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Legislation permits killing of dogs

Dogs running sheep in the islands can be shot.

New powers for farmers have been sought by the Capital Regional District.

The powers which authorize a farmer to shoot marauding dogs were sought several weeks ago by the region, but an amended procedure had to be adopted last week.

The Capital Regional Board, on Wednesday, asked for a ministerial order to exempt the district from all sections of the Livestock Protection Act except Section 5, authority to kill a dog running in a pack; Section 6, authority to kill a dog running at large and attacking or viciously pursuing a person or domestic animal; Section 8, authority to deal with vicious dogs and Section 12, requirement to report killing of dogs.

The new powers will strengthen the hand of the farmer whose sheep are threatened by dogs. It is also seen as a caution to owners of dogs in the islands who are responsible for keeping their dogs under control.

'Substantial' tax increase forecast

School budget \$4.2 million; up 20%



THE SCORPIONS defeated Stelly's in weekend basketball action at Ganges, but lost to Victoria High. See story - Page Sixteen.

The Gulf Islands School Board gave approval to its 1981 operating budget of \$4,279,194 at its last regular meeting. It represents an increase of about 20% or nearly \$800,000 over last year's figure.

According to chairman Strick Aust, the board is getting good value for its money.

"I personally feel that we have to spend this amount of money to ensure that we can give the quality of education that we want to," said Aust.

For the second consecutive year, the budget exceeds guidelines laid down by the ministry of education and therefore its approval needed a two-thirds majority.

The provincial government requires that school boards give special approval, through a budget bylaw resolution, to budgets that do not fall within 110% of the basic education program.

Trustees approved the budget with a seven to one vote and the bylaw resolution was approved by the same count.

The only trustee to vote against the budget and bylaw resolution was Charles Baltzer of Salt Spring. **NOT ACCURATE**

Baltzer expressed concern that the estimated \$190,488 surplus being carried over in this year's budget from 1980 indicated that the board was not accurate enough in estimating what its expenses and revenues would be last year and that it should give a little more thought to the 1981 budget.

Aust explained that \$89,488 of that figure represented income generated through the continuing

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Water users to vote

Highlands water system, serving Malview subdivision and St. Mary Highlands, between St. Mary Lake and Trincomali Channel, will be taken over by the Capital Regional District if the users approve a forthcoming referendum.

Cost of the system will be \$358,000. This amount will cover the cost of acquiring the water system, renovating it and continuing its operation.

The bylaw to establish a specified area as the basis of taxation to raise the money was given initial readings at the Capital Regional Board meeting last week.

Vote will be taken at Central Hall, on Saturday, Mar. 21, from 8 am to 8 pm. Electors of the specified area will be entitled to vote.

There will be an advance poll on Wednesday, Mar. 18, at Central Hall and at the Capital Region offices in Victoria.

Initial approval for retreat centre

Proposal to rezone a 160-acre parcel of land near the top of Mount Tuam as a Buddhist retreat centre has been initially approved by the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission.

The property is in the uplands and forest zone.

Applicants are seeking approval for the construction of a 180-seat church, two retreat centres to accommodate eight persons each, six meditation cabins accommodating one person each and a reception centre with administration quarters.

The proponents are not anticipating more than 25 people residing at the centre at any one time.

There are already limited facilities available at the property.

The commission was told that the Buddhist group acquired the land before there were building regulations on the island. They had been assured that there would be no restriction on the use of the property.

By the time the new owners wanted to proceed, they learned that planning and land use controls had been introduced.

Letter to the commission from architect Jonathan Yardley explained the plans of the owners.

The property is remote and not readily reached, which is one of its strongest appeals, the commission learned.

The uplands and forest zone allows for use for schools, churches or outdoor recreation, reported planner Dean Strongtharm. It also permits single-

family dwellings and cottages.

The zone calls for a maximum of one dwelling and one cottage per 20 acres. The area of 160 acres would thus provide for eight residences and eight cottages.

The commission agreed that the use would be acceptable and that it might be the subject of a development permit to ensure that development was limited to that outlined in the proposal.

Corporation to meet

B.C. Ferry Corporation will meet people from the Fulford area to further discuss plans for relieving the parking problems at the Fulford ferry terminal.

Local trustee Bud Kreissl also told the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission last week that the ferry authority has recognized the Commission's transportation committee as the spokesman for the island in matters of ferry service.

It was noted at the same meeting

that the committee will report direct to Salt Spring Island Trust Committee. It is formed as a sub-committee of the Advisory Planning Commission.

"They are so happy to deal with one committee," explained Kreissl, "that the ferries want to deal with nobody else."

Committee was established two years ago to bring all island opinion into one channel when the urban transit payment was a contentious issue in the islands.

Trust urges minister to look closely at licences

Legion Hall in Ganges is prohibited from opening on Remembrance Day. Islands Trust learned of the anomalies of the new Business Licence Act last weekend.

After some debate the Islands Trust Council, in Victoria, decided to ask the provincial government to take a closer look at the impact of the Business Licence Act on the Islands Trust area, on the grounds that cottage industries and home occupations are an important aspect of the lifestyle of the islands.

David Lott of Salt Spring Island introduced the resolution and suggested that the government might be urged to ease up the system as far as the small residential operations are concerned. He suggested that a limit might be placed whereby an operation netting less than \$250 per year would be excused the license fee of \$112.50 per annum, for a home industry, such as knitting or weaving, or the \$37.50 fee for selling garden produce.

Galiano's Jim Robertson suggested that not every applicant for a licence is aware that he may appeal the decision of the issuing agent within 30 days.

John Gaines of Saturna cited the case of a woman who manufactures two sweaters a year. It would not be economical to enforce collection of the fee, he urged.

Some islands have little or no commerce and no experience of trade licences.

"Who administers the act? Where does the money go? How is it administered?" asked Bill Dickie.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police can be enlisted to enforce payment, warned Gordon Wallace.

"They wouldn't do it for a \$5 fee, but I can see them doing it for \$100, and quick!"

