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Gulf Islands Driftwood Community News

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THEY CAME FROM SASKATCHEWAN

And all agreed on weather: they don't miss it a bit

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Saskatchewan's biggest export is people, said one man at a special dinner Saturday for prairie folk, and about 75 islanders filled the Waterside Bistro to prove the point.

The Saskatchewan Smorgasbord provoked a flood of memories about the "flat" province, the "wheat" province, the "cold-as-hell" province.

Some remembered special growing-up things, like the butterfly ride at the Regina Fair where Annie Palovcik received her first kiss.

Two diners remembered a giggle-filled 16th birthday party in 1946 — the last time four friends had seen each other all at once.

Shirley Bourassa, from Moose Jaw, remembered Joyner's Store. It was famous for its "money-rails." These were small wooden boxes on rails which took cash from the tills up to the cashier on the next floor. The boxes would be sent back down with change and a receipt.

Though each had their own memory of life on the farm or in the city, all shared one memory at least: the weather.

Bourassa said she does not miss the "terrible winters," and neither does ex-Saskatoon resident Vivian Dawson.

"I miss the snow," Dawson said, "but not very much."

"I have heard Saskatchewan described as a place with 11 months of winter and one month of bad sledging," husband Bryan said.

But one thing the Dawsons do miss about Saskatoon is the skiing — yes, that's right, the skiing. Apparently Saskatoon has a man-made ski hill which was built for the winter games one year.

"I miss the big blue sky," Tyvan native Jean Hopkins said.

"It can be 40 below and still (be) a big blue sky," husband Stu added. "We were married in 1947 in Regina on January 31. It was 40 below. We were supposed to go to Moose Jaw for our honeymoon but the trains were stopped from the cold."

SASKATOON BERRY SMILE: Though long-time islander Madeleine Hardie left Saskatchewan more than 55 years ago, she remembers fondly the taste of saskatoon berry pies.

The intrepid newlyweds had their honeymoon in Regina instead.

Food from their home province was not something Saskatchewan natives particularly reminisced about Saturday, with one exception: the saskatoon berry. In a province renowned for producing the Wheat Pool, the New Democratic Party and Medicare, it is perhaps a cruel trick of fate that the saskatoon berry is as Tory-blue as fruit gets.

"I miss saskatoon pie and the choke cherries which we made into syrup for pancakes," Madeleine Hardie said.

She left Saskatchewan in 1937 and has been on Salt Spring for 45 years, where Richmond blueberries reign supreme.

"Saskatoon berries have a better flavour than blueberries, to tell you the truth," she added.

The Dawsons echoed Hardie's saskatoon berry blues, but pointed out there are no blackberries in Saskatchewan, so in fact they have made a swap, one for the other.

The Saskatchewan Smorgasbord attracted islanders from provinces other than Saskatchewan, including Bob and Molly Akerman and their guests from Fulford.

"You don't have to go to Saskatchewan to homestead," Akerman noted. "We homesteaded right here."

The Akermans do have Saskatchewan connections: son Murray lives there. And Akerman had his first job away from home in Saskatchewan in 1928. He was 15 and he left the island for the first time to get a harvesting job.

"It cost $11 to go from Vancouver to Moose Jaw on the harvest train," he said. Many people were looking for the same kind of work and when he and his 16-year-old partner arrived in Moose Jaw, they found 1,000 men chasing very few jobs.

With 25 cents between them, the two boys walked to Palmer, a town north of Moose Jaw where they managed to find work on a farm.

After two months' hard work they returned home more experienced, more knowledgeable and with $150, Akerman remembered proudly.

The Rajalas did not live in Saskatchewan either, but they went to the dinner for the food and the fun.

"We passed through it every time we came through from Ontario," Margaret said. "We know the motels. We lived in Haileybury, Ontario.

"We came for the food mainly — the cabbage rolls and perogies and that kind of stuff," she said. "I like to know how other people make them."

What husband Douglas remembered about Saskatchewan was a highway sign which said: "Slow down: pheasant crossing."

But most people at the dinner were bona fide Saskatchewanians. Dinsmore native Donna Mort's great-great-grandfather homesteaded in Whitewood in 1879, coming in with the railway. And though she has lived away for a while, she has friends and family there still.

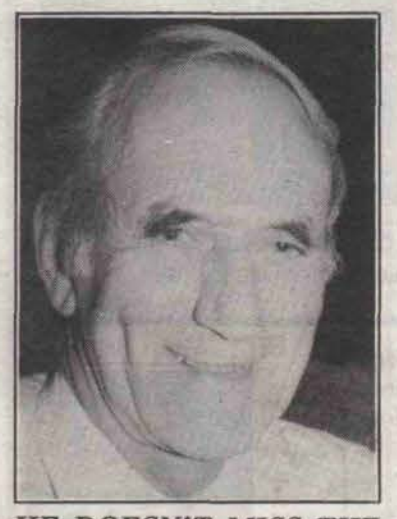
"It's the people that make Saskatchewan," she said.

"They're tough," friend Margaret Hardie added.

A PRAIRIE WALTZ: Recently engaged islanders Marge Ralston, left, and Dave Floyd had a turn on the dance floor of the Waterside Bistro at Saturday's Saskatchewan Smorgasbord. Both hail from the prairie province.

Marg Pragnell, of Fort Qu'Appelle, summed up the feelings of most of the Salt Spring-Saskatchewan diners by saying the prairie province was a "special place because of the people."

But she added — as perhaps every islander from every other province would — "I don't miss a thing. I love it here."



HE DOESN'T MISS THE WINTERS: Bryan Dawson, a general practitioner in Saskatoon for 20 years, does not really miss the cold.

CABBAGE ROLL FANS: Douglas and Margaret Rajala came to the Saskatchewan dinner for the perogies and cabbage rolls. Though not from Saskatchewan themselves, they remember the food from driving through the province.

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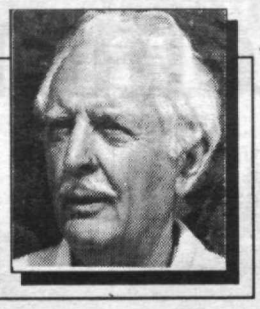
FRANK RICHARDS



Years ago normal meant just like last year. Normal times in January called for a slowdown in the paper and a greater concern for some housecleaning in the back shop when I was editor of the *Sidney Review*. The only problem that arose was that no January was ever normal, there were no slack periods and nothing ever got cleaned up.

I didn't stay in Sidney, but this routine tends to stay with me wherever I go. Each year I plan to get things straightened out after Christmas, but the after-Christmas tasks are still around before the next Christmas is on me.

Coming back from Christmas in England, I took a disconsolate look at the kitchen and the thought came to me that I am getting too old to crawl on my hands and knees searching for pans on the bottom shelves of the bottom cupboards. Everything that I use regularly now lives at arm level. Everything that I use occasionally is slightly less handy. And everything that I almost never use is tucked away in inaccessible places.

Where I once kept canned food I now have dishes and pans of less than regular use. The electrical gadgets have taken over from the assembly of dishes. And so it goes on.

Only problem is that I no longer know where anything is and before I can prepare a meal I'm on my hands and knees peering into cupboards to remember what I put in them. And to think that I spent 41 years with a woman who knew where everything was every time she wanted it!

The face is less familiar

As the area around the old Trading Company store is undergoing some major changes of its own, I remember it as it has been during the nearly three decades that I've lived here.

The Trading Company was the first Salt Spring Island store that we patronized. Barbara went to stock up before we could prepare a meal. That was the day we arrived in Ganges at the end of 1966.

The Trading Company still had shelves up to the high ceiling and ladders on rollers to enable the staff to run up to the top shelves. Self-service? Don't know what you're talking about!

Stan Wagg was the manager and Doug Wells was his right-hand man.

I recall Barbara coming back from the store to explain that she had been flooded with questions. Who was she? Was she coming to live on the island? Where was she from? It was like facing an inquisition, she said. But it was the introduction to a small community on a small island and she never forgot it.

Times change. And people go. But a renovated old Trading Company building will always be a reminder of those times and those people. And, to me, a reminder of my late wife and a new beginning that has now ended.

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Other lands and other modes

The debate in the United States over homosexuality is such that when I entertained visitors from the southern States they were more intrigued by a milk carton marked simply "homo" than by any fish or fowl or marine view in Ganges. And the debate continues.

The parallel debate was flourishing in Britain when I left recently. A new bill in the British parliament calls for a reduction in the age of consent to homosexuality from 21 to 16, thereby matching the age of consent in heterosexual relations.

Doubtless the debate will burn itself out in due course, although it showed no sign of doing so while I was there.

It is a strange acceptance of the stage of growing up to British adulthood. The young in years may make love at the age of 16, drive a car at 17 and take alcoholic beverages at 18.

Everybody's talking about it

There's a deep concern for the ills of unemployment in every government in the land. Ottawa is urged to take corrective measures and the provincial governments are looking for measures whereby new jobs might be created to shape up the road to the prosperity we have lost.

Everybody's talking of the same disaster. In Washington and in every state, all administrations are worried at the devastation of unemployment that is without hope. This same social ill and its accompanying debate is to be seen in every land in Europe.

Experience over the centuries has shown that the creation of jobs lies beyond the reach of legislators. If it were not so how could any administration tolerate unemployment? The experience of the past century would suggest that only politicians in opposition benches can visualize effective job-creating policies.

Some easing of the situation may be devised by economists, but Canada, no less than other nations of the world, has experienced its share of the evils of enforced idleness and Canada has not yet found the secret.

Every avenue of hope must be explored, but let's not go overboard in our expectations.

