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Young Canada Works

Three projects bring \$18,898 to islands for student work grants

Three projects have been approved in the islands by Canada Manpower.

The Job Creation Branch of the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission has announced the approval of three Young Canada Works projects here.

The Young Canada Works Program creates summer jobs for students that are designed to provide them with a meaningful work experience which relates to their career or educational interests. Hiring for all projects will be through the Canada Employment Centre for Students at 2653 Douglas Street in Victoria, says the ministry.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission will receive a grant of \$7,632 to hire four students from June 12 to September 1 to improve the recreational facilities on the island.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Salt Spring Island Parents' Co-operative Pre-School Association will employ three students to construct play equipment. They will work from July 3 to August 25 under a total grant of \$3,888.

A third grant, of \$7,446, will go to the Pender Island Chamber of Commerce. Five students will be employed from June 19 to September 1, to maintain and improve recreational facilities on the island.

Applications are now available for the Canada Works Program, which creates jobs to counter seasonal unemployment

Lottery winner



Pender Island man, Cliff Harrison, was a winner in the April 2 draw of Loto Canada. In the picture, George Littlemore, of the Vancouver office of Loto Canada, presents Mr. Harrison with the \$100,000 cheque. Presentation took place at Victoria on Friday.

Daffodils

getting
taller

Daffodils are going up. When Mrs. Sampson, of Fernwood, picked a yellow bloom on a 33 inch stem, she boasted of it.

This week comes a report from Mrs. W.J. Carter, of Fulford-Ganges Road. Mrs. Carter read of the long daffodil and took a stroll in her garden. She was so delighted with her own record that she took it to show her neighbour, Mrs. Cleo Weston. It was a gathering: a daffodil party. With Mrs. Weston were Mrs. Slingsby, Mrs. O'Sullivan and Walter Thorogood.

Her flower?

It stood 36½ inches high.

And that's half an inch higher than one brought into the Driftwood office Tuesday by Mrs. P.H. Grimmer of Pender Island. She brought in five daffodils: they were all over 32 inches tall.

Five cents

Burnt-out light bulbs aren't worth a thing, let alone five cents. But that's what John Lomas at Gulfstream Supply in Ganges is paying for them.

For every old light bulb taken in, Gulfstream Supply will donate a nickel to the World Development campaign. Until April 22, islanders are invited to put their old bulbs to good use. There will be no market for them after that date.

He's rich!

Capt. Cook
calling

Salt Spring!

Capt. Cook is around Salt Spring Island. And he's rich! The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is holding \$1,100 in trust for the Capt. Cook Bicentennial Salt Spring Sea Capers Committee.

The 200th birthday of the discovery of Vancouver Island by Britain will be celebrated in various communities in various ways. On Salt Spring Island, there will be a three-day Sea Capers in June. The proposal is subject to the approval and support of the Salt Spring Island community.

Sea Capers Committee will include the chairman, or commodore and 16 to 20 members of the community.

The Chamber of Commerce will spearhead the launching of the Sea Capers and funding will be through the Bicentennial Committee.

Sea Capers is proposed for the week end of June 9, 10 and 11. A tentative program offers bathtub races, dance, beauty pageant, clam bake, barbecue and parade. These are tentative proposals. A meeting during the week of April 17 will determine the community interest and support.

DINNER WITH NEWSMAN

Joe Clark ... next Prime Minister?

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Joe Clark...that's who!

And he's a very different man when you talk to him.

He's certainly not very old, but the boyish look is only part of the man. There's another thing about him. He is confident: confident of coming success and of himself, one feels. He has a sense of humour in ordinary conversation that you don't always grasp when you watch him on television.

When I was in Ottawa last week I was one of a score of newsmen invited to dinner with the Leader of the Opposition.

Incidentally, they've got a good cook, at Stornaway.

It was informal. As Joe Clark told us, it wasn't politicking, even though some of his more vocal supporters among the ranks of the pressmen made it clear they were happy to be political.

Joe is the son of a newspaperman in High River and that's in Alberta. If you didn't know before, you couldn't miss it at dinner. You met Maureen at the door and you tripped over Catharine, sucking ice cubes. Then you couldn't see anything for the rest of the Albertans.

There were Chuck McLean and George Taber, among others, do-you-remembering about people who quit the business two decades ago.

The man who expects to be Canada's next Prime Minister explained that he had never shone at operating a linotype machine, which sets type in hot lead. He hadn't always mastered even the lesser skills of a small newspapershop. If he had been highly

skilled in that direction he might well have been a printer today instead of Leader of the Opposition.

We chatted about people and presses and papers over a drink and then went into dinner.

We strained the Clark's dining room to the limit as we all sat down.

About the only political references made were the expression of complete confidence that our host would be the next Prime Minister. And his observations when he sat with us that he believes no man should serve for more than a decade. After 10 years in office a politician is getting stale and should withdraw from the scene to let some new air in, he told us. This, he felt, applies to any political arena. He would be quite happy to serve for 10 years and then retire to Alberta.

I was seated with Lloyd Clouse, of Lunenburg, N.S., fisheries minister in the Conservative shadow cabinet. He had some observations on fishing and the problems of the fisherman on both coasts. He also brought an interesting anecdote of Tommy Douglas's first entry into the House of Commons.

While the diminutive CCF member was making his maiden speech some wag in the House asked him to "stand up".

He was fortunate, retorted Douglas, that he had come to a place where the stature of a man was measured from his neck, up and not down.

It was an interesting evening at Stornaway. I would urge any reader, who has the opportunity, to meet Joe Clark. You'll find him the same warm, friendly, boyish character with a happy sense of humour and a strong sense of the significance of being a Canadian.

Eagle goes to Vancouver

A bald eagle has been reported missing from the Walker Hook area by Mrs. Harold Smith, who thought it might be the same one that was found two weeks ago at Sansum Narrows. The latter had been the target of someone with a gun and was hit in the wing. Alan Davies and Randy Howard, both of Salt Spring, were fishing in the narrows when they found the eagle on the beach, caught it, and took it home.

However, Alan Best and Dr.

Claus Andress felt that the bird had been shot about 10 days before it was found. Mrs. Smith told Driftwood that an eagle had been missing from a nest behind her house since about two days before the wounded eagle was found at Sansum Narrows.

Driftwood learned on Tuesday that Mr. Best took the eagle to the zoo in Vancouver on Wednesday last week, where it will remain. The bird's wing was damaged enough that it will never fly again.

May Day is dying

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Anyone want to rescue it?

The oldest social function on Salt Spring Island is dying for want of a sponsor. May Day will not feature the traditional parade and queen contest this year.

An annual function that has its roots in Fulford of the 19th century, May Day has lost its support and in recent years its various attractions have fallen away. Weather during May has been another depressant.

Last week the Salt Spring Island Chamber of commerce decided that there was insufficient support for May Day in Ganges. Members declined to undertake the program. For several years it has fallen on the shoulders of a small part of the

community and volunteers have been scarce. In addition, the cost of the program has been a heavy burden to the business group.

If island traditionalists want May Day to continue, they must rescue it before it dies.

Until the past few years May Day was a Fulford children's program. Island students in island schools nominated a May Queen by sale of tickets. The best sales clerk was the Queen. Revenues from ticket sales then financed the event.

The afternoon was then given over to children's races and games.

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Silver Maynes enjoy concert by choir before business meeting

The regular meeting of Silver Maynes Association held April 3 at the Agricultural Hall was preceded by a Buffet Supper at 5.30 pm which was thoroughly enjoyed by the members and visitors.

Prior to the meeting, Mayne Island School Choir, under the direction of Nita Flick presented a delightful selection of songs, accompanied by Mrs. Flick assisted by Lesley MacArthur, at the piano.

The program included Brahms' Lullaby, Schubert's Sanctus, I'm Late, We're Off To See The Wizard, Over The Rainbow and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Singers were Shelley O'Bray, Peter Jarman, Irene Tamboline, Beatrix Nord-leth, Leslie MacArthur, Alanna MacLennan, Dorothy Easton, Shane Lorenz and Kristine Wickham.

The choir received an ovation

from the enthusiastic audience at the close of the concert and it is hoped we will hear more from this talented group of singers in the not-too-distant future.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairing the business meeting was president Vic Griffiths, who introduced guest speakers, Jack and Dorothy James. Other visitors introduced by Fred Flick were Art and Edith Dino of Gallagher Bay.

Following the reading of the minutes by secretary, Wally Twamley, the following reports were given:

Sally Burden, treasurer; no change in finances since last meeting. Members were reminded by the secretary that dues for 1978 have not all been paid. Dues are now \$2 per person.

Garden Club: Albert Wardle reported that several good work parties had been held. Netting is available to those who can use it.

Camera Club: Harry Adams, no meeting this month. A camera hike is planned for the third week in April.

Counsellor: Edith Griffiths reported that she had an accumulation of folders and leaflets containing valuable information which were available to anyone interested. Health Insurance benefits to pensioners on limited income are



Here is the Mayne Island School Choir when they performed for the Silver Maynes on April 3. It was their first public appearance.

also qualified for the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

BOWLING

Bowling: The members of Mayne group entertained bowlers from West Vancouver and Kensington for a couple of days latter part of March.

A spring sale will be held April 29, with Vi Hamilton as convener.

Band concert, will be given by King George Secondary School, Vancouver, on May 12. John Dought is in charge of arrangements. Billets are being provided by islanders.

Due to the lack of taxi service, which was discontinued last month

Silver Maynes have been asked to organize a supplementary service for those needing transportation. A list of volunteers from various districts would be made available, if a service can be arranged.

