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## *But water still a bargain*

### User costs to rise as demand for water increases

Residents drawing water from the North Salt Spring Waterworks District were told at last Tuesday's annual meeting that new construction and capital improvements will continue to push rate hikes and tax increases ahead of the pace of inflation.

This grim forecast stood out alone in a generally bright picture presented by resigning chairman Ken Patrick, who was presiding at his last annual meeting. It was the utility's 34th such meeting.

In presenting the report, Patrick explained that the utility anticipates having to undertake extensive new construction in order to meet the growing demand for domestic water.

"Until completed, cost to members will continue to mount," said Patrick.

#### COULD BE OFFSET

He told the group in attendance that the added costs could be largely offset if the provincial government would agree to provide financial assistance to improvement districts in the same way it does to municipalities and regional districts.

Patrick said that waterworks district trustees along with representatives from the Islands Trust have been pressing the government to grant funds to improvement districts.

Patrick said that despite the likelihood of water becoming an

increasingly more expensive commodity, it is still a bargain in comparison to other consumer goods.

"It should be pointed out that the cost of water, delivered to your home, available 24 hours a day, costs you about 60¢ per ton depending on your consumption and the size of your lot," he said.

"The expression dirt cheap should be changed to water cheap."

#### TO TAKE STEPS

Patrick also told the group that the water district will be taking steps to avoid a repeat of the water shortage caused by the presence of algae and subsequent lack of oxygen in St. Mary Lake last summer.

For approximately two weeks in early summer the development caused water from the lake to assume an unpleasant odour, taste and appearance.

The waterworks district plans to develop the Maxwell Lake water supply system as a backup system in the event that water in St. Mary

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**Trophy  
for Cyclones**

Ken Marr accepts the Juan de Fuca Tournament Trophy on behalf of the Salt Spring Cyclones soccer team from Strick Aust at

Soccer Banquet at Ganges Friday. Cyclones topped four other teams to take trophy. More pictures, story, Page Twenty-One.

## *White power mercenaries attempt overthrow*

### Failed coup in Dominica linked with Ganges

As unlikely as it would appear, a connection has been established between a Ganges post office box and a failed coup by a small band of white power mercenaries who were plotting to overthrow the government of the tiny Caribbean island of Dominica.

Victoria MLA Gordon Hansen brought it to the attention of Attorney-General Allan Williams two weeks ago that several of his constituents have received hand delivered white supremacist literature.

A covering letter enclosed with the literature bears the signature of a Bruce Forbes, who identifies himself as the local organizer for the National Association for the Advancement of White People (NAAWP).

A return address to a Ganges post office box is stamped on the literature.

#### DENIED KNOWLEDGE

While a NAAWP spokesman at the organization's New Orleans headquarters denied any knowledge of a local organizer by the name of Bruce Forbes, it is known that one of two Canadian organizers is Wolfgang Droegge, 31, of Vic-

toria. The other is a Toronto area man.

Droegge, a former member of the

Ku Klux Klan, left that organization to form a Vancouver chapter of the NAAWP.

## Walkathon is Saturday

### *Lions Club braced for walk*

Saturday is the annual day of exercise for Salt Spring Island Lions and their supporters. On Saturday the Lions will stage the annual Walkathon between Ganges and Fulford.

Each walker is sponsored by various supporters who undertake to bet on his physique. The sponsor undertakes to donate an agreed figure per mile and the walker undertakes to make the full distance if it cripples him.

The walk will start at the Centennial Park in Ganges and end at Drummond Park in Fulford. Each walker receives a ribbon marking the completion of the course and refreshments will be available at the finish.

For 13 years the Lions have staged this annual walk, which was the brain-child of a former bank manager in Ganges, Jim Merston. It was initially staged on Easter

Saturday each year, but the constant inclement weather had seen it delayed on several occasions in the hope of finding a more pleasant day.

#### TWO CATEGORIES

The walkers are in two general categories. There are the enthusiasts who show up in scanty garb and run all the way. Most years, they have to run all the way to avoid freezing to death. The others are the hardy walkers in firm shoes and warm clothes who make a more leisurely attempt.

Prizes are offered for the winners, but the majority of contestants enter for the satisfaction of making the nine-mile walk and of raising funds for the service club.

Funds raised by the service club's event are used for community projects. These have ranged, in the past, from juvenile sports to Senior Citizen's projects.

Meanwhile, approximately 5,200 miles away on Dominica, it has been revealed that 10 heavily-armed individuals, including two Canadians, had plotted to overthrow the government of Prime Minister Mary Eugenia Charles. They had planned to replace her

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## Saltie is switched to Crofton

More passengers will be carried by the Vesuvius ferry with the transfer of the *Salt Spring Queen*, "Saltie", to the service.

The *Vesuvius Queen* will be transferred to the Pender Island run.

A spokesman for the ferry corporation explained that local concern over the lack of holding tanks for sewage on the *Salt Spring Queen* would be resolved by closing the rest rooms except while the vessel is midstream. The toilets will be opened 10 minutes after departure and closed 10 minutes before docking. The run is a little better than 20 minutes' sailing.

The ferry spokesman also commented that the *Vesuvius Queen* is no better equipped than the *Salt Spring Queen* and also sails without holding tanks.

## Guard rail planned

Highways crews will be installing a guard rail early this summer adjacent to a stretch of road near St. Mary Lake on Salt Spring Island.

Highways ministry spokesman Dave Shepherd of Victoria told *Driftwood* on Monday the guard rail would likely be of a steel-reinforced, chain-link type.

It will be erected along the stretch of North End Road where two slides have occurred during the past winter.

Shepherd said the rail will be positioned so that machinery will be able to get behind it to clear debris should another slide occur.





## Welcome, Albertans

Wendy Norton, proprietor of the Ganges clothing store The Attic, posted this sign at the urging of part-time employee Doug Henderson, who felt that

Albertans were getting a bum steer. "It's fashionable to loathe Albertans and I just felt that they should be welcomed like everybody else," he said.

## User costs to rise

From Page One

Lake again becomes unfit for consumption.

Mike Larmour, superintendent-secretary, explained that the district plans to raise the level of its water intake so as to avoid the intake of deoxygenated water as happened last summer.

### CAUSED DEPLETION

He explained that a large growth of algae developed in the lake early last year which began dying off by late spring. This caused a depletion of oxygen in the lake's lower levels which is where the district's water intake was located at a depth of about 25 feet.

It was the lack of oxygen that gave the water a distasteful odour.

Improvement projects either on the drawing board or already under way and slated for completion this year include expansion at the St. Mary Lake pumping station and filter station. The utility also plans on installing 6,000 feet of water main at the upstream end of its Cranberry Road line.

While plans for construction of the Ganges sewer system have ground to a halt, the waterworks district is uncertain whether it will replace the trunk main through Ganges since it had planned to do so at the same time Lower Ganges Road was torn up.

The utility also acquired land adjacent to the St. Mary Lake pumping station on which to build a more sophisticated coagulation and filtration plant should the need arise.

Patrick told the group that the district realized more stable water pressure as a result of construction completed towards the end of 1979 and early last year.

He warned that despite work completed in 1980, however, that a normal dry summer will stretch the system to its limit as a result of a significant increase in the number of new service connections.

The major improvement made last year was the replacement of 4,820 feet of the Vesuvius Road water main. That included construction of a new steel storage tank and 2,000 feet of smaller size mainline conduit.

Patrick also reported that the North Salt Spring Waterworks District witnessed a minor decrease in overall consumption during 1980 with the level dropping to about 62,500,000 gallons of water.

The district is forecasting continued growth, however, based largely on a five percent increase in the number of new service connections which brings the number to 1,053 from 1,003 the year before.

## Revenue up, profit down

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District earned \$165,991 in total revenues last year which was up about three percent from \$161,204 in 1979.

The utility's financial statements were disclosed by accountant Chuck Harrison at last Tuesday's 34th annual meeting at St. George's Church Hall.

Even though revenues were up slightly for the year, the waterworks district showed a 72% decline in profits due largely to burdensome interest payments on loans taken out last year at high interest rates.

Profits had shrunk to just \$16,728 from \$58,179 the year before.

The district paid out \$26,904 in interest payments on loans taken out to finance construction and improvement projects to meet increasing demands for domestic water.

Operating expenses had risen to more than \$53,000 from about \$40,000 the previous year and administrative expenses had climbed to nearly \$51,500 from just slightly more than \$40,000.

Harrison reported the waterworks district's total 1980 assets to stand at \$1,548,312 which compares to \$1,427,051 in 1979.

Last year's assets include current assets of about \$70,500 and fixed assets of approximately \$1,476,500.

## Conflicting opinions over lice shampoo

# Letter from parent group draws angry response from officer

The chairman of the Gulf Islands School Board has termed as inappropriate the response from a representative of the Capital Regional District to the chairman of the Fernwood Parent Advisory Group over the use of Kwellada shampoo.

Strick Aust was referring to a letter written April 10 from Dr. A.B. Allen, the CRD's deputy regional health officer, to Irene Fewings.

In the letter Allen characterized a statement made by Fewings as "defamatory and malicious and based upon misinformation."

He was referring to the second of two letters written to him by Fewings about concerns that the parents of students of Fernwood Elementary School have over the use of Kwellada shampoo.

Kwellada is the recommended treatment for infestation of live head lice.

The statement that Allen was referring to was, "We think it is appropriate for a man in your position to promote the use of something that may cause permanent damage to our children."

### HAD BEEN ANSWERED

Allen stated that the points that Fewings raised had already been answered in a letter that was sent to Aust from the provincial government's consultant epidemiologist approximately two weeks earlier.

He also suggested that the parent advisory group carry any grievances that it has regarding health policy to the district superintendent of the Gulf Islands School District.

"Our policies in relationship to the schools are negotiated with the school board trustees through the school superintendents so that any change in policies that you suggest must go that route," he wrote.

Contacted by phone, Fewings said that in her letter she had expressed concern that there may be possible harmful effects associated with the use of Kwellada shampoo. She explained that she had requested that Allen recommend an alternative to the controversial treatment.

### CARCINOGEN?

Fewings said that some published material that she has read has suggested that lindane, an ingredient of Kwellada, may be a carcinogen.

Allen had written in response that there is no cause for concern if the shampoo is used as directed.

"There is no evidence, and I repeat no evidence, that if Kwellada is used according to the manufacturer's instructions and our policy, that it has, or ever will, cause permanent damage to any child," wrote Allen.

Fewings said that Allen had not adequately responded to reasonable concerns that she and other parents have about a questionable treatment that is recommended by the government.

"What we were hoping for was a suggestion of another treatment that might have been useful rather than a quotation of established policy," she said.

### TO INVESTIGATE

Fewings said that at a parent advisory group meeting held April 29 it was agreed to investigate further the possibility that lindane may be a carcinogen. They plan to forward their findings to Allen.

Fewings also said that the parents disagree with the CRD's suggestion that children be allowed to return to school prior to the second prescribed treatment of Kwellada.

Kwellada has an effect on live lice only and parents must go through the time consuming process of removing the nits, or eggs, by hand. Before the second application, however, any nits that are missed will have had an opportunity to hatch into live lice.

Fewings said that at some point between the first and second treatments the remaining nits may

hatch, leaving the child still infested with live lice.

Her concern is that children who return to classes before being treated a second time may infest other students.

A second treatment would destroy the remaining lice before they have had an opportunity to mature and lay eggs of their own.

