans have been active in many aspects of community life since moving to the island in 1977.

committee, is moving to Victoria. She will be missed.

The library committee is suddenly left without a coordinator. Both the McLellans and Betty Martyn were very active volunteers and since they are leaving the island at approximately the same time the library is urgently in need of volunteers for the summer season.

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like to step in and fill the gap.

The school year is rapidly coming to a close. Celebration Day is planned for Friday at 11:00 at the community hall. Everyone is invited to come out and see the children perform a short musical program and receive their acknowledgements for work well done. A light lunch will be served after the ceremonies.

Last Friday, all primary and grade 4 and 5 students from the four Outer Islands schools gathered on Mayne Island for a day of sports fun. The children participated in non-competitive, skill-building, cooperative activities.

On Monday, the grade six and seven students from Saturna will leave for a week at Strathcona Park to participate in an outdoor education program. They will learn survival skills and have a chance to try canoeing and rappelling as a part of their program.

On Saturday, the Saturna volunteer fire department is planning a training practice for all volunteers. This is a good time for first-time volunteers to get some basic training. Firefighter Don Newell will be on hand to pass on some of his expertise. All those interested are invited to come out and join in.

★ horoscope ★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Parties make you apprehensive, so skip them. An important phone call will relieve any misgivings you have later. Black and purple are your most comforting colours this week, but don't go overboard or someone will offer you their Metallica collection. Eggplants turn up in dinners.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Taureans, who are not normally very nocturnal, will be surprised at their behaviour this week. Late movies, late parties and late ferries will keep you up — but not get you down. The new moon is responsible for this abnormal behaviour and you will return to your usual early-to-bed self Monday.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): A trip to the beach is coming — a beach with miles of sand. You may be convinced to go whale-watching at Long Beach or you may win a trip to the Florida Keys. A book on nutrition you read recently means everyone in your household will be eating more peanut butter and avocado sandwiches. Love and trust are on the line on that one, but you pull it off.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Cancer is the solstice sign. And this means you may feel inclined to stay up and quietly gaze at the moon, or do things in threes Monday or watch *Lost in Space* reruns. Any solstice salads will have a powerful effect on Cancerians, especially those born on the early cusp. Avoid

eating things that are not green Monday and drink only herbal tea from an unglazed cup.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Candy is hard for Leos to resist — especially if proffered by a would-be lover. But February is far away, and this candy may have more strings attached than you can count. Oh, and candy in the stars doesn't always mean chocolate-coated sweet stuff: it could be a bunch of home-grown garlic; a potted plant; a Farside collection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22): Virgos love the moon, but rarely stay up long enough to see it. Falling asleep too early at a party this weekend will result in embarrassing photos which will haunt you forever. Don't fly anywhere Tuesday. Don't go over water Monday. Anything is possible at work Monday — be ready for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): A weekend away has left you relaxed and rejuvenated and ready to take on the world. Chocolate satisfies all sweet cravings this week, so keep a little stash in the freezer. A strange notice arrives in your mailbox Friday. Don't throw it out, read it carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Rest and relaxation figures prominently this week for Scorpions.

Take some time to recover from all the excitement of the past week. Romance will blossom Friday night during a party with friends.

Bring an extra large towel for skinny-dipping Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): An extra hard fitness class Friday will leave you a little stiff Saturday morning, but it is nothing that a little ground ginger and warm water won't fix. A call from the ferry terminal Sunday will lead you on a trip to pick up a relative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Popsicles and fruit juice figure prominently this week. Ice-cold popsicles soothe a sore mouth, and fruit juice makes a sticky film on the back seat of the car. Young children and beverages in the car do not mix. Keeping a supply of towels in the car always helps.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18): A long-awaited visitor from far away finally arrives Friday. Remember to take an extra umbrella to the ferry terminal. Your visitor is not accustomed to the heavy downpour that will grace the island. A surprise telephone call from a close friend will bring exciting news Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): A tough decision on Saturday will have you trying to choose between some of your favourite coffee beans.

Opt for the most exotic this week as you can always pick another selection in the future. Pick up a little tin of cookies or some other treat to complement your selection.

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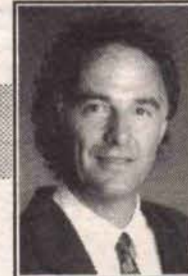
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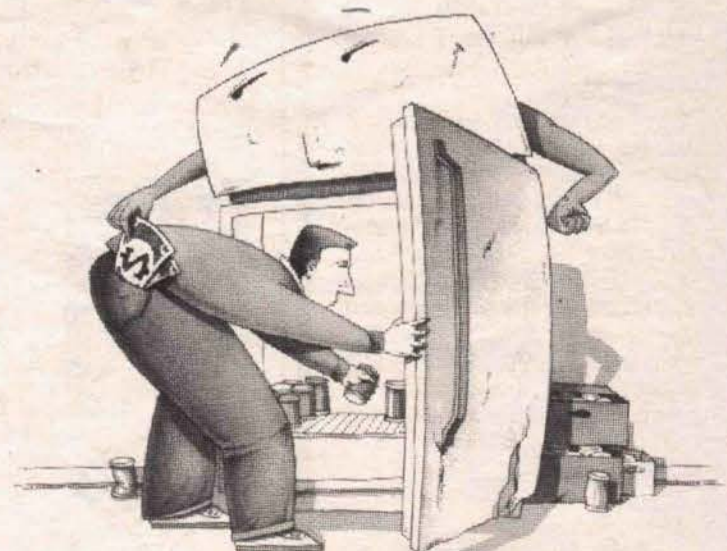
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South-end fire department marks 30 years

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The South Galiano volunteer fire department celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. On view at the women's auxiliary's recent yard sale (the group's yearly fundraiser) was an historical display of pictures from years past. Some of the firefighters were also on hand to reminisce, to discuss the present and to speculate on the future.