Bill Dawson will attend the B.C. Senior Citizen's Convention at Cranbrook.

Coming events include the following: Art Classes conducted by Bill Wheaton begin Wednesday, April 12, at Gulf Island Studios, Fernhill Road. Acrylics, 10 - 12 noon; water colours, 2 - 4 pm.

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Friday, April 21

Fine Line Players

Victoria

'A Dumb Waiter'

by Harold Pinter

Manta Players

*'What A Glorious
Time They Had'*

[Nellie McClung]

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Saturday, April 22

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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

If only I had been smarter when I was younger I would have been smart enough today to know that it is so futile to speculate on how smart I might have been if I had been smarter.

I like the report in a Victoria newspaper last week that some money had been discovered missing. I figured it out as closely as I could that if it had been discovered, it wasn't missing and if it was missing, how could it have been discovered?

If you happen to be flying in a Jumbo and they offer you a window seat in the 24th row, think twice. Last week I went to Toronto, for the first time in my life, and I flew in a 747. I was cold. My feet were slowly freezing. Without too much thought, I put up my feet, for the plane was sparsely occupied. When I retrieved my camera from the floor, I knew why my feet had been cold. The camera was colder than if it had been in a refrigerator. There was a cold-draught on that airplane.

The Ottawa traffic cop sat astride his Harley on Cooper St., one day last week. The white sidecar was covered over. I hadn't driven a sidecar outfit for 30 or 40 years I told him. Why have a sidecar if no one used it, I added. He looked at me with scorn. A solo motorcycle could stay up on winter streets for less than a block. But he unbent. He favours the Japanese Honda he told me, with its smoother motor and ease of driving. But the city is still buying Harleys at a cost of between \$7,000 and \$8,000, I learned.

Last week I was in Ottawa. The national newspaper association had hoped to have the Prime Minister take part in the gathering.

We were going to have lunch with him.

Then it was to be dinner.

Later it was amended to be a drink and a chat.

As I wrote some weeks ago, I don't often talk with Prime Ministers.

And I didn't again!

The taxi driver didn't know the address of Stornaway, the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition. I don't think he knew who Joe Clark was. So he stopped on Acacia Ave., in Ottawa to ask a strolling Ottaman. A newsman in back opened his window and asked for directions. A light from a passing car moved across the pedestrian's face. Where was Stornaway, enquired the newsman in the dark.....Mr. Stanfield, he

added, as the light revealed the face of the former Conservative leader. And he knew it well.

Again, last week, I sat by a table in Ottawa, ready and eager to talk to anybody, from hotel janitor to Governor-General, about the virtues of British Columbia and particularly of the British Columbian weekly press. On my left was the table occupied by les Journaux Selectes du Quebec. On my right was Francois Freyvogel, who spoke for a group of British Columbian and Albertan papers. So what? you ask. That's the point, so what!

Take it from a man who has rarely tied his shoe laces during a life of fair length. Don't run with your laces loose. Your shoes fall off!

From another paper: Although defaced with spray paint and condemned by the provincial government, a group of Mill Bay residents....Couldn't they sue?

Catching a ferry is like going up a hotel elevator. They don't tell you there's no 13th floor. This is the 20th century of which we have been bragging for 78 years. And, despite those 1978 years, a hotel still can't put guests on the 13th floor because the number scares the guests. The disease has extended to BC Ferry Corporation. They don't put a lane No. 13 for fear of the number causing a motor vehicle accident. There might be a collision on the 13th lane between an island car and a broomstick!

Talking of ferries, I was given an English pot of tea the other day, aboard the Queen of the Islands. Without even asking for it! Of course it was good! And I received some advice. Don't buy an English sports car, I was warned. The counsellor explained she had one. It was her first. It was her last. So I didn't.

Don't care overly much for jokes. I can only say with Harry Graham: If you value my friendship, sonny,

Garden notes from Salt Spring Island Garden Club

BY YELLOW THUMB

The Executive Committee of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club met at the home of the Misses Cuttall and McLean on Wednesday, April 5, at 2 pm and drew up the following schedule:

April 17, learning class, United Church Upper Hall, 10 am - 12 noon. Speaker, Mrs. Francis Wood; subject, garden propagation.

April 19, regular monthly meeting United Church lower hall, 8 pm, subject, roses; speaker, John Gallaher. Details are listed elsewhere in this issue.

April 20, annual plant sale, United Church Lower Hall, doors open, 1 pm, close at 3 pm.

Fined \$450 for impaired driving

Impaired driving cost Terry Byron, of Salt Spring Island, a fine of \$450 when he appeared in Ganges Provincial Court Wednesday. He entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

Byron was charged after he was stopped by RCMP on North End Road February 20. A subsequent breathalyzer test gave readings of 0.18 and 0.20.

To the spiteful

If you and the world cannot agree, And your tiny mind is in a fog, It isn't fair to kick the dog, Why don't you go out and bite a tree?

- John Healey

don't you ever call me funny! But I enjoy jokes about the unfunny. Like this one from the Wheat Pool Budget: A local funeral director's hearse developed a bad squeak, so he got a man from the garage to see if he could fix it. The garageman laid down on the carrier so he could listen in comfort while the director took him for a drive. Discovering where the squeak was, the garageman sat up at the first red light. The drivers of four nearby cars fainted.

Supplying liquor to minor costs \$50

Sidney Jones, 19, of Ganges, was fined \$50 by Judge D.K. McAdam in Provincial Court at Ganges last week when he was charged with supplying liquor to a person under 19 years.

Charge was laid after RCMP made a routine check in Peter Arnell Park February 10.

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Will be the guest of the Garden Club at their

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday - April 19 - 8pm

Lower Hall - Ganges United Church Hall

CAPTAIN COOK IS WALKING FOR OUR YOUTH HOW ABOUT YOU!

Saturday, May 13

The Salt Spring Island Lions Club provides thousands to help all the residents of this island, but mostly the youth. Last year the Lions spent \$3500 on youth related projects. Help the Lions do more for our Young People. Support Captian Cook on a walk to Fulford on Saturday, May 13, 1978.



CHARIOTS

The annual chariot contest will continue this year. Get your team together.

SAFETY FIRST: Walk on the left side of the road. Wear suitable walking shoes. Set a safe walking pace.

START: Centennial Park, Ganges.

TIME: Saturday, May 13 at 1 pm.

Carry your signed pledge cards so that the route judges can check off your pledge cards at each check station, every mile along the route.

Refreshments...free refreshments for Walkers are available at the half-way point along the route and also at the finishing line at Drummond Park.

Walkers do not receive the money from the pledges but walkers are eligible for the awards shown.

Finish: Turn in your Pledge Cards at the Drummond Park Finish or at the furthestmost Check Station along the route that you complete.

PRIZES

Individual and Team

Team prizes are open to youth organizations with several \$100 prizes.

Contact us for details 537-5521, 537-9220, 537-2485, 537-5821.

Before the start of the Walkathon, each walker will designate the Award Classifications for which he will compete. This letter classification will be entered in ink on the face of the Pledge Cards.

- A-First male, over 21
- B-First male, 20-17
- C-First female, over 21
- D-First female, 20-17
- E-First married couple
- F-First family or organization group
- G-First male, 16-13
- H-First male, 12-10
- I-First male, nine and under.
- J-First female, 16-13
- K-First female, 12-10
- L-First female, nine and under

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Autonomy? What's that?

The oft-lauded autonomy of school districts in the province of British Columbia appears to be threatened.

When the residents of Salt Spring Island decided to differ on the construction of a school at Fernwood, they presented two opposing views to the trustees of Gulf Islands School District. The trustees ultimately decided that the island would still be best served by the construction of a school at Fernwood.

Whether or not this was the complete answer has very little bearing on the ultimate action of the ministry of education.

The minister came to Salt Spring Island and explained he could not interfere. Since that time he has interfered enough to bring the project to a halt: probably a full stop.

The question facing us now is that decisions are no longer being made in the field. They are being made in the minister's office, with the strength and power and the purpose of a very efficient political machine behind them.

At any time in the future will the minister be prepared to administer all the islands schools? Is he planning to emasculate local government in favour of political influence? What are his long-term plans for the islands?

The school site at Fernwood may or may not be the ideal location for a school. That has little bearing on the subject today. The alarming aspect is the evidence that a whisper from a political machine in this province is louder than all the calls of the elected administrators.

It bodes ill for the schools of the future.

Lake access at last?

The conditions at St. Mary Lake have been a thorn in the flesh of two Salt Spring Islanders for a dozen years.

On the shores of the lake, adjoining North End Road, is the Blue Gables Resort. It is about 12 years since Mr. and Mrs. John Lee acquired the tourist attraction.

Adjacent to the resort and also on the North End Road is the boat-launching access provided by the ministry of highways.

This public facility has been a plague to the resort operators for that same period of a dozen years.

The beach access provides no facilities. There are no seats, tables or toilets. The general public using the beach needs these simple services. They march into the adjacent resort and borrow facilities there. In small quantities, this is no hardship. When they arrive in large numbers and belligerently, it is a gross imposition.

For 12 years Mr. and Mrs. Lee and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce have been pressing for relief.

On Monday two members of the staff of the ministry of highways came to Salt Spring Island to discuss the relief of this pressure on a small business.

The ministry spokesmen agreed to move the beach access away from the resort, although not closing it off altogether. They agreed that the curve in the road was already scheduled for improvement. And they agreed that the problem facing the couple was real and demanding of correction.