### WROTE MINISTER

The school board had already written a letter to Health Minister Jim Nielsen seeking clarification over the second treatment of Kwellada.

Following last Tuesday's board meeting, Aust noted that Allen had stated in his letter that Kwellada is safe if used as directed. He wondered what harmful effects might be associated with misuse.

"Personally, I felt that this type of response was totally unnecessary," said Aust.

"I would rather have seen him answer the question than to write that type of letter."

Several other members of the school board agreed, including Salt Spring Islands trustee Vivian Pinteau who said, "He seems to be slapping her wrist."

The board agreed, however, that the issue was between Allen and Fewings and that it should not respond to the health officer.

## OWN A LOT? CAN'T AFFORD TO BUILD?

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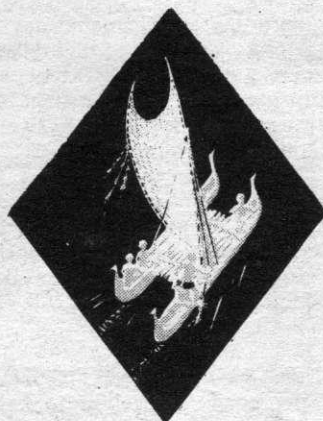


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# To Be Frank

by richards



News report on the radio last week: An oil slick, eight kilometres by four kilometres, has been discovered a few miles further south. Now, let's have it in cubits!

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The dirtiest proposal in a dirty year of labour strife must be the pamphlet proposed for distribution in tourist centres to discourage visitors. It is a scheme which can benefit nobody and is launched for no reasons which are not vicious.

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Antiques? Of course I like antiques! After all, I am one!

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He was in the Devonshire. And he was frightened. The young logger had, he told us, got into a gambling den and won a pocketful. He had enough to buy a drink or three but he was scared that his pursuers would find him. That was his story. The gamblers didn't take kindly to the idea of a mug taking all the pot and they were out to recover their lost bets and to persuade him to refrain from winning any other time their money was on the table. Now he was running. I was with Women's Lib and a few other newsmen. The obvious answer was to go to the police. But no; our new friend had two answers to that proposal and both were convincing. At least, he was convinced. First, he had been engaging in an illegal activity and he might lose his winnings and more. But worse, if his pursuers saw him in communication with the police they would be the more vicious in their pursuit. If the police were out, why not the minister of his church? We called the church, but they were far too busy. It isn't often you meet a frightened man. It is equally possible a frightened man doesn't often come to a blank when he looks for help. I never saw him again. I don't know whether he lived through it: or even whether his story was true and accurate. But I will always remember the Devonshire.

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The Richards Warning Signal: the newest product of the Richards fertile brain! Every driver needs one. It is designed for drivers who never stop at stop signs. It is mounted on the car roof and flashes blue and white sparks. Then every other road user knows that the car will not be stopping just because there's a stop sign. I figure I could sell a couple thousand on Salt Spring Island alone!

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Who pays the receiver-general? Last week patrons of Ganges Post Office were advised that the office had run out of income tax returns. The unfortunate islander dependent on the friendly neighbourhood post office to get him off the hook was well and truly hooked. He couldn't do his thing by the federal government. Nor by the Bennett government, which gets almost half as much for itself. Does he have to pay the penalty for late-filing? Or does the government official who failed to mail copies to the Ganges Post Office? I wouldn't take any big bets on the answer!

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I went to the Rotary Club dinner last week to meet a group of oriental businessmen on a visit. Bear in mind that the six eastern people flew east to visit us. And I heard Phil Valcourt say grace in French. For a brief moment I was impressed until I realized, with a jar, that for all my fellow Lions Club members know I could also be saying it in French on the odd occasion I am called on to say it. Indeed, Phil Valcourt has the edge on me. A few Rotarians could understand him. Damn few Lions could ever understand proper English!

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盧淵源 and I were at that dinner. Among others. He is a university professor from Chung-Li in Taiwan. The same gentleman in more conventional printing is Wally Yuan Lu.

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Roy Wheatley was running around on crutches last week nursing a foot in a cast. He fell. That fall didn't hurt a bit, he reports. What really hurt him was the end of the fall when he stopped falling suddenly.

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Did he know Charles Sutcliffe, a Hong Kong visitor was asked. Everybody knew Charles Sutcliffe, replied Chung Ming Leung. He's a big shot! And the Hong Kong visitor was delighted to learn that the former police commissioner was retired on Salt Spring Island. He explained that the retired police officer was responsible for the very large island police force. It was a one-way street, however. Sutcliffe would not know Chung, he assured his companions.

## Local man ordered to keep peace after charges of harassment made

A 70-year-old Ganges man was ordered to keep the peace and good behaviour for a period of six months in provincial court last Wednesday after Judge D.K. McAdam heard complaints that he had threatened a principal of an auto repair business.

The peace warrant was issued against Martin Kristiansen of Park Drive after the court heard testimony that he had threatened Joanne Windsor of Bill's Engine Repairs.

The court was told that Kristiansen had been harassing Windsor and employees of the business for approximately the last eight months.

It was revealed that Kristiansen had expressed displeasure at a body shop and wrecking yard which Joanne and Bill Windsor operate at Bayview Crescent on property adjoining his own.

### ORDERED TO MOVE

Windsor testified that Kristiansen entered the office of the service station on February 26 and following a 10-minute argument ordered her to have the wrecking yard relocated by the following day or face serious consequences.

"You have until five o'clock tomorrow or I will blow you away where nobody will find you," she quoted Kristiansen as saying.

Beverly Shirley, an employee of the service station, corroborated Windsor's testimony. She also stated that Kristiansen had been harassing an employee at the body shop prior to the incident at the service station.

Kristiansen testified that he could not recall having threatened Windsor.

### ABUSIVE MAIL

Windsor told the court that the frequency of the threats had increased in recent weeks and that he was receiving abusive mail from Kristiansen.

The threats have intensified since the court handed down a decision in their favour over zoning of the property, according to Windsor.

Question had arisen whether using the property for business purposes was in violation of a zoning bylaw.

The Windsors had proven that while the property is zoned as residential, they had established legal nonconforming use by

operating a business there prior to the time that zoning was established.

The court action was initiated by Kristiansen and the Islands Trust. Kristiansen was advised that any violation of the peace warrant would result in a \$100 fine.

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## Alcohol or Drug Problem?

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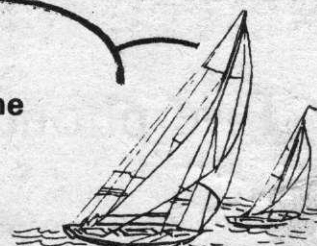
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## Water quality

It was surprising to find few individual residents at the recent public hearing into the commercial zoning of lakeshore properties.

Last year saw the water supply from St. Mary Lake fall to an unprecedented level. Users were appalled at the smell and the flavour of the water drawn from the lake. This year has seen the lake change colour to a muddy khaki as the new crop of weed develops beneath the surface.

The Island trustees fully expected to find a swarm of residents speaking at the hearing into commercial use. The only observations came from the operators of resorts on the lake, fearful of the effect of proposed measures on their business. They were also indignant that restrictions were to be levelled only at commercial users without assurance that they might be the biggest offenders.

The hearing leaves the observer to assume that the area residents have every confidence in the water district to take care of the problems and solve them without outside interference.

But it left local trustees with little guidance as to the public's wishes in connection with lake use.

## Joy as it flew

For many years the Salt Spring Players have maintained a steady pace in the various regional drama festivals, bringing award after award to the island.

The flair appears to be communicated from player to player and cast to cast, because the personnel who won the first awards were unrelated to those involved in this year's success. The pioneers of this small amateur theatre group may well assert that their own early years are contributing to new successes in that the lessons learned from Day One are part of the tradition and the training afforded newer members.

The success of *Joy as it Flies* at the Cowichan regional festival was particularly gratifying as the entire play was home-made. The players have already taken a well-earned bow. And so has the author, Roz Truelove.

The author and the cast of the one-act play have kept up a tradition of the island players. It is gratifying for another reason. In a community divorced from the big-city lights and delights it is rewarding to all those making their own amusements to have them acclaimed beyond the shores of the island.

With the completion of the run of *Fiddler on the Roof*, the island players have a rewarding season to reflect on.

## Fire phones are for fires

Last week the Galiano Volunteer Fire Department was urging the island community to use the emergency number only in case of emergencies. The firemen also asked that when a fire breaks out the fire hall telephone be left for administrative purposes.

The same advice is sound on all the islands.

Emergency fire numbers are for emergencies and nothing else. The firemen do not want to be alerted to find that someone is seeking a burning permit.

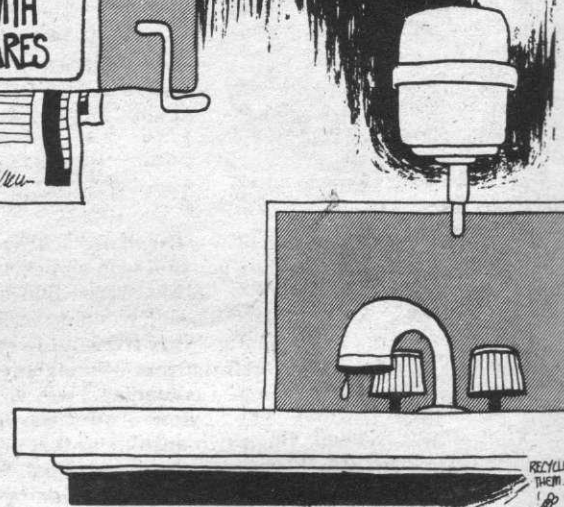
The rest of the advice is equally sound on any island. When the crews are engaged in fighting a fire they don't want to answer the phone to explain to the curious what is going on.

Once the fire is out there will be lots of time to answer the questions.

Firefighting is a valuable service offered by volunteers in the islands. Don't make it tougher than it need be!



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## Letters to the Editor

### Red Cross at Galiano over the top

Sir,

We wish to make mention of sincere thanks, through the auspices of your paper, to all the residents of Galiano who contributed so generously to the Canadian Red Cross Society fund raising campaign in Galiano.

Over \$1,964 has been collected: the highest, ever, for many years.

Margaret Robson, Campaign Chairperson and her team of canvassers, namely Devina Baines, Alice Maier, Kitty Weaver, Ruby Garner, Nan New, Donna Over-

holt, Lottie Frewer, Alice Sidders, Betty Steward, Marg Prior, Betsy Baines, must be commended for their efforts toward an excellent campaign result.

The Canadian Red Cross Society has been able to provide units of blood to all patients who required heart operations; cancer patients have been able to receive the component called platelets. You are also aware of the tremendous demands on the society in serving human beings in distress when earthquakes and other natural dis-

asters occur throughout the world, and we do not hesitate to say that mankind's ungenerous attitude toward their fellow beings are the cause of great distress which makes the society's tasks so much more difficult.

We thank you, one and all, for your help.

**ZARINA DAYA,**  
Director, Financial Resources,  
Canadian Red Cross Society,  
4750 Oak St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
April 19, 1981.

### Project will go ahead

Sir,

Following the pattern outlined in *Driftwood* April 22, we held an inaugural meeting of the Gulf Islands Handicapped Society in Central Hall on Saturday.

The small attendance was disappointing, but we shall go ahead with our plans to launch the society to help the handicapped and disabled people in the islands.

I am most grateful to Jim Manly, MP, to Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, Islands MLA and to Health Minister Jim Neilson for

their encouragement and support.