Introducing the motion, David Lott described the fees as the minister's "desperate search for finances."

School budget up 20% here

From Page One

education program and that another \$23,000 represented interest accrued.

He said that the actual surplus was only \$78,000 and he questioned whether this amount represented too much of a surplus or whether it indicated "good housekeeping" by the board.

Estimated net expenditures are \$4,088,706.

TEACHING, OPERATING

About 75% of the budget is directly related to teaching and operational expenses and these include \$2,577,214 for instruction; \$265,750 for operation costs; \$238,085 for administrative expenses and an additional \$193,800 to cover maintenance costs.

Approximately another \$1 million goes to cover expenses indirectly related to education and these include \$277,200 for conveyance; \$58,400 for health and boarding expenses; \$114,176 for continuing education expenditures, most of which the board recovers; \$477,344 for interest and debenture payments and \$77,225 for non-shareable capital expenses, or costs that the provincial government doesn't share with the board.

TAX INCREASES

The 1981 budget is expected to result in hefty property tax increases with an estimated mill rate of 52, an increase of 3.5 over 1980.

"Taxes are going to increase substantially this year, there's no doubt about it," said Aust.

Contacted following the meeting, Aust explained that the school board is offering the same basic program to students in this district that it did last year and that the cost of maintaining present services has risen sharply during the past year.

He said that the board had trimmed about \$180,000 from the figure it received from the staff budgetary committee and that further reductions would have resulted in a cut in services.

"The students in this district have a tremendous program. Everything is top-notch and I think that it's important that we maintain the present level of

education," said Aust.

FASTER RATE

He said that it would be a mistake to assume that budget increases could be kept in line with a national annual rate of inflation of about 12%, since government services generally increase at a much faster rate.

Other school districts report comparable increases over last year with the Saanich School District registering a jump of slightly more than 22% and the Cowichan School District reporting an increase of about 17.5%.

The Gulf Islands School District is experiencing a steady three to four percent enrolment growth rate compared to three percent in the Saanich School District and no growth in the Cowichan School District.

Ross Ingram, secretary-treasurer for the Saanich district, says that staff increases and equipment purchases, particularly at the three secondary schools there, are primarily responsible for the increase.

INFLATION

Inflation was the major factor behind the 17.5% increase in the Cowichan district's budget, according to secretary-treasurer Bill Brown. He also cited escalating wages and material costs as

major factors.

Gulf Islands Secondary School principal Bob McWhirter is pleased with the 1981 budget and he says that the board has provided money for areas where it is required.

"It's providing money where we need it and some services in this district that have not been provided in the past," said McWhirter.

Several examples cited by McWhirter are introduction of the gifted program at Salt Spring Elementary School, expansion of the music program at the secondary school and the proposed introduction of a French immersion program at the secondary school next year.

ZERO-BASE

The Gulf Islands School Board, several years ago, adopted a zero-base system in which it starts out from scratch when preparing each year's budget, rather than tacking on new programs and expenses to the previous year's budget.

This forces the board to examine individual expenses and to establish its priorities, according to secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck.

"One of its major efficiencies is that it forces examination of the way things are done presently," said Peck.

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Financial Report
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Fire Chief's Report
Report of Volunteer Firemen
Election of Trustee
(one for a term of three years)
Appointment of Auditor
Any other business

TRUSTEES WOULD APPRECIATE A GOOD TURNOUT OF ISLAND RESIDENTS.

To Be Frank

by richards



How long is Upper Ganges Road? When the question was raised at Friday's session of the Islands Trust council in Victoria, Bud Kreissl promptly suggested two miles. Irene Hawksworth went higher. Five miles, she suggested. There were no further bids.

This didn't come to me direct. But I don't challenge its authenticity. It seems that when George and Whatserface McEwen were touring Europe they enjoyed the services of an Italian guide. And he was proud of the long history of his country. He was particularly hipped on the quality of Italian engineering. As they crossed France, the guide explained that the French were not good on roads. But just wait till they reached Italy. Then they would see roads! The Italians had been building roads for more than 2,000 years and all roads led to Rome. Some of the passengers were getting enough of the Italian treatment. Finally, another traveller suggested to George that he must have seen magnificent roads in his own area of Canada; why didn't he speak up? Of course there are magnificent roads in British Columbia, admitted George. But did they know the name of the man who built them? It was Gagliardi!

I have gone right round the circle. It is 33 years since I revisited the home of a friend in Victoria. I had known him during the war. I also met his father, once a Scot in Scotland. It was a good country, I was told, but the only way to make a living was to get out a pick and shovel and go to work. My pulpy muscles and my dithering back were revolted. No way could I make a living that way! For the last three decades I have worn callouses on my tender anatomy, sitting hard to make a living. Last weekend I was gaily swinging a pick as I dug into a mountain of shale, when I realized that my days of picking and shovelling are numbered. A good country, I agree. But there's no longer a living in a pick and shovel. That's not living; that's dying!

On something of the same lines, came this rhyming prayer from a reader:

*I can live with my arthritis,
My dentures fit me fine;
I can see with my bifocals,
But Lord, I miss my mind!*

The office is limping over last year. There has been a raid on the back files at *Driftwood* and for some unknown reason, all copies for April 9, 1980 have disappeared. If any reader has a spare copy for April 9 of last year, Catherine McFadyen will quit crying.

Never miss a proof! No matter how many of your own mistakes you miss, in this business you always find the other fellow's. I read a menu in Victoria at the weekend and there was something caught my eye and looked wrong, but I passed it over. About 24 hours later I remembered what it was. The word Portuguese appeared twice and in both cases it was spelt with only one "u". Then I walked down to the Museum and found that anyone found on Vancouver Island Coach Lines property would have to answer for their presence.

Thinking of words, I have a bitter objection to the use of that instead of who. Probably empty and with little meaning, but I don't like such phrases as men that smoke or girls that use shampoo. In my book it's men who smoke or girls who use shampoo.

**February is Heart Month ...
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Library in good financial shape Kertland tells annual meeting

Before stepping down as chairman of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association at last Thursday's annual meeting, Don Kertland declared the library to be on solid financial footing and in excellent shape to undertake modest capital improvements this year.