The I's and T's have yet to be dotted and crossed, but the Monday discussion came closer to solving the problem than any previous debate.

It now seems that the resort is to be taken off the hook. While the proprietors may well rejoice, the Chamber of Commerce can take a bow. It has been worrying at the Blue Gables bone for almost as long as Blue Gables has been there.

Letters to the Editor

ASKING FOR TROUBLE

Sir,

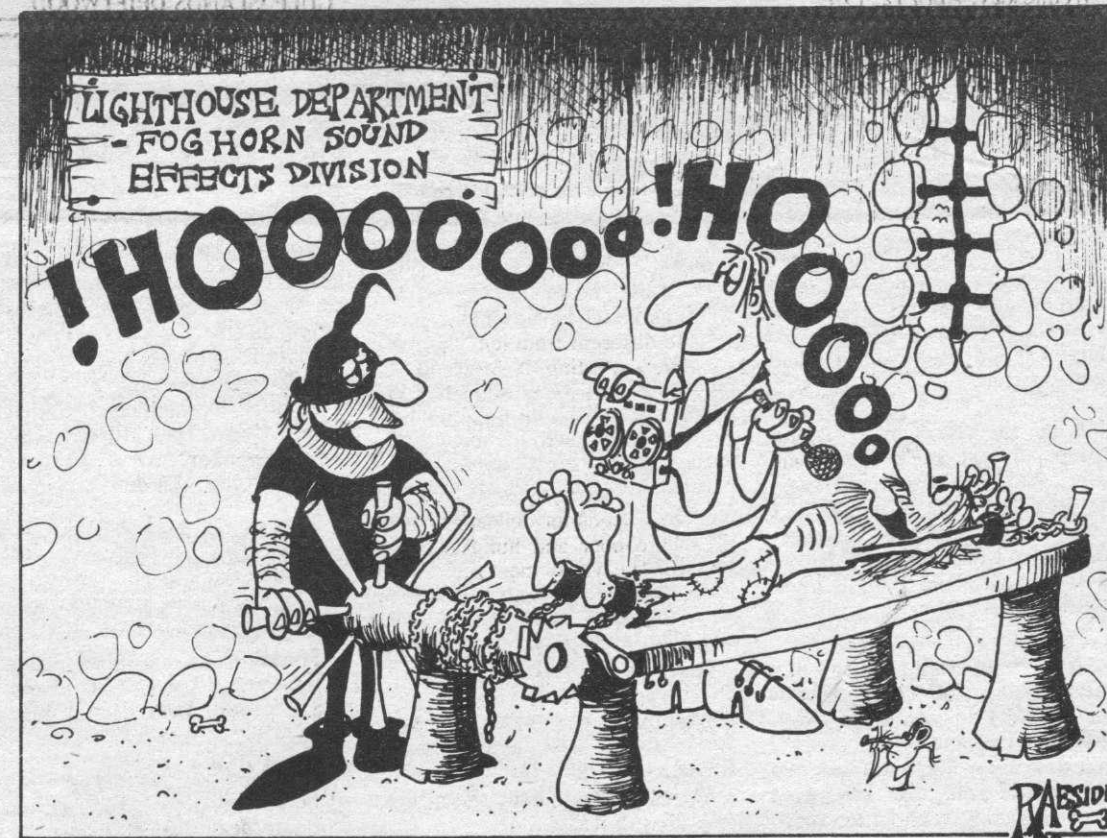
Those of us who came to these islands from other areas did so in order to share a unique way of life with the residents who were fortunate enough to be born and raised here.

We chose to live in the Gulf Islands in order to escape from the insanity of larger cities and municipalities. It seems to me that this awful insanity is following close in our hasty paths. One recent and

shocking example has to do with our local law-enforcement detachment.

I understand that the Ganges branch of the RCMP has recently acquired a new automobile completely equipped with its own shotgun, presumably to control the violent streets of our little island!!

It seems that for the most part, the population of Salt Spring and the other islands is made up of a peace-loving breed of people who enjoy a relaxed way of life and have



“SO WHICH FOGHORN IS THIS TAPE GOING TO?”

no intention of causing a ruckus. Truly, there does exist a small section of the public, who is interested in causing a commotion. Most of these are probably juveniles. In fact, most of the crimes committed here are of an insignificant nature in comparison to those committed in places where the use of guns on other human beings is a commonplace occurrence. If our police cannot enforce the law here without the use or even the possession of heavy arms, then I think it's time for everyone to take a good look at the law and its connotations.

By carrying a shotgun around with them the police are not only asking for trouble but as far as I can tell are more likely to cause it too. There has been no cause for the use of any guns, so why is there cause for toting one about the countryside.

Take a look at the cities and towns elsewhere, if you dare, where the use of guns appears to be a part of everyday activities.

As an island resident I feel it is important that we do not become like any other Canadian town where violence and heavy policing are a way of life. We do not need it.

What we do need is a thoughtful law-enforcing group that is intent on preserving the uniqueness of the community without bringing violence and distrust along with it.

We are the people. Supposedly we have the freedom and right to discuss our community and all its facets and to come to some sort of decision that is to the good of everybody. But like everything else, we are not asked, and are told even less about important decisions.

If the police are given the freedom to carry such a weapon, what is going to stop them from having the equal freedom to use it. Unless every one of our policemen is able to think, react and make a decision perfectly and quickly every time someone ruffles their feathers, someone, one day is going to get hurt. Then it will be too late.

So instead of gathering up a collection of weapons, let us keep trying to prevent the need for them, giving our future some protection.

CLAUDIA LAKE
Ganges, B.C.
April 5, 1978

CREATIVE ENDEAVOUR

Sir,

The Hudson Kimball Memorial is proving to be an exciting creative endeavour.

Hudson's concept of fomentation

and fermentation of ideas is actively at work on alternate Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons, when islanders are invited to share their creative concepts with others. Sometimes this is a springboard for people's ideas, and usually leads to a stimulating discussion.

For all who are interested in original approaches in the arts, I'd recommend watching the Driftwood for Hudson Kimball Memorial events.

M. SIMONS,
Fulford Harbour
April 4, 1978

INDEXING

Sir,

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the publicity you have given recent meetings of the Federal Superannuates National Association meetings at Duncan. Thank you also for your publication of letters pertaining to the hostile and misleading onslaught against the cost-of-living increases (indexing) paid for by the recipients during their service with the federal government, in the form of extra contributions to the Public Service Superannuation Account and from the vast sums of interest earned by the employees' OWN contributions to the main pension fund.

From Hansard, March 9, 1978, Stanley Knowles, M.P., I quote, "The minister's press release which he gave outside the House, which is in addition to what he gave us in the House, said that the extra interest being earned, just on the

employees' portion in the main fund, the public service superannuation account, not the inflationary account on the side, but the extra interest, is nearly \$500 million a year," and also, "why not the extra interest earned by the government's portion in the fund?"

There was over eight billion dollars in the fund as of end of 1976-77 fiscal year and this should be around the nine billion mark when 1977-78 figures are published. Total indexing payments for period 1970-76 amounted to only \$180 million.

Some of the more irresponsible daily news media have completely and deliberately distorted the pension debate in the House on March 9, 1978, and also Mr. Andras' news release on the Tomenson-Alexander Report and the government's assessment of same.

The Toronto-based National Citizens Association has issued a special pre-election(?) bulletin which states, "Federal Civil Servants are ripping off the taxpayer, you and me." The Treasury Board has issued an excellent "Analysis of National Citizens' Coalition Ads" which I would advise every island annuitant to secure, quoting from page three last paragraph, "It should be added that the contributions which public servants have been making to the pension programs have slightly exceeded total pension benefit payments for over 50 years." Some rip-off!!

The many, many annuitants on this island would be well advised to

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Church Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1978

ANGLICAN			
St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Mr. L. Sheppard	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30 am
537-2622 (church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm
MAYNE ISLAND			
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St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am

Letters to the Editor

[From Page Four]

get off their respective posteriors, join the F.S.N.A., write letters and not leave it to a handful of us to protect their interests.

With an election in the offing, and possibly under way prior to publication of this letter, none of us know what the future will bring. The same government, minority government, or Progressive Conservative government. It may well be a whole new ball game. Keep the pressure on all political parties and nominees in the election.

J.A. DUTHIE

R.R. 1, Ganges, BC
April 7, 1978

P.S. May I suggest to any pensioners who are acquainted with Jack Webster of CJOR, that they educate him on this vital matter. He never loses an opportunity to lambaste "indexing", a subject in which he is sadly lacking the true facts and figures.

Suggest that he "lock horns" with W.A. Kelm, Pensions and Benefits Director, Treasury Board Secretariat, Robert Andras, M.P., or from the Opposition side of the House, Mr. Stanley Knowles, M.P.

IT'S UNHEALTHY

Sir,
Did you know that Ganges High School boasts an Agriculture building?

A place where unhealthy chickens exist in six-sided wire cages. A place where a dozen cows (naturally voracious grazers) spend 23 hours of the day tied in the stalls of a cement building.

Aside from the sorrow I felt for these animals, I felt sad to think of the students who should be learning respect for animals in a world which they are sharing, not invading.

ALICE SCHODT,

RR 3, Booth Canal Rd.,
Ganges, B.C.
April 9, 1978

BAKE SALES AND GIVING

Dear Frank,
I've been thinking about my letter to you last week, about bake sales and giving. It still teases me,

but at least I've now decided that giving is giving and there's no other word for it. If I give you a dollar, really give you a dollar, that's the end of it. There are no strings attached, absolutely none. Quite different from lending you a dollar, expecting it returned. Or making a deal, or seducing you with a dollar in expectations of a returned favour (but never spoken of naturally).