I am also very grateful to Margaret Cunningham for her help with obtaining Central Hall as well as Dan Evanishen, who came from Fulford to serve as projectionist on Saturday.

With the support of the islands people, the society will serve all those in our midst whose needs are particularly significant in this Year of the Disabled Person.

If all disabled or handicapped persons in the islands would call the writer at 537-9362, membership forms and an outline of the aims and objectives of the society will be sent to them.

**BRYAN SMITH,**  
R.R.1, North End Road,  
Ganges,  
May 4, 1981.

### Thanks for Saturday night fever

Sir,

On Saturday, Apr. 25 Greenwood held a Benefit Concert to raise money for their ball team, the Greenwood Rockers.

The party was a huge success, with a large turnout of residents, staff, Rockers and friends. The success of this party was largely due to the great musical extravaganza provided for us by four local musicians, Reid Collins — piano, Oscar Riley — guitar, Mike Testart — accordion and Doug Rhodes — drums. They all had our fingers clicking, toes tapping, and our residents dancing for the entire evening. Greenwood was in full swing! It was great!

Thanks again, guys, for our Saturday night fever!  
**GREENWOODS RESIDENTS,  
ROCKERS AND STAFF**  
May 4, 1981.

### No worries over hoof, mouth disease

Sir,

In reply to article last week's *Driftwood* re cruelty to animals, namely blaming all of man's ills on two cows:

I have lived on this bountiful earth long enough to have raised two cows. To my knowledge they never had hepatitis, VD or did any of the nasty things man does to his water supplies.

As for hoof and mouth disease I think we have no worries as our so-called spokespersons for us islanders seem to have it anyhow.  
**S. T. COCHRANE,**  
R.R. 2, Ganges,  
May 4, 1981.

### Austrian paperhanger held similar point of view

Sir,

With astonishment I read in *Driftwood* of April 29, 1981 that our regional director has assumed the authority of which citizens should become involved in political issues.

I may not have agreed with George Heinekey on all issues, but I do know that he gave five years and 10 months of military service in World War II to dispute the views of a dictatorial Austrian paperhanger who would have advocated a similar point of view.

Perhaps our regional director should recognize that the right of dissent of any citizen is part of the democratic political process.

If today one man's rights are denied, will tomorrow be your time?

**R. (BOB) BLUNDELL,**  
Ganges,  
April, 1981.

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this week,  
says the Salt Spring  
Island Chamber  
of Commerce.



## Serious problem exists for whole community

Sir,

Last week's article regarding the Trust's proposal to limit resort expansion near the four main lakes presented the resort owners' arguments fully. The article did not, however, detail the concerns of the North Salt Spring Waterworks, especially with regard to St. Mary Lake.

It is clear that a serious problem exists at St. Mary Lake, not only for water users, but for the community as a whole.

Steven Rogers, Minister of the Environment, has said, "The various investigations have led to the conclusion that St. Mary Lake is indeed very susceptible to deterioration caused by nutrient loading from its watershed. Indications are that these effects have already occurred to some extent and that much worse can be expected unless special care is taken to control the impact of all development in the watershed. The controls required include, but are not necessarily limited to, controls on waste disposal, controls on land disturbances and controls on population within the watershed."

Until now the main restrictions have been placed on residential areas in the watershed - a 10-acre minimum lot size for new subdivisions and only one single-family dwelling per lot. No commercial or industrial activities would be allowed in residential areas.

But the potential impact of the resorts cannot be ignored. Under the existing zoning bylaw, the resorts could expand up to 50 units per acre, for a total of almost 2,000 units around St. Mary Lake,

discharging approximately 300,000 gallons of sewage per day.

It is not commonly realized that septic systems or even more advanced aerobic treatment plants remove relatively small amounts of the nutrients from sewage. We are then dependent on the ability of the soil to "fix" or render insoluble phosphorus, the key nutrient in algal growth, produced in sewage at the rate of 1 lb. per capita per year. Under the most ideal conditions (deep, fine-textured soil, iron or aluminum salts present in the soil and no water saturation of the soil) four percent of phosphates will reach the lake from septic systems within 200 feet of the lake. Under the worst conditions (coarse-textured soil, high water table) 75 percent of the nutrients reach the lake. The ability of the soil to remove phosphorus is exhausted in five to 30 years, at which time much higher levels of nutrients reach the lake.

Very small amounts of phosphorus can have a great effect on algal growth - one pound of phosphorus is theoretically capable of generating 500 lbs. of living algae. It is this overfertilization of the lake and the resultant algal growth, that causes turbidity, foul taste and odours, oxygen depletion in the deeper water, changes in Ph and many other effects. St. Mary Lake is particularly vulnerable, due to its long flushing time.

It is regrettable that the resorts must be limited but it is clear that the expansions would be in a practical sense irreversible and

## Teenagers are not welcomed

Sir,

As part-time residents of Salt Spring Island, we feel a little indignant that one particular establishment treats teenagers as second class citizens. It seems a shame that the management doesn't feel that responsible, well-mannered teenagers deserve the service that an adult would receive. On Thursday, April 16, four 15-year-olds rode by boat to go specifically for a bite to eat. We were informed after ordering four french fries and four drinks, that this was not considered a meal. There weren't any noticeable signs indicating minimum charge required. We were then told to go downstairs or take out food. The manager then contradicted the waitress by stating that we would have to eat out on the road. We then observed a lady having nothing more than a coffee and a cigarette. We feel that this establishment does a great injustice to themselves and others by not treating all customers alike.

Sincerely,  
**ROBIN FRASER,  
PHIL THOU and  
KAREN ADDERLEY**  
Ganges.  
April 18, 1981.

that even under the best of soil conditions the added development would contribute considerably to the nutrient loading of the lake and its rapid deterioration.

**MIKE LARMOUR,**  
North Salt Spring Waterworks  
District.  
May 4, 1981.

## Why not give time to cause?

Sir,

I wonder if anyone out there feels as I do about the many appeals we receive to help this and that Cause? I'd like to be able to send my contributions to all of them but it just isn't possible. Many of us now cannot afford even the little extra money but a lot of us have something just as precious - time.

I was reminded of this when I attended a meeting called by Bryan Smith who is proposing to start up a society to help the disabled here. I am hoping the poor attendance

- six people I think - was caused by the timing and not by the fact we are all too busy or just don't care.

For all of us lucky, lucky people who can hear, see, speak and move around freely, how about giving a hand to the cause? As we were shown in the film, there is only a second between being able and disabled. This a sobering thought, to me anyway. Good luck to you, Bryan!

**JOAN M. RAESIDE,**  
R.R.3 Ganges.  
May 4, 1981.

## Junior volunteers go to conference at Nanaimo

Several young ladies engaged in voluntary work at Lady Minto Hospital went to the conference for hospital youth volunteers in the Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands hospital region, held recently in Nanaimo. Hosts for the affair were Nanaimo Regional Hospital Auxiliary and the young volunteers of that hospital.

Mrs. Julie Tessman and Miss Marjorie Cuttall accompanied the group of Salt Spring Island girls, including Andrea Levesque, Alison Albhouse, Kathy Duncan, Karen Skidmore, Mary Piperno, Maria Wagg and Trish Wescott. Delegates to the conference, numbering about 60, were welcomed by Nanaimo's Mayor Frank Ney.

Kathy Duncan read a paper on the history of Lady Minto Hospital to the assembly. Among a number of notes in her paper was the answer to the question often asked by newcomers to the islands: "Who was Lady Minto?"

Lady Minto, said Duncan, was the wife of the governor-general of Canada at the time the local hospital was opened in 1914. Lady Minto, who was the youngest

daughter of General Charles Grey and his wife Mary, was connected with the Victorian Order of Nurses, and had a keen interest in cottage hospitals.

The delegates attended a choice of workshops covering many areas of hospital work. The list included occupational, speech and physiotherapy; discussion of nursing courses - general, practical and psychiatric; work in child development, extended care and intermediate care. The group also visited Kiwanis Lodge at the hospital, and toured the Nanaimo Health Unit building.

Delegates to the conference expressed the desire to have their own quarterly newsletter, to keep them informed about the work done by other young volunteers throughout the hospital region. Lady Minto girls undertook the work of publishing this bulletin.

Seven enthusiastic Salt Spring Island girls are looking forward to the 1982 conference to be held in Campbell River. Local delegates to the recent assembly were sponsored by Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary.



## Tony Richards

**I WAS REMISS** last week in not mentioning the Vesuvius Inn's birthday party which took place a couple of weeks back. The party was a resounding success due, for the most part, to the music provided by the expanded Hot Air band.

No birthday party is complete without music such as theirs.

**NEXT TIME** Hugh Curtis is on the island I'd like to show him my driveway. After all, it's his ministry (finance) which is responsible for setting the provincial sales tax.

The new car we just bought would qualify for the reduction in sales tax because of the mileage (kilometrage?) it gets if it were not for it being a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

A 4 x 4 doesn't qualify for the lower tax because, I assume, it is classified as a recreational vehicle.

Well, I can assure you that negotiating our new driveway is certainly not what I would call recreational.

**THE PROCESS** of obtaining a building permit is no easy matter, especially when you have a couple of active young sons.

Before this appears in print, I must find the time to clean out the pere test holes dug near the site of a cabin we're building. Apparently my sons were not happy with the idea of having several holes in the yard and promptly filled them up with large rocks.

And while I'm on the subject of building, if you're in a hurry to get a house up, try moving into a travel trailer while you're waiting. If you have a family there is no better way of providing yourself with the impetus to get your home built as fast as you possibly can. Especially with weather such as we've been having lately.

**I WROTE A FEW MONTHS AGO** that we were considering scrapping our typesetting equipment and using it as an anchor. I still feel that way about the equipment (which is now breaking down once a week) but an anchor is worthy of

some respect: it's an important part of a boat's equipment.

Such a fate would be too good for the typesetter. We have the *Cowichan Leader* to thank for much of last week's type and by the way things look at the moment, for this week's too.

**I SYMPATHIZE WITH** the lady who decided not to cancel her subscription after reading a few weeks ago that we had decided to can all our columnists.

The story, which gave the results of the reader survey we published a couple of months back, was not really a gross distortion of the facts. It just happened to be written with a cheek full of tongue, cheek full of tongue.

**A WRITER** who for obvious reasons chose to remain anonymous points out this week that we were remiss in leaving out the phone numbers of the local Alcoholics Anonymous contacts.

They are: 537-2763 for the women's meeting and 537-2322, 9212 or 2135 for the general meeting. The writer also noted that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

**WHEN I PICKED UP** a well known Salt Spring Island hitchhiker last week on the way to Ganges, I didn't expect it to cost me some money. One of Marvin's first questions was whether I had any beer bottles he could have.

And driving over a bump in the road, the sound of clinking bottles was unmistakable. Nonchalantly glancing over my shoulder, I spied three empty cases in the back, a sight which Marvin probably took in before he even got the door shut.

So not only did it cost me over \$3 to give him a ride, I had to consent to stop in at Foxglove and wait for him to cash them in. But how could I possibly refuse him?

**RUMOUR OF THE WEEK:** That members of the Driftwood softball team go to bed with their uniforms on. Their baby-blue outfits are not pyjamas, despite the resemblance.

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## Sun comes out for Pender wedding

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

After many days of rain and cold weather the sun came out briefly and the rain stopped for the wedding in the garden at Pender Lodge on Saturday, when Freya Bruheim of West Vancouver was united in marriage with Kim Howard Whit-side of Simcoe, Ontario.

