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## Vice-regal visit to Ganges

The Queen's man came to Salt Spring Island for two days last week. And it was a hectic two days for lieutenant-governor Henry Bell-Irving and for many islanders.

Accompanied by Mrs. Bell-Irving, the lieutenant-governor visited the schools, addressed a luncheon and an evening meeting, formally opened a heliport and made a number of presentations.

In the brief visit, the lieutenant-governor made many friends who responded to his warm manner and direct approach.

He arrived on Salt Spring Island on Friday and spent the middle of the day visiting Ganges schools.

On Saturday afternoon the visitors joined the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club for luncheon at the Harbour House and went on to officiate at the launching of the helicopter landing pad.

### HOSPITAL TOUR

He then made a tour of the hospital and had tea in the nurses' home.

On Saturday evening he attended the Legion Ball in the

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Top picture shows the arrival of the RCMP helicopter as the vice-regal couple descend. Constable Glenn Hanna looks back to make sure the stage is set. In the lower picture Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving announces the readiness of the new emergency landing pad for use. Behind him is Rotary president Garry Garras and Const. Bernie Hopp stands at attention.



## Hydro levy on meters to be refunded completely

Residents of the islands will receive a refund from B.C. Hydro in respect of all the transit levy paid last year on a second, or subsequent Hydro meter.

Those residents who have a pumping system operating from a separate meter will not be charged the transit levy on that meter. Those business operations in the islands which are provided with more than one meter will pay the levy on only one meter.

Consumers who have paid the levy will receive a refund, with the compliments of the minister of municipal affairs.

Those who have not paid the levy will have their power cut off, according to notices sent out last week by B.C. Hydro.

Consumers who have withheld the tax from their Hydro payments will now be liable for the levy between April and November of last year. During the past year the power authority has threatened action against those who owe the levy, but no action has been taken.

Hydro is not expected to hold off in future, now that the province has established a definite policy on islands payments.

The repayments of the transit levy will not be extended to the

main meter of the home or business premises.

### REFUND

Those who paid the transit levy on their Hydro bill last year will receive a refund from November 1 to March 31 of this year.

The Capital Regional Board last week approved the preparation of the bylaw to impose a new rate of tax for transit services and to continue its levy in the Peninsula area through the B.C. Hydro accounts. Under the new rate, which will not apply to the islands, residents will pay more than double last year's rate, of \$2.12 per month. Businesses will pay 6.2% of the amount of the Hydro bill each month to a maximum of \$1,000 per month.

When Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt asked for an amendment to the bylaw setting the refund for islanders back to April of last year, she gained no second.

The director was recalling the municipal affairs minister's earlier promise that he would do just that, when the earlier exemption bylaw was rejected by his office.

### OBJECTIONABLE

The Hydro levy is one of the most objectionable forms of tax-

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## Municipal police force offers its services

Implementation of a small police force on Salt Spring Island, offering 24-hour service, has been proposed by a Regina, Sask., man.

Salt Spring businessman Tom Gossett, who was behind a recent petition which sought 24-hour patrols by Ganges RCMP, received a letter from a man who says he represents a small group of municipal peace officers "concerned with your problem of lack of 24-hour policing".

He wrote that he and his group, along with their families, would be interested in making the island their home.

"We all believe in law enforcement," he wrote, "and working towards a crime-free community attained within the parameter of established law. We would perform our duties with the same professional attitude, and standards, we currently employ."

The group has experience in all aspects of investigations, the letter explained.

Gossett has replied to the letter, saying he didn't think the community would be interested in the proposal.

## New licence category established

A new category of business licences has been established by the provincial cabinet in the wake of criticism by islanders of the new Business Licence Act.

Islands MLA Hugh Curtis told *Driftwood* Monday that cabinet authorized a new category last Thursday to include home-based businesses.

People who make and sell crafts and operate cottage industries or hobby farms will come under the new category and will be required to pay a \$10 annual licence fee.

Curtis said the majority of complaints about the new licensing procedure came from islands residents. Before last week's amendment, the lowest licence fee was \$37.50 per year.

Curtis said refunds will be made to those who have paid \$37.50 and qualify for the new licence.

## Bell-Irving declares holiday

Gulf Islands School District students and employees will enjoy a day off Friday.

Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving declared the holiday during assemblies held at Salt Spring Elementary School and Gulf Islands Secondary School.

## Crosses Atlantic single-handed

A 67-year-old part-time Galiano Island resident has completed a solo Atlantic crossing on his 28-foot sailboat.

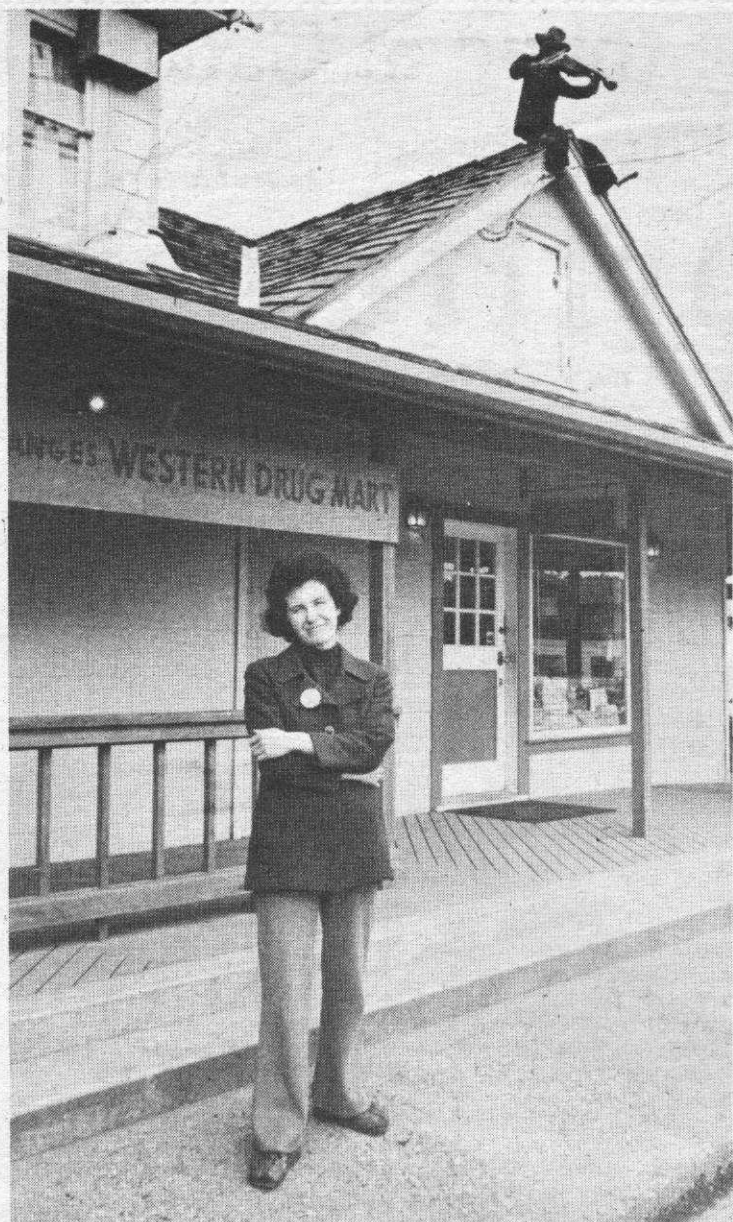
George Griffiths of Vancouver arrived in Barbados March 3 after leaving Plymouth, Eng., last October in a voyage that was one of his retirement plans.

Griffiths sailed from Plymouth after fitting out his boat, *Kairos*, for single-handed sailing. In the Bay of Biscay he encountered gale-force winds and subsequently lost the twin back-stays on his mast while hove to in the force 10 gale.

He re-rigged the boat at sea and ran to Gibraltar to undergo repairs.

He completed the crossing by sailing from Tenerife, in the Canary Islands, to Barbados in 41 days.





### A fiddler on the roof

A fiddler appeared on the roof at Ganges Western Drug Mart last week signifying the approach of the play's opening day. Fiddler on

the Roof director Pat Desbottes was reluctant to join the fiddler on his lofty perch, choosing to remain on the ground for the photograph.

### Cement plant encounters bad luck

A Ganges business learned the meaning of bad luck when it discovered last Friday the 13th the first of two thefts which were to net thieves a total of 13 bags of cement.

Gulf Coast Materials Ltd. reported to police that thieves made off with eight bags of cement that had been left outside overnight last Thursday. Five other bags were left untouched.

Thieves again struck some time over the weekend and removed the five bags that were left during the previous theft.

Value of the stolen cement is estimated at about \$80.

Cement is in short supply all over the province due to a cement workers strike that has been in effect since mid-November.

### Hydro levy

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tion because it is so very evident, commented Jim Campbell. He was supported by Mel Couvelier, of Saanich, chairman of the transit committee.

"I agree with director Campbell," he told the meeting, "but the decision must be made now."

"It has taken the provincial government a year to get its act together," said Campbell. "Three weeks before the deadline, the minister finally got to us."

The region is not in charge of the procedure, he added. The matter has been brought back by the minister so close to the deadline that there is no time for normal debate and alternative proposals.

It had been an "agonizing exercise", agreed Bob Wright.

## AT SALT SPRING, GALIANO

# Crime up 15% at two islands

Figures released by the Ganges detachment of the RCMP indicate that crime rose by about 15% on Salt Spring and Galiano Islands last year.

Police officers investigated a total of 1,316 crimes during 1980, compared to 1,146 during the previous year.

Such an increase is not out of the ordinary, according to Sgt. Mitch Hanks, who attributes the upward trend to general increases in population, particularly during the summer months.

A report published last week in *Driftwood* indicated that crime rose nearly 40% last year on islands within the jurisdiction of the Pender Island detachment.

Corporal Harry Danyluk, the man in charge on Pender Island, also attributed the sharp increases on Pender, Mayne and Saturna Islands to population increases.

#### UP 5.5%

Sgt. Hanks reports that the total number of complaints and calls for assistance, including criminal activities, that the Ganges detachment answered last year was 2,905. This represents an increase of about 5.5% over 1979 when the force answered 2,756 complaints and calls for assistance.

So far this year the total number of complaints and calls for assistance stands at 400, which is about 10% more than during the first two months of 1980 when the figure stood at 360.

The Pender Island detachment witnessed a 46% increase in the number of complaints and calls for assistance during January and February over the same period in 1980.

The largest increase was recorded under federal statutes where violations rose about 80% to 29 compared to 16 the previous year. Most of those offences were in violation of the Canada Shipping Act.

#### BREAK-INS TOTAL 84

Break-ins were also up significantly with a year-end total of 84, which represents an increase of 55% from 54 the previous year.

Thefts over \$200 were up 30% to 43 compared to 33 while thefts under \$200 were down about 12% to 100 from 114.

There was a drastic reduction in the number of sexual offences with just one incident reported, compared to 19 during 1979. There were no rapes reported compared to one the previous year.

Assaults were up about 50% with 24 reported incidents compared to 16 in 1979.

Other offences under the criminal code were up slightly with 124 incidents reported last year, up 13% from the previous year when there were 110. Criminal code offences include disturbing the peace, obstruction of justice,

#### UP SLIGHTLY

Liquor offences were up slightly with a total of 95 compared to 89 the previous year. This represents an increase of about seven percent.

There was an 18% increase in the number of drug offences with a total of 20 violations, all of which involved cannabis, compared to 17 the previous year.

Motor vehicle thefts numbered 18 compared to 14 in 1979.

Frauds were down two from nine the year before.

The statistics indicate increases in several traffic-related categories including total traffic offences.

These rose to 391 from 266 during 1979.


Accidents resulting in property damage were up to 146 from 120 the previous year while accidents involving injuries climbed to 43 from 31 in 1979.

The number of persons injured as a result of those accidents, however, jumped to 63 from 39 the year before.

There were no fatal accidents recorded last year, while in 1979 there was one traffic fatality.

Dangerous driving offences dropped to 37 from 38 and hit and runs decreased to 28 from 35.

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# To Be Frank

by richards



Visit of the Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving to Salt Spring Island schools was a puzzle to some youthful students. My grandson observed that the lieutenant-governor sat down while someone else talked. He was dazzled by the uniform of the aide-de-camp, Cmdr. David Harris, and he looked no further.

Like at the Harbour House luncheon for His Honour. It was a case of H. H. at H. H. H.

I was interested in the presentation of awards for Canadian movies last week on a television program. I found the master of ceremonies amusing at times, but I began to wish that his script had once changed the words. Every time a guest appeared, the ladies and gentlemen were invited to "welcome, please...." By the end of the show the cliché was a hackneyed term.

For weeks I have heard diatribes on radio and television against the BC Telephone Company. I am left with two thoughts, which is about as much as I can contain. First, I hope nobody who worked for me ever showed the same disloyalty that I saw among many telephone workers appearing on protest shows. The second is that the telephone company is often guilty of affording me poor service. I would have changes made in my installation at home, but the charges have reached the point where the present installation will have to last me the rest of my life. But I have no animosity towards the company. I know many of the company's personnel and I have enjoyed their company on many occasions. And I never knew they had so much dirty linen to be thoroughly washed on television. I ended up by feeling rather sorry for the people who were not heard during the dispute; the silent minority.