Kertland explained to the meeting at St. George's Church that the library association had managed to pay off, by the end of 1980, a mortgage of approximately \$15,000 taken out to acquire property for the library's expansion program and also \$10,000 in interest-free loans, some of which ended up being donated to the library.

This leaves the library debt free and in excellent position to complete about \$4,600 in improvements to the new library complex, according to Kertland.

HEALTHY POSITION

"I think that that's a very healthy position to be in," he said.

The facilities are now valued at about \$109,000, which includes approximately \$12,000 in donated labour and services.

Current assets stand at about \$15,000, of which \$9,550 was received from the province in the form of a recreational facilities assistance program (RFAP) grant last summer, also in the amount of \$9,550.

RFAP grants are made available to charitable and community organizations which provide facilities for the general public.

The library association received a \$37,000 provincial lottery grant as well.

PRAISED FACILITIES

Building committee chairman Ron McQuiggan praised the new facilities and said that the community could be proud of the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library and the contributions of those whose efforts helped make it become a reality.

"A year ago we told you how good it was going to be and now you can see how good it is," said McQuiggan.

Kertland, in chairing his last library association meeting, also extended his congratulations for a job well done and thanked contributors whose efforts helped the association raise more than \$34,000 through donations and a successful fund-raising campaign.

The bulk of the \$34,000 was generated through about 600 cash donations totalling approximately

\$26,500 with an additional \$1,000 being donated by the W. Garfield Weston Foundation of Toronto and a similar sum left to the library by the estate of Barney Ashton.

FROM CLUBS

Approximately \$3,200 was donated by local service clubs and associations, including the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the NDP Club, the South Salt Spring Island Womens' Institute and the Family Centre.

The Lions Club alone donated about \$2,000 to the library

association.

Nearly \$1,600 was raised at fund-raising events sponsored by the library association and the Lions.

Secretary George Wells reported that the library's membership now stands at 1,417 members, which is about 30% more than in 1979 when 1,087 members belonged to the library.

About 39,500 books were circulated during 1980, which represents an increase of about 3,000 over 1979 and about 10,000 more than during 1975.

March program announced

Following is the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club program for March, 1981.

March 3: Ernie Jenkins will lead a walk in St. Mary's Highlands. Bob Ball will lead a hike; leader's choice. Both will meet at Centennial Park at 10 am.

March 10: Captain Walter Luth will lead a walk on the Luth property. Meet at 10 am sharp at Centennial Park or 10:15 at the Luth property. Ruth Murfitt will lead a hike to Spectacle Lake - high and dry and fairly long. Meet at 9:30 at Centennial Park for 10 am Vesuvius ferry.

March 17: Evelyn Botting will lead a walk in the Nose Point area.

Meet at 10 am, Centennial Park. Betty Kirk will lead a hike on Bryant's Hill from Arnell Park. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park or 10:15 at Arnell Park.

March 24: John Lloyd will lead a walk-hike on Reginald Hill. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park, 10:15 at Drummond Park. Ann-Marie Dahlke will lead a ramble of her choice. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park.

March 31: Jack Ready will lead a walk-hike on the Stratton property. Meeting place, Centennial Park at 10 am. Ruby Alton will lead a nature walk in the Fulford area. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park, 10:15 at Drummond Park.

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Their sights are fixed on Cowichan

The Gulf Islands School District has decided to enter into a maintenance contract with the Cowichan School District to keep up the school buses operated by the school district.

The buses will be driven to Duncan, preventatively maintained and driven back to Ganges. That is the broad outline. The details are not all clear. They are not immediately relevant.

Last year the school board looked at the sale of school supplies through the schools. The proposal was launched and hurriedly withdrawn when some protest was heard. That was also a tie-in with the Cowichan area.

The school administration appears to have its sights firmly fixed on the distant fields of Cowichan Valley.

The board has taken this step to improve the quality of the maintenance, and by preventative maintenance, to eliminate down time. It is confidently expected that the buses will run smoother and longer and more cheaply.

In these times of heated constitutional fervour it is easy to stray into the no man's land of parochialism. It might then be charged that the practice of taking the buses off-island for maintenance was a method of collecting taxes on the islands and spreading them, like largesse, over the off-island areas of need.

Islanders are entitled to expect some evidence of economy when the matter reaches public debate.

Salmon: endangered species

Commercial and sports fishermen in British Columbia can be accused this week of being near-sighted in their reaction to the federal government's new restrictions on fishing. Let's face it: we'll have to be more realistic in our approach to the salmon fishery because its very existence is in jeopardy.

Admittedly, Ottawa's move last week provides the anti-federalist forces with some very good ammunition, but let's not allow regional disaffection to stand in the way of protecting this resource.

The signs pointing to a limited future for the salmon fishing industry have been apparent for some time, yet they still seem to be invisible to many. It's high time we opened our eyes to the fact that it's not only possible, but probable, that a full ban on salmon fishing will have to be imposed within the next 10 years.

Rivers and creeks choked with logging debris and poisoned with industrial effluent and highly efficient fishing methods are without question leading us to the point where salmon will become an endangered species.

Certainly, the federal government may have acted somewhat arbitrarily and certainly, it may have imposed some restrictions which will prove to be ineffective, but at least it moved.

Let's try to work together on this, keeping the future of fishing in mind. Otherwise, there may be no future.

Good news

Victoria is finally beginning to acknowledge the existence of the islands, judging by two reports from the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

According to local trustee Bud Kreissl, the B.C. Ferry Corporation is pleased with the arrangement whereby it communicates with the island through the transportation committee, a sub-committee of the Trust. Relations are said to be good between them.

In addition, the highways ministry has finally decided to lend us an ear with respect to a bypass route around Ganges.

The latter has been under discussion for many years, but the discussions have rarely been heard beyond the shores of Salt Spring Island.

These two items will come as good news to many. Let's look for more of the same.