The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Allister Skinner of the United Church, Ganges. The bride is the granddaughter of Pender residents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flannigan.

The bride wore a white sheer wedding dress and sheer white-brimmed hat and her train was carried by three small girls, Sylvia Bruheim, Rene Eastland and Clara Brounstan. She carried an old-fashioned colonial bouquet of pink miniature carnations with baby's breath, heather and bluebells.

The small flower girls had tiny colonial bouquets of primulas and baby's breath.

The bridesmaids were Janet Theny and Nancy Rice of West Vancouver, and they carried cascade bouquets of the same flowers as in the bride's bouquet.

The ushers were Stan Jaworski and Jim Leask.

The wedding was attended by 150 relatives and friends. The bride is the daughter of Kay and Hans Bruheim of West Vancouver and the groom is the son of Mr. and



Scene from the wedding.

Mrs. Ken Whit-side of Simcoe, Ontario. Both the bride's and the groom's parents were present at the ceremony, and the two mothers had corsages of white orchids.

The dinner after the wedding was held in the garden at Pender Lodge. White mums, bluebells and broom vases of flowers decorated the tables.

After a European honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Whit-side will reside in Simcoe, Ontario.

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## Child hospitalized for burns

A 15-month-old American girl was rushed to Lady Minto Hospital last Thursday night after suffering burns from a yet to be revealed cause.

While details were sketchy at press time, it is known that Nancy Holmstrom was transferred from the *Javelin*, a 38-foot sloop, in the entrance to Montague Harbour at Galiano Island to Horst Klein's whaler.

The transfer took place in the vicinity of Phillimore Point.

Klein, who has established a reputation for himself for quick responses to emergencies at sea, overheard a call at about 5:38 pm from the child's father who had requested assistance in transporting the girl to hospital.

Two minutes later Klein received authorization from the Rescue Co-ordination Centre at

Victoria to proceed to the scene. Within eight minutes Klein's vessel had pulled up alongside the *Javelin* and had taken the young child and her mother on board.

*Driftwood* has been unable to learn the extent of the girl's injuries.

The *Javelin* is of American registration and is believed to be from the San Francisco area.

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# District gets computer demonstration

With the recent delivery of its newly acquired Apple 2 computer, teachers and representatives of the Gulf Islands School District were treated to a demonstration last Friday by a computer science instructor from the North Island School District.

Craig Zacharias was invited to the district to demonstrate the various applications of computer technology as a learning aid by the school board at the suggestion of his father, Pender Island trustee John Zacharias.

A teacher at North Island Secondary School in Port McNeill, Zacharias has taught computer science for the past seven years and has been conducting teacher training workshops in School District 85 for several months.

## FIRST OF TWO

With the arrival of the first two Apple 2 computers that the district hopes to put into Gulf Islands Secondary School, the board must now make some important decisions which could affect the future role that computers will play in this district.

John Zacharias said that the board is uncertain whether to hire a combination teacher/programmer/co-ordinator or to relieve one of its personnel from teaching in order to assume those duties.

Zacharias suggested that there are budgeting considerations for the board to take a look at. There is also the question of whether to provide computers for other schools in the district or to wait until demand warrants doing so.

"These are all questions that we

are going to have to be addressing ourselves to in the near future," said Zacharias.

## ONE IN EACH SCHOOL

He said that the board hopes to eventually place one of the \$4,400 Apple 2 computers in each of the district's six elementary schools.

The North Island School District hasn't relieved Craig Zacharias from his regular teaching duties, meaning he hasn't been able to adequately train other teachers in computer programming and the use of software, said his father.

He said that the computer demonstration made everyone who attended well aware of both the benefits and implications associated with introducing computer technology.

He said that the added problem of travelling to schools on the Outer Islands almost certainly necessitates obtaining the services of someone who is allowed to devote either their full or near full-time attention to the job.

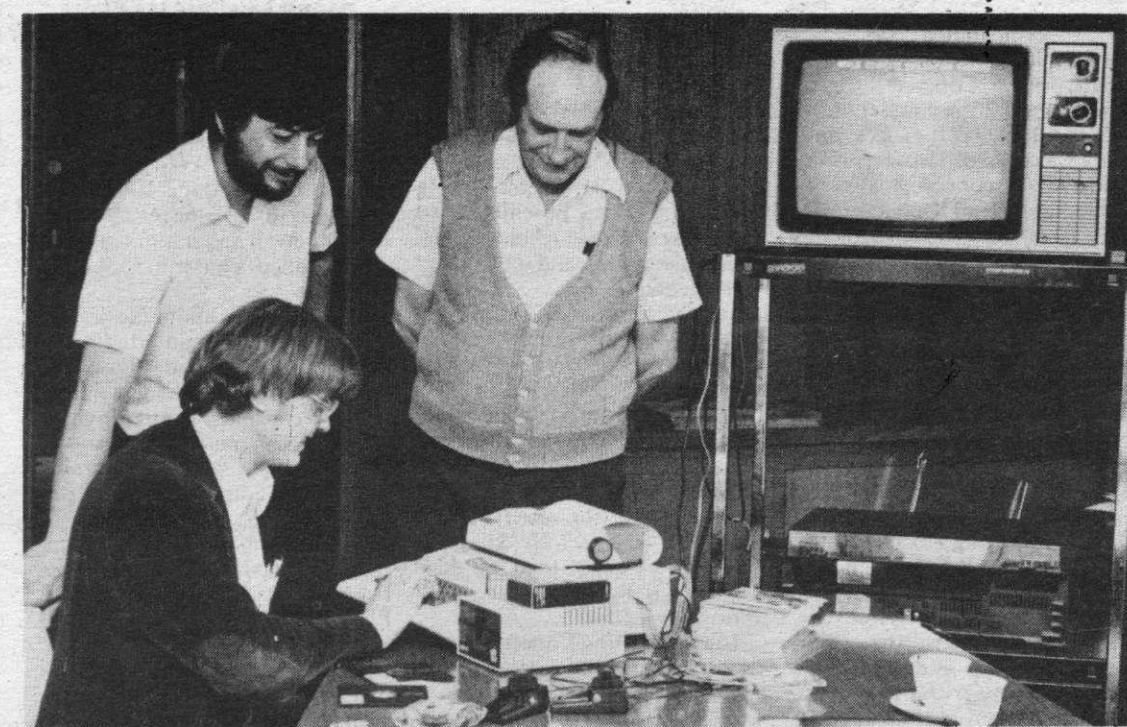
Zacharias said that the computer can only be as good as the person programming it.

"That is why it is crucial that we have someone with the know-how to order the best commercial programs and also someone who can write our own programs," he said.

## BY GIFTED STUDENTS

The Apple 2 computer in place at the secondary school is destined for use primarily by gifted students on an individual basis, or at the most, a few students at a time.

Depending upon the skill with which the computer is programmed, students will be faced with



assorted problems with varying degrees of challenge.

John Zacharias suggested an earthquake as one possible problem in which it is left up to the student to determine the quake's epicentre and its magnitude on the Richter scale.

In large part it is a matter of the student matching his skills against those of the computer, and perhaps more importantly, those of the programmer.

Held at the school board office, the demonstration was attended by numerous trustees, administrators and teachers.

Rob Dunn, future computer science teacher at the secondary school, and trustee John Zacharias look on as Craig Zacharias

programs computer during demonstration at the school board office.

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## Operating budget approved

The Gulf Islands School Board gave final, unanimous approval to its 1981 operating budget of more than \$4 million at its meeting last Tuesday.

Chairman Strick Aust and secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck signed the document into effect following its third and final reading.

The bylaw authorized the board to raise \$4,036,172 in local property taxes with an established mill rate of 54.043.

The district's total operating budget of \$4,279,194 was approved in mid-February.

A surplus, which the district carried over from last year's budget, provincial education grants and miscellaneous revenue account for the difference between the amount to be raised and the total operating budget.

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## Concert society makes plans for next season

### Contributed

The annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Concert Society was held April 20 in St. George's hall. One outcome of the successful meeting was the election of officers for the 1981-82 concert season.

Elected were Jean Knight, president; Sheila Stacey, vice-president; Lawrie Neish, treasurer; Mae George, secretary; and Angela Funk, Dorothy Cummings, Hugh Borsman, Jack Poole, Dwaine Prosk, directors. Discussion following the election centred around the upcoming concert season and community support of the SSCS through concert attendance, membership and sponsoring.

The new executive of the society met the following Monday to begin plans for this year's concert season. The complete itinerary is not finalized at this date. However, I can tell you there will be seven concerts featuring a diversity of styles and instrumentation.

kicked-off by a free promotion concert in early September.

### LOGO CONTEST

Other major items on the agenda at the executive meeting were a Concert Society logo contest and the formation of a Salt Spring Community Music Ensemble. This music ensemble will include string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.

Anyone interested in playing with this group should contact Dwaine Prosk at 653-4598 or Jean Knight at 537-9251.

The logo contest is a super opportunity for some creative individual to earn a Concert Series Coupon Book simply by drafting a catchy logo for the society. Deadline for entries is May 31, 1981. Please send your logo to Jean Knight, R.R.1 Mobrae, Salt Spring.

The Salt Spring Concert Society sincerely thanks its sponsors without whom we would not be able to bring quality performers to our island. We hope past sponsors will continue their pledge to our cause and invite anyone in the community to become a member of the society.

## BOOK REVIEW

### It makes a pleasing gift

BY FRANK RICHARDS

*Vancouver Sketchbook*, by Graham Edis/Nelson Dewey. McGraw Hill Ryerson. 63 pp. \$5.95.

Every picture is a reminder of Vancouver. The text to go with the pictures is nicely done. It is not too light so as to leave the reader with a sense of insult and it is not offering a brief college course in west coast history.

The odd thing about the book is that it comes from an artist better known for his cartoons. It is like asking Henry Ford I for a limousine or a cabriolet; it is like inviting Dali to do an imitation of Constable. It is looking for exaggerated satire and finding the clean, sharp lines of reality.

It tells you things about Vancouver. Like the B.C. Hydro. I feel I should have known that the B.C. Electric Company was launched by a mayor of Vancouver, David Oppenheimer. So I resent myself that I had to read this book to learn such a basic feature of provincial history. But I enjoyed learning it.

I also learned that Vancouver's birthday is April 6; significant solely because it happens to be

mine. It also happens to be the birthdate of one of my favourite readers. A favourite reader is one who enjoys reading what I write.

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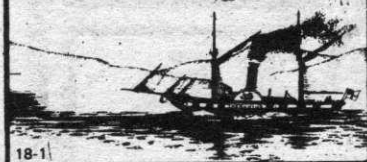
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## Furnishings are sought for Salt Spring's first museum

The museum committee of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute is asking for donations or loans of turn of the century furnishings to aid in the restoration of their recently acquired heritage house, which will also serve as Salt Spring Island's first museum.

The house, which was built by E. Bittancourt circa 1892, was recently moved from its original location at Vesuvius to the Farmers' Institute property on Rainbow Road. It was purchased by the committee with the aid of the Community Arts Council and the heritage funding program.

The museum committee is working to restore the house to resemble as closely as possible a typical home of this area at the turn of the

century. The house will be open to the public on Heritage Day, June 20.

Persons wishing to donate furniture or other effects are asked to phone Marguerite Lee at 537-5302 or Carol Gear at 537-9255.