At this point in time, said the radio commentator, the presidential reference had no point. "You have a good point there," agreed his fellow talker. It sounded like a really pointed conversation.

There is no point in saving money, said the voice on the telephone from Britain. Rather than lose money through inflation, Brits are spending lavishly when they have it. If half the Canadians with saving graces were to spend instead of saving, the effect on the economy would be dynamic, said banker Rick Ruppenthal when I was at the Lions dinner last week. Me? I wish I had enough to save!

I am a hoarder, even if not a saver. I love keeping things. My father was a clearer-upper and the more he could get rid of, the better. Hence, Hence, I have nothing left which pre-dates the second war. Then I married a clearer-upper. There is nothing more depressing to a real pack rat than seeing his possessions brought to the raw light for inspection prior to destruction. That's what Women's Lib is all about...clearing up!

I sat a luncheon on Saturday with the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club. My luncheon companion was charming and persuasive. But she didn't convince me that I should abandon the designation of Women's Lib for the Welsh nurse I married. I told her, Women's Lib invented Women's Lib before there was a Women's Lib!

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# Injured eagle found at Galiano believed to have been shot

The quick response of a mainland couple touched off a series of events that may save the life of a young bald eagle found injured over the weekend on Galiano Island.

Two ferries, three islands and four hours of surgery later, the wounded bird was still a long way from being assured of survival. It was certainly closer to it, however, than when found Saturday afternoon.

The eagle was discovered lying injured on rocks near the lagoon at Montague Park by two visitors from the mainland.

An initial phone call by the pair led to the bird's delivery more than two days later to a Saanich woman who has made a reputation for herself in caring for injured bald eagles.

## BELIEVED SHOT

The eagle was first thought to have fractured its wing by flying into nearby Hydro lines but it was later believed that the bird had been shot.

Christine Wooldridge, an inspector with the SPCA, believes that the eagle may have been the target of a shotgun.

The still unidentified mainland couple alerted Rose Partington after spotting her name and phone number on a bulletin board notice in connection with an animal clinic.

Together with fellow volunteer firemen Pip Finnis and Peter Estabrook, she rushed to where the bird lay injured at Montague Park.

Once there, Finnis, who was the only one wearing heavy gloves, managed to get hold of the eagle and place it in a cardboard box.

## ON FERRY

After contacting Dr. Claus Andress of the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic at Ganges, they were told to put the eagle aboard that evening's ferry from Sturdies Bay.

Hours later the box was finally turned over to B.C. Ferries personnel for the short hop to Long Harbour aboard the *Queen of Sidney*.

There to greet the ship, Andress took charge of the eagle and returned to the clinic where the bird remained for an overnight stay awaiting surgery the next day.

Having located the fracture, Andress, Dr. David Wooldridge, president of the SPCA and his wife Christine spent nearly four hours Sunday afternoon placing a pin in the broken bone.

A subsequent X-ray confirmed that the pin had been correctly set.

## TOO EARLY

Wooldridge said that it's too early to tell whether the eagle will survive and that it will take four to six months to determine if it will fly again. The bird's feathers were removed during surgery and it will take approximately six months for them to grow in again.

She said that the initial hurdle will be for the bird to regain its strength and to recover from the

effects of four hours of anaesthesia.

There is little known about the effects of anaesthesia on eagles so the bird's weight and the amount of anaesthesia used were both carefully measured, according to Wooldridge.

She is also concerned about infection setting into several open wounds that were found on the bird.

While the bird's sex has yet to be determined, Wooldridge said that it is still immature but nearly full grown. It weighs nine pounds and has a wing span of about seven and a half feet.

Wooldridge said that in the eagle's favour was the fact that it appeared to be healthy and in good shape when found, except for the fractured wing.

## TO SAANICH

Late Monday afternoon, the weakened but recuperating eagle was again on board a ferry, this time destined for Saanich and in the company of Wooldridge.

She took the bird to Clir Matheson, a woman who has nursed several other injured bald eagles back to a healthy state.

Wooldridge said that Matheson is probably better equipped to treat wounded bald eagles than anyone else in the world.

There are more bald eagles along B.C.'s coast than anywhere else and Matheson has met with considerable success in the past, she said.

Matheson has at present two other permanently grounded bald eagles that were brought to her after being found injured.

Wooldridge said that it was about a year ago that the last injured bald eagle was found in this area and that under Matheson's care it was again able to fly.

## DISAPPEARED

A female, it would return to where it had been cared for every few days for feeding and then suddenly one day it was gone and never returned.

At about the same time that the female was found injured, a male bird on Salt Spring Island near Walker Hook was known to have lost its mate, she said.

While the female's whereabouts have never been determined, it's known that the male bald eagle on the island has again taken a mate. Eagles generally mate for life, so Wooldridge suspects that the injured female may have rejoined her lonely mate.

Bald eagles are protected as an endangered species and there is a maximum fine of \$500 for shooting them.

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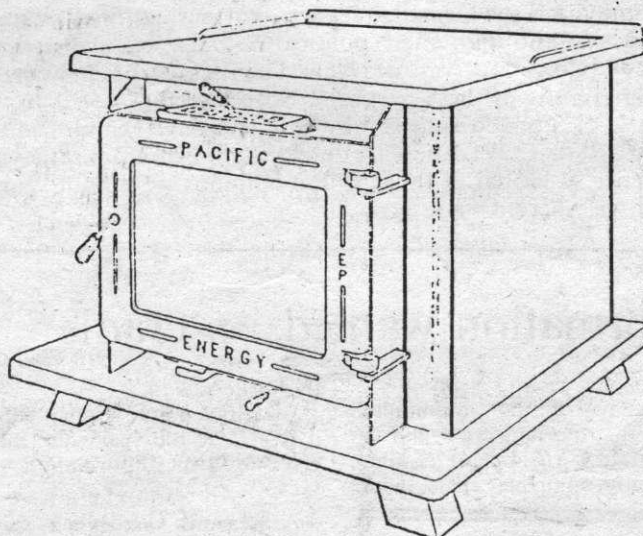
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## Where does this road lead?

Last week the islands member of the legislature, Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, introduced his budget with messages of advice and confidence. He also offered some sharp criticisms of the national government.

Last week the Alberta energy minister expressed some optimism that his coming talks with Ottawa could lead to a new measure of agreement between the province of Alberta and the government of Canada.

Last week the attorney-general of Saskatchewan went to England to intervene between the British government and the Canadian government in their discussions on patriation of the constitution.

Last week the constitution was still being debated in Ottawa. And all of these people striving for ascendancy are Canadians. They are all citizens of this country for whose unity many have worked; many have prayed.

Is unity dead? Is Canada, in fact, a collection of noisy, self-seeking, separate states? If our leaders are so indifferent to national unity, what hope remains for us, the common people?

It is not merely the British Columbia minister of finance and the Alberta minister of energy and the Saskatchewan minister of justice and the prime minister of Canada and the leader of the Opposition and the leader of the New Democratic Party who are jeopardizing this nation. It is all of us. All of us who value our own prejudices above the national well-being.

The time has come for all Canadians, leaders or followers, politicians or fancy-free, important or insignificant, to take a close look at where we are heading. Do we want to go that way? Do we want to lose our identity? And is the prize worth the risk? Is British Columbia more important than Canada? Is a man's hand more important than his arm?

Canada was once important to Canadians. Let's re-examine the state of this nation this week and make a resolve to do what we can, each of us, for a rational, sane, unified land.

We could, each of us, tell a member of parliament and an MLA that we want stability, instead of the violence of confrontation. That we want our leaders to meet and talk as the rational human beings they were alleged to be when we elected them.

We could tell the Canadian leaders that our national future is more important than their political success, be they federal Liberals, Conservatives or New Democrats or provincial members of any of these parties or Social Credit.

This week Canada is driven by hate. We have abandoned the hippie call for LOVE and substituted the much more satisfying experience of hatred of those whose opinions we do not share.

And see where it's got us so far!

## Information wanted on cradle

Sir,

On arrival at the Community Centre this morning we found in our hallway an ancient cradle, apparently complete apart from

the rockers.

A scribbled note left in it tells us it is almost 100 years old, but it gives no further information.

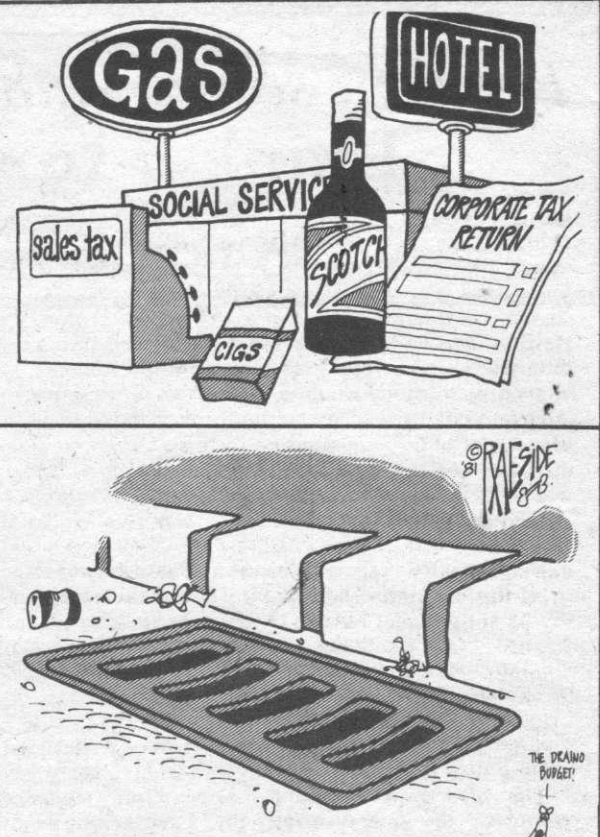
A treasure like this is to be restored and cherished, and the donor must certainly receive our thanks. However, it would be interesting and invaluable to have some more information about it, and we would therefore use this page to request the person who owned it before us to please come forward and give us more details.

MARG SIMONS,  
On behalf of the Salt Spring Island  
Community Society.  
March 16, 1981.

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ARE GETTING THEIR  
EXTRA REVENUE  
FROM....

WHERE IT'S  
GOING TO GO....



## Letters to the Editor

### Sea lion control: suggestion 'preposterous'

Sir,

I was disheartened to read Geoff Howland's letter in the *Driftwood* March 4, 1981, proposing controls for seals and sea lions in B.C. waters and then was further dismayed to read more letters from others supporting this idea.

What these writers allude to but do not say outright is that "control" of sea lions means slaughtering them. For anyone to suggest such a thing in this day and age is preposterous and simply outrageous. Mr. Howland refers in his letter to a Federal Fisheries control program that was given up for "some insane reason." This control program carried out by Federal Fisheries in the early 1950's, was indeed insane. They mounted machine guns on the bows of their patrol boats and went heroically up and down the B.C. coast slaughtering seals and sea lions.

Fortunately, finding out that this wholesale massacre resulted in no noticeable increase in fish stocks, the program was abandoned but not until almost every seal and sea lion was eliminated from the B.C. coast.

What good is a seal or sea lion, anyway? These animals are a dynamic link in the chain of the ocean's ecosystem. When a seal or sea lion eats a fish, part of that fish becomes excrement and then serves as a nutrient for plankton which small ocean fish use for food and so on up the food chain.

It's a closed cycle with each living creature contributing to the overall balance. Seals and sea lions while eating quantities of fish actually improve the fish habitat

by returning nutrients to the sea.

What does man do? He takes fish from the sea and either exports it and returns nothing or returns his excrement in the form of pollution and sewage in such quantities and in such a mess that it cannot be absorbed by the ocean.

Isn't it about time that we humans learn that we should not interfere with life cycles in our earth's ecosystem. It just creates havoc. Furthermore, this is a time for concern and conservation for all species of plants and animals. Ecologists estimate that beginning this year one species of plant life or animal life will become extinct

every hour and by the year 2000 one out of every six species of plant and animal life now on our planet will have vanished. That is not a very pleasant prospect.

Seals and sea lions should be treasured and revered as important links in the ocean's biosystem. They have not caused the depletion of our fish stocks; man has done that by overfishing and by destroying the habitat of the ocean.

If controls are necessary, they should be placed on humans.

TOM GOSSETT,  
R.R.2, Ganges.  
March 13, 1981.

### Curtis should be ashamed

Sir,

With all respect, Hugh Curtis should be ashamed of himself.

His new budget is an embarrassing admission of Social Credit failure, and 'Social Credit mistakes. Think of Seaboard Insurance, the *Princess Marguerite* fiasco, the "Dirty Tricks" scandals, the cutbacks in health and hospital care, inexcusable deletions from the agricultural land reserve, and the ridiculous overruns at the Vancouver Convention Centre project. A few among many.

If Hugh Curtis were still a Liberal, he would be ashamed. If he were still a Conservative, he would be ashamed even more.

The principal reason for the \$625 million in new taxes in the 1981-82 budget is reckless spending by Bill Bennett.

The expensive Socred chickens are now coming home to roost.