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Their pencils and crayons were smoking but the artists were not when Salt Spring Elementary School students prepared their entries for an anti-smoking poster competition.

Capital Regional District health nurse Chris Smart organized the competition during National Non-Smoking Week, January 16 to 22. She noted it was difficult to chose the winners from among the many excellent posters created by the students.

Winners were Grade 6 student Christie Decurtains, Grade 5 student David Field, Grade 4 student Alexandra Griffiths, Grade 3 student Nat Marcano and Grade 2 student Dustin Jameson.

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FEB. 4: Roast Beef, Royal Canadian Legion Meadon Hall, 6:00 pm, members & guests.
FEB. 9: Young at Heart, Br. 32, Valentine Social, Central Hall, 1:30pm.
FEB. 11: Pork Roast, Royal Canadian Legion Meadon Hall, 6:00pm, members & guests.
FEB. 11, 12 & 13: Child Passport Program, by reservation at Century 21 office.
FEB. 12: Sweetheart Dance, Royal Canadian Legion Meaden Hall, 8pm.
FEB. 12: Estate Auction, Royal Canadian Legion Meaden Hall, 9-10am.
FEB. 12: Anglican Parish Pre-Valentine Bake Sale, United Church Hall, Ganges 10am-noon.
FEB. 19: Family Western Ho-Down Dinner Dance, SS Elementary, 5-10pm.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Playgroup for tots, Ganges United Church, 9:30-11am
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group meeting, Croftonbrook 10am.-12 noon (every 3rd Wednesday).
- GISS Parents Group, School Library, 7:30pm (2nd Wednesday of the month).
- Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club across from the elem. school, Rainbow Rd, 7-8pm.
- Tai Chi Ch'uan, Salt Spring Centre, Blackburn Rd, 7-9pm.

EVERY THURSDAY
- SSI Camera Club, photography classes, 172 Reid Rd. 7-9:30pm.
- Weekly luncheons, Seniors for Seniors, 2 seatings 12:00/1:00.
- Weight Control Hospital Basement 7pm, no charge everyone welcome.
- Every 1st, 3rd & 5th, SS Pensions building fund-bingo, Legion Meadon Hall, 7:00 early birds, 7:30 regular.
- Scottish Dancing, Farmers Institute, 7pm.

EVERY FRIDAY
- Smiles Cafe, United Church lower hall, 12:00-1:00
- Line Dance, Meaden Hall, Legion, 7:30-9:00.

EVERY MONDAY
- Carpet bowling, lower hall, Central, 1:30pm.
- Story Time, Public Library, 9:30-10am (except holidays).
- "Bandemonium" G.I.S.S. band room, 7pm-9pm.
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Monday each month).
- Taoist Tai Chi, for seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.

EVERY TUESDAY
- Archery Lessons, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 4:00-5:30pm.
- Every 3rd Tuesday, evening weavers group, rm. 23, The High School, 7pm.
- Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, Spinners Study Group, rm. 23, The High School, 7pm.

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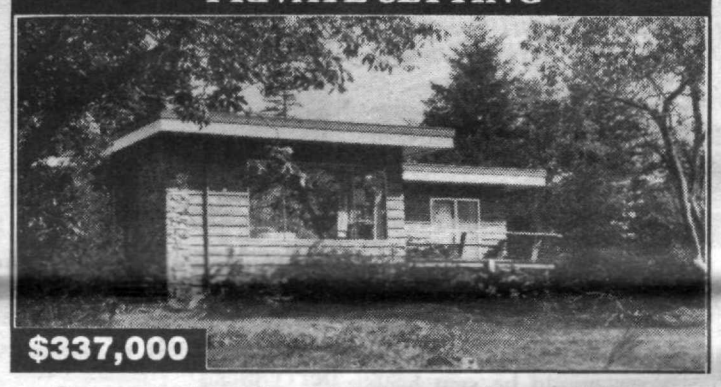

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By TONY RICHARDS
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Two full days had passed since her advertisement was published and she hadn't received a single call. But Claudy Mailly was unperturbed. There must be someone in British Columbia who requires a riverfront home near Ottawa, and is prepared to make a trade, she said in a telephone interview from her home last week.

Mailly and husband Charles Lynch have placed ads in several B.C. newspapers, including the *Driftwood,* offering to exchange their Gatineau River home with one of similar value in the Gulf Islands, Victoria, Vancouver or the Sunshine Coast. Mailly's three-year-old, 5,000-square-foot home has six bedrooms, seven fireplaces, a gourmet kitchen, five bathrooms and two Jacuzzis. The property has a private dock on the river, and is located in Gatineau, Quebec, just across the Ottawa River and 10 minutes away from the nation's capital. She appraises the home's value at $320,000.

The 5,000-square-foot home has six bedrooms, seven fireplaces, and five bathrooms.

"Maybe someone in politics has to find a home in the area," she said of whom a prospective property trader might be.

Mailly and her husband have wanted to move west "for quite some time." They put the house up for sale last spring but were unable to get a price that was acceptable. So they thought they'd try the barter system instead.

A former Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament, Mailly comes from Montreal, but doesn't mind west coast fog and rain. She has visited Salt Spring many times, she said, and has made offers on houses that were conditional on the selling of their Quebec home, a condition they have not been able to meet.

Husband Charles is a nationally known political observer who worked for Southam News for many years.

Mailly said her home's location offers "incredible boating" in the summer, and skiing in the winter.

But what makes it great for skiing means that islanders must have a good reason for living near Ottawa unless they simply like cold weather. When Mailly spoke to the *Driftwood* Friday it was close to 10 degrees in Ganges. And while the National Capital Region was experiencing a thaw, two days before the temperature had plunged to — 29, the coldest day in recorded history, according to Mailly.

The thaw brought rain, which then froze, creating a hazardous sheet of ice on her path to the street. "We just finished hacking a path for the mailman," she said. Islanders, meanwhile, had no more to do to their paths than sweep away a little dust.

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Museum celebrates black history

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The celebration of black history will include an exhibit that runs from February 4-28, in which a former Salt Spring Islander will have three portraits of black settlers on display.

Gene Grooms, a painter and musician who now lives in Victoria, has been commissioned by the museum and the B.C. Black History Awareness Committee to do 20-30 portraits of black settlers for a travelling exhibition.

Grooms said last week that three have been completed, and will be on display at the museum this week. One of those portraits is of Salt Spring Island settler Willis Stark.

The black history exhibit will also feature the history of the Alexander family, which settled in Saanich in 1858. The exhibit will be offered in the Fannin Gallery, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

From Friday through Sunday a black history showcase will feature public exhibits and demonstrations of mask making, painting, and toys and games from Africa. There will be Caribbean and African foods, storytelling, fashion shows and folk and blues musicians.

The showcase will take place in the Friends Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Saturday and Sunday, Victoria musician Louise Rose and actress Pearl Brown will present readings and songs with shows at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday.

A selection of films depicting the challenges and successes of black people in Canada will be presented over the weekend in the Newcombe Theatre.

Grooms said the travelling exhibition of his portraits will help raise awareness among British Columbians of the contribution by black setters.

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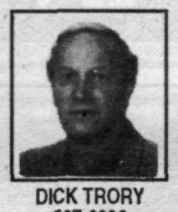
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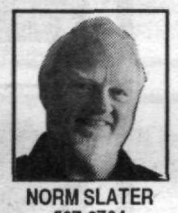
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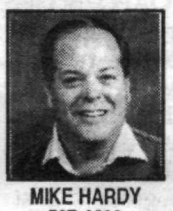
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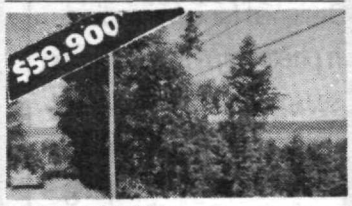

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• New lines of stock and new services are being added by the new owners of Parkside News in Ganges.

Jacki Hooker and Peter Valbonesi are not dropping any product lines but are adding art supplies, computer supplies and software, recycled paper products, new age music and self-counsel books.

A new service will be a free computer "help desk" Sundays between 3 and 4 p.m., beginning this week.

The new owners welcome suggestions for new products and services, and will endeavour to order items not in stock.

Parkside News is located at No. 2 Gasoline Alley behind the Petro Canada station; telephone 537-2812.

• Managing the mundane with a touch of Victorian charm.

That's how Lynne Logan describes the new business launched by herself and Vanessa Horel. Professional Domestic Services offers bonded and insured, residential cleaning service by uniformed personnel.

A Salt Spring resident for 21 years, Logan used to own Flowers & Wine. Horel has lived here for 20 years and was also connected with Flowers & Wine.

Professional Domestic Services can be reached at 537-5298.

• Pat Barnes is back in the business of retailing knitting yarn.

The owner of The Loom Room in Mouat's Mall from 1979 to 1988, Barnes has opened The Tangled Web, also located in Mouat's Lower Mall. The retail store and craft studio offers knitting and spinning supplies, knitting lessons and handcrafted work.

A knitwear designer and handspinner, she has many years of experience in choosing yarns and completing garments. She invites people to drop in with any knitting problems.

Barnes' own work is created on the premises. The store also showcases the pottery of son David Barnes. The Tangled Web can be contacted at 537-9199.

Pensioners choose new name

An old organization on Salt Spring Island has a new, younger sounding name.

Branch 32 of the OAPO (or Old Age Pensioners Organization) is now known as Young at Heart Branch 32, following a recent decision based on the feeling that the former name was a deterrent to attracting new members.

Meanwhile, the group's first general meeting of the new year saw the installation of secretary Naidine Sims and treasurer Nels Vodden by Doreen Dibnah, south island regional steward from Sidney. Dibnah was also the meeting's guest speaker, and reported on changes to Pharmacare and Medicare.