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## Sea Capers one day only, bath tub races eliminated

The Salt Spring Island Sea Capers will be held on only one day this year, Saturday, June 13. A recent meeting of the Sea Capers committee decided to change the duration of the festival from two days and to discontinue the bathtub races.

The committee agreed that for the work involved, the races were of no value to the festival, providing off-island enthusiasts with a venue for their sport "with us doing the work."

A tentative schedule of events has a community dance for adults in the high school gym on the Friday evening. Saturday's program begins with a pancake breakfast at 8:30 am, a parade beginning at 9:30, ladies' softball tournament and a 10-kilometre fun run beginning at 10:30 and a sail past by the Salt Spring Sailing Club at 11 am.

At noon a sailing yacht race will begin, as well as a tug of war contest in Centennial Park. At 12:30 there is to be a windsurfing demonstration and a vintage car exhibition. A refreshment garden and hot dog stands will open at 1 pm, and entertainment will be provided by renaissance singers.

At 2 pm bingo will begin outside the post office, a Lark in the Park will commence in Centennial Park and rowboat races will be held. Sabot races will begin at 3 pm and the walk on water contest at 4.

The barbecue will open and square dancing will begin at 4:30

and at 5 awards will be presented to the winners of the day's events.

A very popular part of the festival will run from 6 until 10 pm when Valdy gives a concert in Centennial Park.

## Thieves enter repeater station

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of Ganges RCMP reports that unidentified culprits broke into the Radicon Repeater Station atop Mount Tuam on two separate occasions last month.

The station is part of Transport Canada's communication system.

In all a total of 14 printed circuit boards were taken from a shed at the site.

Thieves removed six of the circuit boards sometime overnight on April 17 and again between April 18 and 27, at which time they stole eight more of the circuit boards.

On both occasions entry was gained by prying open the building's front door.

Sgt. Hanks said that while police have yet to determine the value of the 14 circuit boards, they have no commercial value that he is aware of.

Police are still looking into the matter.

## Evening of music to aid refugees

Contributed

Monday, May 11 is the date for an evening of early music at Hank and Maggie Schubart's house. The Salt Spring Recorder Group will be performing music from Renaissance and Baroque times, beginning at 7:30 pm. Sponsors of this mini-concert are the Salt Spring Island Boat People committee, whose chairman is Alice Andress, in aid of refugees from famine and oppression whose numbers are

increasing at an alarming rate. Refreshments will be served.

As most islanders are aware, our local Boat People committee has been instrumental in bringing to Salt Spring three families, one each from Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia, helping them to settle harmoniously into the rhythm of life here. They are tutoring the newcomers in connection with their language studies and helping them with employment arrange-

ments and the management of their finances.

The musical evening will be informal, with listeners encouraged to ask questions and examine the instruments. The recorder players will be Joan Stacey, Sheila Stacey and Maggie Schubart.

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## Players announce details of weekend happenings

The Salt Spring Players last week announced time and place details for the two theatre happenings scheduled for this weekend.

The annual general meeting and election of officers for the South Island Zone of Theatre B.C. will be held in Mahon Hall at 2 pm on Saturday under the direction of zone chairman Pam Cunningham, a member of the January Players of Duncan. Player members interested in zone level activities are cordially invited to attend.

On Sunday in the Ganges Activity Centre Jace van der Veen, adjudicator of last week's South Island Zone drama festival in Duncan, will present his detailed adjudication of the three plays presented in that competition by the Salt Spring Players. He will review *Save Me a Place at Forest*

*Lawn and The Audition* at a morning session scheduled for 10 am and will devote the afternoon to Roz Truelove's *Joy As It Flies*, the play he selected to represent the South Island Zone at the provincial finals drama festival at Nelson the first week of June. Player members are invited to participate and interested non-members are invited to observe.

Van der Veen plans to arrive on Salt Spring on Saturday afternoon to work with playwright Roz Truelove and director Ian Thomson prior to his workshop on the play at the Sunday afternoon session.

An informal get-together of Players and visitors with Van der Veen is planned for Saturday evening at the home of Brian and Jo Logan.

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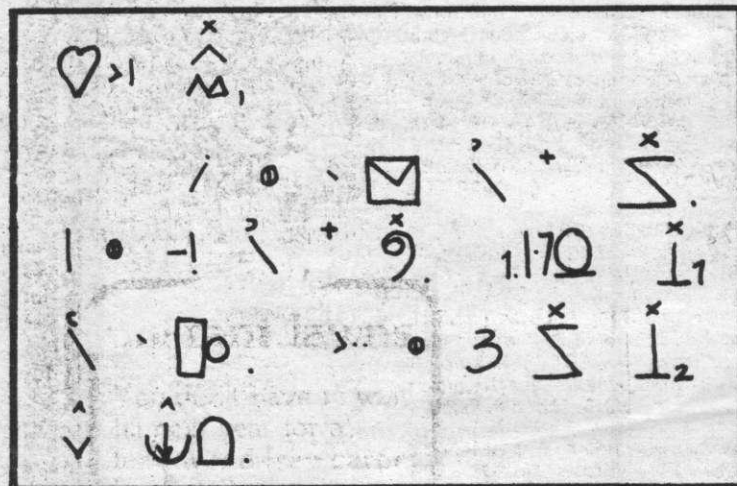
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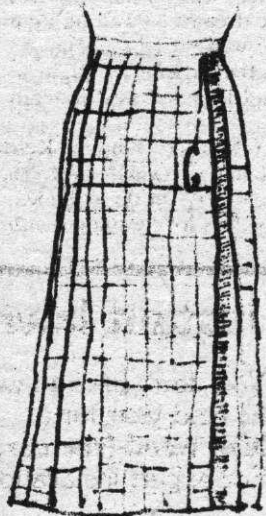
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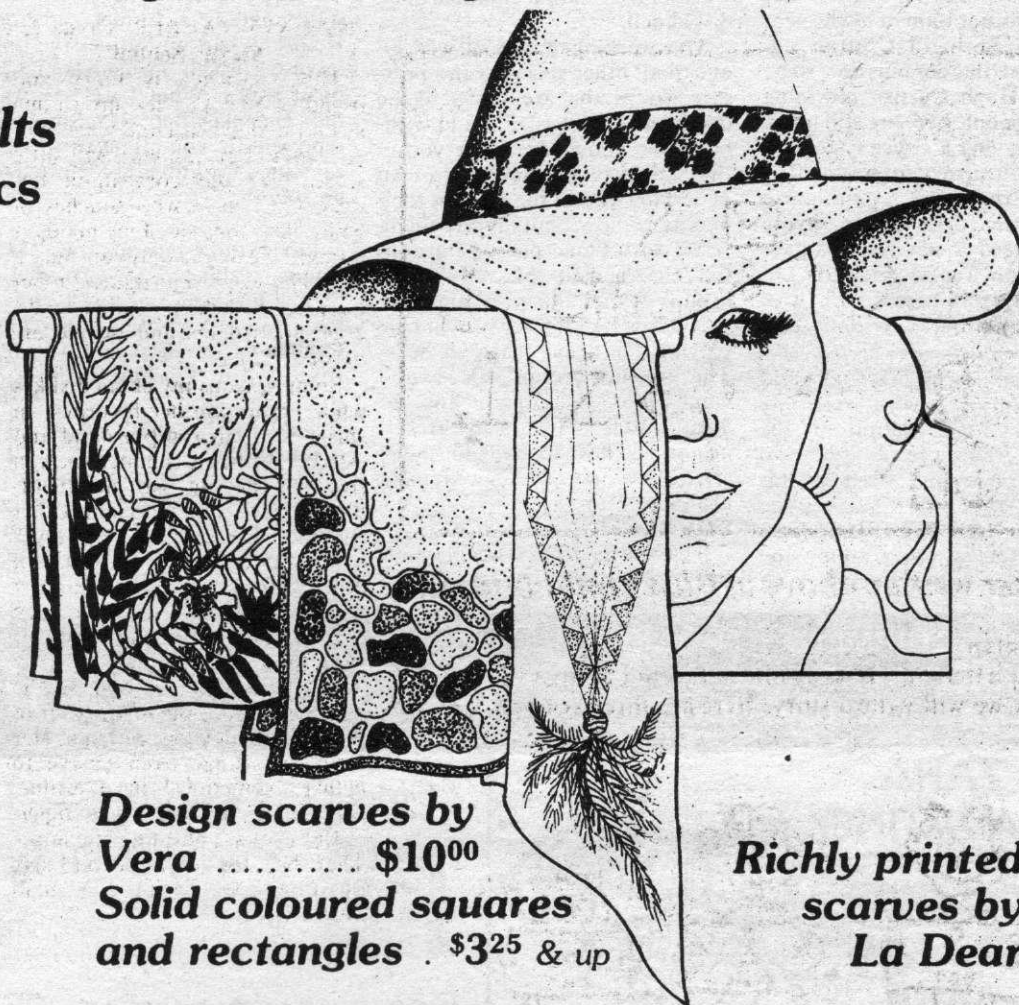
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## Regional director's report

## Warning to commission stands

BY YVETTE VALCOURT

Salt Spring Regional Director

Re: my warning to the Recreation Commission to stay out of the political issues, it is only fair to state what preceded this warning.

Recreation Commission Minutes: #X. New Business, cont'd: "H. Borsman, speaking on behalf of J. Crofton, reported that Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm had suggested, at a Capital Regional Board meeting, that perhaps the building of a sewer system in Ganges should be dropped; the minister had felt that a sewer was not wanted by the people on Salt Spring. J. Crofton suggested that the commission write to Hon. Hugh Curtis, informing him that people here are still interested in having a sewer system."

J. Albhouse introduced a motion, that the commission should write to H. Curtis, saying that we need a sewer in Ganges. The motion was seconded by A. Hardie, and was carried, with three for, one abstention and two against.

I must commend Bev Unger and J. Ballantyne, who strongly objected to the motion on the grounds that the commission should not involve itself in this issue.

## PEOPLE HAD NO CHOICE

The Recreation Commission came into being by request from G.

Heinekey for a letters patent in 1977, establishing a Recreation Commission on the island. . . The people did not have a choice. My warning to the Recreation Commission still stands!

If they still persist in getting involved in issues that are not within their terms of reference, and persist in playing politics using your tax dollars to do so, then I am accountable to you the taxpayer to rectify these actions, and in this case a referendum could be held in November, for you to decide whether they should continue or be disbanded.

The warning might as well go out to all other societies and pressure groups, that are funded by the taxpayers of this island, and without your knowledge, stab you in the back by playing politics instead of serving you in the fashion their mandate allows, but involve themselves to become pressure groups for the benefit of self-interest groups at the taxpayers' expense.

NO MORE! If it seems that I am playing the heavy, then so be it. The pressure groups will have to come into the open, and be accountable. The self-interest groups will have to speak for themselves, or go through regular channels.

## CORRECTIONS

Two corrections must be made from the report in last week's

## Driftwood:

First: I did not accuse Mr. J. Crofton of benefitting from the last construction of the sewer system. I asked him whether he would benefit from the sewer or not? Mr. J. Crofton's reply was that he was now in the process of selling the property in question and expected that the sale should be completed by July 1, 1981. However, is it not fair to say that the price of the said property would certainly be reflected in whether there is a sewer or not?

Second correction: I did not state that as a former director, Heinekey had no business getting involved in Salt Spring Island political issues. What I did say was that Heinekey had no business to represent the community on political issues, he is no longer elected to do so!

For your information, Mr. Vander Zalm has not attended a regional board meeting since I have been representing you, therefore the information given to the Recreation Commission was totally incorrect.

