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Power cut-off possible for those who deduct transit levy

Sea Capers Friday

One of Salt Spring Island's major events of the year kicks off Friday with a free concert in Centennial Park.

Sea Capers 1980 gets going with a concert by Valdy, Shari Ulrich and the Claire Lawrence Band Friday evening. On Sunday the activities wind up with the awarding of prizes to the winners of the various events.

Program for the weekend is on Page Thirteen.

Islands Trust appeal

Islands Trust is appealing the decision of the BC Supreme Court permitting the use of a private dock at a commercial establishment on Mayne Island.

When Weldon Pinchin, of Mayne Inn, defied the Islands Trust direction to dismantle the dock which had been constructed without Trust approval, the court upheld his position.

The dispute arises from the fact that one government department gave him the green light without consulting the status of the property in terms of zoning.

On Friday morning the Trust decided to carry on with the court battle.

The dispute illustrates the need for co-operation with the provincial government noted Chairman John Rich.

The Trust has not enjoyed much co-operation as yet, he said.

There is a strong possibility that B.C. Hydro will disconnect power service to Gulf Islands residents who refuse to pay the transit levy on their Hydro bills, *Driftwood* learned this week.

Disconnection, however, depends upon a number of factors, including the customer's credit record and how far back the arrears on his account go.

Assault charge laid in shooting

A bullet was fired into a man's leg to stop him from continuing his attack on a Galiano Island shopkeeper last Thursday, Ganges RCMP said this week.

Police said the firearm was used by a friend of the store proprietor. The latter was beaten in the face by his assailant.

The man who fired the weapon heard a disturbance inside the store and then entered after procuring a gun, police said. According to the report, the man pointed his gun at the attacker and warned him to leave.

When the assailant made a move towards the proprietor the man shot him in the leg, police said.

Police added that both the shopkeeper and his friend wished to remain anonymous.

Charged with assault causing bodily harm is Daniel Paul Wilson, a Vancouver man who had been living on Galiano for approximately two weeks, police said.

Wilson was transported to Lady Minto Hospital and treated for a minor leg wound.

Hydro press liaison officer Tony MacGregor said that Hydro's policy would be basically the same as in the past. He said that from payments made on Hydro accounts the social services tax is deducted first, followed by the transit levy. Whatever remains is what the utility gets and if that amount is short, Hydro will take the usual steps to collect the money owing.

"We have to pay (the regional district) what we bill, not what we collect," MacGregor said.

Calls to four different Hydro offices this week failed to determine what number of Hydro customers had refused so far to pay the transit levy. The computerized billing system is such that the information is, at present, impossible to obtain.

What would B.C. Hydro do if 500 customers, for example, didn't pay the levy? Would their power be cut off?

MacGregor's reply to that was: "Yes, I guess that's ultimately what would happen."

However, another Hydro official thought disconnection would be unlikely.

A spokesman at the Victoria office said it was "very, very doubtful that anyone would be cut off".

Meanwhile, Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm has indicated that the Urban Transit Act may be amended to permit modification of the procedure for collecting the transit levy. The change would be designed to accommodate Hydro customers with two meters.

At present those customers are paying the levy on each of their meters.



Young Brownie works toward badge

Six-year-old Kate Gilbert of the Ganges Brownie pack is deep in concentration with the object made of plants she is putting

together for her merit badge. For more on local Brownies see Page Seven.

Tourist booth opens

The tourist information booth at Ganges opened for the season on Monday.

Last Wednesday a pre-opening lunch was held at the Golf Club for the centre's volunteer workers. The lunch was given by the Salt

Spring Tourist Association.

The booth, located at the boat basin adjacent to Centennial Park, will be open seven days a week. In June, hours will be 11 am to 5 pm and in July and August, 10 am to 5 pm.

Benefits of incorporation outlined by speaker

Tom Moore, executive director for administration for the ministry of municipal affairs, spoke on the benefits of incorporation at a public meeting in Ganges Friday evening.

The meeting, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association, was attended by about 20 people.

Moore did not advocate the incorporation of Salt Spring Island as a rural municipality. Instead he outlined the responsibilities that islanders could expect if they opted for municipal government and the various provincial grants that the new municipality would be entitled to.

He informed the meeting that his ministry would immediately provide financial officers to assist the island association to put together a projected statement. The

statement, necessary in projecting tax increases resulting from incorporation, must be completed before a referendum on incorporation can be held.

FREE OF CHARGE

The officers would be provided free of charge to the planning association. They would determine what islanders pay now for services and also would assist the incorporating committee to establish priorities with regard to the funding of services.

The results would be published and made available for discussion to all residents of the island. If several hundred residents supported the idea and there was not much opposition, Moore said, his ministry would authorize a referendum.

The benefits of a municipality would provide islanders with the responsibility of

making all their own decisions regarding all aspects of local government, including highways, welfare and policing.

Moore warned the association not to exclude the Islands Trust, and particularly the public, from the incorporation studies.

CUT OF TRUST AREA

Special legislation would be required to take Salt Spring out of the Islands Trust, as all zoning and planning becomes the jurisdiction of the municipality. The minister himself, Moore said, would have to sponsor the amendment to the act and present it to cabinet, caucus and the house for final approval.

As an incorporated municipality, Salt Spring Island would require no outside approval for most of its bylaws. The only exception to that rule, Moore said, is when

a municipality wishes to borrow money. This must be approved by the inspector of municipalities.

Taxes would not necessarily increase, Moore explained. If services remain the same then taxes will remain the same. In some instances where districts have incorporated, taxes have gone down.

He said that in his 35 years with the government he has never known of a municipality disincorporating.

NOT RETURNED

In unincorporated areas the excess revenue, which results when the homeowner's grant exceeds the property tax, is returned to the government. But if incorporated, the municipality would get the revenue, Moore said.

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North to Alaska - by kayak

The customs office at Bedwell Harbour, Pender Island, sees a lot of American boaters entering Canadian waters. But the two who checked in there last week were not your average tourists.

Chino and Micco Godinez arrived at Bedwell in kayaks and were on their way to Alaska.

The Cuban-born brothers, residents of Pennsylvania, motored across the United States to Everett, Wash., where they embarked upon their long trip up the B.C. coast.

They are following the course taken by John Muir, who 100 years ago explored southeast Alaska in four trips from California by steamer.

Using German-made kayaks which can be folded up for travelling overland, the Godinez brothers expect to return to Everett by late September.

Each of the craft is 15 feet long, will carry 1,000 lbs. and is theoretically unsinkable. They have inflatable pontoons on each side.

The travellers are keeping a diary of their journey with a view to publishing a book about it after they return.

No cabinets for directors says board

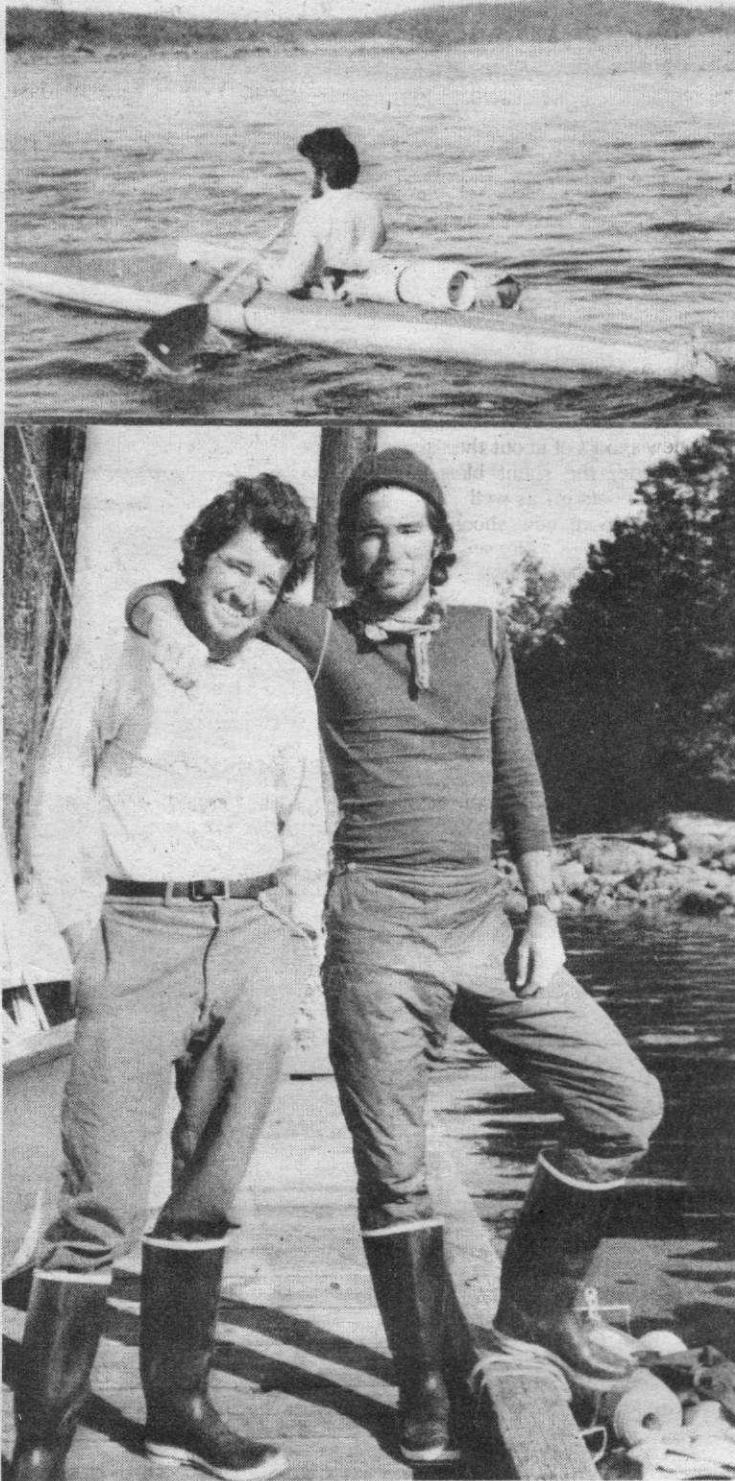
When Regional Director Yvette Valcourt asked the Capital Regional Board for a filing cabinet last week the request was turned down.

The Salt Spring director asked the board to provide each electoral area director with a cabinet to file board documents.

"I've got so much paper at home, I've got no room for a filing cabinet," protested Howard Drummond, from the west end.

Director W. McElroy offered to share his city hall cabinet with Valcourt.

A director suggested she might buy a cabinet and then sell it



Picture-story by Eleanor Harrison

Cost of transit

Islanders' share revealed

Islanders will carry a large share of the cost of city buses if the present regional transit proposal remains unchanged.