It seems to me there are all kinds of great needs for dollars for those who are poor and hungry in this world. The way to meet their needs is to give, not to deal. Unless I am very wary, I am going to lose my gift of giving because the opportunities to give are being overrun by lotteries, bake sales, bingos, raffles....

All I know is, if I can't give, I'm dead.

Does the end justify the means? Or doesn't it?

Becoming more sincere,
PETER MCCALMAN
Box 214, Ganges, B.C.
April 10, 1978

FERNWOOD

Sir,
What is happening to Fernwood School? As one of many parents in Fernwood who support the plan to build the school, I am turned off by the minister of education and the long delay in doing anything about it.

The citizens of the Gulf Islands elected the School Board to make decisions. It's about time we let them do their job. Neither the school board, nor the Department of Education could come up with any other viable solution to Fernwood School.

Although a large proportion of families in the Fernwood area may oppose the school, they must realize the obvious need for expansion to accommodate the growing population. The Fernwood property was acquired a few years ago with the growth of the island in mind. Now that overcrowding is imminent, let's follow the plan devised over the years. It will benefit all island elementary students.

Those who recommend the expansion of the crowded school complex in Ganges, by portable classrooms or what you will, are guilty of a grave disservice to the children of the island. Ganges school plant is large enough. The geography of the island points clearly to the need of the future for schools in the outlying areas. I do not want my children to be victims of these short-sighted, penny-pinching advocates of an expedient policy.

Split classes are not a problem and rather than hindering the process of learning, can often stimulate it. The smaller community school does not have a detrimental effect, socially or emotionally, on the students but enhances the educational atmosphere.

The controversy over Fernwood School has continued long enough. The issue has become entirely political and the education of our children is no longer the significant feature.

JILL BYRON
Ganges, B.C.
April 10, 1978

Quick return

Eighteen foot boat belonging to Noel and Eric Bracher, of Ganges was stolen from the wharf last week.

Boat disappeared on the night of April 3 and 4.

It was discovered by RCMP at Sidney on April 4. Undamaged, it was returned to the owners. Persons responsible for its removal were not found.

Galiano

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

Mr. and Mrs. IP. Denroche have returned from a week spent in Calgary, Alberta, visiting their son, Robin Denroche and his family.

Mrs. Eva (O.H.) New has been appointed to the board of directors of the Lady Minto Hospital, Ganges. She succeeds Mrs. O. Whillans, who has served faithfully for several years. Mrs. New is not "New" to this work, as she brings a wide experience from many years of similar work in Vancouver.

The Australians are home again! Mr. and Mrs. Gary Godfrey, and Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Finnis are home again, after several months spent "over there". While there, the Finnis' baby girl was christened.

Many, many friends of L.C.F. (Chuck) and Stella Webb will be sorry to hear that they have now left their lovely little home on Galiano, "Chuckles Inn", and will now be residing in Mission City. They promise to come and visit often. Their home has been purchased by Ken Blackwood, of Vancouver, who comes over often to visit, and we welcome him and his family to the Island.

BURNED OFF

An old house on Galiano that was built in the early 1940's, has now been burned down, by the request of the owners, who are planning to build soon.

Miss Doris Field, of London, England, is visiting Mrs. Amy Inkster and Mrs. E. Wamsley.

An old friend, Ed Ketcham, now of Campbell River, spent a few days with Dr. and Mrs. Glen Stahl. Mr. Ketcham spent many years on the Island, when he resided at "Greenwater".

The ladies of the W.A. to the Galiano Volunteer Fire Department are hoping for a nice sunny day Saturday, for their monthly book

sale. We hope they have a really good turnout.

GOLF COURSE

The recent Golf Clinic held at the Golf Course with Pro Len McDonald, proved to be extremely popular. It was attended by all ages; men, women and children.

On Saturday, April 15, beginning at 9 am, at the Golf Course, play begins for the Dr. Mike Beach Memorial Trophy, the men's "spring open".

We are very sorry to note that

one of our friends, Lea Nelson has been a hospital patient. She had just spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mozeley and when she went back to Calgary, she also went to hospital.

John and Winnie Liver are most happy to have John's mother, Mrs. Liver, flying in from England for a visit with them.

Please don't forget to come to the films on Monday nights in the Hall, a most interesting group of films has been lined up the coming weeks.

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Mayne dieters adopt new motto for coming year

BY MABLE JOHNSON

"Control Our Weight in 78" is the slogan of Mayne Island TOPS group on Mayne. The Annual Meeting was held in March with new officers installed April 3.

Sally Burden, outgoing Leader reported that the Garage Sale held on April 1st was an unqualified success and commended the members on doing their part efficiently resulting in a substantial sum for their travel fund which will go

toward expenses of members attending the "Provincial Recognition Days of TOPS CLUB INC." held in Penticton in May.

The club is grateful for the patronage and many donations made by members of the community for the sale.

New officers elected were: leader, Edona Medcalf; co-leader, Margaret Bennett; secretary, Maude Smith; treasurer, Pat Dawson; weight recorder, Annie De

Summer's A-coming

Who cares about the swallows, Or the ferns that grow in hollows, When you've seen a pothole filler in the raw.

Yes, a pothole filler-upper's what I saw.

And as long as there are potholes, There'll be fillers up of potholes, And the summer won't be bumpy after all.

- John Healey

Rousie; assistant, Addie Hampshire; program convener, Marguerite Campkin; contests and awards, Sally Burden, assisted by Pearl Brau and Betty Fry; publicity, Mabel Johnston, assisted by Kay Adams.

APPRECIATION.

Sally Burden expressed her appreciation of the work done by the retiring executive commenting on the difficult times at first when the TOPS program was new to most of them.

In taking her place as new leader, Edona Medcalf invited the members to adopt the motto.

She started them off with a positive attitude and urged everyone to keep an accurate account of food consumed to prevent weight-gains or "creeping pounds" as they are often referred to.

A vote of thanks was given to retiring members of the executive and special Birthday Greetings to Sally with a presentation of flowers and a gift in appreciation for the use of her home for meetings. It was a wrought iron plant stand designed to look like a quaint balance scale.

New members are welcome and meetings are held at 10 am on Monday mornings. The awards for the year were presented. Best loser of the week, Maude Smith; Best loser of the month, Doreen Tamboline; Best Quarterly loser, Bertha Evans.

Future shock

When all the world is plastic
And all the sea polluted,
And people call for urban sprawl
Mankind at last is suited.
(Apologies to R.L.S.)

-JOAN RAESIDE

Some people would call it

Baloney ... by Tony

I'm having considerable regrets over the purchase of my new truck. Apart from all the scandalous and insulting abuse I've taken from people I had previously considered as friends my luck has been down as far as the operation of a vehicle is concerned.

I made a trip to Victoria last week end and, as usual, managed to make myself quite unpopular with other drivers who seem to think one must be a moron not to be able to handle a vehicle on city streets.

My first mistake was made through laziness. I like to park my vehicle as close as possible to wherever it is I'm going. So there's this six or eight storey parkade where you grab your ticket and drive around in circles through a concrete cave until you find a parking space.

I didn't pay much attention to the clearance sign and drove in. I looked at the concrete beam above me and thought it looked rather low. Next thing I knew, the canopy on the truck was preventing me from making any headway and I concluded that I'd best back out of there. The parking attendant came out to direct traffic out of my way, and with the clutch smoking, I was able to dislodge the truck.

Feeling relieved, I continued to back out of the building on to the street. Upon striking the lamppost off my stern quarter, visions of Austin Mini's and bicycles crossed my mind.

Once again, I was cruising down the street in search of a parking slot. Now, I don't consider myself a pro at parallel parking, but I have been successful at it on a number of occasions.

This was not one of them. I pulled up alongside the car in the next space, cranked the wheel over and began to reverse. Then some crazy fool goes by in the next lane. (It's a one-way street). He's driving this big, shiny new car and almost runs up on the sidewalk he's so intent on shaking his fist at me. Feeling that I must have come awful close to inflicting serious damage to my truck, I abandoned my parking plans and retired to the nearest pub. (Where they had a nice, big, easy-to-get-into parking lot).

Having recharged myself, I got into the truck, drove around the block and, lo and behold, a great big parking space: enough room for

a semi. So I wheeled in, did some shopping and headed for the ferry.

I hadn't gone far before I discovered the piece of white paper underneath the windshield wiper that told me I had to pay \$10 for that nice, big parking spot. And it wasn't until I got home that I discovered the piece of yellow paper on the dash. It informed me that I had been bull-headed, inconsiderate and feeble in my attempt at parking; that I had taken enough room for a 20 mule team, two elephants, one goat and a bunch of pygmies from Africa. I was wished an early transmission failure on the freeway at 4.30 pm and an infestation in my armpits of fleas from 1,000 camels.

Next time I'll take the bus.

A job-printing firm in Quesnel, Big Country Printers, has come up with a good definition of capital punishment.

It means that the government taxes you to get capital so that it can go into business in competition with you, and then taxes the profits of your business in order to pay its losses.

A truck parked outside the school board office at Ganges last week sparked a few comments from some observers who happened to be at the scene.

The truck bore the inscription, Fernwood Movers, Victoria, B.C. Now there could be several explanations for such a truck being parked in such a place. One speculation that deserves mention is that a number of Fernwood residents were moving to Victoria and had stopped in at the board office to say goodbye. On the other hand of course, it would make a very suitable truck for transporting television cameras.