The only meeting that Mr. Vander Zalm has attended at the region was the transit committee meeting in early March. I was there and at no time did he speak about the sewers. The topic was Hydro surcharge for the transit.

## Cruiser takes beating

A Victoria man was rescued from Acland Island near Prevost Island in Captain Passage by a Pender Island man early Saturday evening after his 24-foot cabin cruiser washed up on the rocks.

Ben Manning, thought to be in his 50's, was en route to Victoria from Ganges when engine failure left his plywood vessel, the *Harry III*, without power causing it to drift up on the rocky shore.

It's uncertain why Manning failed to secure the vessel off shore with a heavy anchor that was on board.

He said that the crew of the Canadian Coast Guard vessel out of Ganges arrived about five minutes later and dispatched a motorized rubber dinghy which carried Manning back to cutter 122.

## RADIO ALERT

Klein said that he was returning to Sidney when he received a radio alert from the Vancouver Coast Guard advising that a boat was possibly in difficulty somewhere between Pender Island and Henry Island.

Within a short time he received a second report that the vessel was in the vicinity of Bedwell Harbour.

Once in radio contact with Manning, Klein said that he received several different descriptions of the man's location, some

of which were up to six miles from the spot where he was eventually found on Acland Island.

First on the scene at about 6:40 pm was Horst Klein, an electrical and plumbing contractor who has been involved in volunteer search and rescue operations for the past five years.

## JOINED BY OTHERS

During the course of his 1 1/4-hour search for Manning in the waters of Trincomali Channel, the entrance to Active Pass and Captain Passage, Klein was joined by the coast guard, an unidentified Canadian helicopter, several B.C. ferries and numerous other ships that happened to be in the area.

Finally spotted by the crew of the *Queen of Nanaimo*, who noticed an orange distress flare that he had fired, Manning was soon located by Klein and eventually the coast guard.

Klein, who has been involved in countless rescue operations, praised the efforts of B.C. Ferry Corporation personnel who have provided him with assistance on many occasions.

The *Harry III* was recovered later that night by Klein who towed it back to Otter Bay where it still remains.

The vessel suffered moderate damage to its bottom as a result of the pounding it took on the rocks.

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# Rotary study group from Orient



BY FRANK RICHARDS

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The visit was part of a Rotary project whereby non-Rotarian businessmen in one Rotary district visit those in another. The direction is then reversed and the host clubs become the guests of their visitors. A Rotarian is the leader of each group.

Last week it was the turn of vis-

itors from Rotary District 345 to enjoy the hospitality of District 502.

There was a manufacturer, a lawyer, a medical man, two university professors and a government official. They came to see, to talk and to listen. They came to promote their own concerns and to learn of the living and professional problems in other lands. And they

came to enjoy the five-week visit. In a few minutes' conversation, Wally Yuan Lu described the economy and rising range of industry in the Chinese island. The international manufacturers' names were all familiar to the university professor from the Chung Yuan Christian University in Chung-Li.

As an industrial engineer, Yuan Lu has constant encounters with

the various factories in his community. He is familiar with them all.

He was politely apologetic for his hesitation in English, although he

had no reason to apologize. He explained that he has read extensively in English but experiences little occasion to speak it. Majority of his text books today are in English.

And what of life in Taiwan?

Manufacturing is on the up and up. There is more of almost everything, but almost everything is pricey. For example, he lives on the university campus and has no need of a car. Car prices are much higher than here, on the west coast. And gas is twice the price of fuel here.

Part of the cause of high automobile prices is the fact that cars are imported. The government has made a deal with a Japanese company and Taiwan will soon be building its own cars, he noted.

## HIGH PRICE

L.D. Tsai, "Rotarian Charles" was the leader of the group and entertained the audience with his unorthodox introduction of the visitors.

Among the guests were the leader, Charles, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Taoyuan; James C. Chao, lawyer; Dr. Chun Ming Lee, Kuo Tien Lee and Wally Yuan Lu, both university professors and Chung Ming Leung, government official from Hong Kong.

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# Failed coup linked with Ganges address

## From Page One

with former prime minister Patrick Roland John.

### APPREHENDED BY FBI

The 10 mercenaries were apprehended by FBI agents in New Orleans last Monday night while on their way to board a ship for passage to Dominica.

The two Canadians said to be involved in the failed overthrow are Wolfgang Droege and Larry Jacklin, 22, of Listowel, Ontario.

Police in Dominica's capital city of Roseau have detained another Canadian, Mary Ann McGuire, 27, of Toronto who is suspected of being involved in the plot.

Attorney-General Williams has promised to conduct an investigation into NAAWP activities in the province to determine whether laying charges against those involved in the distribution of the hate literature is warranted.

He has forwarded the information sent to him by Hansen to his department's criminal investiga-

tion branch for consideration.

### TO AVOID DETECTION

While the literature being circulated in Victoria bears a Ganges return address, Hansen believes that Forbes resides in the capital city and is only using the address here to avoid detection.

In a letter written April 22, Hansen requested that Williams put an end to the distribution of "hate literature."

"Strong action by your office will be an effective deterrent to those who aspire to promote hateful attitudes among our multicultural citizenry," wrote Hansen.

In his covering letter Forbes states, "It has been proven that an overwhelming majority of Canadians are opposed to the continued flow of non-white immigrants into Canada, and along with them, escalating crime, government assistance, unemployment and the slow destruction and demoralization of our culture and heritage which are so very precious."

He encloses several pieces of literature including a copy of a newspaper column published in the *Chicago Tribune* last December with the blaring headline, "Whites will be minority by 2080, trends indicate."

The literature also includes a lengthy article evidently written by one of the organizers of the Vancouver branch of the NAAWP, possibly even by Droege himself.

### FIGHT BACK

The article encourages Canadians to fight back at what the author sees as a deliberate attempt by the Canadian government, possibly as part of a communist plot, to dilute the white race in this country.

"Face the real truth. Coloured people are not satisfied to live in our Canada with equality, they have their own organization to fight whites and when they outnumber whites, they will take over Canada," the article states.

It has already been determined

that the rubber stamp used to mark the return addresses was made at the Custom Rubber Stamp company in Victoria.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of Ganges RCMP said that he has yet to hear from the attorney-general's office. He suspects that any investigation involving the RCMP would be conducted out of its Victoria headquarters.

Ganges postmistress Joyce Bradford declined to comment on the fact that a post office box here is being used for possible illegal activities.

Sidney postmaster Bob Stevens, who is Bradford's immediate supervisor, said that he has also had no contact with the attorney-general's office.

He also said that the question of whether using the mail service for activities related to the distribution of white supremacist literature constituted an illegality would be up to Williams to decide.

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This adds a loose, airy blanket of leaf mulch under which their shallow roots thrive to their heart's content.

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Some years ago, I planted a few new rhodos and added about six inches of gravel in the bottom of the hole since the soil did not appear sufficiently well drained. Just for curiosity's sake I left out the gravel in one of the holes. That one died; it didn't make it. All the others thrived. This was done in good loam on the south slope in Vancouver; so you can see how essential good drainage is.

If you have clay subsoil, like most places on the islands, gravel in the bottom does not help, since a hole in clay simply becomes a clay tub in our winters. The thing to do then is to raise the whole thing.

A depth of about two feet of loose, organic soil is required. This can easily be provided by scraping away the topsoil to the surface of the subsoil, laying down six inches of gravel and then piling the topsoil on top to a depth of two feet. Mix the topsoil about 50/50 with fine bark mulch, or fine rotten wood (excellent, but no cedar!).

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

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peat moss, pine needles, leaves and twigs and such like.

### THEY LOVE IT

If this construction ends up higher than the original soil level, so much the better. You then have a "raised bed" which will look really nice when surrounded by nice stones, and rhodos love it.

If your soil has shale or gravel proceed in the same manner, just omit the gravel. Rhodos will also thrive in large wooden containers and keeping them moist and cool will be the only requirement. If you do not have dappled shade the east or north side of your house, garage or substantial fence will provide similar conditions.

Further, the large-leaved rhodos definitely like shade, whereas the small-leaved kinds can tolerate a lot of sun.

If you can provide these basic conditions you will be amply rewarded with the magnificent beauty of healthy, vigorous shrubs.

Now to the care and feeding of the lovely rhododendron. As the blossoms fade, break them off at the base. This is quite easy as there are a bunch of nodules at the base which break off cleanly. Take care not to break off the new green shoots which are developing at the base.

Watch the new shoots closely as they grow. Three or four new shoots should grow about equally from that point. If only a single new shoot emerges or dominates the others, break it off. New shoots will grow from the nodes below it.

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chicken manure, will ensure abundant new green growth.

In mid or late summer rhodos will benefit from a high phosphorus fertilizer such as bonemeal, as they will start to make next year's blossom buds in fall.

A side dressing of wood ashes in the fall will provide potash to strengthen plant and bud for survival of our winter. And again, next spring, as buds begin to swell, a side dressing of bonemeal and/or chicken manure will assure plenty of healthy and strong blossoms.

As rhodo roots are close to the surface, do not cultivate the soil around them. Add fertilizer to the top of the soil, rake in lightly, or cover with a light mulch. They love it.

### UP TO 30 FEET

Rhodos often grow to 10 feet in height, some to 30 feet. Excellent companions are azaleas, which grow to about four feet high, ideal to hide the often bare bottom of the rhodos. "Kurume" azaleas are considered the best by many. Other natural associates are ferns, pieris, nandina (heavenly bamboo), primrose, hosta (plantain lily) and mossy stones.

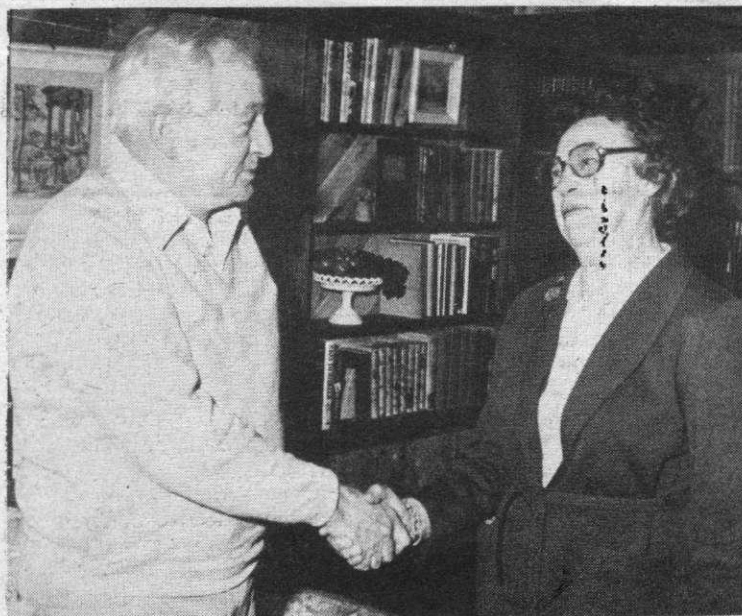
A lovely ground cover for rhodos and azaleas is "sweetheart ivy" which, with its dark green leaves, provides a lovely harmony, especially if combined with nandina, which really is not a bamboo, but a member of the barberry family.

Rhodos come in many colours from white, to cream, yellow, orange, red, pink and purple, and blooming periods are from February to June. The yellows and oranges look especially grand against a cedar siding background. Some are even fragrant.