Let me illustrate the reckless promises, and the grandiose schemes, for which Mr. Curtis' new taxes will make you pay.

1. Transpo '86, a quarter-billion dollar world's fair that no city bid on except Vancouver.

2. Pier B.C., also in Vancouver, whose cost estimates have jumped from \$25 million to over \$90 million. So far, not an ounce of concrete has been poured.

3. B. C. Place, a billion-dollar scheme, also in Vancouver, that will prove a strange copy of Ontario Place in Toronto. The need for such a grand monument to Social Credit is not immediately clear.

4. Northeast Coal, a two-billion

dollar proposal to sell subsidised coal to fuel the industry of Japan. The subsidy will be paid for by you and I. We know it will not be paid by the Japanese, nor by the coal companies either.

If Hugh Curtis were still a Liberal, or still a Conservative, he would know what to call Premier Bennett's schemes. Reckless, unforgivable. Unforgivable in the light of all the problems we have with our health and hospital systems.

The problem with people who cross the floor is that they usually leave their principles behind.

If Mr. Curtis were still a Liberal, or a Tory, he would today be joining the New Democrats in condemning this budget as reckless and wasteful.

If you and I mishandled our funds like the Socreds do, and if we made reckless spending promises like Mr. Bennett does, we'd be bankrupt.

CHARLES BARBER, MLA,  
Victoria.  
March 13, 1981.

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## Problem solved without creating hazard

Sir,  
I am a resident of Salt Spring Island currently travelling in the United States. As you may be aware, I have written my views to you concerning the dumping of treated effluent into Ganges Harbour in previous letters. It is all too clear to me that this is an impending disaster for all marine environment and our unique island way of life, not to mention the total waste of tax money that will only serve to profit a few individuals and companies. I realize now that only an informed and caring public can, if it chooses, avert this disaster. Therefore it is my personal undertaking to visit, in my travels, towns and communities who have been faced with the sewage/pollution problem and who have chosen ecologically safe methods of dealing with it.

The first town on my list is Briones, a sweet northern Californian coastal town situated on the edge of a saltwater lagoon. The lagoon, needless to say, is an aquatic wildlife sanctuary which means a lot to the inhabitants of the area.

Upon my arrival in the town, I went to the local book store. After stating my interest I was presented with a book about the town and its struggle to control its own destiny, written by Orville Schell and titled *The Town That Fought To Save Itself*.

"The local community public utilities district (PUD) had hatched up an \$8.1 million sewage treatment plant and collection system which would have hooked us up with the neighbouring town like a Siamese twin. It was obviously too big, too expensive, and would have opened the whole peninsula to possibilities of runaway development.

"It called for a million-dollar outfall pipe that would have fed partially treated chlorinated sewage out into one of the state's most renowned tidal pool marine habitats. It proposed to hook up almost every house in the area (even those on septic tanks) to solve the problem of 187 houses which allowed sewage to flow into the lagoon through an ancient collection system. Hookup was to be at the owners expense."

Well to cut a long story, the project was successfully stopped. An alternative was sought, found and implemented and the details

are as follows.

A 95-acre meadow was purchased above the town. A series of concrete-lined ponds were constructed, approximately one acre in area and 20 feet deep at centre. The raw sewage is pumped uphill from the offending areas only, through a shedding device called a monuter, (ironically this happens to be of Canadian manufacture, chosen for its superior quality), into one of the two primary treatment ponds. Here the solids settle out to the bottom and a natural process of digestion begins.

Anaerobic bacteria work at the bottom of the pond in the absence of air. The sewage ferments and produces methane gas. Any smell coming from the bottom level through the water is reduced by the high PH level at the top of the pond.

The top layer of sewage digests aerobically and it all happens without any artificial interference at all.

The liquid, as it clears, is drawn

into secondary ponds and eventually as it clears further is sprayed on to fields which are leased to individuals for the production of livestock feed.

The system processes 30,000 gallons of raw sewage per day. It has been in operation for five years. It cost \$1.7 million to set up including the land purchase. They currently only use 45 acres in the whole operation including the spray fields. It costs \$30,000 per year to maintain. I was told that the bulk of this is the cost of running the pumps and salary for the one part-time employee that is required to manage the paperwork and monitor the pond condition.

The point I make is that the problem can be solved by the local people quite simply and effectively. And instead of creating an environmental hazard we can enhance the environment and still solve the problem.

**LES BRADEN**

Box 1074,

Ganges.

February 26, 1981.

## How can seals, sea lions be blamed after co-existing for so many years?

Sir,

I read with interest the letter to the editor re Seals and Sea lions need Control.

It amazes me no end how one could possibly blame the seals and sea lions for the disappearance of the fish, when they have co-existed for thousands of years, in fact when there were lots of seals and sea lions there was lots of fish, that is the truth.

I came to B.C. almost 30 years ago, and there was so much fish they couldn't sell it.

On an interview on the radio the then Mayor of Squamish said that, when he was a boy, he could remember when the salmon used to run up the river, they were running so thick, one could walk across the river over them. Herring used to be so plentiful they couldn't sell them so they made fertilizer out of them, which to me then seemed an absolute crime. Even off Stanley Park one could scoop the smelt out of the water by hand, for what one needed and I saw lots of harbour seals then too.

No more otters though, they

were all exterminated already.

Then we came to Fernwood 15 years ago, and on the wharf were lots of perch. One could go down there and have a couple of perch in five minutes and have a supper but they are exterminated too, not by the seals either, but by boys who endlessly took every fish, little or big all through the year and throw them on the wharf to die slowly. Nothing one could do, nobody cared and nobody cares now about our fish and wildlife, until all is gone and it is too late.

Isn't it strange that with all the education around today we are blaming the wildlife for the destruction of our food resources?

Would someone please explain to me how come that until about 50 years ago there was absolutely everything in abundance!

**RITA APTEKMANN**

Vancouver, B.C.

March 1, 1981.

P.S. Also, all the oysters are gone in the last ten years and there haven't been any otters around for years.

## The Anarchist

### The Other Shoe

At the end of a long series of platitudes and fiscal homilies, Mr. Raygun, in the closing phrases of his speech to parliament, included the following: "We are determined to be your partner."

This seems to me to be an odd use of the language. On the one hand he could have said "we are determined to seek a basis for partnership between us." This would have invoked at least the principle of equity. On the other hand he could have said, "We hope you will be our partner." This would have allowed for some question of choice, but he said neither of these.

Since most of the speech and, by all accounts, most of the entire visit was concerned with tone rather than substance, it is probably reasonable to conclude that like any professional actor, he was merely reading the lines of a speech which was devoid of content, unless you have a nasty suspicious mind, and a fundamental distrust of the whole nature of American interests in continental energy resources.

In this latter case you then add the "withdrawn" letter of disapproval of the national energy program from the U.S. state department, the recent exposure of the long-standing rip-off by the American subsidiaries in Canada, the fact that the chairman of at least one powerful U.S. Senate committee has characterized the N.E.P. as "discriminatory" and you come to the conclusion that Mr. Raygun did indeed mean just what he said.

In which case he will probably drop the other shoe sometime soon right on your head, Pardner.

### Prison Reform

The solicitor-general of Canada informs all and sundry that the wealthy provinces are going to have to bear a greater share of the cost of the inmate population. In line with the current vogue for fiscal restraint he went to some lengths to explain that it was much cheaper (\$6,000 per annum) to supervise parole than to incarcerate (\$30,000 per annum).

This being the case it would seem possible to advertise a \$10,000 subsidy to non-performing criminals and still come out with a \$14,000 saving per person. Unfortunately, the minister did not bother to discuss the relative merits of prison time versus parole, which might even be a more important consideration.

### Quote of Note

This society turns everything it touches into a potential source of progress and of exploitation, of drudgery and satisfaction, of free-

dom and of oppression. Sexuality is no exception, sexuality and aggression.

— Herbert Marcuse  
*Eros and Civilization*

### Constitutional Comparisons

If you are interested in the ideological temper of the times watch the developments in the confrontation between the international unions which are members of the Building and Trades Council and the largely domestic public service and industrial unions which comprise the majority of the Canadian Labour Congress.

You will find all the elements of the federal-provincial row, complete with arguments for jurisdiction, sovereignty and financial autonomy.

### Correspondence

Someone suggested that it is incestuous to respond to critics who have responded to a previous column. (Perhaps that is part of the fun). In any event the gentleman from Fulford who huffed and puffed about my honour and cowardice would, I am sure, feel quite hurt if I did not take him seriously enough to respond.

The root of your problem, sir, I would suggest is that you have had too little contact with certified anarchism. At our last triennial non-convention it was unanimously disagreed that the first tenet of Anarchist theory, other than a radical disbelief in theorizing, was a complete contempt for dictionaries which totally obviated the emerging character of our belief structure.

In short, sir, since we ourselves agree on absolutely nothing, it is patently a case of overt oppression to have an establishment publication such as a dictionary spread a pack of lies and nonsense about our alleged view of the world.

As for my comments about Mr. Trudeau, the problem appears to lie in your comprehension rather than my description. I said "Pierre Trudeau is many things, with a degree of superiority which makes his faults unforgivable and his virtues unacceptable."

This would seem to be entirely consistent with the fact that he may well fail greatly. It merely makes the distinction that he will not have failed from smallness of the mind.

With reference to your "more or less united Canada" of 12 years ago, it was a fiction maintained by a refusal to confront the issues which threatened it. It was in so many respects like a large number of marriages, a public exercise in good manners, nothing more.



## Tony Richards

**WAS THERE SOME MESSAGE** for Salt Spring Island's male population in the performance by a crowd of local women at the Harbour House Hotel's ladies' night?

Perhaps not, but by all accounts it was quite an event, and one that would have been interesting to watch from a distance.

The hotel's booking of "entertainer" Richard King Thursday evening had to develop into a rumour that the ladies were to be treated to a strip show. Evidently, the rumour served to stir up a lot of interest and excitement and no doubt was a key reason for the large attendance.

So picture it for yourself: 150 ladies, most of whom have probably never seen a male stripper, eager and anxious to see one in the flesh, discover that the poor guy has been booked to play music.

It's really no surprise then that he was literally attacked by a few over-anxious spectators who managed to remove his shirt and his shoes.

A male entertainer at the next ladies' night had best be prepared to go all the way. It doesn't appear likely that his audience will stand for it if he doesn't.

**WHEN TWO LADIES** went to dinner at the Bay Window a couple of weeks back they were pleasantly surprised to see a couple of friends when they walked in the door.

Jennifer Cudmore and Ellen Hazenboom walked down to meet them only to find it was their own reflections they'd seen in the mirror at the end of the hallway.

They found it embarrassing enough at the time and will probably find it even more so when they read this. But a good story should not go unreported.

As far as Jennifer is concerned, the worst she can do in retaliation is cancel her subscription. But she'd be nuts to do that because she gets it free.

## Gravel a hazard Spelling mistake caught

Sir,

We can always know that summer is on its way when the Highways Department begin their summer-long campaign of spreading gravel over the few paved roads we have on this island.

Gravel on pavement is extremely hazardous for the motorcycle rider, and can turn a pleasant ride into a nightmare risking life and limb.

If the Highways Department don't intend cleaning the gravel off the road, which they have never done in the past, then they should be made to ride a motorcycle along that road after they've done their gravel spreading, and they can start right now by going down Lees Hill.

**MAUREEN B. LEASON,**

R. R. 2, Ganges.

March 10, 1981.

Sir,

In your February 25 edition, one of your readers took you to task for the quality of the writing in your newspaper. He/she said the incoherence, lack of regard for punctuation and the occasional run-on sentence left her "truelly breathless".

Wut hee/shee sez mae bec partlie troo, butt sum uther peepel caint spel two gud neether!

Approximate translation: People who live in glass houses should be careful when they throw stones.)

**ROBERT W. RUSH,**

Vancouver, B.C.

March 10, 1981.



# Hydro surcharge: another bridge to cross

Sir,

In view of all the action and strong support from all of you islanders, we are now faced with yet another bridge to cross on the Hydro Surcharge Levy.

Under the Chairmanship of our new chairman, of the C.R.D. Mayor Norma Sealey, and U.T.A. Committee Chairman Mayor Couvelier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Vander Zalm, had assured the Board that if the Bylaw setting rates and regulations for the Hydro Surcharge would be adopted by the Capital Regional Board before the end of 1980 that the stipulations of this bylaw and the retroactive portions of the Bylaw would be honoured by the Provincial Government.

In other words, the province would pick up the cost of the retroactive portions included in this bylaw. It was further confirmed at an open meeting of the C.R.D. Therefore, at the time there seemed to be no cause for alarm at the delays in the Minister's level for the endorsement of this bylaw. After all, we had the Minister's word and assurance that all was well and good as it was.

Now we are faced with the fact that the Minister has changed his mind, and will only honour the retroactive exemption clause from November 1 instead of as previously assured to April 1, 1980.

The Capital Regional Board, at the meeting of March 11, passed a resolution that a recommendation from the Board, for the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Vander Zalm, to honour the retroactive exemption clause to April 1, 1980 and not November 1, 1980.