Young at Heart meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, with a social meeting on the second Wednesday. Meetings are at Central Hall at 1:30 p.m.

A Valentine social will be held February 9 with a skit, games and music, an event that will prove members are young at heart, a spokesman said.

The organization reminds members and others that one per cent of purchases at Thrifty Foods can be credited to Young at Heart.

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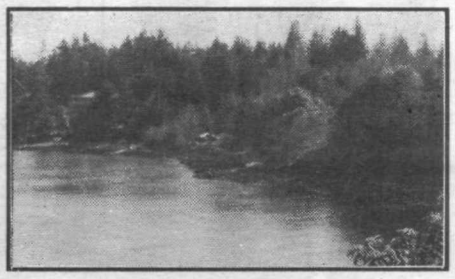

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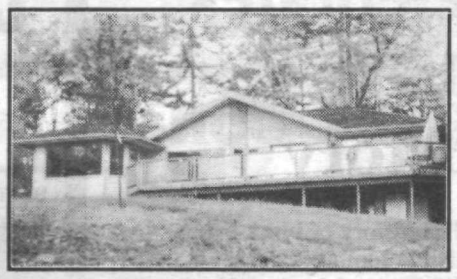

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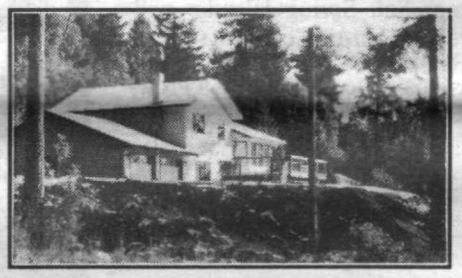

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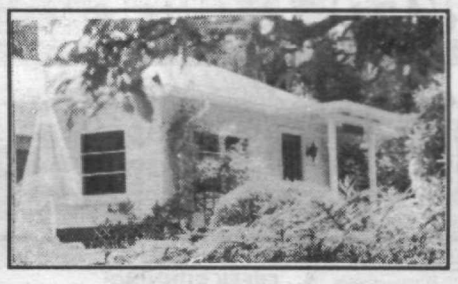

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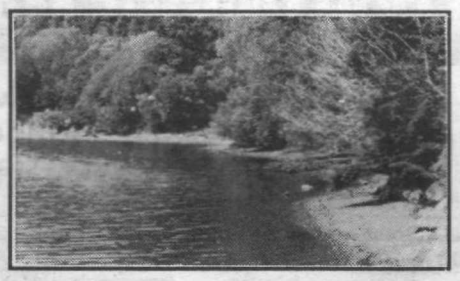

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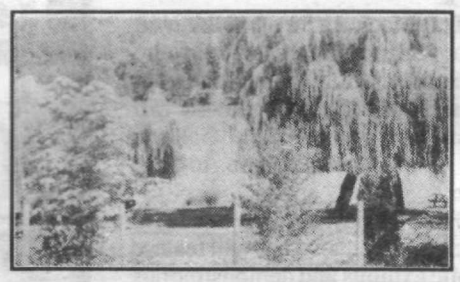

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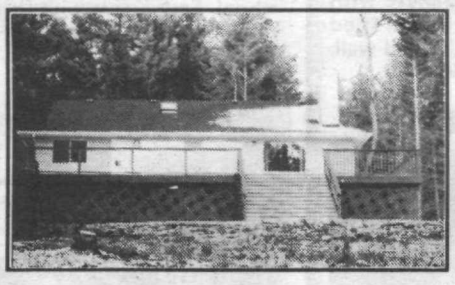

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Meditation offers means to get control

For islanders who are feeling discord through the rapid acceleration of the world around them, even here on Salt Spring Island, two residents are offering a means to slow down and take more personal control.

Solinus and Susan Jolliffe are opening their home Monday nights for meditation. They have both taught meditation before and at New Year's made a resolution to share their skills again. Changes they have noticed in the last year have made them aware that meditation is needed again for a growing number of people.

"People are looking for some understanding," Solinus said. "They want to learn more about themselves from within."

Meditation calms the mind and calms the emotions, he said, and it can also help an individual focus on an idea or examine a problem or challenge in a new way.

"You take yourself out of the business in your mind to find a place of clarity," Susan added. As well as teaching meditation, Susan also helps people communicate with their guardian angels.

"What the angels are telling is that this is a time of personal growth and massive human change," she said. "Take hold of yourself, grasp the possibilities. Go with what the world can be."

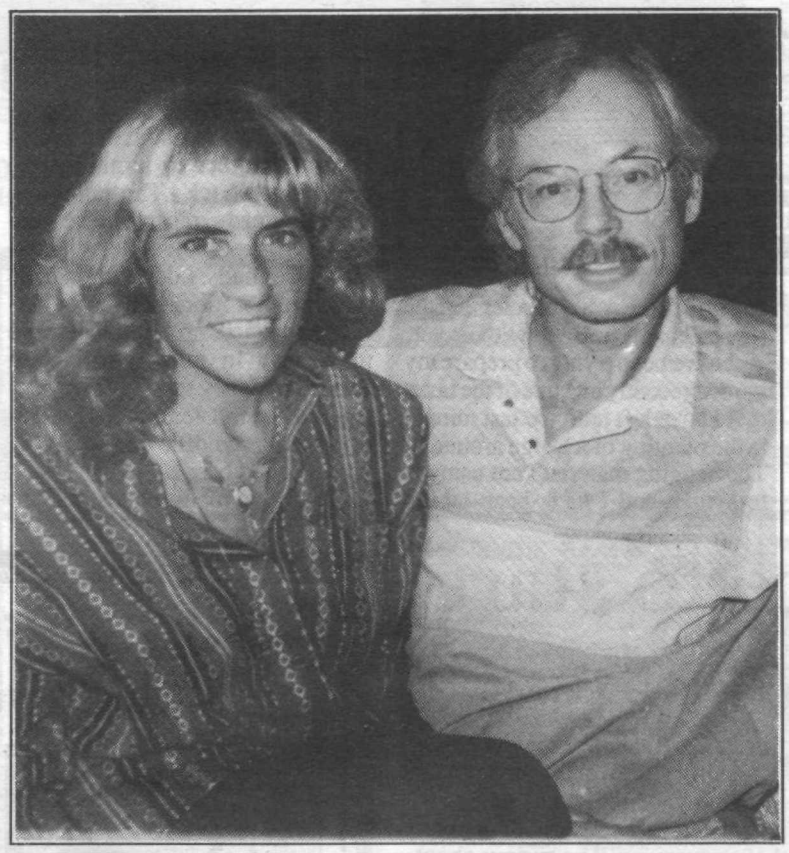
But these particular meditation sessions were inspired by a growing sense of rapidly accelerating growth over which people have less and less control. The Jolliffes call this the "quickening" which meditation slows down to a human, absorbable pace.

"The seeds were sown in the 1960s," Solinus said of the quickening. "We are feeling separation in life: break-up of family, political discord, economic problems, the environment. The reality is we are not separate. This feeling of separatism needs to be balanced.

"We are disconnected. Our results are disconnected."

"We as humans have spent thousands of years becoming mechanized, becoming more external," Susan said. "We need to stop some of that, to slow down, to find that calm centre.

"The quickening — you'd think something was speeding up. What's speeding up is the need to find that calm space," she said. "It's a quickening of the means to make us all one people again."



FINDING A CALM CENTRE: Meditation proponents Susan and Solinus Jolliffe are inviting islanders to join them Monday evenings.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

Meditation is the way to find that calm centre and Solinus said it has continued to grow all over the world because it works for people.

"It's something to do to help physical, environmental, mental and spiritual health," he said. "It's as important an ingredient for good health as vitamins."

Meditating in a group is often better than meditating alone.

He said some people meditate with mantras. Others go for walks and follow their breathing while they walk. Some people sit down on the shore and listen to the sounds around them or sit under a tree and watch what happens around them.

"Classical meditation is when you sit on the ground with your legs crossed," he said, "and Bible study — you start with a prayer, then study a passage — that is a form of meditation."

While meditation is principally an individual expression, he said, meditating in a group is often better than meditating alone, which is why he is opening his home to meditation Monday nights.

"It's like being in a choir," he said. "If you're in a choir the shared energy in singing together enables you to sing better.

"When people meditate together they meditate better."

People are invited to the Jolliffes Monday nights between 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. No previous experience is necessary and anyone who feels drawn may drop in between those hours. Phone 537-9102 for more information.