There is nothing which rivals a 10-foot rhodo in the glory of its majestic beauty except perhaps a 30-foot rambling rose in full bloom. And those don't grow in the shade.



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## Heads Liberals on Salt Spring

Pat Meagher, of Fairway Drive, was named president of Salt Spring Island Liberal Association at the recent annual meeting. He takes office from past president Margaret McDonald. Other officers are vice-president, Frank Richards; treasurer, Tilley Johnston; secretary, Margaret Mackintosh. Audrey Allan, who was named honorary president in

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Everyone is eligible, regardless of age or proficiency. All you have to do is to find yourself a spouse, regular or temporary! Unofficial marriages of convenience, however unlikely, will be accepted as valid for the duration of the

tournament.

Please register as a couple if possible. Single registrants will be paired off if it can be managed but there are no guarantees.

Cost of entry will be \$3 for non-members, \$2 for members, \$1 for 16-and-under. Balls will be supplied and there will be prizes.

Don't forget Tennis Nights, starting Tuesday the 5th and continuing Thursdays and Tuesdays throughout the summer. Regular starting time will be 6 pm but beginners are invited to show up at 5 on Tuesdays for supervised practice.

Salt Spring HS match against St. George's last weekend got rained out. Too bad; better luck next time.

## Bridge winners

Gulf Island Bridge Club winners April 27 were:

First, Lorna and Peter Pentz; second, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; third, Gordon Hutton and Norm McConnell; fourth, Audrey Allan and Helen Shandro; fifth, Dorie and Gordon Best.

Tuesday night winners were: tied for first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop, Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; third, Shirley Love and Mayme Iverson; fourth, Vera and Al Nichols.

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## Golfing

by Pat Doherty

Despite inclement weather the stalwarts who continue to play are enjoying themselves. On April 28, in the nine-hole ladies' section, they were a little late getting away but this was due to the posted time and the off-island visit being called off. However, nine ladies turned out and the competition was a hidden hole on #4, which was won by Audrey Huestis.

Snow bird Helen Welliver is back, and has kindly offered to look after the eclectic scoring for the season. In the ladies' 18-hole section, team matches with Colwood and Uplands were cancelled due to weather. Fourteen ladies played a Mutt and Jeff game on April 28, par 5 and par 3 holes were added up and it was a tie between Anne Monro and Gerry Alexander. The tie was broken by handicap which gave new member Gerry the win.

Jean Cunningham and Mae Pike won their third button match which was against Cedar Hill. Next week they go to Metchosin. Congratulations, girls.

The senior ladies are keeping the course busy playing off their button matches. Mount Brenton second team played their return match here on April 30, and the total points came out to a tie. One

of our ladies almost had a hole in one at #11 this week, the only problem was she hit her tee shot from #2 tee, and her ball ended up an inch from the flag on #11 hole. Everyone is again reminded of the ladies' Open Invitational which takes place on May 7 and 8.

We hope the ladies are blessed with better weather than the men played in on Sunday, when in almost constant rain they played for the Morris and Mouat Cups. After the rain-sodden score cards were wrung out it turned out that Wally Coe Jr. had won the low gross Mouat cup with a brilliant round under the most trying conditions, and he was also tied with Alex McCauley for low net for the Morris Cup and they will play off at a suitable time in a rematch.

The men are reminded of the New Installation golf, dinner and dance May 16. The sheet is on the notice board for those wishing to take part in any or all three of the festivities.

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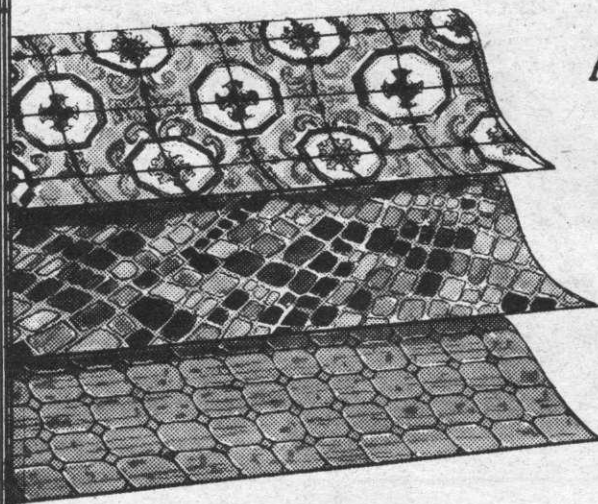
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	6-9				Ladies			
THURS	3-5	Minor League						
	6-9	Men		Minor League	Fulford Salties	Men		
FRIDAY	3-5							
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# Sympathy for Reagan may abate when public learns of policies

The public sympathy presently being enjoyed by President Reagan may abate somewhat when the public becomes more aware of his policies and appointments.

Take Michael Young Warder, director of administration at the Heritage Foundation, a think-tank described as "ultra-right" by investigative journal *Mother Jones*. (Mind you, it's not hard to be "right" of *Mother Jones*!) Mr. Warder was once a powerful lieutenant of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and published the Unification Church's New York daily, *News World*.

Gary Jarmin, also one of Moon's top political officers in Washington, is now legislative director of the Christian Voice lobby.

Both men claim they have no further connection with the Unification Church. Warder stating he quit because of "increasing Koreanization" of the cult's leadership. Whatever that means!

The Rev. Moon was present at Ronald Reagan's swearing-in ceremony, in a special section reserved for guests of the president, vice-president and congress!

## RESCINDED IT

Five days before leaving office, President Carter signed an executive order limiting the export of hazardous U.S. products. One month later, President Reagan rescinded it!

A sigh of relief went up from shareholders in companies making the IUD's which, having killed at least 17 American women, are

## More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

now exported in hundreds of thousands to the Third World: deadly insecticides which, although banned or severely restricted in the U.S., can still be used freely in Latin America; portable respirators which have been proved ineffective.

These are just a few of the items which, like unfiltered cigarettes, are controlled or banned in our world, but are swamping the markets in the Third World.

The latest word on The Bomb comes "straight from the hip" of Moral Majority's Greg Dixon, who told an audience of pacifists that during the Vietnam War "the U.S. should have used the weapon God gave us."

Questioned by Earlham College campus newspaper, Dixon said he certainly does believe God gave them the Bomb. "...See, Nazi Germany almost had the atomic bomb. It was only by the grace of God that America got the atom bomb before Germany did."

## NOT TO THE RUSSIANS

Asked whether God also gave it to the Russians, Dixon replied, "No, we gave it to the Russians. They marched into Berlin and walked off with complete rocket factories, lock, stock and barrel.

What they didn't get from Germany, we gave them. What we didn't give them, they stole."

When asked if he was concerned about the dangers of nuclear war, Dixon said, "It's according to where the bomb drops."

The Moral Majority, no longer to be confused with the Silent Majority, must be congratulated on its choice of a national secretary!

Some quite bright people here are applauding Reagan's economic policies. Here's another view: "The proposed \$148 billion cuts in the next four years will pass 44% of their benefits to just four percent of the people. Nearly half a million people will be added to the ranks of the unemployed. Food stamps will be cut; medical care to the indigent will be 'controlled.' Three-fourths of all business tax cuts will go to fewer than 2,000 corporations.

Richard Parker, economist, tells us "without welfare more than 50 million Americans would be living in poverty. Even with it, 25 million still do!"

## ONE IN 10

That's not just the odd "welfare bum." That's one in 10 of their population, roughly equal to the whole population of Canada. And this is in one of the wealthiest countries in the world. Doesn't that tell us something about the system? Are our figures any better?

Praying this morning for a friend who is dying of lung cancer, I thought briefly, we are all travelling the same road. Life is a terminal disease! There's no other end but death. And it's how we live it that makes it sad or happy for ourselves and others.

We sang *The Lord of the Dance* and, in my sombre mood, I remembered the *Danse Macabre*. Then, celebrating the Lord's Supper, we greeted each other with Shalom and L'chaim and all was healed again. Enjoy your dance of life this week!

## Car accident

A 29-year-old White Rock man was treated at Lady Minto Hospital early Saturday morning after being involved in a single-car accident on Lower Ganges Road near Booth Canal Road.

Gordon John Langston lost control of his 1966 Ford coupe while rounding the first of a series of curves causing the vehicle to cross the centre line, leave the road and strike a tree. He was travelling north at the time.

The accident occurred at about 2:05 am.

Dr. James Buchan attended at the scene before Langston was transported to hospital by police. Langston is believed to have suffered bruises to his chest area. He was released later that day.

Damage to his vehicle was estimated at \$1,500.

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## Graduates

Deborah Woodley was one of two former Gulf Islands Secondary School graduates to graduate from the Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing in Victoria this week. Woodley and Jocelyn Girard took part in the ceremony held at the MacPherson Theatre Sunday.

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Alfie Shepherd is at home with the enlarger.



Al Innes is at the keyboard of the C

## Moving Grade 7 class under consideration

The Gulf Islands School Board is considering moving the Grade 7 class out of Fernwood School into Salt Spring Elementary School, a meeting learned Monday evening.

Fernwood area parents were invited to the meeting, called by the school board, to hear proposals for dealing with increased enrolment on the island. Of the 17 people present, however, only about eight were parents. The rest were district staff and trustees.

Board chairman Strick Aust explained that using a population growth projection rate of five percent, the district would qualify for an additional six classrooms in September 1982. Those classrooms, he continued, would be built at Fulford, where the need is greatest.

The board had hoped to obtain funding for an additional two classrooms at Fernwood but was turned down by the ministry of education.

### THREE OPTIONS

As a result, Aust said, there were three options left to the board: relieve the overcrowding at Fern-

wood with a portable, change the boundaries of the Fernwood School area or move the Grade 7 students to Ganges.

The chairman said that because the French immersion program was being moved to Ganges, Fernwood could be left with only six or seven Grade 7 students, as the rest would probably go into the immersion program.

A Grades 5-6-7 split class would then be necessary, the meeting was told. Aust described that situation as "totally undesirable."

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck said that the population had remained static during the past three years, and was now showing signs of increasing.

A list of five-year-olds provided by the local health office shows that 25 will enter Fernwood in September while 33 will enter the Ganges school. Of the latter, 25 are from the Fulford area.

### 105 PRE-SCHOOLERS

According to a list drawn up by a group of Fulford area parents, there are now 105 pre-schoolers living in their area.

## Sea Scouts set pace

When a small group of Sea Scouts from the First Ganges Troop came to visit Driftwood last week the four boys did a quick course in newspaper layout.

Robert Minvielle, Simon Jang, Alfie Shepherd and Al Innes were the Scouts. All were working for their Citizenship Badge. They explained that the badge entails more than merely investigating a newspaper office.

These pictures show the Scouts looking around and learning the use of different pieces of equipment.

Donna McWhirter questioned the trustees about the overcrowding at Salt Spring Elementary, which would be heightened by transferring the Grade 7 class from Fernwood. District superintendent Bob Huestis observed that the band portable would be available and that there was a possibility that a kindergarten class would be established at Fulford.

Questioned about transportation, Aust admitted that the board had not yet answered that question. But he noted that the proposal to move the Grade 7 class was a recent one and that the board wanted to get some reaction on it before proceeding.