I have since, on your behalf, placed a call to our M.L.A. Hon. H. Curtis' office and have been assured by Mr. Curtis' very capable assistant, Mr. Jim Guthrie, that Mr. Curtis would do all he can to help us, his constituents, in this matter. I did not speak to Mr. Curtis personally, because at this time it would be

rather difficult, the House being in session at this time, and as soon as that one-day session was over, Mr. Curtis had then to appear on *Capital Comment*.

However, I will hear from him within the next few days, and again request his help to convince his colleague, Mr. Vander Zalm, to make good his assurance to us.

An assurance to us is a promise. A promise is a gentleman's agreement, and a gentleman's agree-

ment is still as good as a handshake out here in the west! We expect our minister of the Crown to live up to this honorable tradition!

**YVETTE VALCOURT,**  
Regional Director,  
Salt Spring Island.  
March, 1981.

P.S. My office is in my home, and I am available every day of the week, except when I am in Victoria, for Committee meetings or Board meetings.

## Constitution seen as disaster

Sir,

Mr. Manly is the MP in the House of Commons for our area. I'd like to know how he stands with the new proposed constitution by the federal government.

The new constitution has a wording as a resolution, not to recognise a supreme power? That is the wording?!!

I don't like it!!!!

Thirty-one and a half years ago, after the second world war, I came to Canada, and remember all too good, from my life as a young girl, what it is to be restricted of freedom.

To be told how and where to walk, only alone, and so many other items. Your property was never yours. Even a bicycle was taken from people. In the Netherlands, where I happened to be born, we were under occupation. From my simple point of view, I cannot see much difference!! That two provinces in Canada will have the veto voting power for always!!!

I became a Canadian Citizen in 1960, yes it took me more than 10 years to make up my mind to become a citizen.

But when I ever have to make a choice, between the country where I happen to be born, of the country which has given us a free and wonderful living, my country is Canada. My feeling is so strong I am against any dictators. And when this constitution is ours, it will be a disaster. When two provinces, Quebec and Ontario, are given veto power forever?!!!

And also, we are told to be a government in Ottawa, most of them, don't even know where Salt Spring and all our islands are located, how our living is going to be.

Please everybody, think about the constitution. We cannot put our heads in the sand, hoping it will all go away.

How come that we the people are never asked what we are thinking.

It has nothing to do with politics when the Eastern part, from this great and big country of ours, needs money to keep their big car

factories going. All parties agree, how come? The population and all the big unions are there, and coming election time they all need voters.

When the city of Toronto has more MP's than Alberta there is something very wrong in the protection of our rights in the west.

How come when Alberta only asked half the price of the oil, what our country needs to require, that the federal government paid another country the world price?

The eastern half of our country dictated, with their larger population, that we better be happy, with the extra taxes, extra everything and all the extra overflow of population and people and welfare, to come to the west!!! The farmers in Poland are protesting, under very harsh surroundings, that they like some of their property rights back.

But in our country the NDP party which always declared to be the party for the working people agreed to take our property rights away!!

So that our children, and their children can fight for their rights to get back? Do we all want to sit down and are waiting for this to happen?

I like to have more people, with more understanding, about the constitution and what it represents to write to *Driftwood*, it is so important to all of us.

**AUDREY BUITENWERF-SCHOUTEN,**  
Rainbow Road, Ganges.  
March 9, 1981.

# Council outlines concerns over Business Licence Act

Hugh Curtis, MLA,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, B.C.

The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council is very concerned about the application of the new Business Licence Act, as it affects craftspeople on the island.

Following are the three main points we would like clarified.

1. Does the manufacturer's licence apply to craftspeople?  
2. When does a craftsman become a manufacturer for the purpose of the act?

3. The act states that the classification for the business licence is left to the discretion of the government agent. But it does not give any guidelines on which to base this decision, since nothing is set out in definite terms in the act. We feel that definite instructions to the government agent would make the act fairer for all concerned.

Manufacturer implies the mass production of identical items, from which the manufacturer earns his livelihood. By contrast, the craftsman creates individual items of original design whose selling price seldom covers more than the cost of the equipment and supplies, using their talents to add to the cultural value of the community.

Most of the craftspeople on the island sell their items through Artcraft - the two-month summer sale sponsored by the Community Arts Council, for which the CAC has always taken out a retail sales licence and we consider this to be a legitimate tax. But we do not consider it legitimate to further tax the individual craftsman as a manufacturer, without at the very least establishing a minimum base (e.g. \$10,000).

The imposition of \$112.50 licence fee would force many hobby craft persons to discontinue offering their handcrafted items for sale. Should this occur, the CAC would lose most of its income which is derived from the net proceeds of this sale. These earnings go back into the community in the form of grants and community projects. The sum of \$3,300 was paid to the government in social

service tax. Artcraft has been established 13 years, and is a great tourist attraction and therefore beneficial to the island economy. If there is a forced withdrawal of participating crafts people the repercussions would be most unfortunate for all concerned.

You can readily see that this is a matter of significant concern to your constituents on the islands, and one to which we sincerely hope you will direct your efforts to help us solve.

**J.R. CLEMENTS, PRESIDENT,**  
Gulf Island Community  
Arts Council.  
March 9, 1981.

## LORNE P. HUDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Photo by Ed Bermingham

**DAVID WINGROVE,** aged 17, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Wingrove of Victoria, has been awarded a Lorne P. Hudson Memorial Scholarship at St. Michaels University School, Victoria.

David has won numerous prizes for debating and public speaking, is a gifted actor, and a scholar of note. Last year he was the top-ranking student of German in B.C. in a competitive examination. After university, he plans to enter either journalism or the theatre.

The Scholarship is a living memorial to Lorne P. Hudson, who attended St. Michaels University School (1950-59) where he was active in Cadets, excelled academically and played on winning rugby teams. He graduated from U.B.C. with distinction in both commerce and law, and went on to become Secretary of the U.B.C. Alma Mater Society. At the time of his tragic death in 1972, Lorne Hudson had his own law firm, and was married with one daughter.

He was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hudson of Victoria, through whose generosity the scholarships have been donated.

## Identification sought

Sir,

I am in possession of a lightweight copper, diamond-shaped, disk having been nailed on to some vehicle or some object bearing the inscription, W.C.F.A. 1931.

I can only imagine this meaning to be "West Coast Fire Association."

Could you or any of your many readers enlighten me on this?

**SHIRLEE STROM,**  
Page Drive,  
Galiano Island.  
March 10, 1981.

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# Only Petrocanada can unclench the power of petroleum industry

Is this a country where there's one law for the big oil companies and another law for the rest of us?

Last week a government report revealed that the petroleum industry overcharged Canadians to the tune of \$2,500 per consumer during the 60's and the 70's.

That's \$12 billion total. If one-dollar bills were laid end to end, that amount of money would reach the moon and back, twice.

The federal government sighs in dismay and regrets that our combines laws (which they won't update because of business pressure) aren't tough enough to deal with that kind of corporate fraud.

The government report showed the four major foreign-owned oil companies in Canada have fixed prices for years to suit their own monopoly control over the energy business. In the United States they prosecute companies for that kind of behaviour.

In Canada, the minister of consumer and corporate affairs says: "We don't want revenge against the oil companies." Then he talks about another inquiry to see how bad things really are.

## CEMENTS MONOPOLY

A study in Alberta has shown

## Ottawa report

BY JIM MANLY, MP

the multinational control over the retailing of gasoline cements the companies' monopoly over every facet of the energy business. One frightening comment on that study:

"Nothing will be done about it because the oil companies have more power than governments."

Unfortunately, these are the kind of horror stories that reinforce what the NDP has been saying for years.

Yes, the foreign-owned multinationals do have an undesirable impact on our economy.

Yes, the multinationals have no interest in individual countries or in a "free market".

## WE FOOT THE BILL

The federal report found the multinationals charge artificially

inflated prices to their subsidiaries here for foreign supplies coming into Canada. So Exxon tells Imperial Oil it'll have to buy oil for the east coast at higher than world prices and we foot the bill unwittingly.

"These excessive costs served to enrich the parent company at the expense of the Canadian consumer who consequently paid higher prices for gasoline and heating oil," says the report.

The power of the multinationals is such that they control not only exploration for Canadian oil, but production, transportation, refining and marketing. That's the kind of monopoly control that allowed them to drive out of business hundreds of independent suppliers of gasoline and fuel oil.

## MORE EFFICIENT

Although those "little guys" proved more efficient at distributing and marketing petroleum than the big companies, the multinationals eliminated that competition through various tactics.

You could say that's one thing we've got from the multinational oil companies: no more neighbour-

hood gas stations and no more small independent home heating dealers.

The authors of the federal report can only look to PetroCanada to unclench the power of the petroleum industry. They see the need for a company which deals for Canada, with strictly Canadian interests in mind.

If that's our oil out there, explored for at taxpayers' expense and then paid for by Canadian consumers, we must have Canadian control.

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We are plowing through the name suggestions we've received for these pages and will come up with a winner soon!



**Fellowship of the Ring** BY JUSTIN WILLIAMS

### Skinny

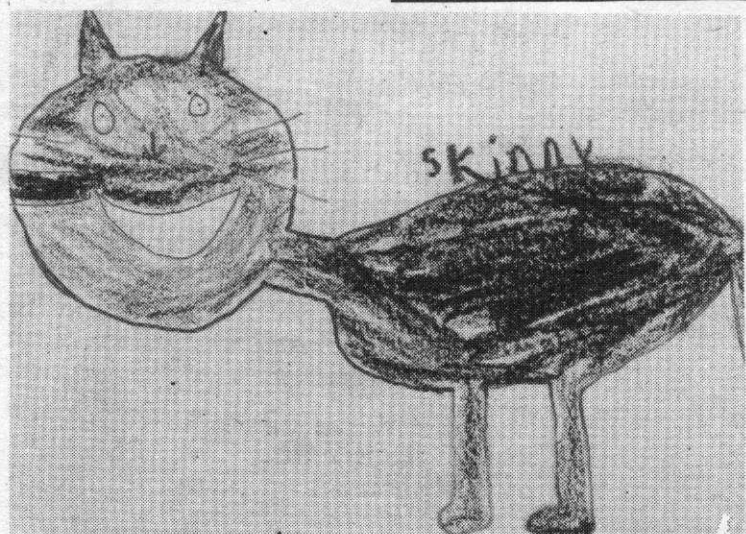
BY NATHAN GAYLOR  
Grade 2

Skinny is my pet cat.  
He is black. He likes to play and go to sleep. He sucks the pillow and your skin.  
And he sits on my bed and goes to sleep.

### Sarah

BY MEGAN GAYLOR  
Grade 2  
Galiano Elementary School

My friend is Sarah. She is seven. She has brown hair.  
She is nice to me. We get along together.



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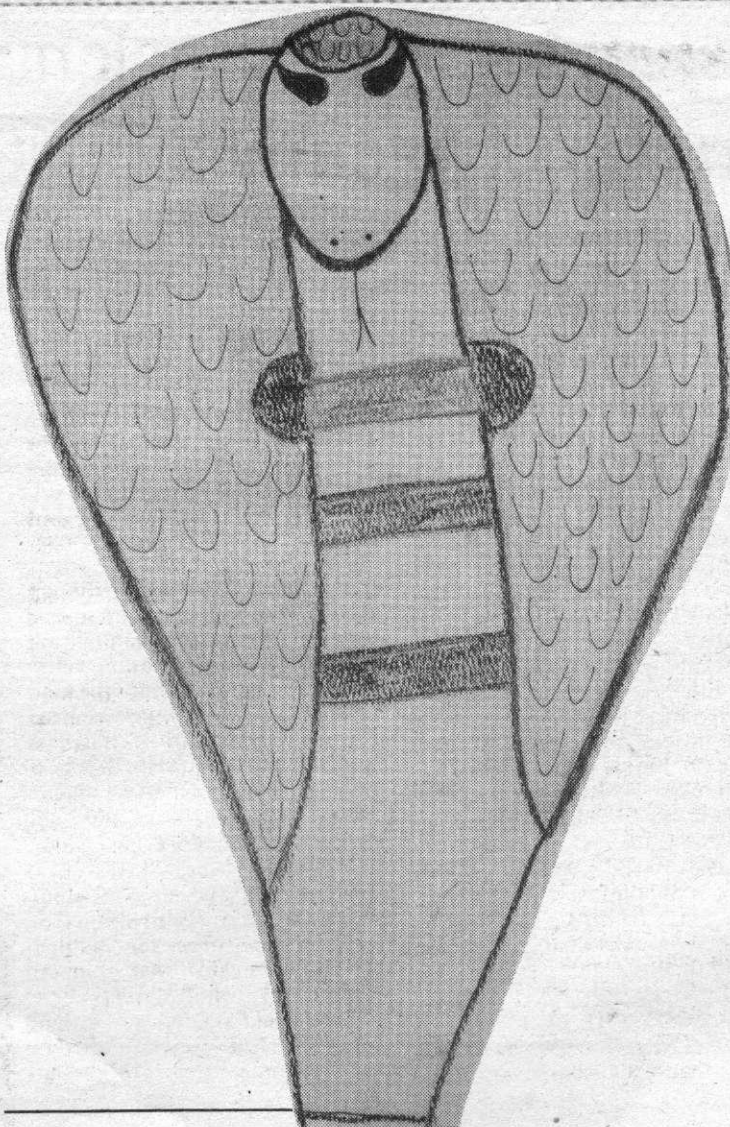
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### Cathy

BY JENNIFER DUNN  
Grade 1

Cathy is my teacher and my friend. She has brown hair. She is nice. I have known her since I was born. Cathy reads us stories.