Letters to the Editor

Licence fee had been in effect since 1888

Sir,

Your story on page one of the January 21 issue of *Driftwood* ("Market vendors will need licences now"), outlining the effects of the new Business Licence Act on Salt Spring Island residents contains several points on which I would like to comment.

It is true that the lowest annual fee for a business licence was raised on January 1 from \$10 to \$37.50. It is worth noting, however, that the \$10 fee has been in effect since 1888 and taken as a proportion of the earnings of a business or vendor, the \$37.50 fee is far smaller in proportion by 1981 standards than a \$10 fee in the last century.

Certainly, vendors at the farmers' market in Ganges are among those who will have to purchase a business licence, but I emphasize that it is the choice of the individual vendor to purchase a one-day; one-month; six-months or full year licence according to his or her circumstance. For a one-day licence, a farmers' market vendor need pay only \$3.75, while for a half-year licence the vendor would pay \$18.75.

In stating that "some businesses will be hit twice by the new law, such as a lawyer's office" your story misleads the reader. The professional business licence fee paid by a lawyer would cover any services provided by the lawyer in his capacity as a notary public, if such were the case. While a considerable number of professions are listed in the regulations to the Business Licence Act, there are few that would overlap in this way.

Your statements that the Business Licence Act does not affect owners of livery stables, pack trains of six or more animals, freight wagons or stage coaches is, I am afraid, not correct. Should some entrepreneur decide to initiate

a stage coach service I can assure you that he or she would be charged according to the fee schedule for a service occupation business. Such businesses as pack trains, freight wagons and stage coaches, it is true are not specifically mentioned in the fee schedule appended to the new Business Licence Act since the new legislation was introduced in an effort to modernize the prevailing rules.

Until the passage of the new Act in 1980, the existing legislation had had few revisions made to it in the

92 years since it was enacted. As a result, officials were experiencing difficulty fitting modern businesses into the categories provided in 1888. Some initial adjustment may be necessary, but I have every confidence in the ability of government agents to apply the new regulations fairly and effectively in various areas of the province.

HUGH A. CURTIS,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria.
February 10, 1981.

Arts Council concerned over licensing

Sir,

The Board of Directors of the Community Arts Council want all Craftspeople in the Gulf Islands to know that we have obtained a copy of the complete Business License Act, and are in the process of contacting Government Ministers to voice our concern for the inequities of the Act, as it affects small Crafts people. We hope to get clarification on a number of points and will report further when we have the information.

Our summer Artcraft sale has always taken out a Retail Business License, so there is no problem for those selling their crafts through this outlet, as far as a Retail License is concerned. The area of concern is the Manufacturing License and when a Crafts person is classed as a manufacturer, under the new Act. This is the question we want cleared up.

In the meantime we urge each Crafts person to write to Hon. Hugh Curtis, MLA, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, expressing your concern. The more letters written, the better our bargaining position.

CAC EXECUTIVE,
JOSE CLEMENT, PRES.,
Box 682,
Ganges.
February 13, 1981.

Excellent job

Sir,

I would like to commend the person or persons who took the time and effort to do an excellent job of putting together the new local telephone directory.

BETTY PINCHIN,
Box 225, Ganges.
February 13, 1981.

Sheets, socks needed

Sir,

When we appealed for a piano, we got one!

Now we need some sheets, please, to help our Wardrobe Mistress with costumes for *Fiddler on the Roof*.

If your readers can spare any flannelette sheets we need them for nightshirts, and white cotton sheets for ghosts! Other kinds of cotton sheets will be very useful, too.

We also need black socks - all shapes and sizes, and it doesn't matter if there are holes in the feet.

Joan Angus may be reached by phone after 4 pm (537-5891) or you could drop things off at Anchor Insurance (between Marshall Wells and D & D News) between 11 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday.

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MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
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February 15, 1981.

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No island a paradise, not even Salt Spring

Sir,
In response to J. Hearne's scathing letter of last week stating emphatically that we, the people of this island, are not setting a proper example for the youth of today and also sounding off re the fee to be charged for the vendors at Farmers' Market, let me say a few words.

Firstly, so you will better understand my position, I am one of those "realtors" she categorically slanders, and have been for 25 years. In that time I have always been able to meet my vendors or purchasers face to face without being ashamed of my professional conduct. Most realtors can make that statement. We do not go around knowingly misrepresenting the facts, as she would like you to believe.

Now, let's get down to the kids of today. No island is a paradise, not even Salt Spring, so if that is what you want then you'd better keep searching. My husband and I have raised four sons and I speak with some background. None of them were perfect, but they have grown into nice people and I am proud of each one for his own individuality. Parents play the first and foremost role in every child's life, to their basic moral and human behaviour is established by the time he or she is off to school or out on their own into the stream of life.

This base enables them then to function in their environment, drawing from their own capabilities to either resist or fall victim to the vices of life. May I also remind her that there are many vices other than the good old "fall guy", alcohol. Why blame the adult population for the shortcomings of a few misguided juveniles? Ninety percent of the youth on this island are terrific responsible young adults and it must really burn them up to be grouped with the troublemakers. Who named Hearne "her brother's keeper?" I'm quite sure that if she laid it on me to stop

drinking while in a local pub, I too would order another.

Her supercilious attempt at degrading the people in the community who, as she so cuttingly puts it, "pat each others' backs," really riled me. Who, pray tell, is going to keep the commercial core of this island operating so we can have a tax base from which to draw to support those who can not, or do not, wish to work? Where do the tax dollars (both property tax and income tax) come from? I'll tell you - from hard working adults who may practise hypocrisy on occasion, who may take the odd drink too many, who have, in many cases, successfully raised families, but who also pay their way in tax dollars donated to the keep of all of us.

Why shouldn't the participants of the local Farmers' Market pay a fee for the privilege of having space in Centennial Park? The other merchants in town pay a business

licence plus rent. How much do you intend taking before you start contributing to the very system that allows you the space in the first place. By this I mean "monetary contribution" not just words like "the hypocrisy of some so-called adult on Salt Spring disgusts me - in fact makes me sick." Do you, my dear, have no vices typical of your age?