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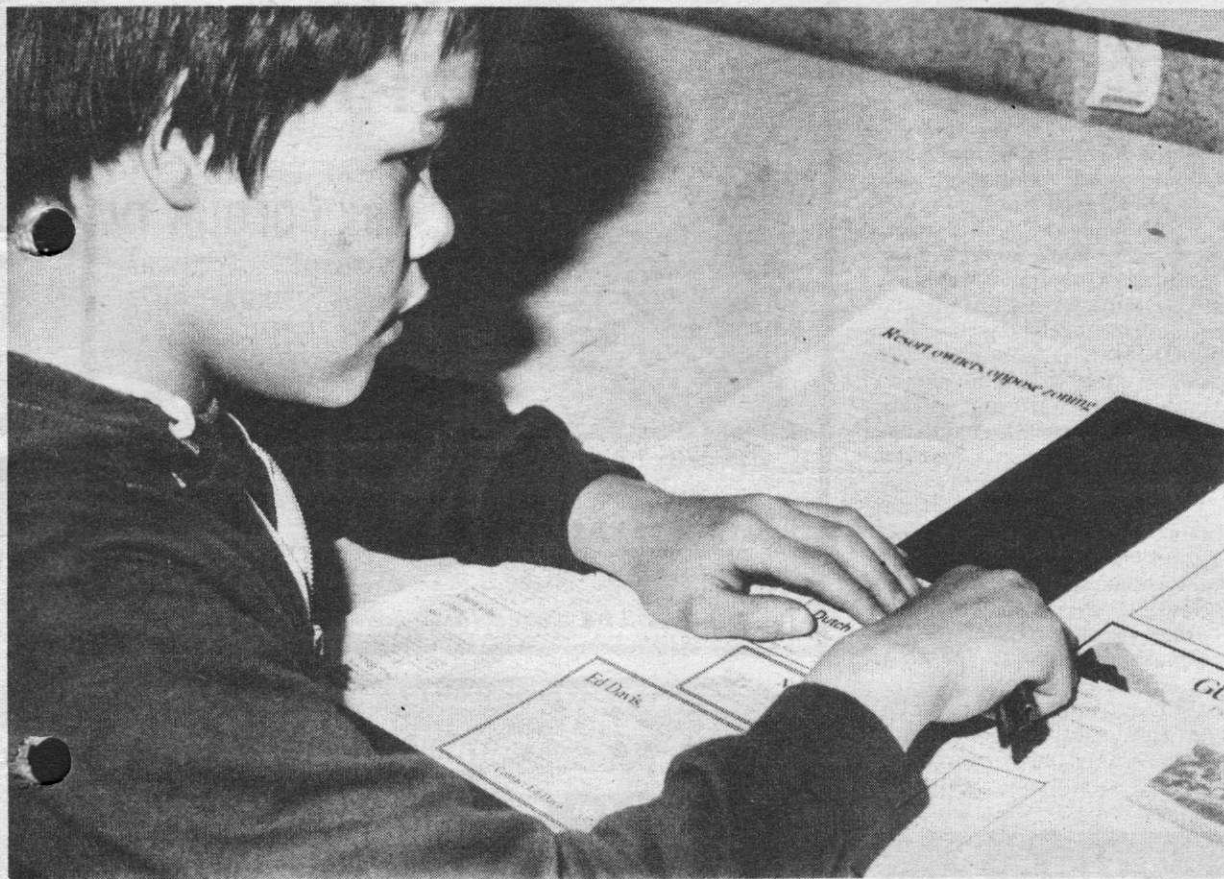
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Robbie Minvielle is eager to operate the paper processor.

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Simon Jang is learning to make up a page.

### New treasurer is named by regional board

A 40-year-old chartered accountant from Surrey has been appointed treasurer of the Capital Regional District.

William Jordan, who is presently working as deputy controller-treasurer for the Municipality of Delta, will have a starting salary of \$45,372 and is expected to assume his new duties with the C.R.D. on June 8.

He has had 12 years' experience in finance, personnel administration and labour negotiations and was the successful applicant out of 23 who applied for the position. Jordan is married and has three

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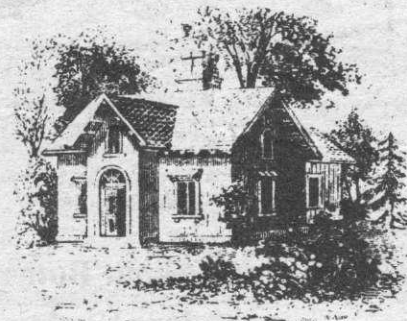
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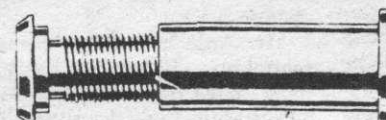
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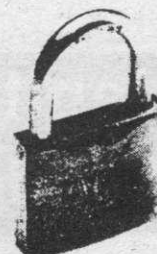
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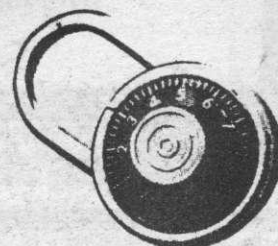
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# Saturna scene

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

## Us

Josie and Al Drath, Art Boser's sister, are visiting from Alberta. The Bosers never seem to lack for family! Erin and Corey are happy to see their three cousins.

Mary Jane Davidson is learning to drive. Seeing the Davidson truck slowly backing down the road makes me smile; remembering how patient my parents were and how excited I was to learn.

The dancing children went to Victoria on the 24th, accompanied by many parents. The dance piece they presented was called *Sea World* and received a rating of "excellent" at the exhibition. The children and Elizabeth have enjoyed themselves and worked hard. I think because they created so much of the dance themselves, they had great self-confidence and now look forward to more dance.

Nan Campbell is returning to Virginia Beach, Virginia, after a good, long visit with her family.

Dave Jacks and Alfred Reynolds went out in heavy seas recently and rescued a boat from St. John's point, Mayne. The owner had hauled the boat off of Dave's beach before payment was completed, and headed for the U.S. Luckily, Dave was returning from Ganges and saw them. He called Alfred and they sped after them in the water taxi.

Two miles from the boundary they halted the pair and had them head to Browning Harbour where the RCMP questioned them. The owner's mother is arriving with cash to pay the fine for not passing customs — either way. Ow, just like the old days!

Sheila Seely and Nathan and David went into Vancouver to see their dad, Ed, this weekend.

Tony Turney was very excited to visit his old home, Campbell River. Barbara, his mother, and Jeff, his brother, also went.

Friday night the Lions had a charter night dinner. Some of the women of the club put together a much appreciated meal. Ron and Nora McQuiggan were the guests of honour from Salt Spring. Mr. McQuiggan spoke of the value of Lionism and observed that Lion Clubs in small communities have a much easier time finding projects and needs they can respond to than clubs in large communities.

Saturna Island impressed Mr. McQuiggan, by its hospitality to himself and his wife.

The members of the choir were guests of the Lions for dinner. Lion Walter Ratzlaff led the Saturna Choir in singing five beautiful songs.

Cameron Bray had his really good friend Wes visiting him this

week. Wes enjoyed going to school with Cameron and the school enjoyed having him. Elizabeth and Cameron have gone, this weekend, up to Tofino to visit.

## Peanut Butter Jam Session

Saturna School's big class went to Mayne Island to play baseball. The kids were jubilant: they won both games with a good score, against Galiano and Mayne.

At the last school board meeting it was decided that next year our Grade 7 students will go to Mayne Island school.

The children and Melanie Gaines spent most of Friday doing Canada Fitness testing. There were six events, flexed arm hang, speed sit-up, standing long jumps, shuttle run, metre run and endurance run. All the children participated and Irene Lawson says the kids were very proud of themselves. (Irene gets in on the after-school discussions, being behind the counter of the store).

This is a nation-wide testing, and the results are sent into Ottawa. Some of the kids will receive crests for their efforts.

The whole school will go to Vancouver May 7 to the Children's Festival. The main event will be the Flying Fruitfly Circus from Australia in which all the performers are kids. In the morning there will be a trip to the Granville Market.

## PACKED MEETING

The parents' meeting at the school was jam-packed. Strick Aust spoke about the role that the newly initiated parents advisory committee would play. He mentioned that all other segments of the school community have recognized means of input, but, "Kids are important. Right now we have no input from them, and parents can do this. This is a chance to initiate, a chance to support change."

Mr. Aust said that the present school board is wanting to change their image of a board that operates behind closed doors and is not

concerned or respectful of the feeling of parents.

I very much enjoyed hearing Mr. Aust, he seems responsive and willing to use all the information from all the "vested interest groups".

The parents voted to buy sports uniforms at about \$30 apiece. These uniforms are for the older children and would belong to the school. The Lions offered some money towards their purchase.

May 29 is Sports Day, on Pender Island.

There was great discussion of building a small gym for the school.

Taimi visited several schools last Friday to see first-hand a French immersion kindergarten and secondary school. "It was exciting to be in the classroom."

In the afternoon, the principals and supervisors went to several primary and secondary schools that use computers for teaching. It was fascinating to Taimi that the kids in some cases made up and used their own programs.

## Of Note

Mother's Day being May 10, the Lions are having their annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes are to be served from 10 am to 1 pm. So bring your favorite mother down to the Community Hall for a good breakfast.

On Sunday afternoon the historical society had a potluck lunch at Saturna's Community Hall.

Dr. Patrick Duneas spoke about remittance men and genteel immigrants. He became interested in the subject while writing his thesis on juvenile literature and imperialism. He teaches history at the University of Victoria and is writing a book on remittance men.

The popular definition of remittance men was younger sons of genteel families who were exiled to the colonies and paid to remain. They are never dealt with in standard history but are in folklore. The popular notion of cad and wastrel doesn't bear out.

"They seem to have been a thoughtful lot, very few bounders, but naive and inexperienced. Remittance men weren't all younger

sons, they were sent money, mostly out of kindness, and were generally of the middle class."

They called themselves gentlemen. The first wave came in the 1850's and joined the goldrush. Kamloops and Vernon were started by remittance men. In the 1880's and 90's a second wave of younger men arrived, as England became even more competitive.

The three main areas of settlement were lower Vancouver Island, Galiano, South Pender and Salt Spring and the Okanagan. They came to sheep farm and grow fruit. Mr. Duneas spoke of Warburton Pike, the Vernon brothers and Squire Bullock. Duneas felt that the remittance men added colour to the province. Socially they added tone to the frontier community — they made our west

different from the American west.

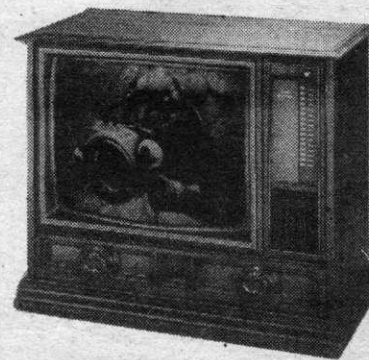
They helped make B.C. British. Politically they had the notion that private privilege demanded public service. Also, many of the remittance men were explorers and adventurers and found and noted natural wealth. They were well connected and attracted capital to the province.

Many of the genteel British did not mix with Canadians and other immigrants and earned enmity. There were many remittance men jokes and also hostility against them in the marketplace.

Mr. Duneas sparked much eager questioning and comments since our islands were a major area of settlement for these British people. It was a fine presentation and I enjoyed it thoroughly.

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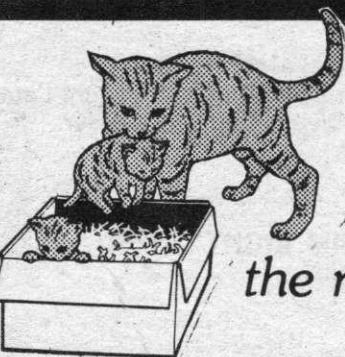
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