Capital Region's transit committee last week heard a report from its own staff that the Outer Islands and Salt Spring Island are carrying one-twentieth of the cost of the bus system. Residents derive no benefit, protest islanders.

Of the total cost of the regional transit, \$2,257,950, 5.57% will be carried by the islands by means of a \$12 annual Hydro levy on

residences and \$100 on commercial properties. This will raise an estimated \$125,700.

Island residents are not the only complainants. According to the regional transportation planner, David Langley, the two most common complaints are from residents who pay for it and never use it and from the Gulf Islands and western area, those who resist paying for a service they don't enjoy.

DOUBLE LEVY

Largest single group of complaints objects vigorously to the

double levy imposed if a taxpayer has two meters. Many have two meters for a variety of reasons. A small business, with four meters, pays \$30 a month. During the discussion on Wednesday, a spokesman for the Urban Transit Authority expressed the belief that the multiple meters were a matter of choice.

City of Victoria, noted planner Langley, pays \$7.50 a month on each of its 114 traffic signal installations.

Many homes have a second meter to drive a water pump. They pay \$2 a month, explained Langley.

Directors were told last week that exemption of the islands, Sooke, Port Renfrew, Jordan River, Metchosin and North Saanich would cost the transit operation a quarter-million.

Residents of the remaining, bus-happy populace would pay a \$13.50 annual transit fee and non-residential meters would be charged \$101 per annum.

Mayne airstrip is still contentious, Trust told

Airplanes on Mayne Island are still a contentious issue.

At the week end meeting of the Islands Trust council in Victoria trustees read the advice of their lawyer, T.P. O'Grady, that airstrips are a federal matter and that the Trust has no jurisdiction over the construction and use of an airstrip.

Four property owners had developed a 1,700 foot strip, trustees were told by Joan Sprague, from the island.

Concern has been expressed by the Village Bay community. The extent of traffic was the main issue behind the concern.

Mayne Island Trust Committee had not approved the use. The BC Land Commission overruled the Trust and gave a limited consent.

Trustees had no objection to an airport on the island, but they could not be convinced that this was the most suitable location, explained the trustee.

Islanders would like to know more of the future plans for the strip and the extent to which the strip could be used for parking around the perimeter.

BEYOND POWERS

Legal advice obtained by islanders was that the BC Land Commission might have exceeded its authority when it sanctioned the use of the land, she noted.

There is no commercial aspect

and this has not been considered, but private use includes use by clubs and this aspect is also contentious.

"Could 100 planes use it and park around the field?" asked Elspeth Armstrong.

"We have been unable to find out," replied Joan Sprague.

Perhaps the federal government is the only agency that could make that decision, suggested the chairman, John Rich.

"We are still open to proposals for an alternative site," reported the other Mayne trustee, John Mundie. The land commission's temporary permit could be overturned, said Rich. The Trust will seek further legal advice.

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To Be Frank by richards



If the electors elected less porcupines and less hedgehogs to public office, maybe our masters would be a bit less prickly.

The idea of being prosecuted for taking shows from outer space may be the sign of the space age, but it makes not much sense. Right now it's illegal to listen to any message not intended for public listening, but that has never been very effective. When a space antenna is within ready reach of the average man, the law will be widely challenged. There's probably lots of time to think about it, but Francis Fox has taken the wise choice. No prosecutions would be pressed against private residents, he explained last week.

Big has long been beautiful, but small is what lives on in men. The small general store with its shelter from the storm and mixture of goodies is better remembered than the chrome and glass of the great department store.

The little red school house is remembered by many a graduate who never even saw one. But how many people boast that their school harboured 14,000 students?

Even when it comes to kids, small has it. How many newspaper correspondents have written that Mary Smith had a little baby girl? And how few that she had a big baby girl?

It's in the nursery that littleness comes out ahead. Mummy Bear and Daddy Bear and Little Baby Bear: not Mum, Dad and whacking great Big Baby Bear! Smallness pays off in the long run.

And it started with the Colonist report that Fred Barnes had retired as managing editor. He wrote "30", reported the story, a symbol that is disappearing with electronic typesetting.

It was 30 when I started, as well. That meant the end of the story and the printer duly set a dash. That was 30 and marked the end of the type.

And now it's just the little operations like *Driftwood* that are using the traditional marks and symbols. Nearly two years ago I wrote 30 to my own career as editor and publisher. One day I shall write 30 to my connection with newspapers.

But will anyone write 30 to my days? Or will that traditional symbol have disappeared from all publications by that time?

I don't really give a damn. The only change I kick against is the switch from wrong font, which plagued me for years, to spurious character which sounds like calling Nana, "Grandmother".

Not that I am suggesting that a grandmother is either a wrong font or a spurious character, but there is a formality about the new term which didn't exist before. We've gone from the Saxon to the Roman and it's a change from the familiar to the formal.

Good for Fred Barnes! But why did I get into all this?

My name's Brenda, said Brenda, just in case you can't recall it! But I could!

Every private had a general's baton in his haversack. I was a corporal and my haversack was always in such an unmilitary mess that I couldn't have found it if I'd needed it. As I grow older I now realize that the other means of ranking with the brass would have been to join a large corporation and then to have served with it to become General Manager. I missed the boat. I'm just the janitor in Private Enterprise!

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Water study is needed now, Islands Trust is warned by Kreissl

Study of water availability has gained impetus, reported Salt Spring Island local trustee Bud Kreissl last week.

Speaking to the week end meeting of the Islands Trust council in Victoria, Kreissl reported that after years of silence and disinterest on the part of most islanders, there is a wide and eager interest in water sources and resources.

"The Capital Regional District now wants to carry out a new survey of water in the islands," he explained.

The Trust is pursuing its own study of resources. The study should carry a time limit, urged Kreissl.

CRITICAL

Planner Tony Roberts had prepared an outline of the pattern such a study might follow. Jim Tyhurst was sharply critical on the grounds that the water rights branch should have been consulted before the list was compiled.

Kreissl outlined the priorities as he sees them. He is also a trustee of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

"Should we request of the provincial government a man who can devote his full time to this study?"

The one serious problem in all the islands is water, agreed Tyhurst.

"Without water we don't exist!"

The plan should consider water use and sewage disposal, submitted John Gaines.

"Sewage disposal is the biggest consumer of water and the biggest contributor to pollution."

DIFFICULT

Siting a home, commented contractor Gaines, is too often governed by the location of the well and the septic tank than by aesthetic values.

Pender's Gordon Wallace noted that enough water falls on the islands as rain to meet any need for water the rest of the year.

He also cautioned that a lot of people seek to use water supply as a means of controlling development.

The islands are in the third or

fourth year of a drought and nobody even knows what the water cycles are, commented Tyhurst.

The Trust will seek the co-operation of other provincial agencies in preparation of a more detailed list of information. In conclusion, John Mundie, of Mayne, commended planner Roberts on his guidelines.

Swimming is not only good exercise, it's an enjoyable activity that can be shared with family and friends. The Red Cross urges you to always swim with at least two people, not just for enjoyment, but for safety's sake.

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The Annual General Meeting of the above-mentioned organization will be held on the following islands at times and places herein designated.

Saturna Island	Community Hall	Monday, June 9, 1980, 1:30 pm
North & South Pender	School Hall	Monday, June 9, 1980, 3:30 pm
Mayne Island	Medical Centre	Wednesday, June 11, 1980, 1:00 pm
Galiano Island	Community Hall	Wednesday, June 11, 1980, 3:30 pm
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Secondary School	Monday, June 16, 1980, 8:00 pm

AGENDA

1. To receive the Chairman's Report
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1980
3. To receive various reports
4. To elect Society members and 4 members to the Board of Management, 3 members from Salt Spring Island and 1 member from Galiano Island
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Any other business that may come from the meeting.

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ZONE MEMBERS

Zone members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1, Salt Spring Island, Zone 2 - North and South Pender Islands and Prevost Island, Zone 3 - Saturna Island, Samuel Island, Zone 4 - Mayne Island, Zone 5 - Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who had made written application for membership in the Society.

Applications will be made available prior to the call to order of the Annual Meeting. Applications are currently available at the Hospital's Business Office.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- (a) Members who have paid \$1.00 for membership during the year 1980 to June 9th/16th, 1980 as applicable.
- (b) Any person not owning property on the Gulf Islands and not currently being an Annual Member but who desires to be an ANNUAL MEMBER and vote at the 1980 Annual Meeting must make application one month before said meeting and should apply to the Administrator, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Ganges, B.C. Annual Meetings will be held between June 9th and June 16th, 1980. The membership fee is \$1.00. This notice does not apply to landowners or spouses of such persons.

Signed:

M. Pinteau, Secretary
Board of Management

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Schools in the market place

Gulf Islands school trustees are teetering on the edge of a co-operative commercial enterprise. They are planning the sale of school supplies directly to students.

The initial entry into the stationery business will be small. This fall trustees plan to distribute kits for elementary school students at the opening of the school term. Subsequent needs must then be satisfied through the ordinary retail channels.

When the proposal came before the school board it was agreed that islands merchants be invited to express their opinion on the sale of supplies through the schools.

By the time the decision had been settled, the merchants were still without information. And they are all in a difficult position. If they announce bitter hostility, they will alienate some parents. If they support the scheme, they will probably be untruthful. No island store depends on the sale of school supplies for its survival. If all supplies were sold through the school district no merchant would be contemplating suicide. It is not a matter of life and death.

The initial plans will meet with the approbation of some parents: perhaps of most parents. A dollar saved is a dollar earned. A family with two elementary school children could save even \$5 per child if the school district absorbs its handling costs. Some of the cost is going to be carried out of the school taxes. But a saving of \$10 per year is interesting without being vital. If that saving were translated into revenue to local merchants it would not pay the rent, in all probability. It would scarcely do more than meet the donations to students that every island merchant is invited to make throughout the school year.

Appearance of the schools in the market place is a sore point with many small businesses who feel threatened by the giant school machines. Gulf Islands School District is far from gigantic and Gulf Islands stores are far from threatened. Nevertheless, this policy represents a new pattern of activity in the district and trustees might better have invited community input before changing pace.

The ornery man

Time was when a representative council could debate the public business in harmony and humour. That time is gone. Today, the average public representative comes to public meetings with the warm rationality of a kindergarten student and the understanding and co-operation of a wild cow in a milking contest.

The participants in these childish disputes probably come out of the ring feeling better than when they went in. But they enjoy that relief without a thought for their fellows.