I have always paid my way, raised my kids to the best of my ability and am damn well sick of these experts who come on to the island, pull up the drawbridge, and then expect the atmosphere of a paradise, the sophistication of a city and a total lack of progress.

The "Old Timers" here are more broadminded and open to change than any of us "newcomers," who would, in fact, not be here if the old timers had not left the drawbridge down.

MARY SMALL,
Ganges.
February, 1981.

Squeaker has loyal fan

Sir,
I would like to congratulate the Slugs on getting Wowie Howie Squeaker to write a column about their game against the Old-Timers and I enjoyed all those "Gosh Golly Gee's Gee Whillikers, Golly Gee Whiz, Boy oh Boys and Sufferin' Sarsparillas," it's just like him.

I'm looking forward to this week's column with Wowie Howie Squeaker when they play Mill Bay and the fur flies.

P.S. It sure beats those other writers. Criss Crossbar and Stan Slapshot.

A loyal fan,
STUART A. LYON
R.R.1. Ganges.
February 12, 1981.

Letters to the editor must be signed and should include the writer's address and telephone number.

Leave island with its good looks

Sir,
In regards to island development, I think it unnecessary for this small island to try and accommodate the general trend to suburbia - leave the island with its "obvious" good looks, flora and fauna.

MARLENE RICE,
Fulford Harbour.
February 12, 1981.



Tony Richards

DON'T TALK TO ME about new vehicles this week and don't try to sell me one, either.

Out of necessity, we place a lot of trust in our van on just one day a week. It must start immediately at the turn of the key at 6:45 Wednesday morning and run all day until 5 pm. If it quits then, fine, as long as it's running again by the following Wednesday.

Kim Coffey, our faithful, early-rising driver who takes the newspaper flats over to the printers in Ladysmith on that particular day, had no trouble starting the van last week. But that's as far as it would go. The transmission, we discovered later, had gone, leaving it with first gear and nothing else.

By 7:30 I was in Ganges to meet her so she could take our car over. She didn't arrive until 7:50, but until then I had no cause for being bored as a friend's car wouldn't start, so I spent 20 minutes pushing him with my car on Rainbow Road.

I got home just before eight, having seen Kim off to the ferry, to discover that my usually-faithful old truck had been slightly low on anti-freeze. It made it as far as my oldest son's bus stop, where it expired in a cloud of steam.

So a local wrecker was dispatched to collect the two abandoned vehicles and we awaited the diagnosis on each.

The old truck was back on the road within hours with two new frost plugs and some anti-freeze. But the van was another matter.

Only one year old (with a fairly substantial number of miles on it, though) the transmission had to be replaced.

Being under warranty, we took it to Victoria, rather a long trip in first gear. A day later we learned that the transmission had gone and had to be replaced.

As soon as we get it back, you'll see it listed in the classified columns. Don't forget, if you're interested, that it's got a brand new transmission and two years left on the warranty.

But don't expect to see an ad for my truck. It's not for sale.

IT'S HARDLY WORTH mentioning, but the title of a recently published booklet put out by the Capital Region Economic Development Commission is an interesting one.

Victoria's Capital Region is the name of a booklet intended to entice individuals and companies from across Canada to consider opening businesses in Victoria.

I would have thought that Victoria belonged to the Capital Region, not the other way round. Does this mean that the islands belong to Victoria?

AFTER ALL we heard about recreation centres prior to the November referendum on Salt Spring, it was surprising to read about the Panorama Leisure Centre's budget surplus in 1980.

The Saanich recreation complex operated at a deficit for its first three years of operation, a deficit which reached \$96,000 in 1978.

Last year Panorama's surplus amounted to \$50,000, from a total budget of almost \$925,000.

Not with a bang but a whimper

The Anarchist

While the guns of controversy still fire salvos of legal explosive; while Uncle Biomass and Auntie Growth extol the benefits of the missionary position in perpetuating the wonders of Nature; as General Ecopur and his troops in evergreen battle dress prepare siege and strike against the bunkered emplacements of the Capital Region Commandos and the Black Helmets of Baron de Blochbros; while the Emir of Effluent and the Sultan of Sewage pray holy oaths to their separate deities, asking divine intervention to further their separate truths; while the Heart of Darkness beats unchecked here among the drywall labyrinth which ever expands to hill and shore, choking the sylvan lanes of community in this water-girt Eden with more and newer Hondasuntoyotamobiles of the genus K, with propulsion all afront — while none moved to stop it — the water-borne Trojan Horse with a very Friar for pilot quietly went about its lawful business, and the issue was closed.

Eventually the news will reach the battlefield, and there will be loud lamentations for those who made the supreme sacrifice after the war was over, and there will be defiance, and refusal to surrender, and threats of life-long guerrilla warfare featuring underwater zodiacs floating mile-long segments of concrete pipe to undisclosed destinations, and no one will be sure how it all came about, and Impatient Dollars will be set out to germinate on all manner of adjacent plots, and the process will be irreversible because the very first of some four million kamikaze dollars quietly slipped by the outer defences of Paradise and spent themselves on a

reconnaissance of the harbour, and now the defences are breached, and by the rules of the game there is no way to convert a dirty sewage dollar to a virgin, low-density, high-cost way of life.

Now all the rest will follow inexorably, turning the waters Mint Green even unto the far reaches of Trincomali Channel and the Straits of Haro, and it will have come to pass because a Great Wind of Ignorance, Envy and Mischief fastened itself upon the question from its inception and did poison the Air, and this Great Wind of Ignorance so beat upon the senses of the community that neighbours became enemies, friends were forsaken, and none trusted another as all forgot their community while the Great Wind did foster dissension and promulgate nonsense in the very chambers of commerce and region alike.

And the moral of this dirty tale, if after all the above it will still bear one, is, dear friends, that no matter what the issue be, no matter that it become clouded in all kinds of superfluous garbage, beware the Great Wind which divides you.