An anniversary cake was part of the celebration. All present were invited to partake of it, so to acknowledge the volunteers in the community who devote so much of their free time to protect us all from fire. Hot dogs, doughnuts, coffee, juice and pop were there for the hungry and thirsty, and balloons were distributed to the children.

A variety of items such as plants, baked goodies, books, knickknacks and furniture were sold at the four-hour event, all profits going to the auxiliary's fund for the purchase of firefighting equipment.

A giant raffle held towards the end of the sale produced the following winners: Rosalie Cook, a stained glass window crafted by Paul Hawbolt; Fred King, B.C. Lottery tickets for 26 draws donated by the women's auxiliary; Emily Switzer, five yards of landscaping gravel donated by Stevens Excavating Limited; Caspar Lilholt, a cord of wood donated by Ben Maberley; and Glenn Belhouse, a smoked salmon donated by Peter Hansche.

The day was a great success financially for the fire department. It was also a marvellous chance for people to get together, to meet and to re-discover their common goals.

Rhododendron expert

Rhododendron grower Norman Todd of Saanich was speaker at the June meeting of the Galiano Garden Club. With 700 varieties in his nursery at Elk Lake, Todd has developed an encyclopedic knowledge about this truly international species of plant.

In his slide presentation he showed examples of rhododendrons from Asia (where most of the best known varieties originate), from our own coastal region and even a couple of miniatures which grow in tropical climates. Easy to hybridize, new varieties of rhododendron appear on the market yearly — too frequently, Todd feels.

WASH is the key to successful rhododendron growing, according to Todd. The "W" stands for water, a constant supply (through seepage) is always necessary for the plant's shallow root system. The "A" is for acid soils, not always available in our area. The pH of the soil should be five and a half, he stated.

The "S" stands for shade, not heavy but filtered. "H" stands for humus, most important.

Todd feeds his plants every two months from November until July.

galiano notes

Of the chemical fertilizers available he finds 10-8-6 the most satisfactory. Nutrients are stored in the leaves of the rhododendron, so poor leaf growth is an indication of poor soil conditions.

Norman Todd's talk was informative and amusing. His audience sat on the edge of their chairs waiting for the next "salty comment" or amusing story to be dropped.

In charge of the June meeting in the absence of president John Sibbald was vice-president Ed Yeomans, and acting as showbench judge in Aini Haksi's first absence since the organization of the club in the early 80s, was Emily Switzer.

A faithful exhibitor herself, Switzer found much to praise on the surprisingly full show tables, considering the downpour which hit the island during the hours immediately preceding the meeting. Ella Johnson received a B for her delphiniums and Shirley Gains the same score for her three pots of lovely orchids. Vegetable judge Jane Edwards had green peas, rhubarb, asparagus, lettuce and many herbs to comment on. A master flower arranger, Switzer brought to the meeting a "box" of goodies — aids for those who would master that art. She then demonstrated their use for all to see.

Local improvements

Maintenance jobs are always an on-going process. At the north hall new carpet has been laid by volunteers on the stage and its two extensions. Some of the carpet was donated, some of it purchased by the community association.

Other recent work completed at the hall includes patching the roof against leaks, adjustments to the water system, and some restoration work on three small tables. Yard maintenance — cutting the grass and trimming back encroaching bushes — continues as always.

Pioneer and western theme

Planning continues for the North Galiano July 1 Jamboree. The pioneer and western theme should be a popular one for costuming. Woody Coward, parade mar-

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south Galiano shopping centres on Friday mornings.

Wine tasting on Galiano

Tickets are also now available for Galiano's second wine tasting festival. It will be an afternoon event this year — 4-7 p.m. — and will be held in a private garden near Sturdies Bay. Nine vintners will be represented on the grounds (or in tents should the weather make this necessary).

Delicious finger food will be served to complement the wines, and local musicians will provide background music. Chris Bayliss and Pam Frier are organizing the festival with help from a committee of volunteers. Committee member Marion Sutherland has the tickets for \$15 each. Phone her at 539-5513 to reserve a ticket; they are going fast.

All profits from the wine festival go to the Bodega Ridge purchase fund.

shel this year, will have everything ready for an 11:30 start. He hopes there will be many entrants (individual groups) on hand to start the celebrations off in a suitable fashion. Ribbon prizes will be awarded to successful entrants.

A western menu is being planned for the Chuckwagon Cafe; there will be something for every taste. Games of chance, fun sports, displays and entertainment will complete the day's events. Tickets for the jamboree raffle are now printed and can be obtained from members of the committee or from "Raffling Joan" (Newstead) at the

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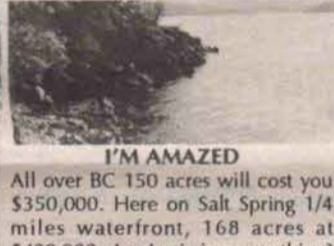
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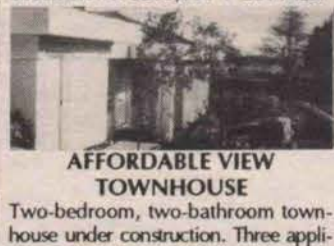
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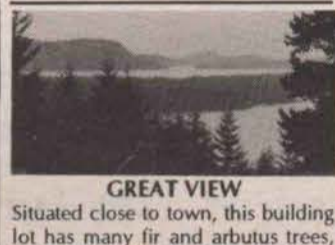
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