At every public meeting of an elected body there are the appointed officials, technicians, clerks and other personnel, a few members of the public and a few reporters. These are the victims of the disease. They have to sit through this long parade of silly name-calling and thumbing of noses at each other.

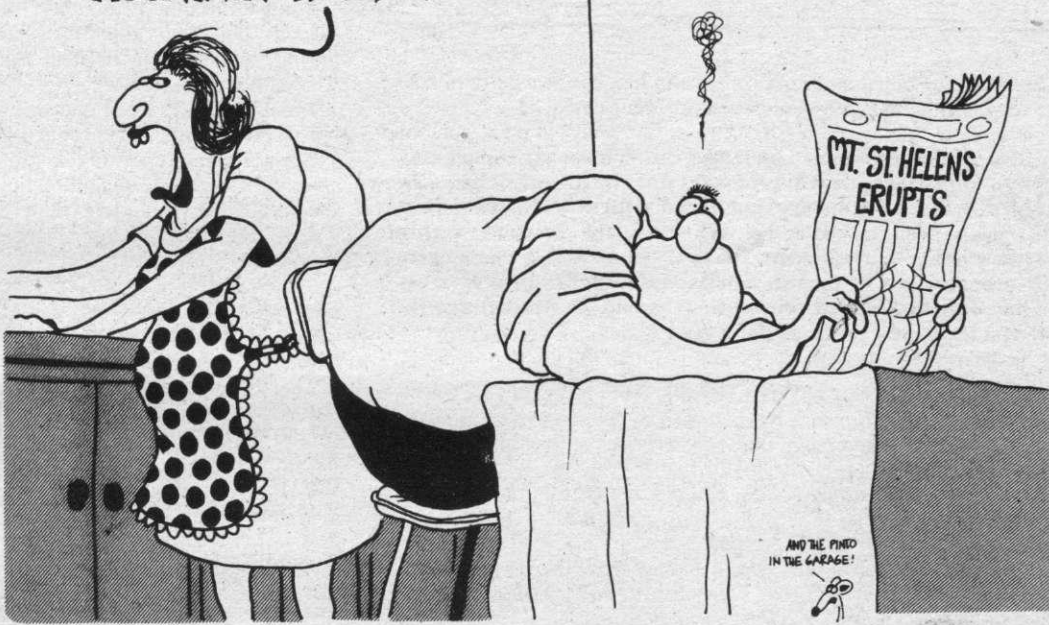
If the wilder elements of public office were brilliant debaters, then the observers could at least enjoy the verbal exchanges. But they are not. They indulge in puerile insults, immature exchanges and the same activities that we would expect to find in the classrooms of the very young.

When an ornery man takes office and is eager to vent his foolish spleen on his fellow representatives, he might do well to pause and reflect that his audience had previously seen him as a rational, intelligent adult. He is about to disillusion them.

We have found great knowledge in the deliberations of our municipal mentors, but few signs of great wisdom.

There are just too many kooks in the public broth!

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Letters to the Editor

Airfield more than private enterprise, says opponent

Sir,
The vast majority of residents and property owners of the Village Bay area on Mayne Island have formed a society to protect the rural atmosphere of their homes.

In October 1979 a company was formed to construct an airfield in this quiet valley, which, in the opinion of the society, will destroy the peaceful, natural and rural environment; will cause undue fire hazard in an area already short of water in the summer months; will prevent future, most-needed agricultural development; will adversely affect present agriculture holdings under production; and will render invalid the reason most of the property owners had for choosing this area as a place to live.

The Village Bay Preservation Society, being the group of concerned citizens described above, has approached all the applicable departments in the three areas of government - local, provincial and federal - in an attempt to have the wishes of the majority of the people met, i.e., to stop the construction of the proposed airfield. Up to now it appears that no area of government has the power or will use the power it has, to take democratic action or to enforce present jurisdictions which would affect the protection of the rights of the majority.

The media has been kept informed of all the moves the society has made, but so far there has been a noted lack of attention to, or publication of, the society's fight for the interests of more than 80 residents and landowners in this matter.

The principals involved in the airstrip proposal have stated publicly that their intention is for a "private" airfield, to be used for commuting from their homes in the Village Bay valley to their work. However, their articles of incorporation state that there could be as many as 15 members, in addition to directors and officers of the company, that the business of the company is "the operation of a private airfield as a public service to persons flying to and from Mayne Island", and that 3,000

shares can be sold to raise a minimum of \$200,000. It is clear that this is much more than a private enterprise.

I ask, is justice only to be obtained in the larger areas of public concern, as in the recent referendum in Quebec? Are not smaller groups, such as our society, also entitled to this process of democracy in action?

S. KVAM,
R.R.1,
Mayne Island.
May 25, 1980.

Shocked, horrified at destruction

Sir,
After a year of relative peace, motorcycle racing has returned to the Salt Spring Island garbage dump. A fitting place for motorcycle racing if it were located where garbage dumps should be, i.e. away from residential areas.

We would like to express our complete support for the stand taken by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas at the recent Islands Trust meeting. We also live in the area and find the noise intolerable. It goes on almost every day through the supper hour and for many hours at a time on the weekend. The track is not just being used by the owner of the property, but also by numerous other motorcycle racers. Their lack of consideration for other people's right to peace and quiet is unbelievable. One wonders how long this situation would be allowed to exist if more people were affected by the noise.

CHERYL AND MICHAEL
MURRAY,
Cranberry Road, Ganges.
May 29, 1980.

Unbelievable lack of consideration

Sir,
Reading the front page of your paper on May 28, I am shocked and horrified at the wanton destruction of the 250 chickens at the Dogwood Poultry Farm.

I am one of the customers of Miss Simone Chantelu. I know how hard this gentle woman works to support herself and her polio-ridden sister. Between them they run the farm, but Simone is the one who works nearly 18 hours a day, in order to operate the farm. I have at times, visited her farm and know the conditions under which she works, but never a complaint from her. She has, on occasion, in the middle of winter, delivered a chicken to us at 9 p.m. I know of no other person who works so hard and for such long hours for so little a reward.

Messrs. Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies Ltd., have opened a fund to help these lovely people in distress. I invite all of the customers of Simone, to go down to Foxglove and give a generous donation to these hardworking people. Let us all show that we do care.

It is time that the "authorities" started to do some real practical eliminating of stray dogs on the island, instead of trying to bypass the intent of the existing laws.

Thank you for your valuable space.

CHARLES H. ORCHARD,
R. R. 2,
Ganges.
June 1, 1980.

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The Anarchist

Perhaps it's the weather

Just as spring collapses on the verge of summer, and I search for something encouraging to offer thousands of devoted readers of the classified section, what happens? I am confronted in the news by the government's leading scientist displaying his latest bit of sordid stupidity on the roof of the legislature, the threat of an imminent takeover of the province by the *Los Angeles Times* and, lo and behold, our member, our very own Hughie, making noises supposedly directed to the interests and concerns of the local population.

Now I know I am biased; the assembly of nondescript millionaires, municipal hacks, and fore-sworn Tories and Grits which make up the present government party is a perfect example of the type of adults that I would caution children never to have anything to do with, but I do not believe that I am quite alone in finding Mr. Curtis either totally dull or thoroughly devious.

There is a current school of political expediency which operates on the practice of non-controversy; confine oneself to pleasant, if empty generalities, because if no one disagrees with you then they are less likely to vote against you.

Thus we get the content of Mr. Curtis' latest interview. The whole damn thing would be perfectly safe material for a low-level civil servant addressing a local service club. It's right out of the genuine bureaucrat's handbook; Water Districts, Transit, and the need for more Police, not because we are in any sense delinquent, but to protect us from those wicked outsiders. Endless Blah. A Valedictory Address to the Loyal Order of Poops and Wimps.

But since Hughie won't go away, and will clutter up the landscape for some time to come, let us consider the devious option, the politician turned secular priest, and let us see if the analogy works.

So here we are in this unimportant Parish, an appendage to the Diocese as the Priest plays Bishop in the Vatican in Victoria. He brings us the Gospel of Large Measures, the Big Picture of Politics, the Ten Commandments of personal responsibility to the state, God, Free Enterprise and the Party, along with Sermons on Good Causes defined for Priest and Bureaucrat - as anything provoking unanimity.

But if or when you ask him, for instance, what about sewage as it affects development, and where does incorporation and local control come in, he immediately explains the beauty of God's plan in providing you with Free Will, and Choice, and Responsibility, and also how blasphemous it would be were he to usurp God's Holy Prerogatives or your Sacred Duty to make up your own mind.

Then he retires to the Confessional, which closely resembles a Voting Booth, and there, singly, in solemn privacy, he will deal with your individual pains and problems by Intercession and Instruction, as he collects the interest or suggests new terms on your spiritual mortgage to the Party.

A farce, you say true; but true also that this is the nature of politics and politicians in 1980.

As for me, I don't expect infallibility from politicians, I don't even demand wisdom; I would settle for some honest concern, and, oh yes, one more thing, Mr. Curtis, some guts.

Petitions opposing bike racing given to minister

Sir,

First of all I want to thank all those people who signed the petition pertaining to the noise created by dirt track racing, on the dump property owned by Mr. N. Twa.

The owner does not live on this property nor do any of the other riders.

After creating havoc with noise and dust for up to six or seven hours a day - sometimes seven days a week, they retire to their own properties. The petition in my opinion covers almost all residents of Blackburn Road.

Two who were not asked to sign are residents, but being Mr. N. Twa's relatives we did not expect a

favourable response.

One chap, who rather liked motorcycles (so do I in the right place) would not sign, but was leaving Blackburn Road because of the noise of vehicles passing his house towards the dump.

Since the first petition we have had calls from people on Divide Road and obtained a petition from them. They are fed up, and totally distracted by this dreadful noise.

Both petitions were handed to Mr. Vander Zalm on the "Floor of the House" in Victoria last week. We have letters protesting this use of the "watershed" as far back as early 1976. Nothing has been done.

My wife and I have tried over the years with staunch allies, using the democratic system, to stop this abomination. We have got nowhere! With these petitions perhaps we shall be listened to.

You are entitled to privacy, and privacy today includes freedom from ear-shattering noise, dust, smoke. Chain-saws or lawn mowers in no way compare to these ear-shattering contraptions. They should not be in either the watershed or any rural/residential area. This is what we shall aim for.

W. THOMAS,
Box 668,
Ganges.
May 31, 1980.

Who profits from sewer?

Sir,

The big sewer system currently being proposed for downtown Ganges is estimated to cost at least 4.1 million dollars. According to the survey done on Salt Spring Island by the Environmental Protection Service of Environment Canada (1977), there were 13 problematic septic systems polluting the harbour in the Ganges commercial, core area. It seems to me that a 4.1 million dollar expenditure of taxpayers money to correct 13 individual septic problems is utter nonsense, but to do it at the risk of polluting our harbour and threatening our seriously limited fresh water supply is clearly insane.