Gulf Islands School Board sold \$220,000 worth of dentures last week but not before several trustees signified that they were a little confused.

However, Ivan Mouat cleared up the misunderstanding with a simple but precise explanation so that everyone, including those in the press gallery, knew exactly what was going on. We can only congratulate Mr. Mouat on his ability to make everything so clear.

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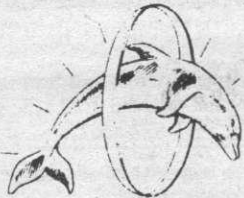
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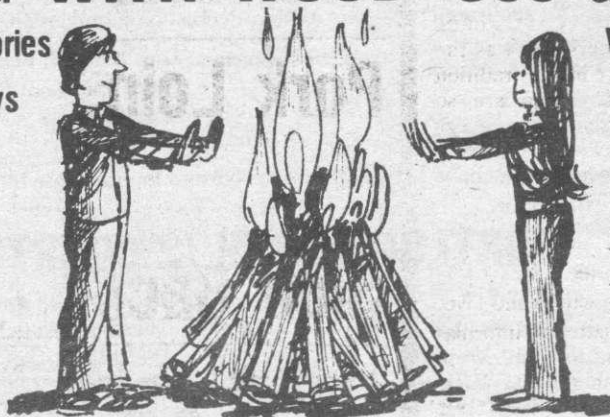
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Final Concert

Purcell String Quartet to play Sunday

The Purcell String Quartet will provide the culminating event of Salt Spring Island's winter-spring concert series, when they play at St. George's Church, Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 2 pm. This will be their third appearance locally.

The quartet are resident artists at Simon Fraser University, where they conduct string workshops and perform in informal concerts.

This arrangement is made possible through financial assistance

from the Canada Council and the University, supplemented by the B.C. government and the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation.

They have recently returned from a month-long tour to cities in Canada, the United States, Scotland and England; they appeared in Toronto, London (Ontario), Montreal, Halifax, Chicago, Dearborn, Edinburgh, Inverness and London (England).

Earlier in the winter they toured the central and northwest

areas of British Columbia, bringing music to schools and small communities. The quartet is comprised of the following players: Norman Nelson, violin; Joseph Peleg, violin; Philippe Etter, viola; and Ian Hampton, cello.

These concerts have been arranged by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island with co-operation from the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council. A paper collection will be made at the door.

Takes jail term for impaired driving

Judge D.K. McAdam levied a fine of \$600 against Maurice Menard, of North Vancouver, when he faced a charge of impaired driving in Provincial Court Wednesday.

Menard pleaded guilty to the charge which was laid after an incident February 24. RCMP at Ganges had been advised that a car was in the ditch on Stark Road and the driver appeared to be intoxicated. Police attended at the scene and found that Menard had been driving the vehicle. Breathalyser readings of 0.22 and 0.21 were taken.

Mr. Menard chose to take a jail term in lieu of paying the fine.

At Family Centre

Role of the father to be subject of discussion

BY BARBARA BLIED
Of the Family Centre

I am not a father, and I will never be one, but two of my closest

They have to be agile at Pender

When trustees of Gulf Islands School District met last week, there was some discussion over the drainage problem at the Pender School. Water is leaking into the basement of the new building, explained Don Fairweather.

"One must be extremely agile to swing around on the post at the bottom of the stairs in order to get across the pool of water," he said.

He added that architect Hank Schubart had said the problem could be rectified without too much cost.

District superintendent Bob Huestis suggested using the raft they have in the basement.

relationships have been with fathers, my own father, and my daughter's father.

Fathers are changing. That can be seen without being a father oneself. Today fathers are attending births, changing diapers, feeding their children physically and emotionally, carrying them in back packs and doing a variety of new and stimulating things with their children. These new roles for fathers (and mothers) will affect the adults their children will become and that will affect the world.

As a mother, I see how important attention from several adults is for a child. Father, like mother is a very special adult to the child. Children who have a daddy in the family appreciate and profit from his special love and attention, whether it's on an everyday basis or only on weekends. Children who do not have a daddy in the family appreciate "fatherly" attention. (Because of this the Family Centre would like to help single parents contact and organize Big Brother and Big Sister groups.)

Most fathers (and mothers) question what they are doing with their children and how they are doing it. It seems that right now neither the strict nor the lenient ways of parenting are in favour, and the area in between the two is very confusing.

How can daddy explain what he does at work all day? or why Jeannie shouldn't slap her little brother? or why he and mommie share a bedroom, but Tommie has a room for himself? How can dad help a daughter or son to know that anger is something everyone feels and that anger can be released safely and creatively.

DISCIPLINE A PROBLEM

Discipline is usually a problem. In the past the burden fell so often on father's shoulders. He was the court of last resort in the tradition of parental roles. There are so many problems that arise every day between parents and children, and some of them are typical "fathering" questions.

Dr. Fitzhugh Dodson in "How to Father" writes, "No one is born a good father. To be a father is a matter of patience, study and love. But is also a matter of information! It's important to learn everything you can about two basic subjects. Child psychology and teaching methods."

We invite all fathers and friends of fathers to bring their reactions to the above opinions and ideas as well as their own opinions, ideas and experiences to the "Fathering" discussion at our Social Evening, Thursday, April 20 at 7.30 pm at the Family Centre.

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Agriculture program has enrol



Duane Reynolds, Mark Owen, George Edwards, Scott Webster, Coly Byron, Chris Fairweather, and Ian Menzies with calves purchased at the Duncan auction last fall.



Here is the truck belonging to the agriculture students.

BY MIKE BYRON

The agriculture program at Gulf Island Secondary School is now in its fourth year. It has progressed from a one-class, classroom-oriented situation, to a full-time, five-period per day program with a total enrolment of 105 students.

The agriculture wing of the high school was at one time the vocational studies area. This building provides a classroom area where formal lessons on agricultural topics are discussed and the theoretical aspects of agriculture are investigated. The remaining two-thirds of the building provides a "barn" type area where cattle, poultry, rabbits and sometimes hogs are housed.

This serves as a general shelter area but also gives students an opportunity to set up control situations where various types of feed

conversions, production and livestock management can be practised. The grounds adjacent to the school serve as an area for horticultural studies and give the students a chance to improve and develop their aesthetic values.

GRAIN CROPS

In addition to the school area, the students have for their use the four acres of school board property in the Fulford Valley where last year they grew a successful crop of grain, which provided part of the feed for their livestock this past winter. Also they tried their hand, with less success, at market gardening.

The plan for this parcel of land for this year is to renew fences, again plant a grain crop and sow the land down to a hay and pasture crop, develop a garden plot, and set up experimental plots for



Students also learn about digging.



Chris Fairweather is holding a Hubbard rooster who was too big to get his feet into the picture.

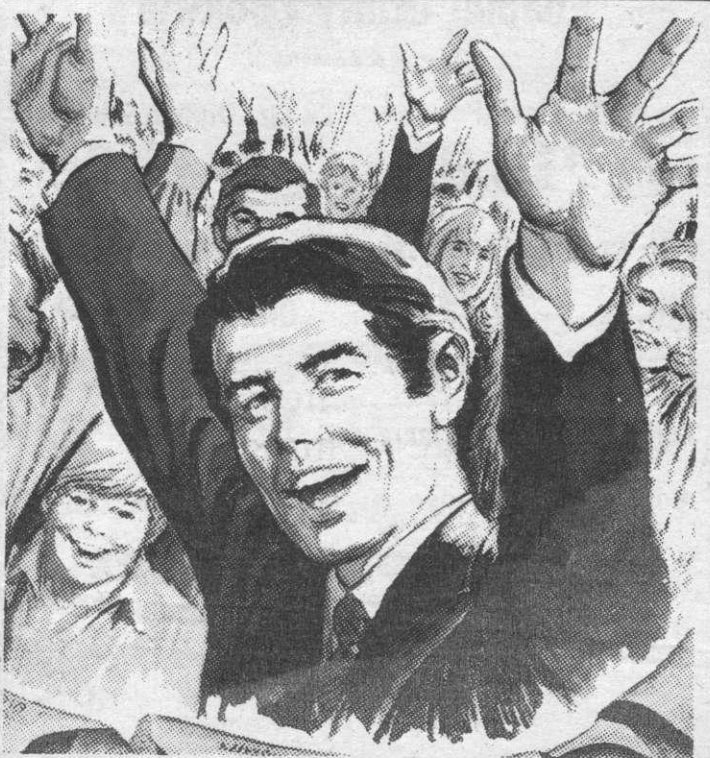
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ment of 105 at islands school

field and fodder crops.

The students presently own 22 head of cattle; 13 of these belong to the agriculture department, while the remaining nine are owned by individual students. The animals raised last year from day-old calves purchased by the students from the Duncan auction are presently held on the Stark Road property of Miles and Molly Acheson. The students rent the property, approximately 160 acres, and are presently planting about 10 acres for next winter's feed.

CUTTING WOOD

In addition to renting their pasture land, the students have purchased their own truck and two power saws, with which they raise funds by cutting firewood and fence posts.

As mentioned before, cattle are not the only livestock being stud-

ied. Leghorn hens in a caged situation provide eggs, most of which are sold to the Home Economics Department. Hubbard, meat birds, are also raised.

A hive of bees creates considerable interest for many of the agriculture students.