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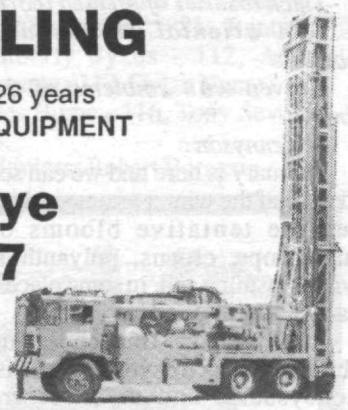

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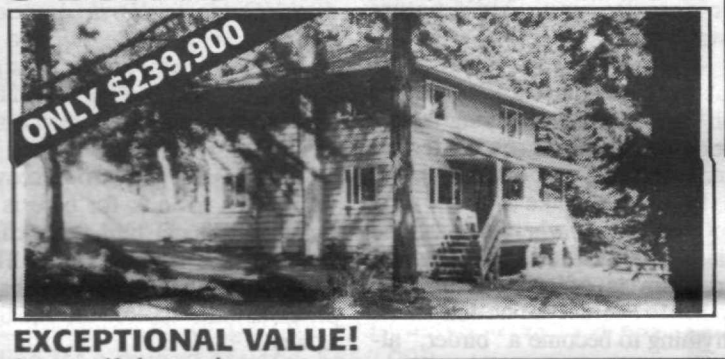

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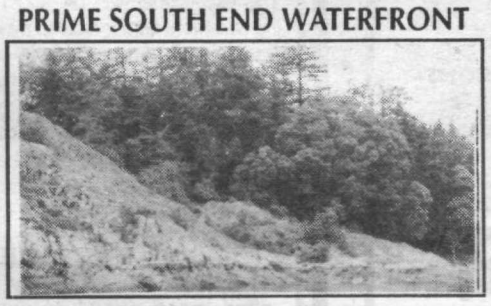

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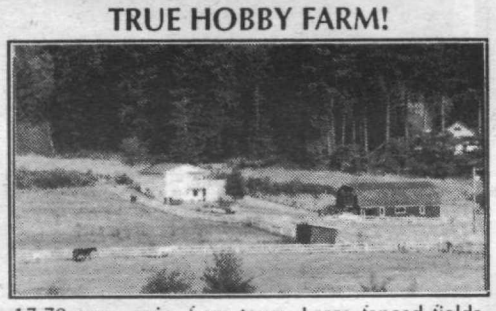

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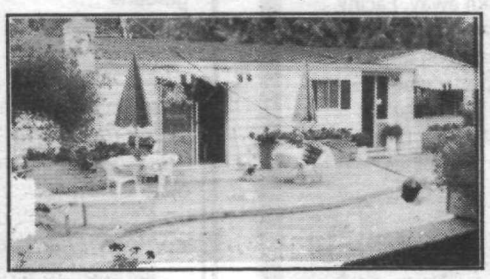

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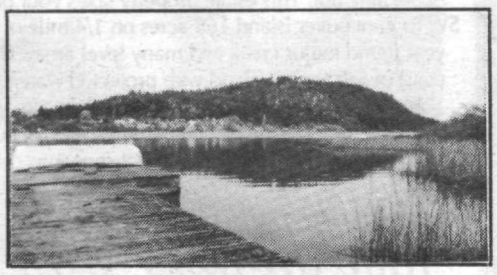

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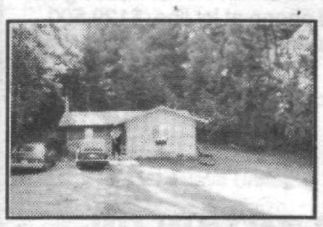

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February is here and we can see the end of the winter as our gardens see the tentative blooms of snowdrops, crocus, polyanthus, winter jasmine and, in some places, early daffodils.

Buds are bursting on spring shrubs such as forsythia, clematis, honeysuckle and the trees are beginning to awake. Early-flowering plums will be showing signs of active growth during this month and the rest of the fruit trees will be tapping into their stored food supply in readiness for the onset of spring.

There is still a very great likelihood of a cold snap. Indeed, we had a couple of good sharp frosts to serve as a reminder that the season hasn't finished with us yet.

I have been trying to prepare my garden recently and one of the tasks that I have left until the last minute is the planting of a hedge around it. The hedging material I am using is forsythia, and I have been taking rooted stem cuttings (layered) from a parent plant to form a flowering hedge.

Because forsythia is spring-flowering it is essential that I plant it soon in order to minimize the transplant shock. The cambium layer is already transporting essential sugars up the stem to the awaiting flower buds. I don't know why there are not more hedges as barriers and fences around. They were necessary in most gardens in Europe and they make very attractive and useful fences. They support endless wildlife and are a very useful sound barrier.

There are many plants that are useful in hedging and each one has a unique appeal. Try laurel for deep shade or hawthorn for deer proofing and attracting birds.

Deciduous hedges are very attractive and allow dappled sunlight in through winter when light is most precious. They also produce great leaf mould for their food source in the spring. Yew hedges are very popular in Britain. They tend to be slow growing but look very stately when mature. Hedges provide a little shade around garden edges but seldom have I seen one block out the sun, save for when it is 30 feet high. All in all, hedges make a great fence.

Course will offer place to start for prospective bird-watchers

By LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

our better nature

This time of year finds many of us overtired, overweight and overspent from December's holiday hustle.

Do you need a new activity that revitalizes, burns calories and costs next to nothing? Then simply put on your coat, and go outside.

Stroll along, inhale that famed Gulf Island air, and take a look around.

Between the ground, sea and sky many elements exist to soothe or surprise you. Ain't nature wonderful?

We humans have always been interested in natural history, and bird and wildlife watching remain one of the fastest growing recreational activities in North America.

If you would like to bird-watch, but don't know where to start, the Salt Spring Community Recreation Program is offering a birding course in February. You don't need anything to become a "birder," although comfortable walking shoes, binoculars, and a good bird book will be helpful.

When choosing a reference bird book, make sure you get one that deals specifically with birds of the northwest. I like the *Field Guide to the Birds of North America* by the National Geographic Society, as well as the classic *A Field Guide to Western Birds* by Roger Tory Peterson. The *Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds — Western Region* and *An Audubon Handbook — Western Birds* are pretty good, too, and feature photographs rather than drawings.

The easiest way to discover what birds to look for here is to purchase a local bird "checklist" from Fraser's Thimble Farms. This lists all the Salt Spring varieties and provides other useful information as well.

If walking to find birds is a problem, install a feeder and let the birds come to you. I confess I have spent many a happy hour out on the porch just sitting and watching.

Bird-watching seems to lead to a greater appreciation of nature: before long you'll be curious about the other plants, animals and insects you encounter. And even if you aren't motivated to learn more about your natural surroundings, it just plain feels good to be out there amongst them!

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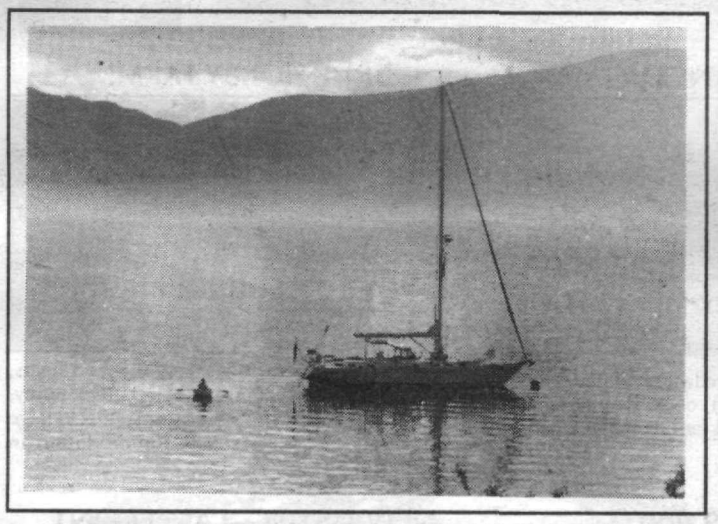

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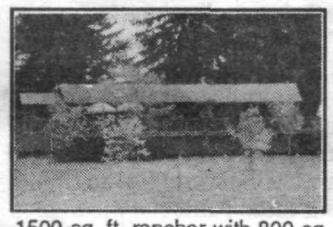

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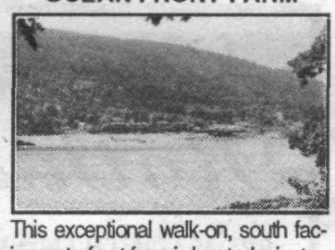

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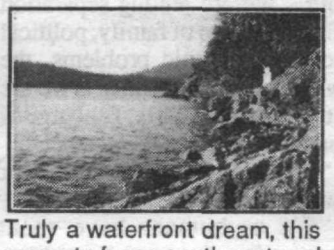

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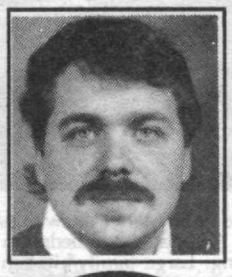

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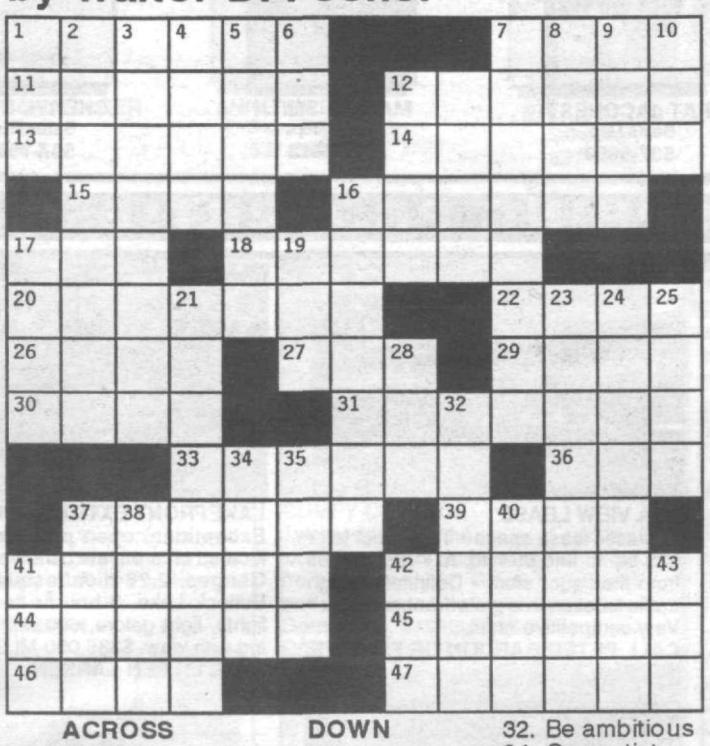