Sometimes we go to the beach with the guitar. She is special because I love her.

**Some cobras live to be  
five feet long and  
some are poisonous.**

— Damen Grooms, Grade 2

### Steve

BY KIRSTY

Steve is a big boy. He is Nanna's son. He lives in Australia.

He is tall, and has brown hair.  
He is special because he lives in a hot place and I like it.

## Story funny as well as serious

BY CAROLE EYLES

Forecast by Malcolm Hall. Dell Publishing Company, New York, 1977.

Stan Groundhog has retired after 20 years as the weather forecaster for the *Claws and Paws* newspaper, so Theodore Cat, the editor, must find a replacement.

When Caroline Porcupine applies for the job, Theodore is frankly sceptical. Challenged to prove herself, Caroline offers to predict the weather for five days in a row to win the job. When she predicts snow in the middle of summer, her friends are horrified, but when the first four days of her predictions come true, they try to help make the fifth forecast true as well.

They should have had more faith in their friend. Caroline gets her job on her own merits and at the same time scores a point for science.

The story is funny as well as serious and Bruce Degen's pictures make the most of this. His line drawings are full of detail and he catches the animals' expressions with great skill. Although a point is made against sex-role stereotyping, it does not get in the way of this delightful story.

Primary level readers will find the subject matter and vocabulary appropriate. *Forecast* is available in Dell Yearling paperback edition for \$1.25.

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## Best way to spend a Saturday evening

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Ask me how I'd most like to spend Saturday evening! Go on, ask me!

Well, since you ask, what I'd most like is to look at Uri Cogan's slides and listen to Susan Cogan sing.

And that's exactly what I did last Saturday, along with a capacity crowd in St. George's Hall. I've not heard Susan before, I'm sorry to say, but I became a fan of her husband Uri when I heard him speak recently at the careers options day in our high school.

Susan Cogan is, as most of you know, a seasoned performer, with five or six albums to her credit and, I'm told, a daily radio show in Israel, her native land. She brings warmth and credibility to her songs, and a high degree of musicianship, whether she's accompanying herself on piano, guitar or electric piano.

Oscar Riley was also on the program. He's a teacher at the elementary school in Ganges, and it was intimated that he has something wrong with his head, as he came directly from Jamaica to

Edmonton! Perhaps it's just his sense of direction which is at fault!

At any rate there's nothing wrong with his singing or guitar playing, although the sound equipment did him less than justice (too much guitar, not enough voice!) But then, I'm hopelessly old-fashioned — I like to hear the words! And in his second set I was much impressed by the song about the Indians; how they lived in peace until the white man brought them Jesus and whisky!

Uri Cogan is another of those multi-talented people who bring out the worst in me. Envy is a deadly sin, and one that I cherish. I loved his slides — how can he be a computer expert and a superb photographer? — and Susan's musical background, although I found it difficult to concentrate on both at the same time. But that's my limitation.

I was asked to write this review at the last moment, and I demand my "pound of flesh". My personal favourite item was, "I'm in favour of the sensitive man." Completely satisfying, in form and content.

Thanks, Susan!

## Workshop planned

Contributed

When Rick Bockner first came to Salt Spring last fall it marked the advent of changes both subtle and remarkable in the lives of the people he met here.

Through the teaching of an initiation into the ancient Japanese healing art called Reiki, those of us fortunate enough to have shared this experience have many wonderful, and some miraculous stories to tell.

Reiki is a Japanese word meaning universal energy. Through the teachings, which are a purely oral tradition and the first and second degree initiations, one is enabled to become a healing channel for this energy.

The basic precepts dictate moderation in all things together with the motto, "Just for today, I will not worry. Just for today, I will not be angry. I will honour parents and teachers and feel gratitude for all living things, just for today."

Bockner, who is one of only 12 Reiki teachers worldwide, will hold an introduction workshop at the Family Centre Wednesday, Mar. 25 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Spectrum

### 'Delightful troupe' deserved better

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

What a thankless lot we are! The Community Arts Council, in their wisdom, decided that one aspect of culture sadly lacking here is exposure to high-standard professional dancing.

To fill the gap they invited Spectrum, a young jazz dance group from Victoria, and this quite large company (12, 13 or 14 depending on who's counting) came to us last Friday, entertaining the children in one afternoon and a woefully small audience in the evening.

If I may make so bold, I would beg the C.A.C. not to be too discouraged. There were mitigating circumstances...publicity was delayed, there were many other things arranged for that evening...and it was Friday the 13th!

The audience was enthusiastic and with good reason. It's a delightful troupe. A young, vital, hard-working, disciplined, inspired company, working under chal-

lenging circumstances. The elementary school gymnasium floor must be very difficult for barefoot or ballet dancers, and it was very dirty! All floors are, of course, but at such close quarters it is difficult to preserve any illusion!

The highlights were purely personal to me — the tall man and the dwarf confirmed my dislike of

halls of mirrors. I'm sure I'll never enter one again! The strong men superbly illustrated the axiom — don't burlesque it unless you can

do it! And they could — and did. The gypsy fortune-teller was uncomfortably good as a mechanical device which briefly comes to life.

I enjoyed Dan Costain as the "sweeper" in the circus and the M.C. He held the program together with a warm, sympathetic personality which appealed particularly to the youngsters.

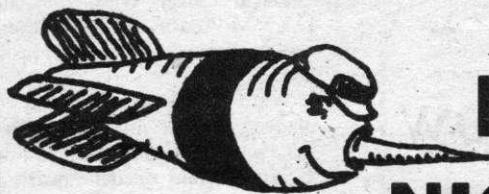
Spectrum deserved better of us, and I hope they will give us another chance to show our appreciation of their efforts and talents.

### Familiar faces in new band

Some familiar faces return to Salt Spring this week when Nightwatch appears at the Harbour House Hotel. Members of the new band are Marianne Grittani, Jerome Jarvis, Peter Walker and Ron Lukawitski. Nightwatch will play Thursday to Saturday in their only local appearance before leaving on a northern tour.

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## Lawyer fails to show

A 36-year-old Victoria man's bid to challenge an impaired charge backfired in provincial court last Wednesday when his lawyer failed to show up for his trial.

David Oliver Ward told Judge D.K. McAdam, however, that he was prepared to proceed on his own behalf.

Ward was eventually found guilty of driving while impaired, a charge that was laid against him following an automobile accident nearly five

months ago.

Ganges RCMP were called to the scene of an accident on the evening of October 29 and discovered Ward's 1975 Fiat in a ditch on Upper Ganges Road near the Harbour House Hotel.

Ward suffered a slight cut as a result of the accident and his auto sustained about \$200 worth of damage, the court was told.

Ward's wife and another passenger were uninjured.

Const. Ace Mainwaring testified that Ward displayed signs of impairment and that he failed a subsequent breathalyzer test at the RCMP office.

Ward, who offered no defence, received a \$450 fine and had his driver's licence suspended for six months.

Ward told the court of his hesitancy to plead guilty without first checking with his attorney, who had assured him that she would be there

in court.

"I've had no satisfaction from my counsel," said Ward.

"I would have thought that if you weren't getting satisfaction from your counsel that you would get another," replied Judge McAdam.

The judge also turned down Ward's request that he be allowed to drive his automobile back to Victoria.

# Are you aware that the government has offered the doctors of B.C. an average increase of \$14,240?

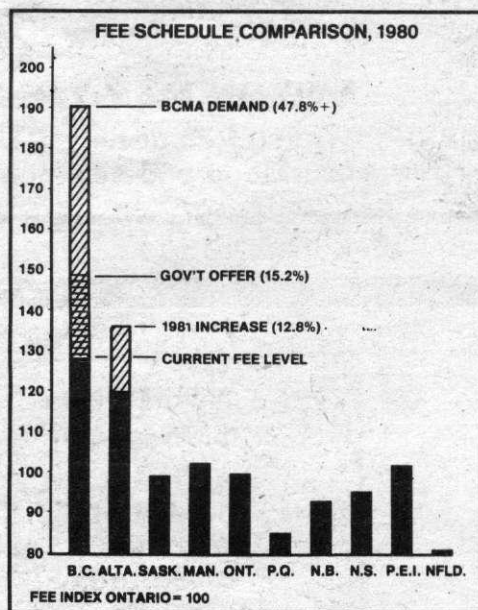
The doctors of British Columbia already have the highest fee schedule in the country. This schedule is the result of successful negotiations with the provincial government in past years... 8.11% increase in 1979, 9.7% in 1980.

But this year is different!

The government entered the current negotiations willing to have an equitable agreement concluded with the British Columbia Medical Association. The offer was made of a 15.2% increase, which meant an average increase per doctor of \$14,240 a year, at an additional cost to the B.C. taxpayer of over \$64 million for 1981.

But the British Columbia Medical Association wants more!

They are demanding an increase of almost 70%, which would cost \$296 million more than what was paid to the doctors in 1980.

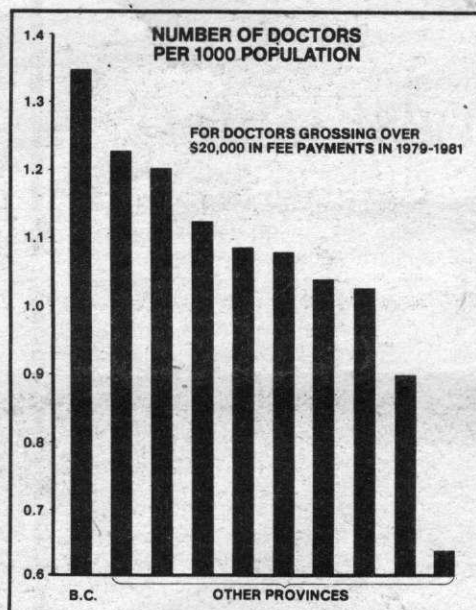


### Let's look at a few facts!

British Columbia has more doctors per thousand population than any other province (1.35).

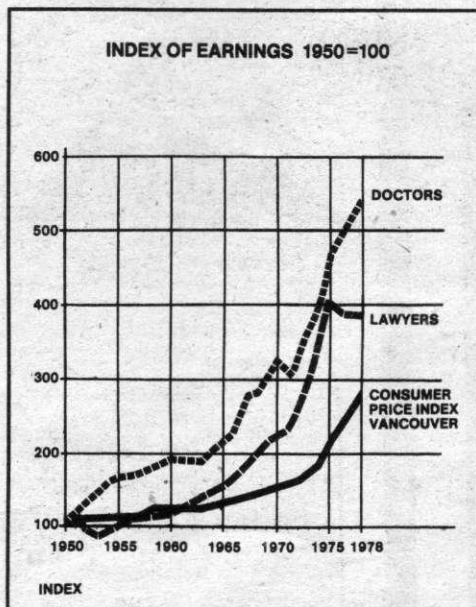
While these doctors have shown their concern with their earnings not keeping pace with the cost of living, the latest figures show that they had in fact in 1978, an earnings index of almost 550 (using 1950 as base 100), while lawyers were slightly under 400\* and the Consumer Price Index was slightly under 300\*.

\*Statistics Canada, Consumer Price Index for Vancouver, 1978.



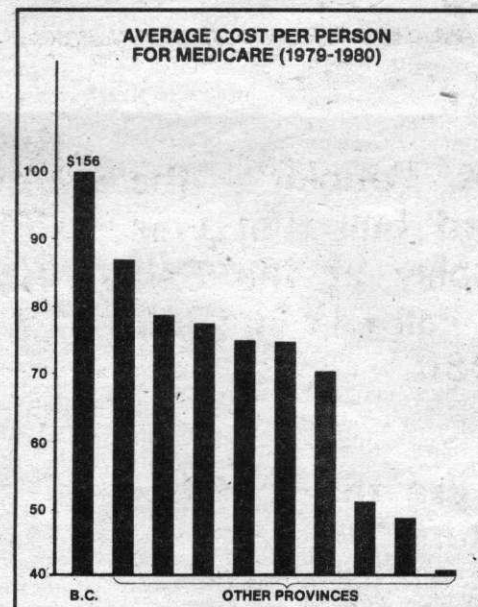
Payments for doctors' services are higher in B.C. than anywhere else in the country... \$156 per person. The government offer will raise the cost per person to \$180, but the demand from the British Columbia Medical Association would raise this cost to \$265.

The new fee schedule being demanded is for 47.8%, plus an increase of approximately 15-20% for contractual



changes in the schedule, plus fringe benefits of 5% or more. The whole package would total about 70%.

It has been suggested that the level of premiums should be increased to meet these demands. If this was done, the present annual premium per family would increase from \$255 to \$625, while the premium for a single person would rise from \$102 to \$250.