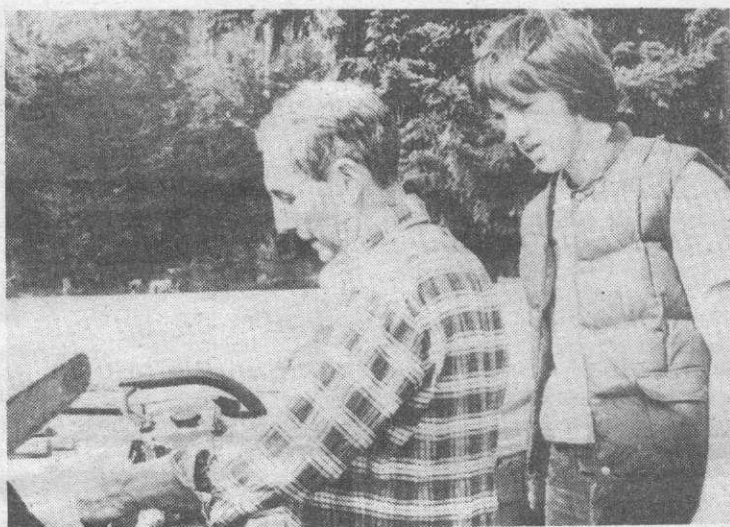
One of the most encouraging features of the agriculture program is that five agriculture students from the past two years are presently furthering their education in the agriculture field.

This program has found many friends within the community. These people have provided jobs, machinery, time and opportunities for the students to put into practice what they have learned in class.

[Mike Byron is agriculture instructor at Gulf Islands Secondary School].



Sharon Dixon and Barb John are working on some theory. Barb is holding a drawing of the monogastric digestive system.



Agriculture instructor Mike Byron shows how to sharpen a chain saw.



Mark Rittaler and Scott Webster with a registered Angus.



Mark Owen and Scott Webster talk about ploughing with Lloyd Reynolds while Bruce Aleksich examines the engine.

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The 70-year-old Sophia was sitting pretty low in the stern Sunday afternoon when about 3,800 pounds of well-wishers gath-

ered at the boat's berth in Ganges. The picture shows 3,650 lbs. of them out for a cruise in the harbour. The other 150 lbs. was

taking the picture. Owner of the boat, Darryl Georgeson, is inside the wheelhouse.

Birthday party at Ganges to mark Sophia's 70th year

BY TONY RICHARDS
It was 70 years ago on Sunday

that a well-known boat on the Ganges waterfront, the Sophia, was launched in Victoria. The occasion was marked Sunday afternoon with a birthday party for the 33-foot work boat, owned by Darryl Georgeson, of Ganges.

According to Darryl's estimate, there were 3,800 pounds of people on Sophia's deck, all of whom were there to wish her another 70 years.

Darryl has had the boat since 1937, when he and his father, Andrew Georgeson, bought it and used it for fishing. She was built as a cruising boat and the Georgesons converted it for gillnetting. The boat was powered by a 16-20 hp, two-cylinder Union and the net was pulled in by hand. She was used to fish the Nass and Skeena Rivers and the inlets such as Bute and Toba.

Eventually, a drum was installed and for eight seasons after that, she fished the Fraser River.

Darryl bought his father's share

in the boat in 1958 and the following year was the last she was used for fishing. The towbit took over from the gillnet drum and rope took the place of fish in the hold.

Sophia's (and Darryl's) biggest towing job took place about 21 years ago when a 160-foot freight boat had engine trouble off Beaver Point. Darryl was paid \$75 and a brand new tow line for taking the boat to Otter Bay.

In addition to cable-laying work for B.C. Hydro and B.C. Tel, the Sophia took part in search and rescue work in this area for 34 years. During that time, Darryl took 17 bodies from the water and did numerous towing jobs.

"I've lost count of how many boats I've pulled off the rocks," says Darryl.

Sunday's party was a fitting tribute to a boat (a wooden one, of course) that, as Darryl would say, has "performed" well for 70 years.

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-John Healey

Perhaps one reason why people in their beer sometimes talk gibberish is because they may be ingesting an additive called gibberellic acid, suggests the Alcohol-Drug Education Service of B.C.

A recent report by Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York indicates that Canada remained

the largest single borrowing country in 1977, with \$8.5 billion in new international debt. The loan figure, representing international bond issues and medium term Eurocurrency bank credits, was down from a record \$10.2 billion in 1976.

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More Food for Thought

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

World Development Committees are frequently accused of bias: we are one-sided; we think only about the poor. Most of us hope this is true. Yesterday Alice Andress and I joined regional representatives for an evaluation and planning meeting at Chemainus, and heard this answer: "the other side" is all around us: media, stores, homes, cars, our very style of living. We don't need to present "the other side". We are the other side.

We heard of a Canadian who had worked in India. She came home, could not adjust to our wastefulness and returned to India.

In a recent CHURCH TIMES (the Church of England newspaper) John Madeley, economist, journalist and lay-reader, takes the European Common Market to task for its 'protectionist policies. The ECM has 'saved' 1.6 million jobs in Europe's textile industry, at the cost of 160 million in the Third World, where the unemployed have no recourse to insurance or other social benefits. "Can Christians see that and not raise an outcry?" he asks.

"Christians are warned against both greed and the narrow protection of riches: we are called to be peace-makers.....there can be no peace without justice. To take the gospel seriously is to embark on a gigantic task - to work for international justice and against narrow nationalism; to change the values and thinking of a nation that has drifted into running its affairs in a way that causes injustice to millions. Justice cannot be done merely by giving the poor a little money. We cannot put the Third World in a

box labelled 'overseas aid'. Economic decisions taken by Britain can have such a crippling effect on the economies of Third World countries that no amount of aid could compensate. Aid still has a role to play, but justice can only be done if we are willing to work for changes in the thinking and in the structures which help to keep millions in poverty."

This is a long article, and I cannot do justice to it in the space I have. I will attempt to present the second half next week.

WORLD RELIEF TEA

When we first started planning, it was next year. Now it's just around the corner. We will need card tables, small table cloths (the plainer the better); home cooking for the home baking stall (labelled with cost price, recipe if you wish to divulge it); plants for sale (labelled, priced & directions for care or cooking!).

All these things should be delivered to the United Church in Ganges before 8am on the morning of Saturday April 22nd., or brought to Fulford Community Hall during the morning. We want to make all preparations before lunch, then take a break before coming back to open the proceedings at 2 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following: Dorothy Crofton, 537-5720; Marion Woolley, 537-5875; Jean Anderson, 537-2987; Dorothy Kyle, 537-9337 (evenings only); Mary Williamson, 537-2322.

Sales of alcohol in B.C. during 1977 totalled about \$510,000,000, up 8.7% from 1976.

Student choir entertains Silver Maynes

[From Page Two]

Saturday, April 15; Lighthouse Point Waterworks District annual meeting. Agricultural Hall at 1.30 pm.

Saturday, April 29; spring sale, sponsored by Silver Maynes, Agricultural Hall at 1.30 pm. Vi Hamilton, convener.

Winner of the door prize at the Art Show was Moray Buchanan, of Mayne Island.

Vince and Marg Billsten, Mt. Parke Estates, were pleasantly surprised by a visit from their daughter, Kathy, who had arrived home after a stay in Peterborough, England, near London. She has been on the staff of a girls school there.

Visiting Clare and Vi Hamilton, Bennett Bay, were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Clark of Rosetown, Saskatchewan.

Congratulations to Ed and Doreen Williams on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy, Jarett Clark, born March 13, weighing in at 8 lbs. 5 oz; a brother for Vania.

Among others returning from holidays are Stu and Betty Fry who were in Hawaii in February and part of March. They were domiciled at Honolulu but made various trips to the other islands. Bus travel was very inexpensive, they report and they visited several places they hadn't seen on previous Hawaiian holidays.

NO BAD WEATHER

Roy and Edith Crispin are back home, after spending the winter at Hemet, California (near Palm Springs) They travelled by trailer and were housed at a trailer park. They enjoyed fine weather

and missed our snow and rain.

George and Anne Connors spent a month in Arizona but were very disappointed in the weather. Not the ideal spot for a holiday this year!

More recently returned to the island are Stu and Kay Sinclair, who spent two months in Palm

Springs. They had a visit to Disneyland while there.

The Annual Red Cross Campaign will continue during April. Canvassers are still needed for Miners Bay and Fernhill Road.

Thanks to Pearl Brau, Betty Dry and Dick Tripple for delivering my news to Driftwood.

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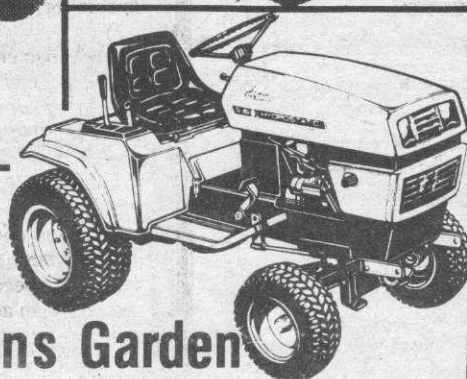


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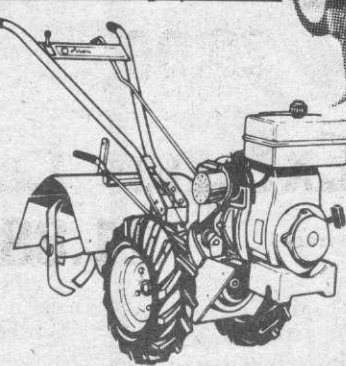
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Further reach into Hydro history

Galiano Power is born of casual remark

BY B.P. RUSSELL

The windows of Jack's Coffee Bar looked down over the wharf on Sturdies Bay. It was here where people congregated to await the arrival of the "Princess Mary" with the mail. It was here also where people heard and discussed the local news, or their business deals. It was here where one day early in the Winter of 1947, Fred Robson, the owner of Galiano Lodge, was complaining about his lighting plant, knowing that the rest of us who operated those co-traptions were also having trouble, and he suggested that instead of having to buy costly repairs as well as oil and gas, that we should club together and buy one large Diesel engine, which would, all in all, be much cheaper to operate than the five or six lighting plants we already possessed.