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11. List of corrigenda
12. Zola's native land
13. Farm tenant
14. Wickerwork material
15. Layer
16. Hard feelings
17. Grampus
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20. Round
22. Washes floors
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27. Bering or Dead
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30. __ majesty
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33. Makes happy
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1. Dry as wine
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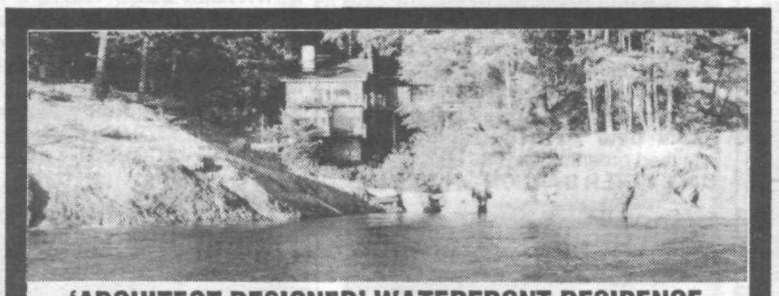

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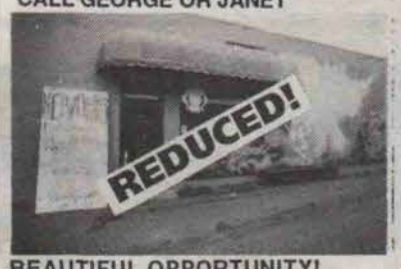

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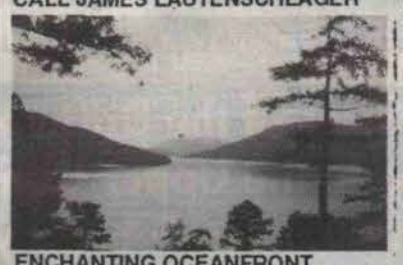

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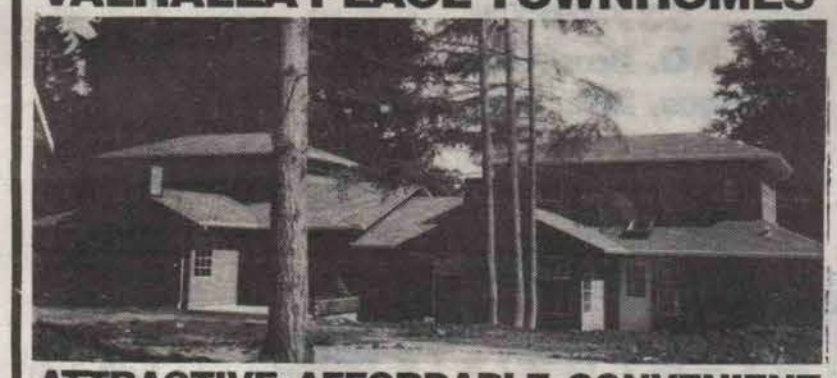

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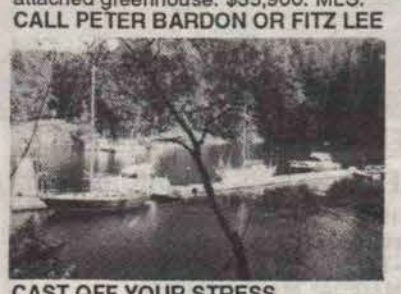

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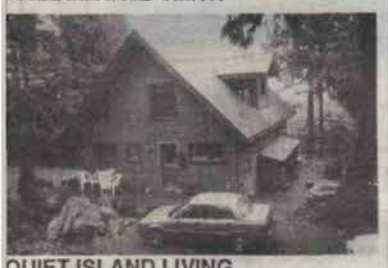
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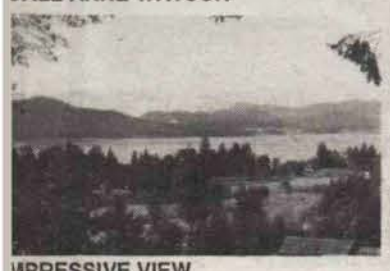
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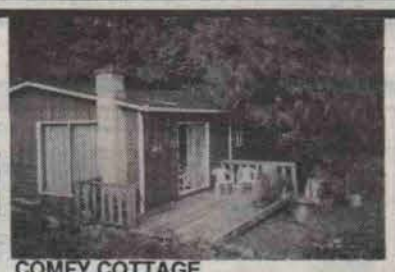
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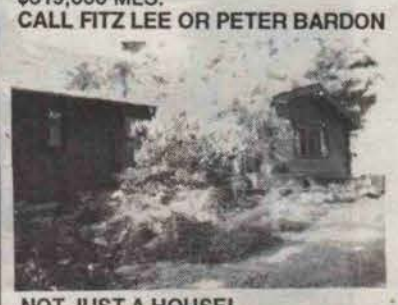
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Islanders celebrate Scottish culture

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

It's Buhrrrrns. Not a slow and lazy, limp and laid-back Burns. It's Buhrrrns, with a hard B, spat out with some force, as if you're about to Bust the haggis wide open, or take a Belt of scotch.

It's Buhrrrns with the U sounding like the U in buns, and the Rs rolling off the tongue like poetry off a Scotsman's lips on January 25.

That particular date fell last Tuesday when a not-so-dour clan of Scottish lads and lassies got together for some Burns Night fun on Salt Spring. And that's when I learned how to say Buhrrrns.

It was actually Burns Night with a ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) so it wasn't all drams of scotch, bowls of haggis and recitations of poetry. It was music and Scottish country dancing as well, and a memorable introduction to the ways of the Scots for a simple Canadian of common English parentage.

The scotch wasn't new, nor was the poetry or the music. No, the highlight was the haggis, a dish that had enjoyed no words of praise in my family home. On the contrary, the only sentiment I can recall being expressed with respect to the haggis is one of some revulsion.

That was the word that came immediately to mind when semi-Scot Ron Holcroft marched triumphantly into the room bearing an unpleasant looking green lump of something on a tray. From the commotion that followed, it was obvious that this was indeed the revered stomach of a sheep, hopefully drained of its original contents and filled with something more appetizing.

Following an expressive and entertaining address to the haggis by Andrew Gardner, in a language whose structure I could only faintly comprehend, the object of our collective attention was delivered to the table in bowls, and my curiosity was satisfied.

It looked slightly more appealing having been removed from the enclosure in which it was cooked. And it tasted quite nice. It reminded me of a dry meat loaf with a hint of oatmeal porridge, and it had a slightly musty flavour.

It was enjoyable and did not require ketchup either, a suggestion that left at least one Scottish lass at my table looking quite aghast.

But Burns Night isn't really about haggis, or scotch or Scottish literature. Murray Shoolbraid posed the question as to why so many people gather all over the world to celebrate one particular Scottish poet.

"He's the only fellow I can think of who gets this kind of treatment," Shoolbraid said, citing a list of other literary figures. "How often do you hear of a Shakespeare Shindig?" Shoolbraid concluded that a typical reason for the celebration was simply to gather and drink — to Burns' memory.

Whatever one's favourite aspect of a Burns Night celebration, it all boils down to culture. Here was a group of friends and acquaintances drawn together by the connecting thread of Scottish culture.

They were maintaining traditions established by their forebears, preserving connections with their roots. For someone from a young country whose culture appears to require steady infusions of tax dollars to be sustained, it was an enlightening occasion.

It was an educational one, too. Call me up and I'll be happy to recite you some poetry — by Robbie Buhrrrns, of course.

WHAT? ME DANCE? Hazel Gardner, top, seems to be asking the question but she and husband Andrew didn't have any trouble mastering dance steps at a Burns Night dinner last week. Above, Catherine Held, left, and Nancy Holcroft take a turn on the dance floor.

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Smurfs: Jesse Hume - 51, Melissa Caron - 10, Christian Huser - 13, Valerie Harkema - 57. Peewees: Casey Stepaniuk - 93, Amanda Sykes - 48, Jason Coates - 66, Jim Severn - 77, Chris Coates - 28, Suzy McEwan - 44, Julian Hazenboom - 46, Jessy Stepaniuk - 83, Daniel Draper - 57, Megan Caron - 56, Kara Huser - 82, Tristan Poltorak - 76, Jacquie Harkema - 61, Stephen Severn - 81. Bantams: Kimberly Sykes - 112, Andra Bergsma - 112, Dylan Hume - 115, Miles Hume - 116, Tony Sevold - 154.

Juniors: Robert Bergsma - 186.

Extradition for Legg?

By DOUG PEARSON
Driftwood Contributor

While the Salt Spring Old Boys revelled in their 2-2 draw against a skilled Gorge team on the weekend, the Malcolm Legg mystery deepened. At press time it appeared that Legg may not only be having problems in Cuba but that he may be extradited to the U.S. He has been linked to the Tonya Harding debacle in Portland, Oregon.

In Victoria the Old Boys started slowly (without any words of wisdom), and were lucky to avert any quick goals against. New interim coach Cal Mackay and Graham Tweddle settled the defence down and then this writer was fortunate to get a free kick, which amazingly found the back of the net to make the score 1-0.

Gorge was stunned at the audacity of the Old Boys, and scored to make it 1-1. However, this only spurred the islanders to greater heights as Ziggy Karl brilliantly converted a Drew Lindsey corner to put the boys up 2-1.

Alas, in the last two minutes Gorge scored to tie the game 2-2. At the whistle the Old Boys still remained undefeated in '94.