Who profits?
DR. D. RICHARDSON,
Fulford Harbour,
May, 1980.

A tip of the hard hat to B.C. Hydro

Sir,

It is a real pleasure to write a thank you note in these troubled times.

On Saturday afternoon there was a power failure on our road. I called Duncan Hydro emergency to report and about one hour later the service truck arrived, some adjustment was made to an adjacent transformer and power was back on. It only lasted an hour or so and off again. Now feeling somewhat like Scrooge I again called the Duncan number, again the magic truck appeared, this time with a replacement transformer, it was now dusk and drizzling. These well trained men (two) had that transformer replaced quickly.

Presto! let there be light and there was light. I am most grateful for such prompt and pleasant service. So a tip of my old hard hat to B.C. Hydro and the men who gave up a Saturday afternoon to help us out.

HARRY HARRIS,
Galiano Island.
May 26, 1980.

Director calls for immediate exclusion

Regional director for Salt Spring Island, Yvette Valcourt, has written the following letter to the Capital Regional Board.

Dear Members,

Re: Transit Levy on Hydro Bills.
Our MLA Hon. Hugh Curtis, has repeatedly requested the exclusion of the Gulf Islands from this improper charge.

We, as island residents, do not expect or request a bus service, and if we did, it would not be available to us in the foreseeable future.

I, as an island resident feel that no bus service, NO CHARGE!

It is fair to say that the majority of island residents feel the same way.

I, in my small enterprise, am

being charged for 53 commercial meters at \$90 per year: \$4,770 for a non-existent service.

It is fair to say that in 1974-75, during our commercial construction, B.C. Hydro were in the market for selling electric power. Now we are faced with this unjust levy!

Myself, and the Valcourt Merchants Association, two years ago, initiated a free bus service on the island, from one part of Ganges up to the hospital area, making the important stops along the way, and during these three weeks of trial, only two people used the service.

I sincerely request that the EXCLUSION from this Urban Transit Service Area, for the Islands, be implemented immediately.

Income supplement increase necessary but not enough

As a new member of parliament I find the wheels of parliament grind terribly slowly in dealing with basic problems. The Liberals have mastered the art of creating an appearance of action without making fundamental changes. For example, Bill C-16, an act which will increase the guaranteed income supplement for senior citizens by \$35 a month, was recently passed unanimously by the House of Commons.

It did not pass without debate, however. All members who spoke on Bill C-16 argued that the \$35 increase was necessary and most admitted that it was not enough. As an NDP member of parliament I certainly agree.

On an annual basis the amount guaranteed by our old age security program, the basic pension plus the supplement, equals roughly 80% of the amount defined as the poverty line by Statistics Canada. The Liberals, who have been in power for most of the past four decades, again have only paid lip service to the problem. The \$35 increase they have allowed to the most needy will raise their incomes to a mere 83% of Canada's poverty line!

LACKING

Even the speech by the minister responsible for introducing the bill showed government action to be lacking in dealing with the poverty of Canadian pensioners. Monique Begin, the minister of health and welfare, in her speech quoted the testimony of a woman pensioner.

"I'll tell you what it's like being an old woman who's only got the government pension to live on... It's wearing out your second-hand

Ottawa report

By JIM MANLY, MP

shoes going from one store to another trying to find the cheapest cuts of meat. It's hating having to buy toilet tissue or soap or toothpaste, because you can't eat it. It's picking the marked down fruits and vegetables from the half-rotting stuff in the backs of stores that used to be given away to farmers to feed their animals.

"We live in fear. Fear of the future, or more illness, less money, less pride. Fear that the cheque won't arrive and we won't be able to work our way through the red tape in time to pay our rent. Fear that we will run out of food before the next cheque comes in."

From the letters I have received and from personal conversations I can affirm that many older people in Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands find themselves in this unhappy situation.

Stanley Knowles, NDP pension critic, has been consistently pressing for better pensions for half a century. The following excerpts from Knowles' speech on the Bill C-16 debate made the NDP position that pensioners deserve a better deal, absolutely clear.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH

"It is not good enough just to keep people at the poverty level,

just to keep our old people alive. It is not good enough to say we are bringing them up to 80% or even 103%. Surely that implies just keeping them alive as animals, as it were. These are human beings we are talking about. These are Canadians who have given their life's services to this country and who have built the country.

"I think we in this house ought to be hanging our heads in shame when it is being said here today that our pensioners for the most part are living below the poverty line."

"The time has come to establish a level of pensions below which no one should fall, and that the level should be at least 125% of the figure accepted by Statistics Canada as the poverty or existence level."

To people who claim we can't afford the cost, I say let's look at our priorities. When executives earn upward of half a million dollars a year, when we continue to build expensive products that are designed to fall apart after a minimal period of use, when we squander our natural resources and neglect full use of our human resources in worthwhile jobs, it becomes ludicrous to suggest that we can't afford a better deal for our seniors.

Perhaps the time is coming when a majority of Canadians will recognize the need for socialist planning so that we can have our priorities in order. In the meantime, I am glad to report that Bill C-16 passed and some of the people who built this country will get a slightly better cheque this July.

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Introduction to computer technology

Driftwood office was more like a nursery last Thursday when two classes of kindergarten students from Salt Spring Elementary paid a visit. They were given demonstrations of modern computer typesetting equipment and printing of photographs in darkroom.

In top picture is schools' morning class. From left, they are Tracy

Cunningham, Paul Watt, Caroline Rowley, Kenny Akerman, Nayana Yukich, Dennis Fleming, Jeff Greenway, Kristian Plambeck, Chad Ulansky, Michael King, Eliza Potter.

Below is afternoon class. In back row are Jamil Hart, Michelle Beitel, Michael Quesnel, Georgie Sime, Michael Willis, Steven Nel-

ken. Front row, Wiley Connor, Yani Horsdal, Anna Madison, Trevor Spoor, Damian Richards.

It was not clear when they left if their introduction to computer technology would prepare them for the computer age. They did, however, appear to enjoy themselves, especially when they discovered a tire swing in the back yard.



Visitor from Ireland concerned over hall

The desire to save an old building was not the reason why Mrs. Ursula Mahon-Crofton visited Salt Spring Island last week. The 74-year-old niece of the Mahon brothers, who donated Mahon Hall to the community, came to visit relatives but left feeling concerned over the fate of the historic hall.

"It would be a shame and a dreadful pity," said the daughter of Sir William Mahon, "to tear down such a well preserved building."

A resident of Oughterard, County Galway, Ireland, Mrs. Crofton said she has helped save historic buildings in her own country, and would like to help prevent Mahon Hall from ever being torn down.

"I will send one of my relatives a picture of Ross and Henry Mahon that can be hung in the hall to remind people of the building's heritage."

IN THE 1880'S

The two brothers came to Salt Spring some time in the 1880's. Ross and Henry were the sons of Ross Mahon of Ladywell, Athlone, Ireland, and the grandsons of Sir Ross Mahon, the first Baronet of Castlegar, County Galway, Ireland.

The two brothers were engaged in the lumber industry on Salt Spring and bought property at Long Harbour and near the spit in Ganges Harbour.

The Mahons, Mrs. Crofton said, were brought up at Ladywell on the shores of Lough Ree, so they felt very much at home sailing and fishing the coastal waters of British

Columbia.

They lived on Salt Spring until early in the 1900's, when they received an inheritance from an uncle in Ireland. Returning to Ireland, the brothers changed their surname to King. According to Mrs. Crofton, Ross and Henry never returned to Canada.

NO INFORMATION

The details of their contribution of the hall may be lost. The Mahon family has no information regarding the building of the hall.

Another brother, Edward Mahon, also moved to B.C. and settled in Vancouver, where he speculated in real estate. His brother, Sir William, came out to Canada in 1910 for a brief visit and stayed with Ernest Crofton, who built the home which is now a part of Booth Bay Resort on Salt Spring.

The Mahon and Crofton families have been linked by marriage several times during the past century.

Ursula Crofton is the daughter of Sir William Mahon and second cousin of the Croftons who reside on the island. Last week's visit was her first trip to Canada.

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Trustees learned of the matter from Chairman John Rich on Saturday.

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Hon. Hugh A. Curtis
Minister of Finance
Province of British Columbia

Brownies need leaders

Shortage of help forces trip's cancellation

BY BRIAN SOBER

Salt Spring Island's three Brownie groups are in need of leaders for next September, and a shortage of helpers now has forced the organization to cancel its scheduled 10-day camping trip to Vancouver Island.

This year is the first time that the Brownies won't visit Camp Creina on the Koksilah River, commissioner Muriel Dennison said on Tuesday. According to the commissioner an adult is required for every six girls, as well as certified leaders.

She said the organization will provide training to women who volunteer their help. They must take a course and write a certificate exam upon completion.

Apart from the shortage of help on the island the Brownies have still met weekly since last September. The three groups, Fernwood, Ganges and Beaver Point, meet separately in their own communities.

Each girl studies and learns at her own pace, and is encouraged to foster friendship and make her own decisions.

MERIT SYSTEM

The Brownies path is a merit system where badges are earned after successful completion of a list of things to do. The girls are awarded the Golden Bar first and then the Golden Hand after another requirement is completed.

According to one of the leaders who was herself once a Brownie, the experience of earning and receiving a badge lasts for a lifetime. And that experience, she added, makes better citizens out of our children.

Another leader described the meetings as a rich experience in contradiction with menial work. The girls learn to relate to other people when in groups, and how to help each other when in need.

The activities the Brownies have enjoyed since last September include a "thinking day" supper, the Armistice Day Parade and a Valentine dinner. The Ganges group built a rockery outside St. George's Church hall and all the groups turned out one day in Ganges to clean up litter.

TO OBSERVE NATURE

Nature studies are also an important part of being a Brownie. They are taught to observe nature and to learn to identify plants and trees.

Marion Goodwin, who recently moved to Salt Spring, has proved to be a valuable asset to the girls.

She is deputy commissioner for the area and is also a qualified nature trainer.

For parents who have girls between the ages of six and nine and are interested in having their girls join the Brownies, the times of the weekly meetings are as follows:

The Beaver Point group meets with leader Heather Gardam at the Beaver Point Hall on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 pm. Trudy Sloan is

the tawny owl at Fernwood and her group meets at the Fernwood School gym on Fridays at 3 pm. In Ganges, Muriel Dennison leads the group at St. George's parish hall from 3 until 5 every Friday.