CALL MEETING

Robson's suggestion was so favourably received that it was decided to call a meeting a few days later to discuss the matter thoroughly and to advise all who

were interested to attend. A surprising number of people attended and all were most enthusiastic. A committee was formed to discuss further details and to make arrangements to visit the Utility Commission in Victoria.

The committee was received with every courtesy by the commission, but the atmosphere appeared to be one of amused scepticism. However, the visit showed the many obstacles to be overcome, and mentioned the several departments of government which would have to give their sanction before we could start with our project.

GREEN LIGHT

The committee had much work to do. However, by the Summer of 1949, it was given the "green light", and the Galiano Light and Power Co. Ltd. was formed with an unpaid directorate consisting of:

Fred Robson, president and chief electrician
O.J. Garner, vice-president
Ed. Wilson, secretary and treasurer

The other directors were George Jack and Bernie Russell.

Now things really began to hum

When the story of BC Hydro and Power in the Islands was published recently, the summary excluded mention of the Galiano Light and Power Company, which served the Galiano community before any agency had heard of the Gulf Islands.

Mrs. Fred Robson suggested that the story already published in Gulf Islands Patchwork would recall the story of a community taking power into its own hands.

This is the story from the publication of the Gulf Islands Branch of the BC Historical Society.

on Galiano. Enthusiastic gangs of volunteer workers turned out to clear the right-of-way, from the wharf to Arbutus Point, to Cain Cottage and to the Haven, and to dig and blast the holes or cut the poles, while the women-folk served lunches and teas to the various gangs. A central site for the power-house was purchased and a shed built on this site. Funds were raised to purchase a large Diesel engine and a small auxiliary. When these various tasks were finished Ollie Garner with his bulldozer hauled the poles from the bush to the holes and with a gang, hoisted them up, while Fred Robson assisted by Ed Gustin (who being an old Ontario Hydro linesman, had offered his services) strung the lines of copper wire. On the evening of December 8th, 1949, when the final connection was made, the switch was pulled, and the lights went on simultaneously in the Lodge, the Haven, Cain Cottage and the Garner home.

To celebrate this great occasion the ladies had arranged for a party to be held in the Lodge followed by a dance in the gaily decorated Community Hall. (This became an annual celebration on the Island)

WORK AGAIN

The following week, when the celebrants had rested up, work began again. Ed. Wilson's house, Lloyd Booth's house, and Jack's Coffee Bar were connected up. From this time on, applications for connections came in too quickly.

Slowly but surely the numbers of outlets increased. Poles were raised along Gulf Drive and to Arbutus Lodge, and by the Winter of 1950, all who lived close to the line and who wished for light, were connected. It was now necessary for all the Company's outlets to be connected to meters, instead of charging the low minimum rate.

Ed. Wilson did not for long enjoy the fruits of his labours. In 1950 he was taken seriously ill and died.

Alec Scoones now took over the position of secretary-treasurer, together with the task of meter-reader. In the secretarial duties which were, with the growth of the Company, becoming more onerous, he was ably assisted by Mrs. Scoones.

Requests now came from the Valley asking the Company to extend the lines to the old post office. This seemingly distant point was approximately two miles from the power house, and for nearly a mile the right-of-way was on solid rock, and for this mile there was only the prospect for one outlet. The estimated cost of running this mile was \$2,400 and the Company, which had originally set out to supply power at nearly cost, and with only a limited capital, for long debated this project.

SPECIAL MEETING

At this time, Bernie Russell, president of the Community Hall, called an extraordinary general meeting to discuss this project. At this meeting the hall committee were given authority to loan to the Galiano Light and Power Co. Ltd., \$2,500, interest free, in exchange for 50 shares in the Company, if

they would guarantee to deliver light over that mile of rock to the hall. This, with the purchase of shares by residents along the proposed line, decided the Company to extend the line.

In 1952 Alec Scoones died. His loss was keenly felt by the Company and by all who had become accustomed to seeing him ride up in his little tractor every month to read their meters. For some time Mrs. Scoones had been taking over most of his work, and she was well acquainted with it all. With the Valley project about to begin, the Company was very thankful to have someone so competent to take over his duties. Betty Scoones was now at home, and was willing to help her mother in her onerous task, while Bernie Russell took over the meter reading.

CONTRACT LET

A contract was let to have the holes blasted and dug for the new Valley project. The poles were procured at a nominal price and once they were placed beside the holes a gang of local volunteer experts (George Rennie, Fred Cluness, and Ozzie Heys) quickly bolted on the necessary hardware and the ingenious Ollie Garner with a home-made contraption fitted to the front of his bulldozer, quickly raised the long heavy poles and placed them in their holes. This device saved many man hours of labour and hastened the completion of the job. Then Fred Robson, aided by Tom Lowrie, stretched and fastened up the wire.

With the Valley line in operation, the Company found it was now necessary to purchase a second Diesel engine, and that a permanent engineer was necessary. They were indeed fortunate in being able to secure the services of Fred Cluness, a retired army engineer, who not only kept the engines running constantly, but rendered many other services to the Company.

With the outlets now numbering 75 and the consumers requirements constantly increasing, a third large Diesel was soon found to be necessary, and thanks were due to Mrs. Scoones for a generous loan which made this purchase possible.

The final project of the Company was the extension line to Mary Ann Point. While this was being constructed, negotiations were in progress between the Company and the British Columbia Power Commission, who wished to take over the miles of line owned and operated by the Company as a stepping-stone to the other islands in the group.

NEGOTIATIONS

The negotiations were completed in October, 1956, and the directors of the Galiano Light and Power Company felt as if a great weight had been taken from their shoulders, for the baby company they had started in 1949 had grown large enough to necessitate a full-time staff of paid employees. Had they known when they formed the Company the amount of work their enterprise would later entail, it is doubtful if they would ever have begun.

This short history would not be complete were I not to mention Mr. M.H. Walker, who worked so devotedly, on all the many reports and accounts required by the Utility Commission and the Government Departments.

Space here will not permit mention of all those others who volunteered help so generously. However, with the work there was fun - lots of it - and a comradeship which will always be something to remember.

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Farming and the Outer Gulf Islands

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BY ALAN STEWARD

Two years ago I went to Galiano to hunt grouse and on meeting a friend I asked him if there were any to be found on the old John Cook farm. His answer was, "Yes, there are grouse there, but you won't find the farm".

Later I found a few panels of old snake-fence in deep salal, the chicken and hog houses had completely rotted, the barn and house had both collapsed and fir and cedar trees were growing on the sites, the fields were producing a fine crop of alder trees and all the ditches were full of growth. Only the old Bing cherry tree remained and it was fighting a losing battle.

This is typical of the history of between 50 and 100 small farms that existed on the Outer Islands up to the late '30's. These farmers had never heard of the poverty line and would most likely have been below it if there had been one. They had no money but they didn't feel poor. They had plenty to eat, they "worked off" their taxes on the government road and they earned a bit of cash by working for those few fortunate neighbours who had an income. This was survival farming; root hog or die.

The second world war provided opportunity and most of the farmers joined up or went to town and got jobs and have never returned. Every one of those who were settled on farms after World War I under the Soldier Settlement and Veterans Land Act had to eventually give up farming in spite of moratoriums and other help from the government. Why should they return except to live on retirement? Certainly not to farm.

BETTER LAND

No family that wants to farm is going to come to one of these islands and invest its money and energies when for the same money they can buy better land that is at least twice as productive and is close to markets and supplies the Fraser Valley for example.

Nowhere in Shirley Preston's excellent book, *Agricultural Resources and Potentials of the British Columbia Gulf Islands*, does he go so far as to say that farming can be profitable. He details the many products and types of livestock that can be produced but he never says "profitably", and profit is the life blood of any business.

He recommends "incentives in

the way of financial assistance, management services, assistance in securing or storing water for irrigation and relieving some of the inconveniences and costs of transportation". How can we expect governments with every-growing deficits to pump money into our islands to help us do something that is completely uneconomical?

Our average rainfall is 27 inches and 75% of that falls in the November - April period and most of that immediately runs off. Where is it to be stored? We have no lakes or large beds of sand or gravel where it can lie and in July, August and September every field is brown. Only one crop of hay is normal.

NOT FOR FARMING

Society is changing: recreation and retirement are becoming evermore widespread and this is where the islands can be increasingly important but the Land Commission fails to see this. They equate island (so called) farm land with land in the Fraser Valley. These islands are the very best place in the world to live, but not to farm.

Up to the late '30's there was no unemployment insurance, no holidays with pay, no welfare, no pension plans, no 35-hour work week etc., but at least land was cheap and so we farmed. Now we have a welfare state and everyone has security and land is very expensive so no one farms.

There is not one single farm on the Outer Islands that is not being heavily subsidized by the owner.