Islanders wishing to support the defence of Malcolm Legg should make their donation to the Salt Spring Old Boys beer fund and receive a tax-free number.

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BOYS
Under 13:
Salt Spring Strikers 2, Prospect Lake 6
Under 14:
Rainbow Rentals 2, Prospect Lake 5
Under 16:
Salt Spring Spurs 5, Juan de Fuca 1
Under 19:
Salt Spring Kicks 3, Gordon Head 2
GIRLS
Under 14:
Salt Spring Thunderettes 1, Gorge 1
Under 19:
SS Striking Force 0, Cowichan 4
MEN
Division 2:
Salt Spring F.C. 1, Victoria West 3
Over 30s:
Salt Spring Old Boys 2, Gorge 2

This week

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Under 16:
Salt Spring Spurs visit Gordon Head
Under 19:
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GIRLS
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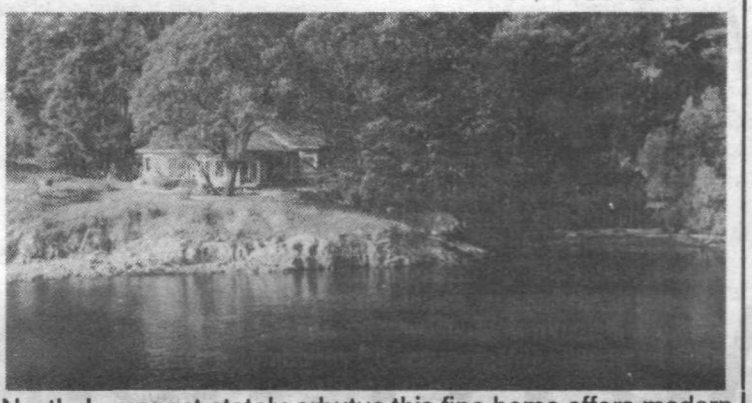

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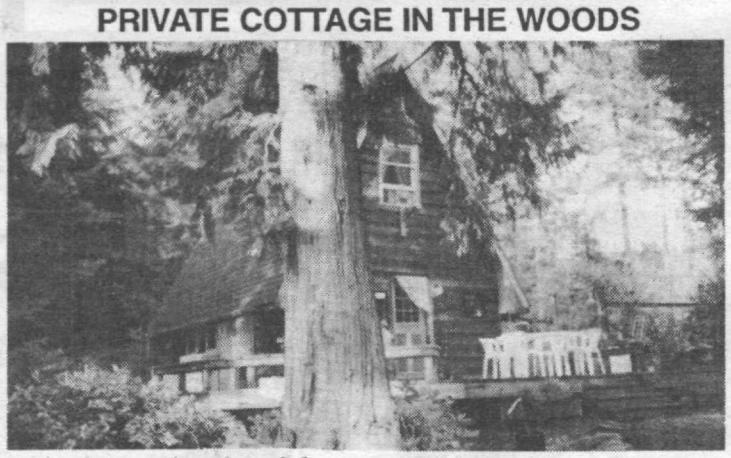

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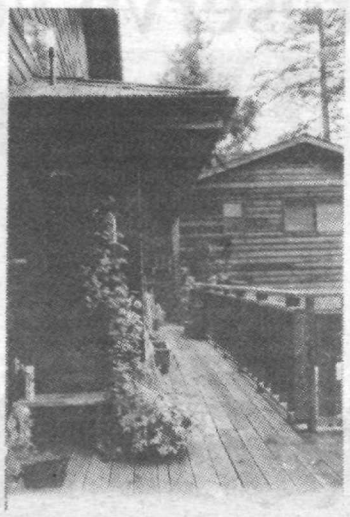

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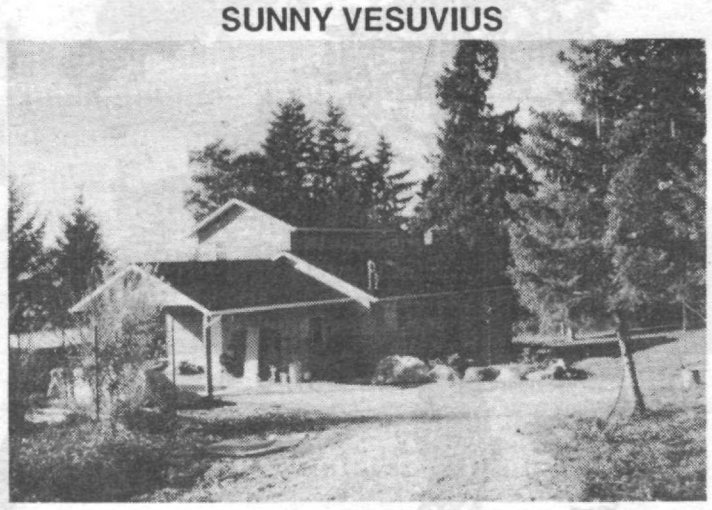

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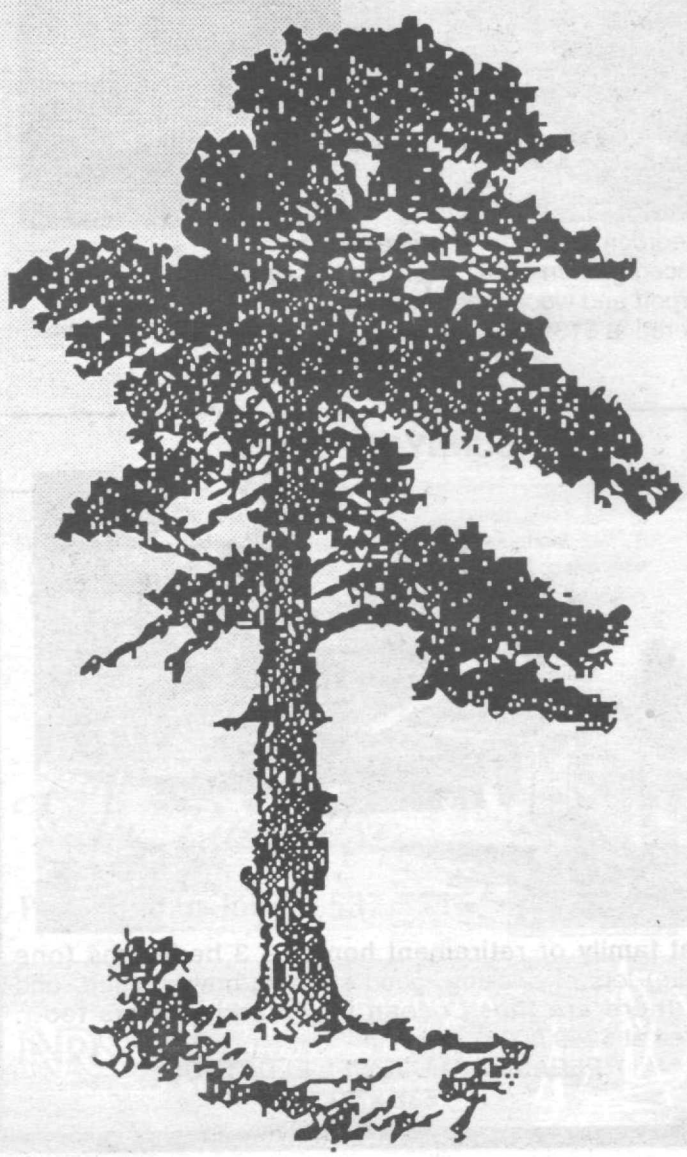

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The masked muddler and skeleton crew win again

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

slug trail

This column is getting harder to write every week. It used to be easy: just think up some more excuses about what might have been. But those days are long gone. The Slugs pulled another rabbit out of the hat Sunday by defeating the Lake Cowichan Whalers 10-8.

This time the Slugs were even testing fate as they showed up with a skeleton crew to play the game, the rest of the team obviously suffering from Super Bowl flu. This meant that we could only field a goalie, two forward lines and two defencemen, one of which was the masked muddler himself.

Nevertheless, the Slugs opened the scoring early as Dapper Danny Akerman snapped away a quick one. Following quickly on his heels was Andy Nauman, using his patented head fake manoeuvre to put us ahead by two.

It didn't take the Whalers all night to figure out the weak link, though. A couple of minutes after Nauman's goal, the opposition broke through the Slugs' defence line (read, they skated around Deadstop), and managed to put one behind goaltender Mark Hughes on a nice give-and-go play. The Whalers managed to get another one past Hughes, despite his best attempt at a sprawling poke check.

The Slugs came right back, putting their best if not prettiest face forward — Todd McIntyre. Mac was playing with his usual tenacious zeal and it finally paid off with a nice goal from just in front of the net. Mac liked scoring his first one so much that he came right back and did it again.

But the Whalers were not finished yet. They quickly got their act together and zeroed in on Deadstop again. Before the smoke cleared they had managed to score three times, to take the lead for the first time. It was about time that the other Slug defenceman, namely patient Paul Sinclair, got a little tired of all the attention we were getting in the Slug endzone and decided to do something about it. What he did was move the puck down the ice, working his way through most of the Whalers and scoring on a nice backhand over the goalie's glove hand.

It was about this time that Nauman scored his second of the game on a breakaway.

This was easily Nauman's best game of the season and helped to extend his goal-a-game scoring streak to one game. While Reynolds didn't score in this match, he did perform his best impression of the rock of Gibraltar in front of the Whalers' net. The Whaler defence found it so hard to move Bernie that they were almost ready to call in BCAA to give him the hook.

It was about this time that things really got interesting. Slug defenceman Paul Sinclair was assessed a dubious tripping penalty which left the Slugs with just the befuddled bungler on the blueline. Despite this, Deadstop actually felt this could really be his moment in the sun. Wrong.