There is nothing, repeat nothing, which could have stood against the united efforts of the community to determine an acceptable and constructive solution to the problem of sewage disposal; there was equally no hope of reaching that answer once the Great Wind blew Ignorance, Envy and Mischief louder than all the rest.

Thus spake Zarathustra.
Beware the Great Wind.

Quote of Note

It is easy to be nice, even to an enemy - from lack of character.
- Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary General, United Nations.

Caution urged with X-rays

Sir,
I see by the Dental Care Plan of B.C. that services include x-rays and fluoride treatment for children.

I hope that parents understand the dangers of both these forms of diagnosis and treatment, and that they will not accept this package deal without question.

There was a time when experts in the field of ionizing radiation considered that there was a safe level, but not now. Some of the top researchers warn us now that there is *no safe level* of radiation, that a person must be absolutely sure that an x-ray is essential before submitting to having one taken.

Such well known experts as Dr. John Gofman, Dr. Arthur Tamplin, Dr. Linus Pauling and many others are warning us about the hazards of x-rays and that they should be used only when absolutely necessary.

Fluorides, apart from the other reasons why they should be avoided, are recognized now as one of the serious pollutants, and all residues from tooth pastes and tooth paintings, etc., go out into the sewage disposal system, much of which flows into the sea or other waterways.

Much has been written, by people who have made extensive studies of causal factors in tooth decay, regarding the beneficial effects of good sound nutrition -

raw fruit and vegetables, and elimination of depleted, refined foods, in the prevention of tooth decay.

This, it would seem, is a pleasanter and cheaper way of maintaining good teeth.

It is not the only factor, but it helps.

One assumes that parents and children will have the freedom to accept or reject x-rays and fluoride treatment, as they see fit.

EVE SMITH,
South Pender.
January 28, 1981.

Probation, fine for break-in

A 19-year-old Ganges man received a \$500 fine and one year's probation in provincial court at Victoria the week before last after pleading guilty to participating in a break-in at Windsor Plywood.

David Bernard had been charged in connection with the break-in along with Richard McGoldrick. The offence took place several weeks ago.

The court appearance was January 29.

Constitution deserves support

Charter of rights equal of any

On February 13 the joint House of Commons - Senate committee on the constitution will finish its work and report to parliament. The committee has worked long, hard hours over the past 3½ months and has greatly improved the constitutional resolution which was referred to it at the end of October.

If the Liberals do not make any last-minute changes in the wrong direction, I will be giving my support to the resolution.

The committee heard submissions from a wide variety of groups and individuals who wanted to see changes made in the original resolution. Following this, it studied each and every clause in the constitutional proposal and made many amendments. Many of these amendments were introduced by the government after criticism had shown the faults in the original package.

I am proud of the contribution that New Democrats like Lorne Nystrom and Svend Robinson made to the committee. Because of their efforts, parliament will be asked to approve a charter of rights that is the equal of any charter in the world. For the first time in history Canadians will be given the right to retain counsel upon arrest or detention by the police. The rights of women have been strengthened; the multicultural diversity of Canada has been recognized; and handicapped people have been protected from discrimination.

GREATER CONTROL

Because of Ed Broadbent's work the committee has passed unanimously an amendment that gives

Ottawa report

BY JIM MANLY, MP

provinces greater control over their resources. This amendment has special importance and value for the resource-rich provinces of western Canada.

Above all, I am proud that New Democrats were able to pressure the government into recognizing and affirming the aboriginal rights of Canada's Indian, Inuit and Metis people. I have consistently maintained that Canada has an historic obligation to recognize these rights so that our first citizens will not have to depend upon charity or welfare but will be able to develop their own social and economic life.

New Democrats, like many other Canadians, have not liked the process which the government to this date has used in the constitutional debate. We opposed the use of closure to limit debate in the House of Commons; we fought to have television coverage of the committee so people could see what was happening; we joined with the Conservatives in pushing for a longer period for committee hearings. We have questions about the way the Canadian government has dealt with the British government on the question of patriation. Certainly, we would have preferred federal-provincial agreement rather than unilateral action by the federal government.

DESERVES SUPPORT

But while I have many questions about the government's methods, I believe that the substance of this new constitution deserves our support. It is time for Canadians to have our own constitution, with our own amending formula, and our own charter of rights.

Constitutional recognition of rights and freedoms is only a first step. Rights for women, for the handicapped and for native peoples cannot be guaranteed simply by adopting a constitution. In the long run, our rights depend upon the general health of society and its economy. A constitution isn't the total answer to all our needs but it does provide the basic ground rules.

The time has come to adopt our new constitution so that we can get on to meet the other needs of our society.

Labour charge below \$35 at Ganges

The labour charge at local garages is below that which was reported at a recent meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board.

One Ganges garage operator told *Driftwood* last week that their rate was \$30 per hour, while two other garages on Salt Spring Island said their rate was \$25.

A story last week quoted school district secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck as saying that current labour charges are \$35 an hour. Peck said this week that that is the rate one could expect to pay in Victoria or Vancouver.

Under discussion at that meeting was the proposal, which was implemented, to have the Cowichan School District provide bus maintenance under contract to the islands district.

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I'm sitting here, just waiting for
The farmers, now to holler
That I don't buy their
vegetables,
That they should have my dollar

Those poor fishermen.
Fred Windsor

Saturna Scene

BY FLORA RATZLAFF

It seems that February is turning out to be a regular winter month, no more mister nice-guy. Hopefully this will mean a good summer.

Burns night was celebrated on January 27 and was an enjoyable night of readings, songs sung by the new Saturna choir, under the direction of Walter Ratzlaff, and the address to the Haggis, piped in by piper Harry Munford.

There was also a delicious dinner, even though it had to be a cold one due to the unfinished condition of the hall kitchen.

The kitchen has been completed now and is practically a work of art, being much more organized and efficient, as well as nice to look at.

As you all likely know by now the Saturna Point store has been sold. The new owners are Dick and Gloria Silverburg and their partner Buzz Haugh. Dick and Gloria have a young son, Tony, who is now attending Saturna

Elementary.