Under the current government offer, the average increase for all doctors will be approximately \$14,240. General Practitioners will receive an average increase of \$15,800, while a number will receive considerably more. Specialists will receive an average annual increase of approximately \$13,700, with a number receiving much more than that amount.

The BCMA has stated that it wishes to charge patients an extra levy for medical services over the amount being offered by the government. This extra levy would be through extra-billing by the doctors.

It is the objective of the government of British Columbia to continue to provide every B.C. citizen with the highest possible standard of health services, while providing the doctors of the province with equitable remuneration for their services. In all of this the government recognizes the importance of managing the financial resources of the province in a responsible manner.



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## Chamber is critical of new commercial lake zoning

Representatives of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce met the island local trustees on Tuesday morning to discuss changes in lakeside resort zoning.

The chamber spokesmen expressed concern at the sharp reduction in potential expansion for resorts under the category of Commercial Zone 4-L.

Fred Bruynse of the Cedar Beach Resort explained that he purchased his business with a view to later expansion and the new bylaw prohibits him from doing so.

C-4-L zoning limits the number of cabins to three to an acre. He already has 17 on five acres. He also protested the limiting of a cabin size to 40 square metres. Such a cabin could not accommodate a normal family, said Bruynse. The new zoning also eliminates any plan to provide restaurant facilities.

Meeting was in the building inspector's office of the court house.

Trustee Bud Kreissl explained the history of lake deterioration and the pressures on trustees to safeguard the quality of the potable water.

Bruynse replied that there was no logic in restricting his operations in order to pipe the water, thus safeguarded, to Ganges to serve new hotels and resorts established there.

The chamber asked trustees to reconsider the arbitrary figures of density and size.

### WHY NOT BUY THEM?

The resort operator also suggested that if the Trust is vitally concerned with minimizing the use of the lake, then why not seek means of purchasing certain lakeside resorts which are available for sale at the present time. They

could then be converted to private residences with no fear of later expansion.

Chamber president Bert Elford urged some thought of change before the bylaw is presented for public hearing. There is a connotation of irreversibility at such a time, he explained.

Doug Foerster urged a constant awareness of the tourist needs of the island.

The meeting also debated the possibility of alternative means of sewage disposal. Health authorities do not favour small disposal systems because they too often lack proper supervision, explained Kreissl.

Trustee David Lott explained that he wanted to listen to the chamber proposals, rather than offer observations.

Also taking part were Irene Tranter, Frank Richards and Ray Simard.

## No injuries in accident Sunday

The driver and three passengers of an automobile escaped injury when the vehicle slammed into a utility pole on Fulford-Ganges Road early Sunday.

Ganges RCMP report that a 1968 Isuzu Bellett hit a pole in front of Ganges Harbour Groceries after the 16-year-old driver lost control of the vehicle. The automobile was headed towards Ganges Hill at the time.

The accident occurred at about 2:45 am.

An ambulance was called to the scene when several of the passengers thought that they had been injured. It turned out, however, that all four escaped injury.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks reports that police are still investigating but that charges may be laid against the juvenile driver.

The vehicle sustained damages estimated at about \$1,000.

## Women's league meets

BY URSULA McEWEN

The March meeting of the Salt Spring Island council of the Catholic Women's League was held on Wednesday the 11th, in the parish hall, commencing with Mass at 1:30 pm.

Members admired the new drapes purchased for the hall and put up by the council, and the ladies were reminded to bring in their Nabob coupons to be used toward the purchase of a new coffee urn.

Final plans were made for the flea market being held in the parish hall on Saturday, Apr. 4 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Coffee and donuts will be available. Joy Johnsen and Ursula McEwen were detailed to make and put up posters announcing the event.

President Alicia Anderson gave a brief report on the World Day of Prayer held on March 2 and commended the members for their attendance. There was no report on the regional meeting held in Nanaimo on March 1. Representatives from the Salt Spring Island council were unable to attend due

to lack of ferry service from Vesuvius that morning.

Lilian Beauchemin reported on the details of the World Relief Tea scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 25 in the United Church Hall. The C.W.L. is convening the white elephant table for this event. In answer to a query, Fr. Bergin advised that the portion of the proceeds from last year's tea allocated to Our Lady of Grace parish, had been sent to the Oblate Mission Trade School in Peru.

The ladies were reminded of their annual contribution to the C.W.L. National Fund of one percent of their council's earnings during the year. This money is especially earmarked to be used in co-operation with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, for funding pure water projects in the undeveloped countries of the world.

Highlight of the afternoon was the most enjoyable slide show of a trip through the Holy Land, presented by Dorothy Crofton.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Apr. 8.

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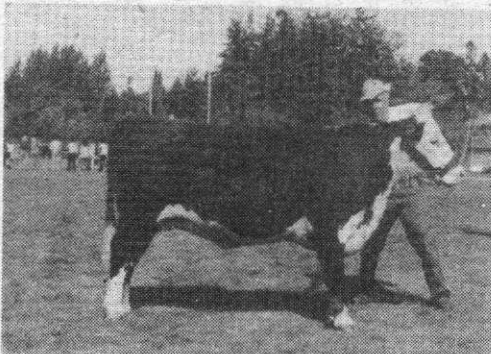
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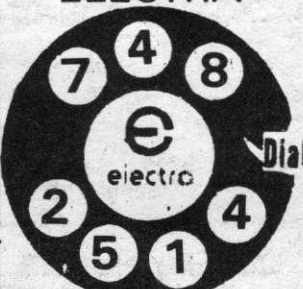
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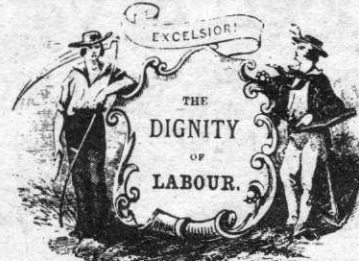
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## On Salt Spring

# Ken Stevens named to new term as fire trustee

Ken Stevens was elected to a further three-year term as trustee of the Salt Spring Fire Protection District at the annual meeting on Tuesday evening last week in St. George's Hall.

He was elected by acclamation. Meeting also appointed Fred Donaghy as auditor.

Donaghy and Ken Byron introduced some debate when they asked about the new expansion of the fire district to take in properties at Isabella Point.

Byron was fearful of running out of water while engaged in fighting a fire at the end of Isabella Point Road. There is no hydrant nearer than Fulford, he explained, and the long journey along the meandering coast road could be expensive.

Donaghy was critical of the entry of new areas into the district without any such provision. He advocated the acceptance of new areas only on condition they installed hydrants. The former fire fighter and district chairman also challenged the approval of any admission to the district of areas without hydrants. This also applies to any subdivision, he told the board.

### NOT REQUIRED

In the case of a large-parcel

subdivision there is no requirement of a piped water system, explained the chairman, Dennis Andrews. It would not be possible to require piped water for fire-fighting purposes.

The meeting expressed concern for an adequate water supply in other parts of the island, but the trustees felt that water was within reach of most other areas.

The board will consider the need for water and an alternative

method of providing water for fire-fighting will be examined. Ponds or tanks were suggested.

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# The story of a pad

## When service club launched project

On Saturday afternoon the lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, Henry Bell-Irving, formally brought into use the new helicopter landing pad at Lady Minto Hospital at Ganges.

The ceremony was preceded by a luncheon in Harbour House Hotel and a brief flight to the hospital for the lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Bell-Irving.

During the course of the ceremony the lieutenant-governor spoke on the history of the club's construction of the facility.

He had already, during the luncheon, spoken of the help enjoyed by the service club. He explained that he had asked Rotary president Garry Garras how much the project had cost. Garras had replied that there had been so much donated time and materials that it was not easy to estimate.

### GRATIFYING SHARE

The wide community participation in the project was particularly gratifying, commented the distinguished visitor.

The beginning of the emergency landing facility came about two years ago, said the lieutenant-governor, when a number of members started to think about such a service. Included in the initial deliberations were the president and his predecessor, Ray Bush, both of whom were serving as volunteer ambulance personnel.

Club members agreed that the problems of using a car park or similar facility as an emergency field at night were obvious. Yet,

when the ferries are laid up for the night, some such service could be invaluable.

When the club started into the project it appeared so simple. It appeared just the kind of little project that could be undertaken with speed and no great problems.

### PLANNING

The planning was unending. There were discussions with government agencies at every level. The Lady Minto Hospital Board, the Capital Regional District and the ministry of transport were among the first to be consulted.

An emergency landing pad is governed by a variety of rules, regulations and requirements.

When the project was launched, there were some preliminary discussions on the location of the pad. The need to preserve two fine old fir trees nearby ruled out the first site selected. The sponsors were obliged to move much closer to the hospital and the sewage disposal

field. But they did it.

Then the trees died.

There was a bright side even to that, reminisced the lieutenant-governor. The trees were subsequently sawn up and served the hospital community well. They provided wood for the winter at Greenwoods.

### HELPFUL

The ministry of transport was particularly helpful. A large air-sea rescue helicopter was sent down from Comox and the personnel examined the various sites mooted and offered their expert advice.

The ministry also provided specifications for building it.

"Now with the near-completion of the job, the Rotary Club would like to turn it over to the hospital for the benefit of the people of the Gulf Islands," announced the visitor. He looked around him and added, "It looks finished to me, but

that's what the Rotary Club said."

The lieutenant-governor expressed the appreciation of the service club.

"The club would like to thank many people, other than Rotarians, who have contributed volunteer labour or other support for this and other Rotary activities."

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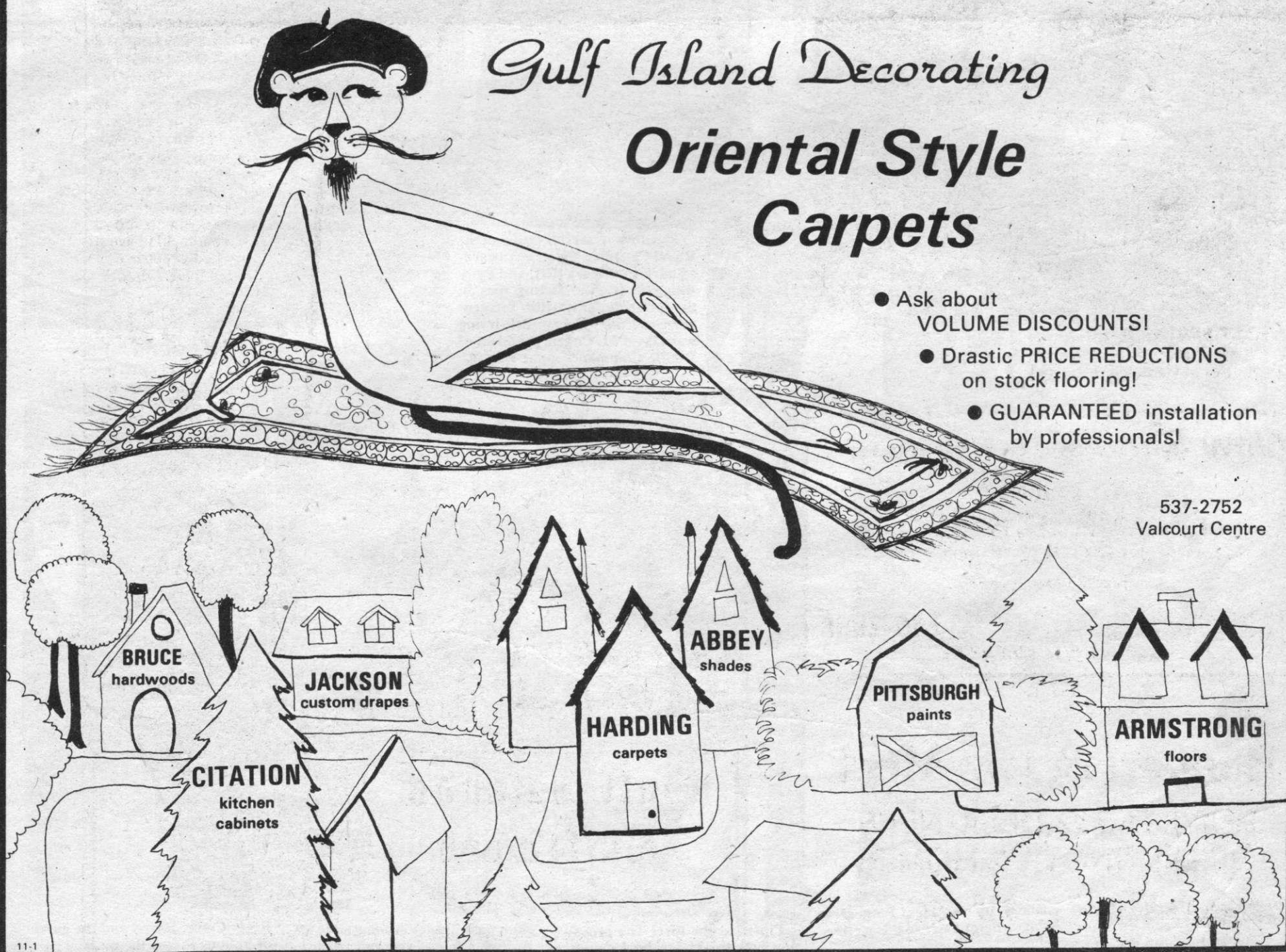
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# Welcome, please, the

The dedication of the helicopter pad to the service of islanders was the ceremony undertaken by the Lieutenant-Governor on Saturday. In the picture are, left to right,

ras, the Lieutenant-Governor, Mrs. Bell-Irving, Mrs. Garras, Comdr. David Harris and Const. Glenn Hanna.