Deadstop was in reality practising reverse psychology. It worked.

With Sinclair barely seated in the penalty box, the puck was cleared behind the Slug net. Deadstop lumbered in and in an attempt, albeit a feeble one, to ice the puck, managed to deflect it off an opposing player's skate beside the net, after which it caromed into the net off the skate of the Slug netminder. Fortunately, though, the Slugs are used to Deadstop's highjinks and didn't let it bother them too much, other than to mutter a few veiled death threats in his direction.

What they didn't realize was that Deadstop had actually planned that goal, and was in reality practising reverse psychology on the team. It worked. The Slugs came right back and worked harder than ever. This paid off in short order as Pete Huser took the puck deep into the Whalers' endzone, and after getting past his checker managed to wrap the puck around the net and in behind the unsuspecting netminder. Then Danny Akerman potted his second of the game following some great forechecking.

The Whalers came right back and added two more quick goals. But this only served to ignite the Slugs (they are not taking steroids, I swear). Todd McIntyre was once again front and centre for the team, and it paid off with a beautiful goal on a nice pass from linemate Huser. Still, this line wasn't done. Next it was Danny Akerman's turn and he got his first hat-trick of the season.

This was when the Slugs showed they are beginning to think like winners, instead of the way they normally think. With just a few minutes left in the game, up by two goals, the Slugs would normally go into a defensive shell. But this time they just kept right on taking it to the Whalers. Over the last couple of minutes the Slugs had the Whalers' goalposts ringing like wind chimes. First, Nauman dinged the left post, then Huser the right post and finally Danny Akerman dinged both posts with one shot.

He was certain he had potted his fourth goal of the game and had raised his arms in triumph, quickly turning towards the stands to give anyone who might have a camera the opportunity to get a good profile photo of him. The only problem was the puck didn't go in, as everyone else in the building realized. By the time Dan worked it out, the play was half-way down the rink.

Despite this minor embarrassment for Dan, it should be noted that it has been a long time since he put in an overall performance like he did on this evening, which probably means he will be insufferable for some time to come. That having been said, all of the Slugs will be able to test their mettle at the Courtenay invitational tournament being staged this weekend.

Hopefully our winning ways will follow us up there, but in case they don't Deadstop is packing his Psych 101 book in the hockey bag.

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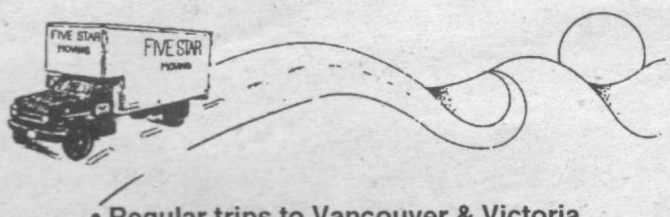

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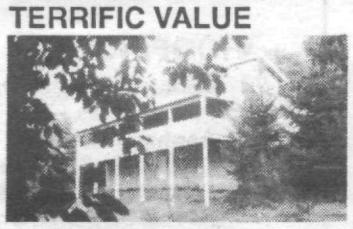

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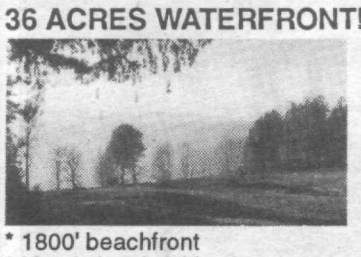

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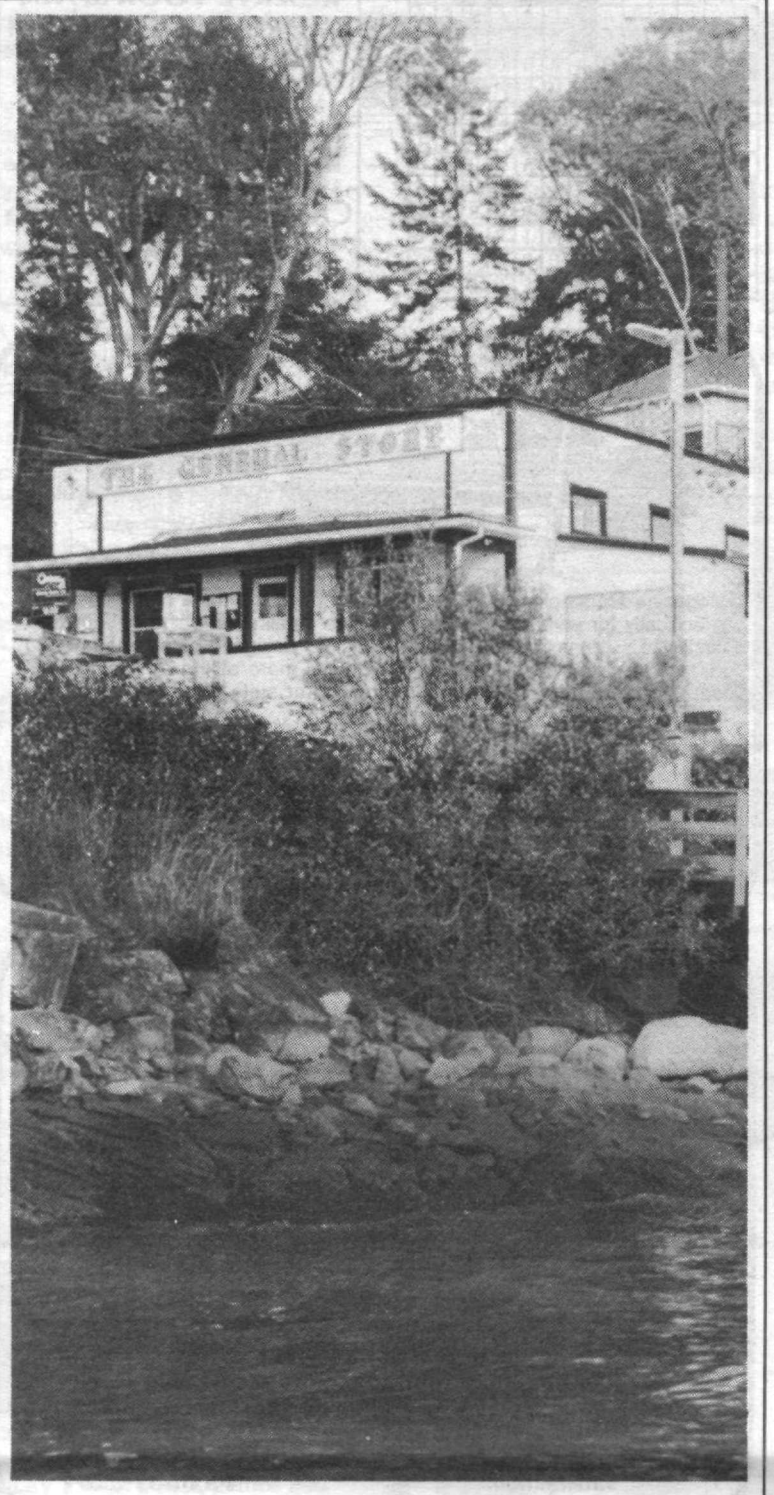

ISLAND CHARM: Part of the charm of the Gulf Islands is found in old buildings, such as the old General Store at Port Washington on North Pender Island. Photo by Valorie Lennox

Islands health plan drafted

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

The Southern Gulf Islands Community Health Plan Steering Committee has prepared a draft document to reorganize health care in the islands. Pam Brown, our local representative, strongly urges everyone to read the document, available at the health care centre, and to become informed before the start of our "grass roots" discussion and planning.

The document was prepared by representatives from all the islands, under the guidance of Sid Smith of Salt Spring Island, in order to stimulate discussion and as a starting point for planning.

One of the considerations was boundary options. The Outer Islands would join Salt Spring but islanders would not be forced to use Lady Minto Hospital.

Another factor is representation. The council would be composed of four Salt Spring Island representatives and four from the Outer Islands.

The next meeting will be held at the Capital Health Board, 4573 Blenkinsop Road, Victoria, from 10:30 to 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and are scheduled every second Wednesday alternating between Lady Minto Hospital and the Capital Health Board.

Any comments should be addressed to the Southern Gulf Islands Health Plan Steering Committee, c/o KIS Office Services, Box 1157, Ganges, B.C. VOS 1EO.

saturna notes

The Lions' crib night produced three winners after a pleasantly competitive evening at the Community Hall. Jack Trickey took first place followed by Derrick Woodcock and Laura Coombes, who were one point apart.

The Gardening Club, although pruned back for a couple of years, has started to put out a few new shoots. An organizational meeting was held Tuesday to tend to the details. This is primarily a social club where gardeners will be able to share gardening tips, magazines, catalogues, seeds, and bulbs. Contact Flo House for details about the next meeting.

Congratulations to the Saturna elementary students for their anniversary issue of the *Saturna Sunset Scribbler*. The first issue of the school newspaper was put out in January 1993 and the students have worked diligently for a whole year to fill the paper with news, local history, poetry and artwork.

The newspaper is available at both stores, or contact the school for a subscription.

On February 11, the Vancouver Wind Trio will perform at the Saturna Community Hall. This is the second presentation of the Saturna concert series for this year.