Two leaders for each of the three groups will be required for next September. Any woman interested in helping the Brownies can call Muriel Dennison at 537-5864.



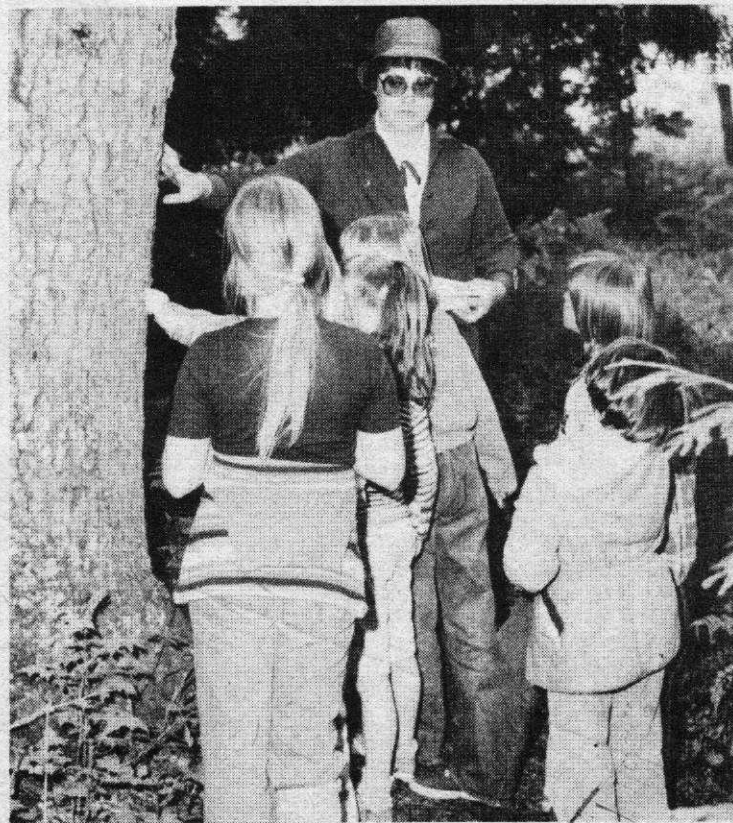
Using plants to make small objects is one of steps up ladder to Golden Bar for these Brownies and their leader, Heather Gardam.

Girls pictured here are, from left, Macalae Maddison, Chandra Delisle and Hopi Hall.



Brownie leader Trudy Sloan takes her group on walk through forest and teaches them how to recognize different trees and

identify plants. Nature studies are important part of Brownie's education.



Deputy-commissioner of girl guides, Marion Goodwin, teaches nature study class to this group of Brownies. They are, from left,

Tara May, Heather Thompson, Trinity Donnelly, Lena Maron and Tammy Sloan.



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Pioneer Village



BY FRANK RICHARDS

Salt Spring Lions Club? Oh, yes! They built the Pioneer Village!

Within the Lions Club of the district and among the people of Salt Spring Island, the construction of 19 cottages for pensioners on this beautiful west coast island will always stand as the number one accomplishment of the island Lions.

The club was young and looking for a project among the 3,000 or so people of the island. That was in the middle 60's. They found their project in the Pioneer Village.

The Ottawa government was helpful. And the province made its contribution. Both were subject to a contribution from the benefiting island. And the small Lions Club on this small island raised \$30,000 towards the cost of the project.

That wasn't even half-way. The club members then undertook the supervision of the village construction and continued through the years to operate it.

In 1966 the members of the little Lions Club had time for nothing else but their colossal project. They became fund-raisers; financiers, labourers, supervisors and helpers. It didn't matter what their normal pursuits were, they could find something to do on the construction job. And did they ever!

The property slopes down to the sea and below the Pioneer Village is the magnificent view of Ganges Harbour and the archipelago which lies between Canada's west coast and Vancouver Island.

DEMANDING

It was a demanding, back-breaking chore, that village project. Oddly enough, it broke no backs. It merely gave the Lions on the island something to talk about when they went visiting off-island clubs.

In 1967 the Lions put down hammer and saw and shovel and rake. The cottages were finished, painted, curtained and ready. For the first time in years the club members could stand back and examine their own handiwork.

Bessie Tang opened the village. She is the wife of a prominent Victoria Chinatown Lion, Jack Tang. Where Jack goes, Bessie goes. And this time it was Jack who followed while his wife did the honours. There was the local member of the British Columbia Legislature, John Tisdalle and the Mayor of Victoria Hugh Stephen to watch the ceremony. And a few hundred residents of the island.

Even then, the Lions couldn't sit back and bask in their own glory. They didn't have time. The club has supervised the village since it was opened. They clean and paint and refurbish as needed. They rush to the rescue when a roof springs a leak and they ensure that the gardens are kept up.

THE BIG DRIVE

Last year, 11 years after the opening, was the big drive. The entire village was re-roofed. New windows were installed, a major paint-through was undertaken and doors and jambs which had suffered from the winter rains were replaced. New refrigerators nearly broke the backs of the Lions hauling them in.

The club got its reward from the grateful comments of the elderly occupants of Pioneer Village.

It's a nice place to live.

The Lions have made sure of that.

With the Walkathon this year, the club initiated its new look at the Pioneer Village. There is always room for one more cottage when there is no more room for one more resident. And the service club is very conscious of the need.

But until the sewer controversy is settled the future expansion of the Pioneer Village cannot be settled.

The Lions are very sympathetic to the demands of the future, but they can only move as fast as the community.

The plans for the future must rest with the future, but members are ready and eager to contemplate adding to the facilities to expand and update a valuable community service.

Visual aesthetics coming into wider recognition

Visual aesthetics are calculable and may be measured against a number of yardsticks, the Islands Trust was told on Friday.

Explaining the measurement was Bill Yeomans of the ministry of the environment.

Visual aesthetics is important because 77% of information is gained through visual perception, he told trustees.

Everything is a combination of colour, form, line and texture, he explained, and with these factors in mind it is possible to not only recognize the relative appeal of

landscapes, but to make changes without affecting the scenic value of a setting.

He showed slides of properties where structures had been placed to blend with the visual aesthetics of the landscape and contrasted them with changes that had been made without consideration for appearance.

Different landscapes have different sensitivities to change, said Yeomans.

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It was third family wedding held in Mayne Island church

Contributed

St. Mary Magdalene Church at Mayne Island was the scene of a wedding on May 10 when Maggie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rainsford, was married to Richard Brown of Duncan.

The afternoon wedding was conducted by the Rev. Dr. George Morrison with Mrs. George Sutton at the organ. The church was decorated with lilac and apple blossom.

The bride's attendants were Miss Barbara Ross of Mayne Island and Miss Joan McPhee of Duncan. Best man was Vern Andrews of Cowichan Bay and usher was Charles Rainsford, brother of the bride.

This was the third family wedding in the church: the bride's mother and grandmother were both married in St. Mary Magdalene.

Following the ceremony the reception was held at 'The Anchorage' the home of the bride.

Alan Steward, her mother's uncle, started things rolling with an informative and amusing toast. The lovely wedding cake was made by the bride and decorated by Mrs. Donald Layard. Catering was handled by the cheerful and competent staff of the local Five Roosters Restaurant.

To Vancouver

A visit to community schools and family grouping programs in North Vancouver is being planned by Pender Island's Educational Study Group. Open to anyone interested, the trip is to take place on June 9, 10 or 11.

The group will meet with Vancouver School Board personnel, who will answer questions about their programs.

The Educational Study Group is an organization committed to expanding opportunities on Pender Island, explained a member last week.

The principals and most of the guests left on the evening ferry for Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown will make their home in Duncan.

This Week in Recreation

TENNIS:

Thursday, Saturday, Monday, Wednesday - Tennis lessons. Wednesday, 7 pm: Tennis night for all.

FASTBALL:

Salties vs Prairie Inn, Sidney, Thurs. June 5 - 6:30 pm.

Salties vs Harvey's Sporting Goods, in Sidney - double header Sunday June 8, 1 pm & 3 pm.

Anyone for tennis?

Local team wins 7-4

BY IAN THOMSON

Once again Salt Spring's tennis team came out on top when in spite of adverse weather conditions, they won by seven sets to four against the Victoria Racquet Club's "B" team. Because of rain, the total number of games played was reduced, though this had no effect on the calibre of play.

Scores were as follows:

Ladies' doubles: J. Wiebe, L. Lloyd, 5-6 (tie-breaker), 6-2; R. Truelove, W. Hughes, 6-0, 4-6. Men's doubles: K. Kline, J. Olson, 6-4, 6-0; P. Lee, I. Thomson, 6-2, 6-5 (tie-breaker). Mixed doubles:

W. Hughes, K. Kline, 3-6; L. Lloyd, J. Olson, 6-4; R. Truelove, I. Thomson, 4-6.

Last Wednesday saw the best Tennis Night we have had for some time. This event starts every Wednesday at 7 pm and it is a good idea to be on time so that you can get as many sets as possible in the limited time.

This week's Tennis night will have some slight modifications to allow more and better games.

Next tournament will be on Saturday, June 14. Details will be in this column next week.

GOLFING

with Pat Doherty

Ladies' day was again rained out and if this keeps up everyone will know all the golf rules before the end of the season.

The team from Prospect Lake returned to play the match that was rained out the previous week. The visitors came out on the right side of a 13-11 decision.

Rule 35 k: Before a ball on the putting green is lifted, its position shall be marked. If the player shall fail to so mark the position of the ball, he shall incur a penalty of one stroke and the ball shall be replaced. Artificial devices: A player may not use any device which may assist him in making a stroke or in his play. b. for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions which might affect his play.

We hope all readers, realize that when we say he or him here, it applies equally to she or her.

Rule 3. The players shall start a stipulated round with not more than 14 clubs. Rule 27 f. If a ball in play moves after the player has addressed it (Def.1) he shall be deemed to have moved it or caused it to move, and shall incur a penalty stroke, and the ball shall be played as it lies.

In the men's section we forgot to mention last week that our boys went over to Mount Brenton and

managed to hang on to the lead they built up on Salt Spring.

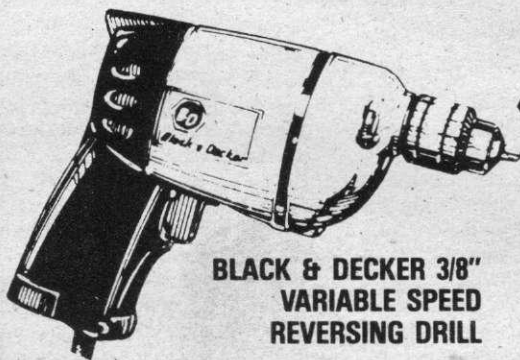
We would also at this time like to thank Bill Trelford and his gang of willing helpers who are out there punching the greens. In case you did not know it, this is a most important part of golf course maintenance. The green has to be aerated at least twice a year in order to let the air get to subsurface, and in order to let the sand and topsoil infiltrate the greens. This is most important in order that when you fly your high nine iron into the green it is going to stop where you want it.