The school is once more going to town on alternate Wednesdays for swimming and bowling. They were also over to Pender Island on February 9 for a mini-performance of the opera *Faust*.

The Lions Club sponsored a Valentine's Day dance on Saturday the 14th. It was a benefit for Nettie Hamilton.

There will be a church service at St. Christopher's Anglican Church this Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 pm.

Both choir practices are being held at the hall now. If anyone would like to come, they're on Tuesdays at 1 pm and Thursdays at 7 pm.

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GALIANO NEWS

BY BASIL AND
KATHLYN BENDER

For the second time the Galiano ambulance has been upgraded. Latest replacement is a two-year-old vehicle constructed in the workshops of the B.C. Emergency Health Service.

Built on a Dodge chassis with a 360 cu. in. engine, the ambulance provides considerably more space than the previous vehicle. There is accommodation for four No. 9 stretchers in addition to the main cot and also more space in which attendants can move and care for patients. There are two oxygen outlets instead of one.

Improved lighting, both inside and outside the vehicle, will be an asset for night calls. The radio telephone provides better communication with the dispatch centre in Victoria. Peter Dunn and the volunteer crew are delighted with the improvements.

Fire Call

Volunteer firemen leaped up from eating supper about six o'clock on Thursday evening as the sirens sounded. The call was to the Golf Club where a chimney fire was shooting sparks of glowing soot into the evening sky.

Fortunately, rain had so wetted the shake roof that there was no danger to the rest of the building. The fire in the open fireplace was immediately extinguished and the firemen were able to control the fire in the chimney until it burned itself out.

The golfing fraternity will be relieved to learn that there was no damage to the 19th hole, which happens to be only a few yards from the scene of the fire.

New Proprietor

Ron Minette, the new owner-operator of the Corner Store, is settling into the busy routine of satisfying islanders' needs for groceries, dairy products, hardware and the many other lines carried by a village general store. Few changes are apparent as the staff remain the same and Ron intends no immediate changes in the practices and policies of the past 10 years.

Ron and his wife, Connie, came to Galiano from Tsawwassen. He was born in Strom, Alberta, grew up in Kelowna and graduated from U.B.C. in commerce. Since then Ron has worked as a sales representative for Swifts and has over 20 years' experience in the meat section of the food industry.

Connie was born in New Westminster and graduated from St. Paul's Hospital as a nurse. Later she qualified as a pre-school instructor and has been working in this field for the Delta Leisure Services Department.

THREE CHILDREN

The Minettes have three children; Ken is completing his Grade 12 in Tsawwassen, Susan is in Grade 9 and attending the Mayne Middle School and Carol is in Grade 6 on Galiano. The family has been coming to Galiano for the past 10 years, camping in Montague Harbour Provincial Park.

Eight years ago Ron brought over a pack of Cubs (Boy Scouts) for the Victoria Day weekend. Finding the campground full they were fortunately given permission to camp on the Rees' farm.

Ron Minette had met Victor Zala when the latter was working for the Bay. For the past five years, whenever he was on Galiano, Ron would visit Vic and ask him when he intended to retire. At last, in 1980, the decision was made, and Ron got the chance for which he had been waiting so long. We hope

that the new career and island living come up to the expectations of Ron and his family.

Ladies Service Club

Last Monday afternoon, Feb. 8, 14 members of the Ladies Service Club braved the sharp drop in temperature and gale-force winds to attend their annual general meeting in Page Drive Lounge. It was heart if not body-warming to hear the list of donations in the treasurer's annual report.

During the past 12 months the club contributed \$100 to each of the following organizations: the Canadian Cancer Fund, the B.C. Heart Foundation, the Unitarian Service Commission, UNICEF, the Central City Mission and the Salvation Army, while \$200 was given to the Terry Fox Cancer Research Fund. The service club was presented with a Square Footers Award for continuing to support the physically handicapped children of B.C. through their donation of \$200 to Timmy's Christmas Telethon.

The ladies supported the B.C. Variety Show in aid of mentally handicapped children with a gift of \$50. For many years the service club has met the cost of the television cable rental for Lady Minto Hospital, which last year came to \$359. The children of Galiano were also remembered: \$100 was contributed to the cost of last summer's swimming lessons and \$25 towards the Hallowe'en Party.

Other types of service have been given as the need arises. A weekly rota of members has been maintained to read to intermediate and extended care residents of Greenwood and Lady Minto.

Betty Rae will continue to serve as president and Kitty Weaver as treasurer. Mary Ellen Harding will replace Winnie Liver as secretary. New members are always welcome at the meetings which are held in Page Drive Lounge on the second Monday of each month commencing at 2 pm.

Garden Club

Snow arrived at north Galiano last Wednesday, just as the Garden Club meeting was scheduled to begin, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 17 hardy attenders.

Five south-enders made a Christmas-card journey northwards to hear Fred Maybee of Salt Spring speak on the timely topic of tree pruning. The show table displayed azaleas and amaryllis in full bloom, in addition to an ailing African violet and a jaded jade plant.

Margaret Robson has agreed to accept the office of vice-president. Regular meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm. President Aini Haksi will give a talk and demonstration on flower arrangement on Wednesday, Mar. 11.

Coming Events

Next Saturday the monthly Book Sale by the Ladies Auxiliary will be held in the Fire Hall between 2 and 4 pm. In the evening the North Galiano Community Club will hold its annual general meeting in the North End Community Hall beginning at 7:30 pm. Coffee will be served and slides of North Galiano scenes will be shown. Two of Dorothy Lupton's paintings of Coon Bay will be on view. The support of all the residents of North Galiano for their Community Club is urged.

On Sunday the Galiano Housing Society will hold its annual general meeting in the Community Hall at 2 pm. This society is

responsible for operating the Page Drive senior citizens housing complex and all Galiano residents are welcome to attend the meeting and become members of the society.

The weekly sessions of the Artists' Guild alternate between north and south Galiano. Next Monday they will meet in the clubhouse of the Golf Club at 1 pm.