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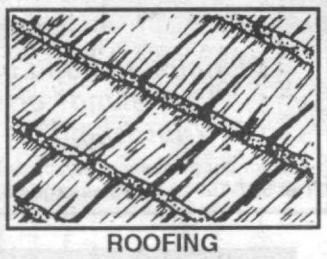

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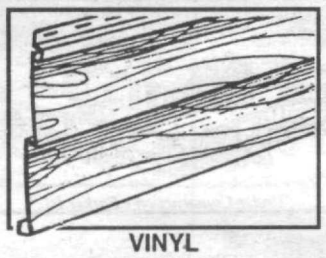

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Ratepayers elect new board

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

Irene Frith was elected head of the 486-member Galiano Ratepayers Association at their annual meeting at the Activity Centre on January 22. "I believe in working very quietly and carrying a big stick, and in consultation rather than confrontation," she stated in remarks following her election.

Irene and her husband Mel moved here last spring after six years of using their Galiano residence (the former home of Pat and Kitty Weaver) as a summer place. Irene is not new to politics and community involvement. She was an alderman in Richmond for nine years, and headed the Chamber of Commerce there for a time as well. Irene has also held positions of influence in the Canadian Cancer Society and was an organizer of the B.C. Summer Games.

Working with Irene as directors of the Ratepayers for 1994 are incumbents, Jack Ford (vice-president), Gerry Harrison (secretary) and Mike Fenwick (treasurer). Directors are Laurence Jollivet, Bill Lucey, Norman Park, Fred Robson, Clara Stevens, Harry Stewart, Gary Thomas and Valerie de Wint.

The meeting — which approximately 50 attended — was well organized and thoughtfully presented. "Star" of the afternoon was retiring president Frank Hillier with his review of the year's events. His presentation listed a total of 24 initiatives involving continual research on and off the island, innumerable trips to Victoria and as well, one trip each to Nanaimo and Salt Spring. These were to give presentations to gatherings of Islands Trust members relative to the new policy statement.

Hillier, one of the organizers of the Ratepayers, and its only president to date, has devoted all his waking hours during the last two years to association business, and to attempt to achieve a sensible approach to island development. All present rose from their seats when director Laurence Jollivet thanked Hillier for his contribution in time, energy and expertise.

Hillier in turn expressed thanks for the support he had received and gave a special thank you to Ann O'Shaunessy, Clara Stevens and her two daughters-in-law, Norman Park and to his wife Doreen.

Chamber of Commerce meets

At a general meeting of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce held recently president Geoff Gaylor updated members on current chamber initiatives. A progress report was given on the chamber-sponsored attempt to resolve the island's gasoline problems.

Accord seems to be on the way, Columbia Fuels replacing Chevron

galiano notes

as the supplier. New tanks are to be installed after current soil testing around the old ones is complete and any necessary contamination dealt with. The old tanks will then be made available to island fire departments should they be of use to them.

The difficulty still is ensuring an availability of product, B.C. Ferries being reluctant to commit themselves to more dangerous cargo sailings. A search is now under way for a low-rise protected Galiano beach where a permanent concrete launching ramp can be built so that roll-on roll-off deliveries can be made by barge and tanker truck. Chevron recently made a barge delivery to the Sturdies Bay wharf, possibly their last.

The chamber's 1994 tourist brochure is now being prepared and should be printed and ready for distribution by the end of March. The executive is presently talking to B.C. Ferries about the possibility of changing the departure time of the Friday evening sailings from Tsawwassen.

Resort owners and those running bed and breakfast establishments (not to mention weekend cottagers) find the Friday evening hour of arrival here too late — 11:05 p.m. if the vessel is on time. Resort owners claim the late hour of arrival here is detrimental to their businesses.

Moratorium sought

A meeting was called last week "to have a say in this community's future." The organizers apparently did not expect a large attendance, thinking that only those would attend who agree with the Islands Trust's appeal of the court judgment overturning Galiano's forest zone bylaws. This was not the case, however, and the chairman, George Harris and others quickly attempted to focus discussion on how and what could be done to effect a "moratorium on all forest land subdivision applications under consideration by the subdivision approval officer until the court has made its decision."

The meeting's organizers hope to do this with a three-pronged attack which includes letter writing, a protest rally and an attempt to get media attention. Volunteers to work for the furtherance of these and other initiatives were called for.

According to Harris, the 3,552 acres of Galiano land up for subdivision is the largest development of its kind in Canadian history, a suggestion questioned by another at the meeting. The land mass may well be large, it was argued, but it is not being developed as one unit, nor is it all necessarily going to be developed today or in the future.

Fears were expressed by another proponent of the appeal that if the court judgment is not contested development here will be seen as a go-ahead for strip development elsewhere (the eastern side of Vancouver Island was mentioned — Parksville to Courtenay and north to Merville).

The portion of the costs of the appeal footed by "other municipalities across British Columbia" was also questioned. It was suggested these areas have limited funds for this purpose but are giving all they can. No figures on the total of these contributions was made.

An appeal from Bowie Keefer, one of the new owners of District Lot 79 (on the east side of the island), cautioned those at the meeting about creating fear and uncertainty. MacMillan Bloedel's logging practices and subdivision plans created fear, according to Keefer, hence the bylaws and the attempt to stop the selling of the former tree farm properties.

"The suggestion in Galiano's new official plan to change the minimum lot size on which a lot may be built from 20 to 50 acres is also creating fear, said Keefer. "Many of the new owners are environmentally conscious people, but also afraid of losing their piece of paradise (and their life savings as well) should further restrictions be placed on their properties."

These owners, according to Keefer, favour protecting their investment, maintaining good forest practices and protecting ecologically fragile areas and island beauty spots.

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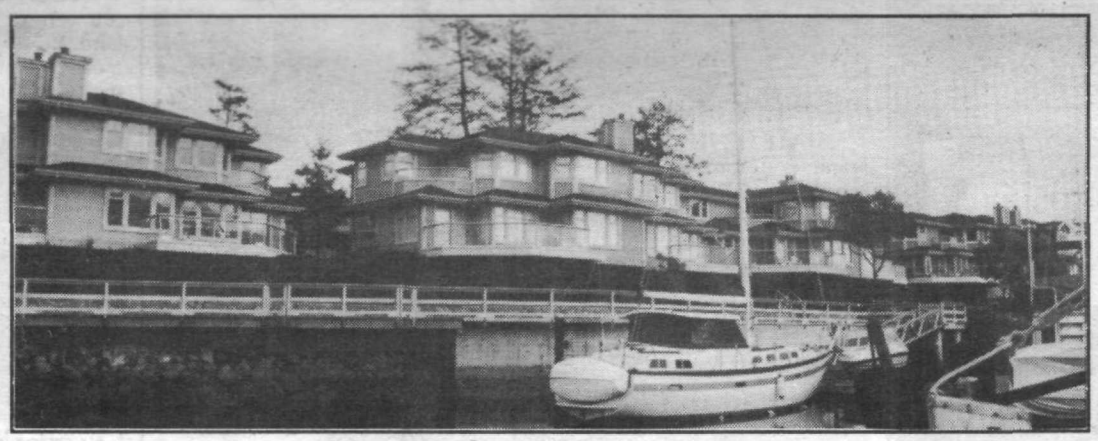

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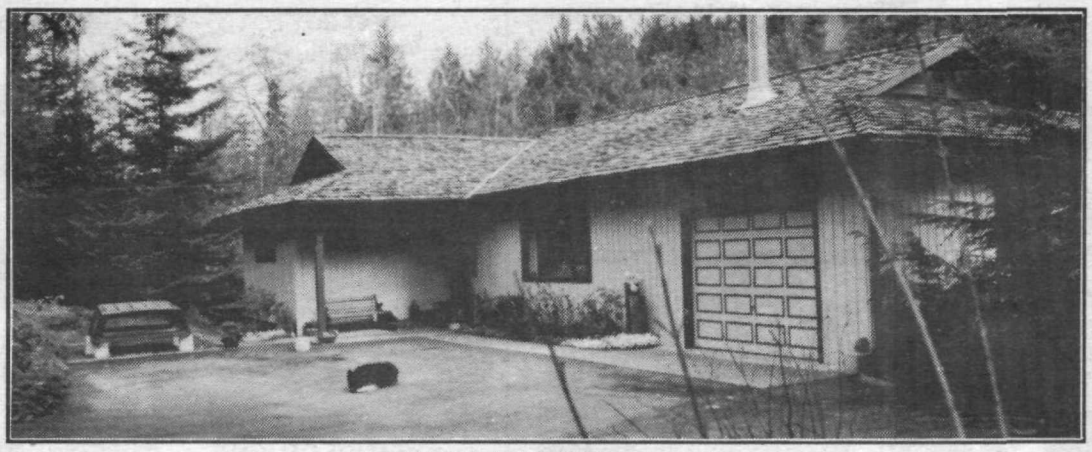

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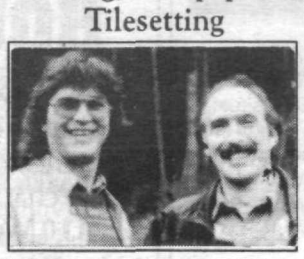

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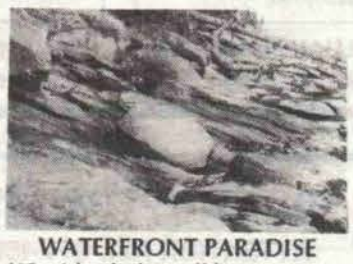

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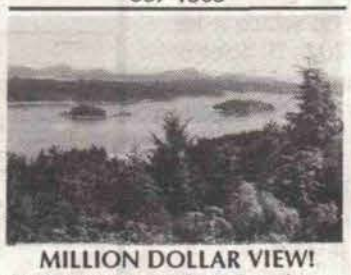

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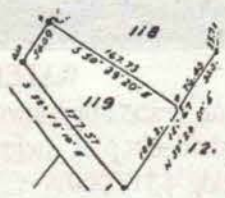

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