These things don't just happen, a lot of work has to go into trying to make it so. In this regard the golf club members owe a huge vote of thanks to the following members who volunteered to come out and help Bill punch the greens.

The machines takes the cores out, but it is the removing of these cores, and the throwing on of the sand and fertilizer that is the hard part. Thanks are in order to Gordon Hutton, Art Lloyd, Buzz Brown, Mac Mouat, Archie Black, Bob Marshall, Marvin Russell, Roger Banks, Ken Anderson, Al McLean, and of course to Bill without whose B.S. we could never have got these guys to show up.

FATHER'S DAY Sunday, June 15th

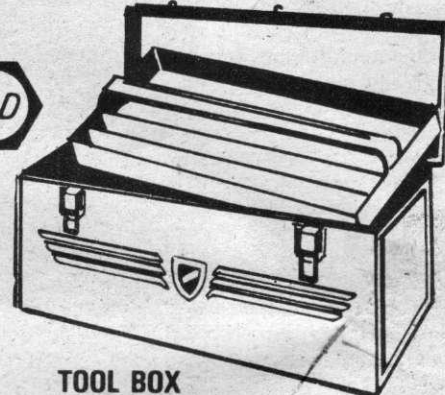
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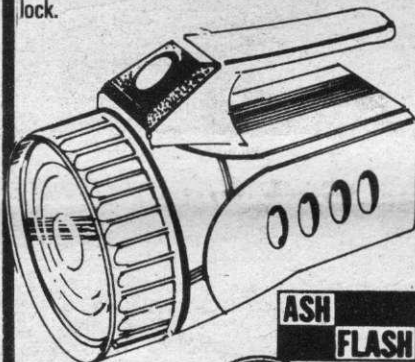
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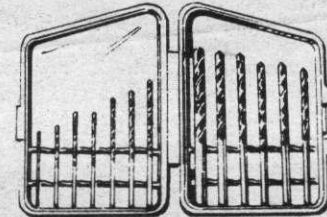
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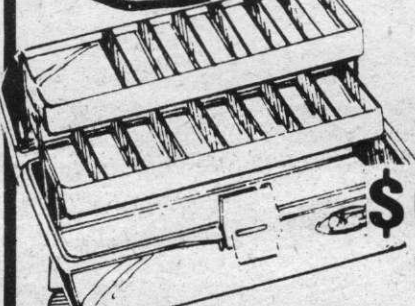
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At Pender Island

Two groups reach agreement; alternate class is requested

The parent group seeking change at the Pender Island School and their opposition, the parents committee opposing any change, came to an agreement last week and requested the Gulf Islands School Board to establish an alternate class on their island.

Their resolution calls for the establishment of a family grouping class housed in accommodation off the school grounds. The class would be given its own teacher without cutting back on the staff at the regular school.

The decision was reached at a meeting with representatives of both groups and members of the Pender School staff and resource personnel.

The alternative class was considered to be the solution to the "intolerable" situation afflicting the school. The controversy over the quality of education at the Pender School surfaced four months ago when the two opposing groups approached the school board for help.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The resolution, which was presented to the school board at its meeting on Saturna Island last Wednesday, was referred to the board's education committee, which will discuss the matter and report back to the board on June 12.

Salt Spring trustee Charlie Baltzer told the meeting that the setting up of the alternate class at Salt Spring Elementary School cost

the district \$20,000. "I can't understand how you will get the money," he said.

Bruce Stanley, a parent from Pender, told the meeting that already some islanders were expressing concern over the possibility of a future hike in the mill rate to pay for the class.

Some trustees agreed that the money would have to be taken from another program if the mill rate were to remain the same in 1981. This, however, was not necessarily possible, said chairman Ivan Mouat and secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck.

MANY FACTORS

Peck told the board that many factors had to be considered, such as the amount of money spent to replace teachers who have resigned. "We may be able to save \$10,000 by hiring less expensive replacements," Peck said.

Pender trustee John Zacharias claimed that he had received calls from Pender taxpayers who had no children and were concerned about their taxes. Chairman Ivan Mouat advised him strongly not to proceed with the action that Zacharias told the board he would take with their approval.

Zacharias had said he would send a letter to Pender taxpayers informing them that their taxes would likely increase by 0.5 mills to accommodate the alternate class, unless the district's 1981 budget was cut back.

A further division in the com-

munity is being created because of the tax question, Stanley said. He asked the board not to refer the resolution to the education committee, but to decide immediately on the resolution and to give an answer to the question about the tax increase.

NEED TIME

Mouat objected to the request. "We have just received your resolution and require time to consider it, and taxation effects are impossible to foresee at this point in time."

Another request from Pender parents was for permission to lease the old Pender school for the family grouping class. The building is currently leased by the Pender Hall Society and the school board has applied to the ministry of education for permission to sell the building to the society for \$1.

Stanley said that the building would be an ideal site for the class because of its outdoor playing field.

However, there was no decision made about the building because as Mouat explained, the board still hadn't decided on the feasibility of an alternative class.

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Opposition to levy is mounting in islands

Outer Islands regional director Jim Campbell, who supports the transit levy, won't listen to his electors who oppose the tax, charged Islands Trust member Gordon Wallace on Tuesday.

Wallace claimed that Islands Trust members are being drawn into the controversy because "people have no one else to turn to".

He said Pender Islanders are protesting the tax with three petitions, already signed by hundreds of residents. The petition will be delivered at the June 11 regional board meeting and will be accompanied by letters of protest from all Outer Island Trust committees, Wallace said.

Wallace said the petitions and letters are being addressed to all regional directors and are being delivered in person to avoid a repetition of an incident at the May 14 board meeting.

It was reported by Salt Spring Island's alternate director Sabara Humes that a petition she addressed to all directors had been referred to the transportation committee by chairman Campbell.

Wallace said he doesn't want the petitions and letters he will deliver to be referred to a committee.

John Mundie from Mayne told Driftwood that a number of people on his island are circulating petitions. He said he thought the majority of people on Mayne opposed the charge.

On Galiano, Islands Trust representative Bill Duncan said he collected 140 signatures by leaving

a petition in the post office.

His colleague on Galiano, Ron Thompson, reported that the tax was discussed at the last meeting of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce. The general consensus of the meeting, he said, was that each member should address a letter of complaint to the Urban Transit Authority.

Rotarians grateful for support

Salt Spring Rotarians expressed their gratitude this week to the people who turned out to participate in the second annual Spring auction at Mahon Hall Saturday.

Rotary Club member Gary Garas pointed out that without islanders' support, the club would be unable to continue with its many projects. The list includes two heart machines, a recording Resusc Ann (for CPR training), the Jaws of Life, concrete garbage cans, student exchanges and scholarships and the helicopter pad currently under construction.

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From Page One

Incorporation topic

Under the revenue sharing act, a \$67 per capita grant would be given to the district municipality, plus \$30,000 for administration expenses. Policing costs are not met by municipalities unless their population is several hundred over 5,000. For the first five years the ministry of highways meets half the cost of maintaining the highways in a new municipality. There would be no assistance, he said, for fire protection costs.

Other grants to assist with highways and water provision services are also available. Seventy-five percent of any debt charge over what is generated by 2.5 mills, for both sewage facilities and water districts, would be paid by the government. Also, a new municipality would enjoy a \$300 grant for each new house started.

OTHER GRANTS

New legislation presently before cabinet includes several other grants for newly incorporated districts, Moore continued.

School taxes are not levied by a municipality but it is responsible for collecting them. The homeowner's grant, if in excess of property tax, can be applied to school taxes, Moore said.

The tax ceiling of 10 mills presently enjoyed by unincorporated districts would rise to 50 mills under a rural municipality. But again, Moore said, an increase in taxes would reflect a greater demand for services only.

"In most cases, the demand for services increases after incorporation," he added.

Moore also mentioned that the projected statement, accepted by the residents before incorporation, might not satisfy the first elected

council. They could change it, adding their own priorities.

PROVISION FOR IT

As far as disincorporation goes, Moore said, there is provision in the Municipal Act for such a move but he added, "I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for the government to accommodate such a change." He also recommended that an incorporating committee would be wiser to consider incorporating the entire island rather than just Ganges.

"Get sufficient backing for the concept, then go to the minister. If you can fill this room (activity centre) with supporters, then I would say that you have enough strength. But, on the other hand, if the minister receives 500 letters in protest of the idea, I would say your chances were not good."

He recommended informal public workshops on the projected statement as an effective means of gaining public interest. Public meetings are not the only medium that should be used for public input, he told the audience.

He was asked if he thought a council would protect the concept of the island which is envisioned by the Islands Trust.

He replied that if the majority of islanders were interested in preserving their environment then they could vote in councillors dedicated to that purpose.

Moore also mentioned that the cost of some services could be covered by user charges, parcel frontage taxes and the mill rate.

Decisions made by municipal councils will likely be affected by Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm's local decisions, he concluded.

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Gambier mine

Trust approves of opposition but will not participate in it

Islands Trust was agreed last week end that the planned Gambier Island copper mine is not in keeping with the philosophy of the Islands Trust Act. Trustees were not immediately agreed, however, on the manner in which such objection might be voiced.

Elsbeth Armstrong, Gambier local trustee, reported on a meeting in Vancouver and expressed regret that a news release and advertisement had been prepared by Chairman John Rich without prior consultation with the local trust committee.

The Vancouver meeting, on May 26, heard a summary from Andrew Thompson and then approved a resolution for the Gambier Island

Trust Committee. That resolution called on the committee to send a delegation to Allan Williams, Gambier's MLA and present him with a petition.

The meeting was set up for Wednesday morning, June 4.

The petition calls on the provincial government to recognize the Islands Trust Act.

The same Vancouver meeting recorded its wish that in all the areas designated within the act the objectives of that act, the preservation and protection of the unique amenities and environment of the Trust islands be recognized and upheld as paramount.

It also recorded the opinion of public meeting that mining devel-

opment in any Trust area is not compatible with the objectives of the act.

In conclusion, it petitioned the premier and his cabinet to uphold the Islands Trust Act and to order mining activities to cease and desist.

OPEN INVITATION

Armstrong gave an open invitation to trustees to attend the meeting on Wednesday.