Husband-and-wife team cut the Legion's 50th birthday cake.



Meritorious service medal of the Royal Canadian legion was awarded Jack Potheary (left) and Peter Bingham (right). Taking part in the presentations, with Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving was David M. Cullen, president of Pacific Command of the Legion.



Past president Iver Gillen receives his pin from the guest of honour.



Longest term of service with the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday evening was the 40 years chalked up by Jack Potheary, being congratulated in this picture.

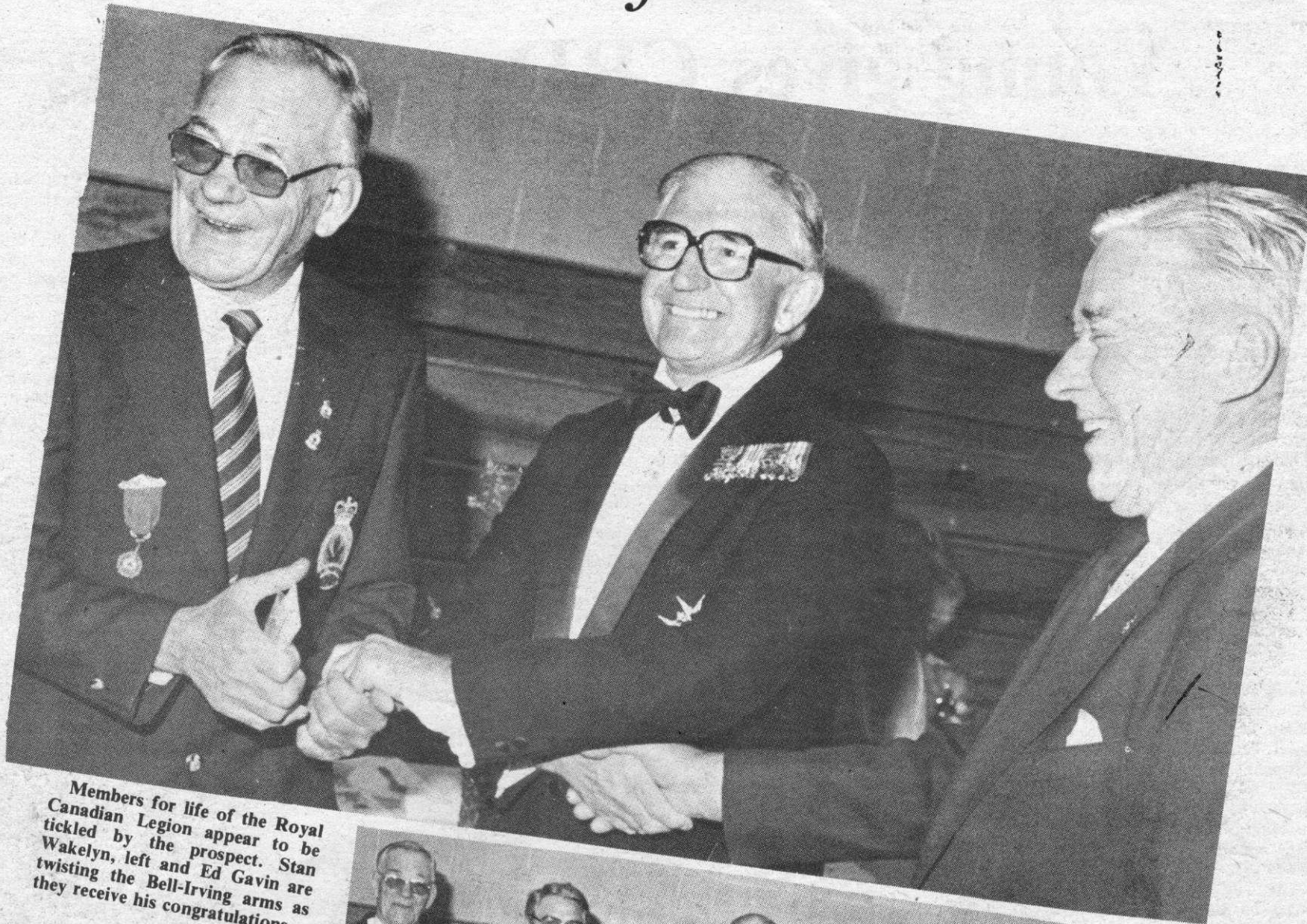


Pipers to the fore! The procession into the high school gymnasium on Saturday evening is led off by Pipers Angus McLeod and Eric

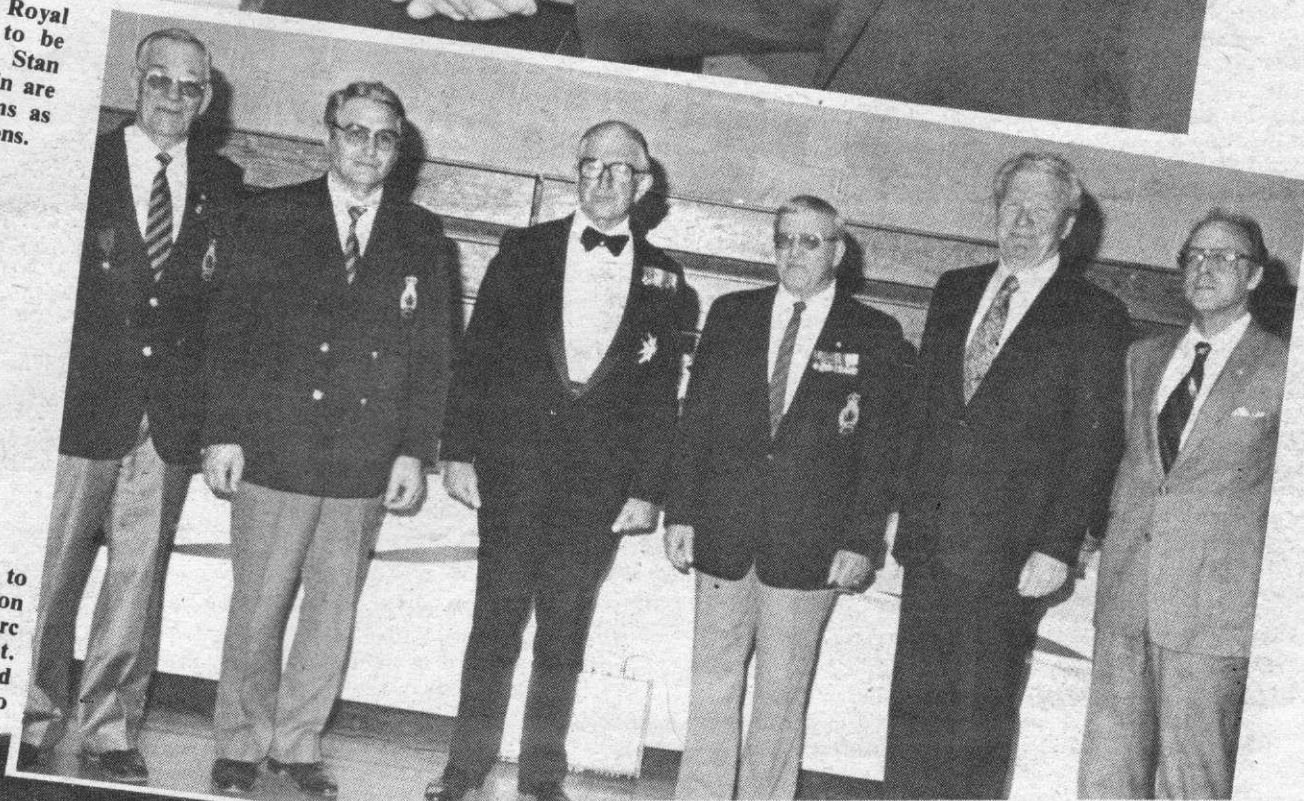
Begg. Cmdr. Harris and the guest of honour follow the pipes.



# Lieutenant-Governor of B.C.!



Members for life of the Royal Canadian Legion appear to be tickled by the prospect. Stan Wakelyn, left and Ed Gavin are twisting the Bell-Irving arms as they receive his congratulations.



Long service awards went to Stan Wakelyn, at the left and, on the right, Jack Potheary, Marc Holmes and Rev. T.F. Wright. Tom Wright accepted the award for his father who was unable to attend.



Bagpipes also led off the Grand March and here are Angus Mc-

Leod and Cathy Hele starting the ball rolling.



Crew of the first plane to use the helicopter pad can be seen through the perspex.



## THE ADMINISTRATORS

# Young gives CRD good marks

### Tenth of a series

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

Salt Spring Island residents are as much to blame as the Capital Regional District for causing the current feelings of antagonism over the Ganges sewer project, according to CRD executive director Dennis Young.

While conceding that the CRD could have handled the situation more effectively, Young says that public apathy during the initial stages of discussion caused the region to misread opposition to the sewage system.

Young says that it has only been during the past two years that strong opposition has arisen due to concerns about possible damage to the environment.

The project has been under consideration since 1972 and people should have spoken up sooner rather than wait until the CRD had already committed itself to the project, he said.

"If people had protested in 1972 or 1973 as vigorously as they are now, maybe we wouldn't have the confrontation that we've got at the present moment," said Young.

#### SINCE 1972

"The question of sewers in Ganges has been going on now since 1972 and it's only in the last two years that we've witnessed the strong uprising in feeling about the protection of the environment."

Young said that the public in general expressed little interest about sewage disposal during most of the 70's. It was only after the project had been approved that it dawned on residents that they were about to have a sewage system that they knew nothing about.

"The Ganges sewer question, I think, is a classic example of where there was an apathetic public for many years until suddenly they realized that things were taking place that they wanted to know more about," said Young.

### Money was spent and decisions were made

"By that time, money had been spent and decisions had been made which were difficult to reverse."

He says that where the CRD failed was in not anticipating the degree of opposition that it would come up against.

"I think that if the district had been aware of the strong feelings that can exist in communities such as Salt Spring Island at the outset and brought them into the picture at the early stages, there may not have been such an antagonistic situation as we presently see," said Young.

The CRD has already got down to the task of designing the actual network of sewers, or collection system, as well as the treatment plant and effluent outfall.

#### SURVEYED HARBOUR

A team of engineers recently spent the better part of a week surveying the bottom of Ganges Harbour to determine the path that the outfall will take.

Young said that the CRD will

award the contract for construction of the outfall some time this summer. He expects construction of the treatment plant and the collection system to begin by late summer or early fall.

Young said that a site has already been chosen for the treatment plant, a two-acre parcel of land that the provincial government has allocated near the harbour at Mouat Provincial Park.

The timetable calls for the sewage system to be in operation towards the end of 1982, according to Young.

He gives the CRD good marks in general for its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the Gulf Islands. The Ganges sewer system, however, is indicative of instances where the district should have encouraged residents here to take more of an interest in serious decisions affecting them, Young said.

### Islanders are not unaware of the need

"The islanders, I think are not unaware of the need now, but I think that perhaps had they been encouraged at the outset, in a number of major issues, that they (the CRD) would have been more successful."

Young has served with the CRD for the past 10 years.

He was born in Duncan 58 years ago and has spent most of his life on southern Vancouver Island, except for three years in Hamilton, Ontario, and a stint in the air force. As a pilot during the Second World War, Young was stationed at posts all over Europe.

A chartered accountant, he went to work as the assistant treasurer for the city of Victoria during the early 50's and he has been involved in municipal affairs ever since.

#### CITY MANAGER

Young served as city manager for Victoria for an eight-year period beginning in 1963, and then took his present position with the CRD.

He works out of a spacious third-floor office at the CRD headquarters on Yates Street in downtown Victoria.

Married to his wife Shirley for seven years now, Young has three children and eight grandchildren by a previous marriage.

His busy schedule affords him little opportunity to pursue outside interests but he likes to flyfish along the Cowichan River and on fresh water lakes on northern Vancouver Island when given the chance.

Young also enjoys cooking, and has taken several cooking courses in the preparation of ethnic dishes.

"At the moment my favourite is northern Italian but I'll turn my hand to almost anything from Chinese to Russian."

#### TRAINING RETRIEVERS

The owner of a Labrador retriever, his greatest passion is the training of retrievers for field trial competition whenever time permits.

Young first took up this growing sport while at Hamilton and he has devoted countless hours to it since



DENNIS YOUNG

returning to British Columbia in 1963.

Along with several other retriever enthusiasts, Young founded the Vancouver Island Retrievers Club in Victoria, an organization in which members train their animals as gun dogs for hunting or strictly for competition's sake in the sport of retrieving.

Returning to the subject of local government, Young said that he was opposed to the Islands Trust getting jurisdiction over land use control on islands within its boundaries.

"I might say that I was personally disappointed when the Islands Trust was given planning responsibility for the islands because I felt that the district, which had done it for a number of years, had acquitted itself very ably," he said.