These owners like the life and are happy to subsidize the operation but there is not a very important amount of food produced. What are they to do if a member of the family dies and an estate has to be settled or there is some financial crisis caused by sickness or old age? They can't cut

off a few pieces because their land is tied up by the A.L.R., so they try to sell it and find they have to sell at a fire-sale price. No one will buy it to farm and it is too large for someone to buy for a homestead.

Shirley Preston recommends that "the minimum size for subdivision of an A.L.R. parcel on the Gulf Islands shall not be less than 40 acres" (page 51-2a). The present (and previous) owners were unable to make a "go" of these farms when they were 100 acres!! What retired person is able or willing to pay \$60,000 or \$70,000 to buy one of these pieces of land and still have to buy equipment, stock, fences, etc., and put up a house and buildings?

REMOVE IT

I suggest to the Islands Trust that they remove all Outer Island (so-called) farm land from the A.L.R. and that these lands be treated in the same manner as bush land and other acreage, according to local plans. (The Land Plan suggests five to ten acre homesteads).

There would not be an immediate rash of farm subdivisions but this would restore proper value to farm land and make available, as circumstances arise, small farms that ordinary people could afford to buy and live on defensively. This would be fair to the present owners and would encourage the only type of farming that would fulfil the desires and needs of those on the Outer Islands; and also produce considerably more food.

These remarks apply in particular to the Outer Islands of Mayne, the Penders, Saturna and Galiano because I have lived here all my life, have farmed on Mayne and Galiano and logged on Saturna and Pender; I know the individual farms on every island and the owners.

If the Islands Trust considers that my remarks have no merit I suggest that they encourage the Land Commission to buy a farm on one of the islands and put an agronomist or a bachelor of agriculture on it and let him prove to us that farming can be profitable. I hope that he would keep an accurate record of all time and money spent and received and that these records would be made available to me and my friends. We would dearly love to be shown.

[Alan Steward lives at Hard-scrabble Farm, Mayne Island.]

Gulf Islands School District has been asked if it can give some assistance to Gulf Islands Studios.

Co-ordinator of the grant - financed art instruction program, Bill Wheaton, explained in a letter to the board that their Canada Works Grant terminates in August. Money will be needed to continue with the program, said Wheaton, and he asked if the district could assist in any way.

The matter came up at the board meeting on Thursday and was referred to the curriculum and management committees.

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Swimming for senior citizens at new centre near Sidney

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This means the majority of

bathers are retired, and the pool staff are prepared to give their

attention to those who need assistance. The staff also keeps a close eye on the length of time individuals are in the sauna room and the relaxing swirl pool.

Islanders interested in being a driver or a passenger and sharing transportation costs, should call the Community Centre at Salt Spring Island and get on the swimming-phone-list.

Salt Spring swimmers don't go every Thursday, but the centre staff would call and let swimmers know when a group plans to go. The 9.30 ferry from Fulford is taken over, and return trip is made on the 1 pm ferry from Swartz Bay.

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Did you know a bulldozer operator was putting in a new road for a local farmer, and after some hours' work, he dropped down to the house and told the farmer: "Say, I've found you a dandy spring up there on the bank."

When the farmer did a little checking, he found his main water line was cut off.

Two policy-making resolutions of interest to local organizations were passed at Tuesday's meeting of the School Board.

Trustees decided that school buses will only be used in future to transport school children and for school activities. This motion followed discussion on requests received from the Pirate Days Committee and Royal Canadian Legion for use of school buses.

Over at the Beaver Point 500 card party on Saturday night, they had six tables and the prizes were won by Mrs. R. Patterson, Andy Stevens, and (wouldn't you know it) another family affair on the consolation, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ruckle, this time both came up with the lowest score. Serving a nice supper were Mrs. W. Loxton and Mrs. J. Klassen.

Mrs. Mayo Jones of Salt Spring's Flower Shop, visited the Brownie Pack. She demonstrated the proper method of preparing the soil and planting flower seeds for the Golden Hand Test. Each senior Brownie will be growing a pot of nasturtiums on her window sill for the next few weeks and carefully noting progress in her plant diary.

TEN YEARS AGO

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has opposed plans to establish a log booming and sorting grounds in Burgoyne Bay.

Last Wednesday evening the chamber heard reports that the Ladysmith Log Sorting Co. was seeking to store logs along the north shore of the bay.

Directors of the chamber felt that the project would be a detriment to the bay and that the operation would jeopardise the existing use of the bay for oyster farming.

Cougar has been hunting on Salt Spring Island. Fred Howard reports finding two deer killed and partially

eaten on Mount Erskine in the Cranberry Marsh.

The predator had left his paw marks clearly outlined in the soft mud.

Provincial government plans to clamp down on sheep rustlers. A delegation from the islands attended upon Agriculture Minister F.X. Richter on Monday to ask for help.

Delegates were Robert and Maurice Akerman, Jack Todd and Don Fraser. They were introduced to the minister by John Tisdalle, MLA.

The minister heard their complaints of constant loss of sheep to thieves and he agreed that measures must be taken to "apprehend these people".

Earlier this year Gavin Reynolds, another Salt Spring sheep farmer, and president of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, reported the loss of about half his flock.

Farmers have long pointed out that it is too easy for thieves to come from Saanich Peninsula in small craft, take a sheep and be away before anyone is aware of strangers in the vicinity.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Salt Spring Lions Division 7 pulled another miracle out of the hat to defeat Powell River Cougars, 2-0 on Saturday to advance to the semi-finals of the Sun Cup Provincial Championships.

Semi-final will be played on Saturday at the Ganges school grounds. The island nine and 10-year-olds will meet the very powerful Vancouver Dunbar team, champions of the Vancouver and north shore area.

Public officials disclosure act is an invasion of privacy and at least two school trustees in the islands plan to resign if it should become effective.

On Monday afternoon Dr. E.R. Dixon told the board of Gulf Islands School District that he has already sworn to take no personal advantage from his position as school trustee.

"The only thing I'm prepared to do is to swear that I am making no money out of the school board," he told his colleagues. All the useful members of the community will drop out, he said.

Mrs. Sheila Fraser has no objection to any required revelation of her interests, but she explained that it also involves her husband and that is a different matter.

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Gardeners address Silver Maynes at annual meeting in Mayne Hall

BY ELSIE BROWN

At the close of the Silver Maynes meeting last week Jack and Dorothy James gave their usual valuable information to gardeners and horticulturists.

Mr. James spoke primarily on Club root, a disease which attacks cabbage and other similar vegetables. It is one of nature's worst enemies and is caused by a parasite with the scientific name, *Plasmodiophora brassicae*.

An acid condition of the soil, which is overly moist caused from poor drainage contributes to the propagation of this organism. The disease may be spread by contaminated fertilizer or the feet of animals, as well as humans, farm implements and infected seedlings.

Prevention is the only means of control and some of the points to remember were noted by the speaker:

Make sure there are no root swellings on seedling plants when buying or propagating your own. Use sterilized soil to start seedlings. Be careful that fertilizer has not been infected with the organism causing club-root.... Destroy weeds which grow around cabbage, cauliflower, brussel sprouts etc. Thoroughly clean and disinfect all tools which have been exposed to the disease.

IMPORTED PRODUCE

Mr. James stated that a large percentage of canned fruit and vegetables are still being imported and that 96% of bunch carrots are brought in from elsewhere. It is becoming increasingly important for more produce to be grown in

gardens by home owners to provide the needs for the family.

Recommended sprays in early stages of growth are 20-20-20 and diazinon.

Treatment of soil included the

Two speakers at Silver Maynes



Jack and Dorothy James, when they gave a talk on gardening at Mayne Island last week.

application of lime in the fall, crop rotation is beneficial, except for cabbages.

Mrs. James gave her usual interesting talk on flowers and their care. Container gardening has become quite popular, due to the deer problem and because it saves on water, she said.

The Experimental Farm in Saanichton has made many improvements and new methods of growing rhododendrons have been develop-

The tidepool . . . by P. MacAllister

Mussels are one of the commonest animals found in our intertidal zones. We see them attached to rocks and piers in great profusion.

A single mussel, living alone, would probably have a hard time surviving, they need each other to create enough current to bring food within reach and to create a habitat which will retain a certain amount of water at low tide.

Mussels are able to hang onto each other with their byssal threads. These are formed by the byssus gland just above the mussel's foot.

The mussel's foot is modified so that it has a groove down one side and the secretion from the byssus gland runs down the groove until it hits the salt water and then it hardens in the form of a sticky thread. The mussel produces a number of these threads, sometimes called a "beard" and hangs on tightly enough with them to resist the strong surf.

A great number of mussels living together provide their own habitat and a habitat for many other animals, small worms and isopods and small crustaceans who live in the cracks and crevices of the mass of mussels, which wouldn't be possible without the byssal threads.

May Day

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Fulford May Day committee gave up the program and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce rescued it. Pattern was changed and the pet show and animal exhibits were added. These have now been transferred to the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair.

For several years it has been increasingly difficult to find volunteers to take part in the annual event.

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SPRAYING

Spraying early is advisable, especially to prevent black-spot on roses. Long periods of rain aggravate the condition. Watering should be confined to the roots. Treatment of aphids consists of the old fashioned method of pinching them off in the early stages and applying soap suds mixed with cigarette ashes. Mildew is caused from long periods of wet weather. Watering is best done in the morning, avoiding wetting the leaves.

A question and answer period followed during which members were able to have some of their gardening problems solved.

Mr. and Mrs. James are frequent visitors to Mayne, judging at the annual Fall Fair and meeting with gardeners at the Community Gardens. Their assistance is very much appreciated.

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