When Mike Humphreys asked whether the minister had been informed of the feeling of the public meeting Chairman John Rich replied that the minister had expressed surprise that the Gambier mine was not the minor issue they had been led to assume it was.

The Gambier mine concept is basically wrong, stated Humphreys.

"If our own minister will not honour the mandate of the Trust it is difficult to urge another minister to do so," he cautioned his colleagues. "We shall have to try to be more effective in gaining the interest of the cabinet ministers. Or should we pack up our bags and go home?"

While still listening to opposition to the establishment of heavy industry on the Trust islands, the government has given the mining company the green light to exploration and the expenditure of a million dollars, it was explained.

Gordon Wallace had changed his mind. At the last discussion of Gambier he had opposed any suggestion that the matter become a political issue.

NOW IN FAVOUR

"I am now in favour of using political pressure because other methods have failed," he told his fellow trustees.

He had talked it over with his own MLA, Hugh Curtis, he stated and recalled that Curtis had been very supportive of the Islands Trust when he was minister of municipal affairs.

He had furnished all information to the minister of finance and he had gained the impression that the regular channels of information were not working.

What was his reply, enquired Jim Tyhurst. He couldn't disclose it, anyway, warned Dick Nixon.

Wallace wanted political action. Tyhurst wanted none of it.

Armstrong was critical of the action so far taken by the Trust chairman. Tyhurst was not.

Is there a citizen's group involved, asked Tyhurst.

It is the "save Howe Sound Society", reported Armstrong.

He didn't like the name, responded Tyhurst.

The bickering became more important than the issue for a time. Several trustees protested the exchanges.

It's up to the residents to get out there screaming, urged Lawrence Fisher.

"They can: we can't!"

How deeply involved were trustees in this challenge to the meaning of the Islands Trust Act, enquired the Pender Island general trustee.

"How many people here have contacted their MLA's on the issue?" asked Gordon Wallace.

It was a rhetorical question, he explained hurriedly.

The Trust will continue to be concerned over the failure of the government to uphold the act, but the people out on the street will be the private citizens and not the Trust, it was agreed.



Director paying \$5,000 a year

Picture shows Regional Director Yvette Valcourt signing her own petition in protest against the Hydro surcharge for buses. She has collected several hundred signatures already, reports the director, mainly from attending the Farmers' Market on Saturday in Ganges.

Mrs. Valcourt has ascertained the load placed on island electricity consumers to meet the cost of urban transit in the Capital Regional District. Gulf Islands includes 4,788 residential accounts and 695 commercial connections. Another three meters are for street lighting.

Residential users will be mulcted a total of \$57,456 and the commercial connections will contribute another \$67,008 each year.

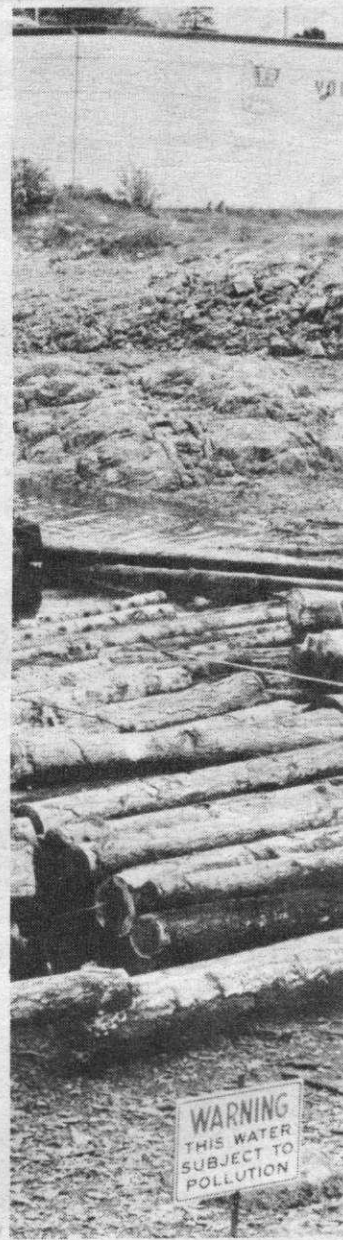
In Ganges a number of businesses have more than one connection. They will pay the city bus tax on

every connection.

Mouat's Trading, she reports, have four Hydro accounts; K & R has one; Gulf Islands Trading has three. And Valcourt's Business Centre has 53. By the present system of financing buses, Yvette Valcourt will pay \$5,088 a year to support a service she doesn't see by a system she has opposed from its inception.

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Sign is located on the beach opposite Rainbow Road at Ganges. It is situated between a sheer drop and the gently rippling stream of sewage issuing from the bank. There is no indication of the authority placing the sign there. It is not seen from the road.

St. Mary's celebrates 86th year

St. Mary's Anglican Church at Fulford celebrated its 86th year on Sunday with Evensong and a special gathering after the service.

Former organist Mrs. Abbott was special guest organist for the occasion. Anniversary cake was cut by the longest-standing member of the congregation, Mrs. Lacy, Sr.

Mrs. D. Dane donated an afghan to help raise money for the Foundation Fund. The amount raised equalled the church's age: \$86. The afghan was won by Kay Catlin of Fulford.

St. Mary's Church was built in 1894 for \$700. Today, however, several thousand dollars is needed to build a new foundation.

Figures fail to agree

Statisticians collect information on people and places. When they collected information on Salt Spring Island, they came up with two answers.

The island averages 3.2 persons per lot, the Salt Spring Island Planning Association was told last week.

North Salt Spring Water District averages 2.3 persons per connection, it was noted.

There was no statistician present to explain the discrepancy.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1980

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SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1980

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BINGO

Our Golden Agers will operate B the Post Office. Each game will cash prize and a Jackpot game w hour.

BATHTUB RACES

Bathtub races for ladies & men 11:00 and we can expect serious the Fine Annual Challenge Trophy the Bank of Montreal, and Merchants Association. These from the Lot next to K & R. Bat the Lower Mainland are expected.

WIND SURFING

If the winds are favourable demonstration of Windsurfing this can be seen from the Lot

TUG OF WAR CONTEST

The Tug of War Contest for a Trophy donated by Pemberton, held in the Park at 2:00 pm for you to organize a team of want to see who are the strong Are You?

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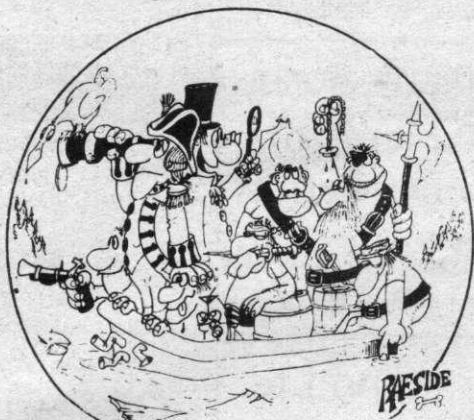
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FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1980

7 - 9:30 pm VALDY with SHARI ULRICH & the CLAIRE LAWRENCE BAND in Centennial Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1980

9:30 am GRAND PARADE starts from Lady Minto Hospital to Ganges.
11:00 am BATHTUB RACES start near Harbour's End Marina.
12:30 pm LADIES SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT on Secondary School Diamond.
12:30 pm WINDSURFING DEMONSTRATION (Weather permitting)
View from lot next to K & R.
1:00 pm REFRESHMENT GARDEN and HOT DOG STANDS open near Mouat's and Tourist Bureau.
BINGO commences near Post Office.
INNER TUBE RACES start (view from lot next to K & R).
2:00 pm ... ROWBOAT RACES commence (view from lot next to K & R).
"LARK IN THE PARK II" starts in Centennial Park.
TUG OF WAR Heats in Centennial Park.
DUNKING TANK in Centennial Park
3:00 pm ... BATHTUB FINALS.
4:00 pm ... SIDEWINDER BOAT Demonstration - subject to availability.
4:30 pm ... OPENING OF BARBECUES (Next to Salt Spring Lands Real Estate office).
6:00 pm ... Close of "LARK IN THE PARK II", Refreshment Garden, Hot Dog Stands and Barbecues.
PRIZE GIVING for the day's events.
9:00 pm ... COMMUNITY DANCE in School Gym - Admission by ticket only.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1980

9:00 am ... PANCAKE BREAKFAST (by Mouat's Store).
10:00 am ... SABOT RACES (view from lot next to K & R).
LADIES SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT CONTINUES - School grounds.
10:30 am ... TUG OF WAR FINALS in Centennial Park.
11:00 am ... WALK ON WATER CONTEST (view from lot next to K & R).
KAYAK RACES (view from lot next to K & R).
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SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1980

DUNKING TANK

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SIDE WINDER DEMONSTRATION

A demonstration of the fascinating Sidewinder boats used at Log Booms will be given at 4:00 pm by operators from Burgoyne Bay.

LADIES' SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Last year's popular Ladies' Softball Tournament will again be played, but this time for the ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (Br. 92) Challenge Trophy. A popular event which has now achieved a very high standard.

FOOD & REFRESHMENT

At 1:00 pm you will be able to slake your thirst in the Refreshment Garden, or at one of our two Hot Dog, Coffee & Soft Drink stalls. Then at 4:30 pm we open our Clam Chowder and Barbecue stands where you can have an evening meal at the lowest prices in Town. We must sell out so please patronize us.

COMMUNITY DANCE

At 9:00 pm the SEA CAPERS Community Dance will commence (admission adults only, by ticket). Refreshments available. The Band is one of our own popular Island Bands, and music will be for all ages to dance to.

PRIZE GIVING

Trophies and prizes for Saturday's events will be given out at 6:00 pm and Sunday's events at noon. Place will be outside Salty Shop at Mouat's.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1980

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

At 9:00 am on Sunday we shall have a repeat of last year's excellent Pancake Breakfast where we really achieved a fine Community get together. Come and sample the Best Breakfast in town at the lowest price and then enter for the Water Fun events.

SABOT RACES

Our Island Sabots will compete at 10:00 am Sunday for a Fine Challenge Trophy donated by Salt Spring Lands Ltd. This is where we see sailors of all ages proving their skills in small boats. Why not buy a Sabot for your young ones? Lawrie Neish will look after them.

SOFTBALL & TUG OF WAR FINALS — SUNDAY

During the morning the finals for the Softball and Tug of War Trophies will be held.

WALK ON WATER

At 11:00 am Sunday we shall have our own specialty, the WALK ON WATER Contest for a Challenge Trophy donated by Gulfstream Supply. All you need is some ingenious devices on your feet to allow you to move over the water. A pole is permitted to help your balance. A life vest is mandatory.