"I don't intend to be critical of the Islands Trust because I think they've been doing a very good job too. I just don't feel that creation of the Trust was entirely necessary."

### Better served by centralized services

His opposition was based on the belief that the needs of Gulf Islanders would be better served if their services were centralized under just one governing body.

"Because of other responsibilities, the district was perhaps in a better position to see the islands from an overview point of view rather than a single purpose point of view that the Trust has," said

Young.

He says that while there is at present open communication between the CRD and the Trust, he is concerned that problems could arise at some point in the future.

### With co-operation a good job can be achieved

"With co-operation between those that do have responsibility I think that a good job can be achieved and is at present being achieved. We work very closely with the Islands Trust."

"But of course it's possible that there could be a major conflict in philosophy which could be detrimental to the islands' interests. Fortunately, that doesn't exist at the moment so I think the islanders are being well served," said Young.

While approving of the job that the Trust has done, Young feels that the CRD is in a better position to co-ordinate overall services in the Gulf Islands since it is already responsible for most of them.

Young thinks that the solution would be to give legislation over land use control back to the regional districts. He says that doing so would give residents on some of the more northern islands better representation.

He doesn't see how the Victoria-based Islands Trust can possibly keep in touch with the needs of some of the islands farther north along the coast.

At the same time, however, Young wouldn't object to seeing

the Gulf Islands withdraw from the CRD altogether.

He says that he's aware that some Salt Spring Island residents are in favour of such an idea and he would give his full blessing to their decision to leave the district should they choose to do so.

"If the people wanted to do that and were prepared to accept the financial responsibility of doing it I would have no concerns at all, because that's the democratic process that we live under," said Young.

"In fact, in many respects I think that we would breathe a sign of relief because the Gulf Islands does generate its share of problem areas that we have to deal with."

"The important question is just how financially viable is such a course of action," he said.

### Central Saanich doing well on its own

As to whether Salt Spring Island could afford to provide basic municipal services, Young said that he suspects that it could. He cites Central Saanich as a comparable community that is doing well on its own.

He says that Salt Spring Island and Central Saanich have a similar population and tax base and that the economies of both communities are dependent upon farming.

The only real difference is that a larger segment of the work force in Central Saanich commutes daily to jobs in Greater Victoria.

"The big problem is that if people continue to find Salt Spring Island as attractive as people have in the past and move there, you're going to have to develop some form of local government in order that everybody's interests are fairly dealt with," he said.

#### FRAGMENTED

"Otherwise you're going to see a fragmented approach to this type of growth; the Islands Trust doing a bit of it, the regional district doing a bit of it and the provincial government doing a bit of it."

"I think that it's a very real concern that people should have. To not have it means that people are putting their heads in the sand."

He feels that continued growth will eventually force Salt Spring Island to govern itself and it may not be a bad idea for islanders to start giving it consideration.

He said that people are going to continue flocking to the island and to think that the influx of new residents can be reversed is not a very realistic approach.

#### PLEASED WITH RESULTS

He is pleased with the results that he has achieved since taking on a difficult and challenging position.

There have been instances in the past where different decisions might have produced better results, but one can't dwell on past mistakes, said Young.

He said that he's aware of criticism by some that the position he holds is a powerful one but he prefers to describe it as "potentially influential."

He said his effectiveness will be measured by his ability to advise

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# Ground preparations will pay off handsomely

From now until about the middle of May is the second-best time to sow a lawn. The best time for seeding a lawn in our area is the fall, from about the beginning of September to the middle of October.

The very best approach to a lovely lawn is patience, though, and some ground preparation which will pay off handsomely in the long run. A lawn, like anything else, does best in well drained soil with lots of organic material.

The Japanese, in their patient and meticulous manner, will excavate the area, spread anywhere up to a foot of sand and gravel, replace the topsoil to a depth of one foot as well, and then seed their lawns.

Most homesites, especially the new ones, had their soil disturbed by excavation and most often the subsoil ends up on top, with the topsoil buried underneath.

This is not bad at all. If you can improve whatever is on top now, you will eventually end up with fairly deep topsoil.

## BUCKWHEAT BEST

The best approach really, and this holds true for your orchard or berry patch as well, is to improve your soil first of all. The best is, as always, buckwheat. And a buckwheat and clover combination is even better.

Buckwheat will grow in almost pure clay and penetrate it deeply. Clover adds nitrogen which helps the buckwheat as well.

So, whatever your soil, be it clay or gravel, your best bet is to sow clover and buckwheat and let it grow.

You may even add some wildflower seeds to the mix. Daisies, cornflowers, poppies, and the doricum daisy especially, are tolerant of poor soil and will make a lovely display throughout the seasons.

You might even like it better that way. In fall then, the buckwheat and clover is plowed or rototilled into the ground and you can then start your lawn on an improved footing. If your soil is very poor, follow the fall tilling with winter rye and plow this under next spring, to be followed by the lawn. **REPEAT IT**

And if your soil is very poor, repeat until you are satisfied with the quality of your soil, and the desired quality of lawn to follow. Remember that organic material in your soil is your best moisture and nutrient reservoir. This will directly bear on the frequency of

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If the soil is not quite as it should be, chicken manure (well rotted) or chicken manure tea will provide the required nutrients as it is

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Your best bet though, is good soil. It makes all the difference. Fertilizing poor soil is of really limited value, as the nutrients are not retained in the absence of organic material.

All this applies, in spades, to orchards and berry patches as well. In orchards though, do not till the clover and buckwheat into the ground. Just mow it, and let the clippings rot back into the ground.

Also grow some parsley and fennel in your permanent, moisture retaining, ground cover. These will serve as food source, when in

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A tree cannot use any fertilizer until its roots are established in

their new surroundings. And with the above method, no fertilizers of any kind are required. At best, just a bit of chicken manure can be used to accelerate decomposition of the clippings.

If fertilizers are required due to extremely poor soil, wait until next year. All any tree needs in its first year is moisture. Do not let it dry out. A slow, deep soak once a week is best.

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CRD directors without intentionally exerting influence over their decisions.

"I wouldn't be doing my job if I worked to get them to accept a particular point of view that I held. That isn't my job. In fact, if I use my position to achieve my personal objectives in terms of what I think they should do, I should be very justly criticized," he said.

Young said that as the district's chief administrator, his duties include sitting in on daily district committee meetings. During these meetings he offers advice to the directors on whichever issue is involved.

## PROPORTIONAL

"I guess that my influence is directly proportional to the quality of the advice that I give them," he said.

"I don't make decisions, I merely advise others on making decisions and then I carry out those decisions. I see my job as being success-

ful if they're making good decisions in the best interest of the community."

Young said that it's lonely at the top and he believes that Salt Spring Island residents hold him accountable for tension between themselves and the CRD.

He wishes this were not the case but has reconciled himself to the fact that public condemnation is part and parcel of any government administrative post.

"There's one regret that I have and that's that a large segment of residents of Salt Spring Island have identified me as the focal point of their criticism of the government process," said Young.

"Maybe that's inevitable but it causes me a certain amount of personal concern because I haven't been callously unaware of the individuals who are out there and who have protested against the regional district."

"I guess it's inevitable but I wish it were otherwise."

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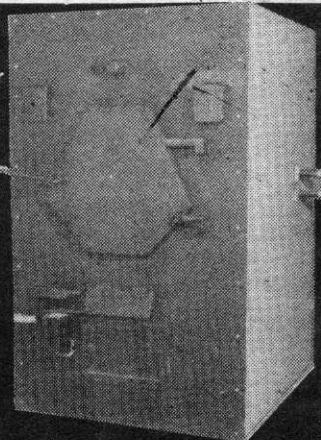
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After the completion of the regular league games, the Strikers found themselves tied for first place with the Lakehill Cedar-Hill Esso.

The tie-breaker was played and the result was a 1-0 victory for the Strikers and the "C" league championship. The win vaulted them into the "B" level of competition.

Last Saturday, they played their first "B" level game and the result was a convincing 2-0 win. The game was the Strikers' from beginning to end as they totally controlled the play, never allowing their opponents, the Lansdowne Mavericks, to get on track.

### AGGRESSIVE PLAY

As usual, the mid-field and full-back lines were busy throughout the game, but the difference in Saturday's game was the aggressive play of the forward line. Of late they have got into the bad habit of standing up front and waiting for the ball to be pushed up

to them. But in Saturday's game, they were an active part of the team, coming back to pick up the ball and moving it with speed and accuracy, creating havoc in Lansdowne's back-field.

Both of the Strikers' goals were scored by Stuart Lyon, and both were assisted by Jeff Moger. The first came as a result of some heads-up play by Jeff. Moving forward to take his shot on goal, Jeff was confronted by two defense-men. Rather than try to dribble around them, Jeff turned and pushed the ball back to Stuart who was backing him up.

### OVER HIS HANDS

Stuart's quick shot was over the goalie's out-stretched hands and into the top corner of the net, to open the scoring at 15 minutes of the first half.

The second was the result of an excellently placed corner-kick by Brad Davies, to Jeff. Jeff pushed the ball across to Stuart who hammered it into the back of the net.

Next Saturday, the Strikers face their most difficult task of this season. In order to continue on to the District Cup finals, they must first beat the top team in Division 5B, the Duncan Wescan Raiders.

Game time is 1 pm at Portlock Park and spectator support would be greatly appreciated.

## Bridge winners

Gulf Islands bridge club winners March 9 were: first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; second, Helen Shandro and Audrey Allan; third, Jean Jefferies and Lois Popkin-Clurman; fourth, Thelma and Jack Craig.

On Tuesday night: first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; second, Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; third, Alf and Vera Nichols.

## Continuing education offers two talks by Doug Henderson

### Contributed

One of the guest speakers in the forthcoming continuing education series on art is local resident Doug Henderson. He will be giving two talks dealing with this subject.

His first, on April 16, will be of primary interest to artists and craftspeople. Entitled *How to Sell your Own Works of Art*, the talk will deal with the down-to-earth practical realities of art marketing.

Some of the topics dealt with are dealing with dealers, auctions, artists' co-ops as well as numerous other areas.

On April 25, as part of our Pub Night lecture series, Doug will deal with *Art As an Investment*. Areas covered will be building your collection, appraisals, insurance, tax benefits as well as other areas.

Doug Henderson was the registrar of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria for five years. While there he taught a fourth-year art history course at the University of Victoria. Later he was the registrar at the Vancouver Museums and Planeta-

rium Association.

While there he drafted legislation that protects art objects and artifacts in British Columbia.

In 1979-80 he received a Canada Council grant to do a book on West Coast artist Jack Wise. He has collected oriental art for several years and acted as advisor and appraiser to private collectors.

Locally he serves on the museum committee of the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute.

For further information on these and other continuing education courses, please call Virginia Newman at 537-5548.

### Dagwoods Dazzling Derelicts

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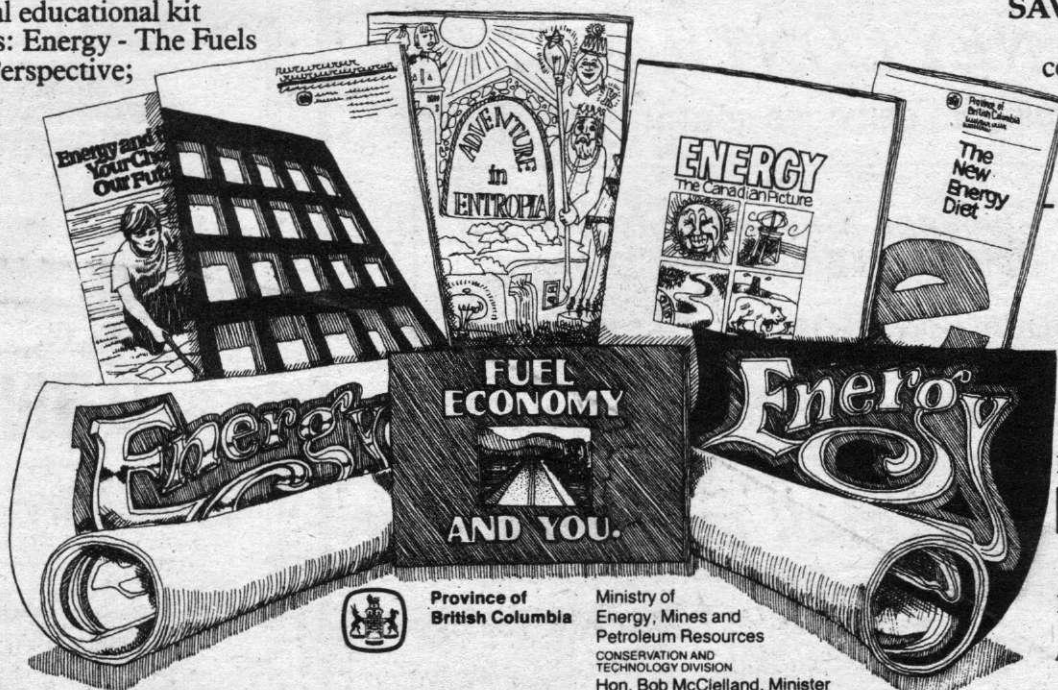
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