Members of the Canadian Power Squadron (Salt Spring Island Squadron) will be on hand to ensure safety of participants in water events. The Canadian Coast Guard will also be present.

For further information regarding water-related events please contact Charles Sutcliffe at 537-2958 or Sea Capers Headquarters at School Board Office.

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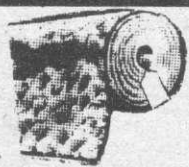
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School district decides to sell supplies to elementary students

Elementary students in the Gulf Islands can expect to save 40 to 50% on the cost of their school supplies next September.

Special packages of supplies will be purchased by the Gulf Islands School Board and made available for about \$8.

At last Wednesday's board meeting, some trustees objected on the grounds that businesses which handle school supplies would be faced with unfair competition. The board decided that trustees who so desired could approach businesses and inquire if the board's actions would have any detrimental effect on their income.

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck informed the board that the kits

had to be ordered before the first of June. He was instructed to order the supplies on May 30, unless a trustee reported an objection from a member of the local business community.

According to Peck on Monday, no trustee had reported any information so the packages were ordered.

Salt Spring Island's three school supply outlets, Mouat's Trading, et cetera and Ganges Western Drug Mart, were not approached by trustees. *Driftwood* learned Tuesday.

Tom Toynbee, managing director of Mouat's, told *Driftwood* that he was not approached by anyone from the school board. Toynbee

said that the board has the right to order its own supplies but, he added, "We would have appreciated it if they had notified us."

Les Ramsey of Western Drug Mart said he would now be forced to cancel a large order of supplies for next September. He added that he had not carried any significant amount of supplies in the past, but he had decided to get into the market on a larger scale next fall.

A spokesman for et cetera said he had not heard from the school board. Store owner Dawn Luker was not available for comment on Tuesday.

Honour roll students announced

The following students are on the spring honour roll at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Grade 8: Lyle Brown, Catherine Christianson, Monik Nordine, Heather Rooke, Michelle Thomas, Sarah Wiebe.

Grade 9: Daniel Fraser, Gordon Hitchcock, Paula Hughes, Linda Kyle, Sandra Lee, Alex Neish, Russell Ovens, Ingrid Temmel.

Grade 10: Elaine Davies, Maya Hoffman, Wendy Lee, Pam MacDougald, Robin Sacker, Cheryl Veltman.

Grade 11: Dean Albrecht, Francie Byron, Maureen Cue, David Hanks, Ross McFadyen, Karen Mouat, Amy Newman.

Grade 12: Susan Banks, Bruce Cobanli, Lynn Coombes, Jim Fraser, Rupert Gale, Harold Hoffman, Liz Jenks, Warren Kyle, Tom Shelby, Marilee Taylor, Tracy Truscott, Wendy Pattison.

Statistics have no meaning!

Adherence to percentage figures is a great problem today, commented chairman Jim Campbell at last week's meeting of the Capital Regional District's transit committee.

Campbell was critical of savings cited by Larry Miller of the Urban Transit Authority. How much was 25%, he asked Miller, who urged some saving of costs.

It represented about \$1,000, responded the UTA spokesman.

Debate centred on the use of UTA tickets for buses all over the province or the special preparation of Capital Region bus tickets which would be readily identifiable as such.

conducted the service. Given in marriage by her father and mother, the bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Terri Manuck, and her niece, three-year-old Amanda Mollet as flower girl. Joseph Manuck was best man.

Uncle of the bride, John Bennett, proposed the toast to the bride and welcomed Cecil to the clan. The couple will reside in Black Creek.

Garden wedding at Fulford Harbour



Cecil and Anna Moncey at their wedding at Fulford.

A garden wedding took place at Fulford Harbour on May 10 when Anna Margaret Mollet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mollet, became the bride of Cecil Robert Moncey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moncey, Black Creek, Vancouver Island.

Piper Alexandra Hele piped the wedding party out to the garden where Rev. Dr. Vern McEachern

Weather summary

BY W. HUNT-SOWREY

May was fairly equally divided into two parts. For the first half of the month we had, generally speaking, sunny May weather and in the second half we were under the influence of a low pressure area in the U.S. northwest.

We did not have excessive amounts of rain, the highest being rather over 11 mms., but on many days we had brief light showers and overcast skies. Despite this the temperatures remained fairly high although lower than in the earlier part of the month.

Throughout the month pressures were relatively low, while the humidity was above average. The total rainfall was enough to keep everything green and to cut down the fire hazard, at least locally. This weather should continue into June.

With the approach of what are usually the dryer months of the year, our water situation does not look much brighter. While we had almost twice as much rain as a year ago, the total rainfall to date is not appreciably higher than last year, and below the long-term average.

The ground is reasonably moist, but it does not require much effort with a spade to find quite dry spots. Much will depend on the summer rainfall, and the drying effects of sun and wind. September 1975 was the last summer month that gave us really heavy rainfall, but there were useful amounts in many of the summer months except last year.

For a really wet summer one has to go back as far as 1948. Almost no really dry hay was garnered that year on the islands, and rain had a nuisance value in several other years.

Mayne Island weather — May, 1980

	1980	1979	1978
Rainfall	39.6 mm.	21.6 mm	48.0 mm
Rainfall to date	272.7 mm	232.4 mm	335.2 mm
Days with rain	12	11	11
Total to date	75	55	77
Maximum Temp.	24° C.	25° C.	22° C.
Minimum Temp.	8° C.	5° C.	0° C.
Maximum Pressure	29.76"	30.00"	30.02"
Minimum Pressure	29.36"	29.36"	29.37"
Maximum Humidity	83%	78%	75%
Minimum Humidity	71%	71%	58%

Frost was recorded on one day in 1978.

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New land use bill not likely to affect Islands Trust

Islands Trust and its function of land use will be virtually unaffected by the provincial government's new draft bill on land use.

Larry Harkness, planner with the ministry of municipal affairs, told the Islands Trust council on Saturday that he could reveal little of what might lie ahead in the planned new legislation, although he could offer some assurances.

The information on the new government bill has been leaked out, not released, he assured Jim Tyhurst. The speaker also observed that some reporters had placed an interpretation on the bill which was not his.

"It is no threat to the Islands Trust. The Trust will perform the same function in planning as it does now," he stated.

The bill is still draft legislation, and, although he had been authorized to offer some assurances to trustees, in face of the premature reports on the bill, he could not disclose its contents.

He agreed that the new bill was sparked, in part, by the Regional District Review Committee Report. **STREAMLINING**

Its function will be to streamline the planning and zoning function. Where a citizen is now required to approach a half-dozen or more ministries and agencies, the new bill will bring a number of the functions into one office. It will also standardize procedures as between different local authorities.

At the present time no two municipalities follow the same procedure.

"Any hope of getting rid of the approving officer and putting it all under one head?" asked Jim Money, of Saturna.

That is not within the bill, but it is within the thinking of the ministry, he was told. The ministry planner expects to see the approval function transferred out of the ministry of highways, but it will

involve about 90 people all over the province and cannot come about instantaneously.

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"There are 35 departments you have to go through to get a subdivision," observed Money, "and every one of them bugging you all the time!"

New legislation will establish an appeal board to which a discomfited property owner may appeal, if his application is rejected. This is not seen as a barrier to appeal to the courts, but as an economical alternative. Board of five to seven

persons would settle disputes between municipalities as well as individuals.

Reference by legislative reporters to the seven economic regions for the province was brushed off lightly by Harkness.

"They are already in existence," he told the meeting. "Regional management resources committees already meet."

Forecasts of possible greater controls on BC Hydro in terms of planning and land-use were not mentioned by the planner.



Photo by David Reid

He'll retire from birthdays

Fulford Harbour resident Gus Apponen blows out candles on his 85th birthday cake. Gus was joined by many friends and neighbours recently to celebrate the occasion. He said he is retiring from birthdays until his 90th.

Touring musician

Visiting Salt Spring Island this week in the course of a west coast tour is musician and songwriter Bob Soucy.

A spokesman for the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-Operation Society described Soucy as a strong instrumentalist with a keen sense of harmonics and a limber, clever set of fingers. A veteran of stages and recording studios, he plays a blend of jazz and folk music.

His voice has been described as having a depth and clarity which

sometimes gives the impression of two singers when there's only one.

Soucy was an actor and musical director for Sneezy Waters' Hank Williams Tribute in 1977-78.

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Langdons take G.A.S. in Sunday's game at Fulford

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by the end of the sixth, the score was 7-6 in the Loggers' favour. But the match was settled in the final inning when the Loggers scored five more runs.

Winning pitcher was Barney Kitchen and it was

his second game as chucker for Langdons. On the same team was the biggest hitter of the game, Jay Bourdin.



It must have been another hit for Loggers as there is no sign of ball in this shot of Phillip Kitchen up to bat.



GAS pitcher for first half of game was Barry Walker.



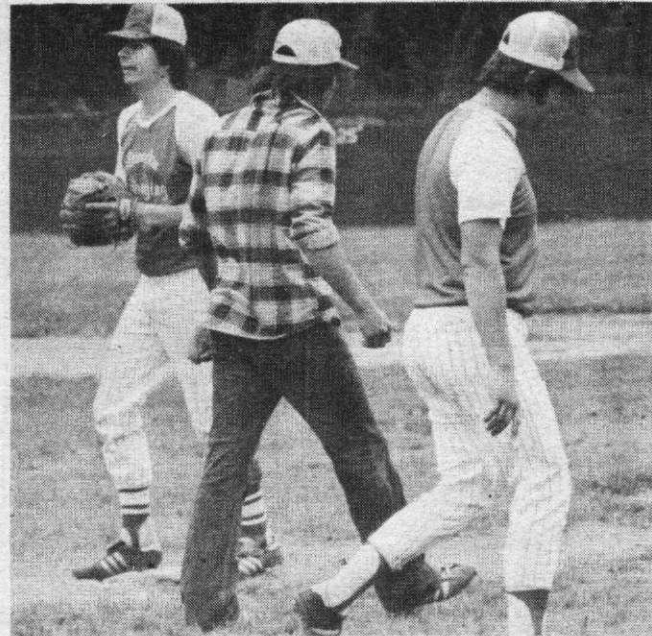
Rick Kitchen of Langdons reaches over for inside ball that forced batter Brent Vickers to duck.



GAS-Driftwood catcher John Pickering wasn't dancing for joy. He couldn't have been: Langdons' Rick Kitchen is just getting home to score another run for Loggers.



Jay Bourdin of Langdons hits foul ball. Umpire, far left, was Randy Howard.



Langdons' Barney Kitchen gets set to pitch another inning as teammates Rick Kitchen, centre, and Ken Byron walk out into field.