Island Trails

There is only one easy walking trail into Section 4 of Bluff Park. Enter the park on the west side on Bluff Road about half a mile from its junction with Georgeson Bay Road. A few yards after passing the pair of large rocks that mark the entrance, a well maintained road turns off to the left to the "old dump."

This road winds through the forest, the ground rising to the right and falling to the left until, after two-thirds of a mile, a small clearing appears and several rusting car bodies mark the site of the "old dump." Despite the fact that it was abandoned less than 10 years ago this 20th century midden is, for the most part, already concealed by vegetation.

Two hundred yards further down the road a clearing of several acres appears on the left. This area, still almost bare of vegetation, is the site of the logging trespass and marks the northwest corner of Bluff Park. The road bends to the right and continues but shortly reaches the park boundary.

CLEARLY MARKED

This is at present clearly marked as the owners of the adjacent property have recently had their boundary surveyed and the line of pink plastic markers can easily be observed crossing the road diagonally.

At this point the walker has two choices. First he can turn around and retreat by the road he came, a practice abhorred by most hikers. Secondly he may strike through the closely packed young firs, keeping on the park side of the survey line until, after a quarter of a mile, he will again return to the road which can be followed with some difficulty through crown land into Squirrel Lane and down to its junction with Sturdies Bay Road at Whaler Bay log dumping ground. A compass is recommended for any hardy hikers who choose this option. The bearing is approximately 110° magnetic.

It is a pity that the only way out of Section 4 to the north or east requires bush-whacking, for an attractive circular tour via Winstanley and Shopland Roads would return the hiker to Sturdies Bay.

Perhaps a few enthusiasts could band together to form a trail-making, trail-blazing and trail-hiking club on Galiano, or the Galiano Club, as trustee of the park, could construct a hiking trail along the northern boundary of Bluff Park.

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Positions filled at Ganges

Two new administrative assistant positions have been filled at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Jim Prendergast, formerly at Fernwood School, is the intermediate administrative assistant and Barb Aust, already a teacher at Salt Spring Elementary, is to fill the position of primary administrative assistant.

The two new positions will replace the position of vice-principal, which was vacated when Glenn Woodley was appointed the new principal at Fernwood School.

The school hopes to establish

better communication between the primary and intermediate levels and with the administrative staff at the school.

Prendergast will also assume Woodley's duties as teacher of the school's gifted program and Aust will maintain her present classroom responsibilities as teacher of the ungraded primary class.

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I-IPACS event

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The Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society concert series returns with the first performance of this year on Sunday at 8 pm in St. George's Hall.

Kathy Stack, with Rob Lehman and Murray Forman, will delight us with fine homespun music.

When I first had the chance to hear Murray Forman play it was around a campfire. He writes his own material and accompanies his clear tenor voice with fine clean guitar playing. His songs are reflections from his life. They have often surprised me with their delightful wit or punch-line warnings.

From Nelson, B.C., and originally from Ontario, Murray has played several guest sets at the folk festivals there. He has been very active in The Change of Pace Coffee House in London, Ont.

Salt Spring Island's own Kathy Stack sings mostly her own material in a clear sweet voice, and she accompanies herself on guitar. Her songs celebrate life with fresh, vivid images sprinkled with humour.

She has played up and down the coast of B.C. (as far north as the Charlottes) for years and has toured the Maritimes with Valdy. She's sung solo as well as with Loose Shoes Dance Band. Flying Mountain has just recorded one of her songs.



KATHY STACK



MURRAY FORMAN

Rob Lehman is an incredible pedal steel player. He toured for years with an Ontario country and western band, Apaloosa. The combination promises to provide a special evening.

Mail box knocked over

Ganges RCMP report that a driver left the scene of an accident after his vehicle knocked over a mail box and then dragged it about 30 feet down North Beach Road last weekend.

The incident occurred either late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Police are still investigating.

Meatless diet is subject of talk given to institute

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The Pender Islands Farmers' Institute and Garden Club sponsored a very interesting evening on February 10 when Dr. David Mead and his wife Lizzie and Mrs. Lynn Fearn gave a talk and film presentation on "The Vegetarian Alternative".

On a holiday in the Caribbean in 1977, the Meads fell in love with the beautiful vegetables and fruits, and on their return to Ocean Falls decided to discontinue eating meat. They interested others in the community and got a co-op started, which enabled them to bring in fresh vegetables and fruits grown without artificial fertilizers or pesticides. No meat, fish or fowl is eaten by them, instead they use beans, soy products, tofu, eggs, cheese and nuts.

Dr. Mead explained how it is possible on such a diet to ensure adequate vitamins daily by taking two tablespoons of Engevita yeast,

eggs, brewer's yeast with B 12 added and whole wheat bread.

He also spoke on the ethical aspects of eating animal products. It takes 50 to 100 times more land to produce food for humans through animals, in comparison to eating vegetables and fruits directly. Dr. Mead feels that if we are to proceed into the 21st century we must become more sensitive and assume more responsibility for our planet, and not eating meat is part of increasing our awareness.

Mead said there is evidence that cardio-vascular disease is less frequent in non-meat eaters.

"There is far too much concern about protein when considering alternatives to a meat diet by most people, as there is no difficulty in getting adequate protein requirements from other foods," he said.

The speakers had prepared eight meatless casserole dishes which the meeting had a chance to taste, and the recipes for them were made available.

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Some members of the Saanich Peninsula Orchestra.

BY JEAN KNIGHT

On Sunday, at 2 pm in the Activity Centre, the Saanich Peninsula Orchestra is giving a concert.

It was formed from a nucleus of five who played Dixieland Music. Others gradually joined them, and now they are a 40-piece orchestra.

ranging in age from high school students to senior citizens.

They are amateur musicians, but all have one thing in common: they love music, love to play and work hard at it.

Their conductor, Hilary Hawkes-Frost, is now in her fourth

season with them. She was oboist with the Victoria Symphony until this year, and is now the band director at Stelly's Senior Secondary School.

They will perform a varied program, from Haydn, Mozart, to light classics and musical comedy.

'They're our kids, not theirs'

BY MARY WILLIAMSON
School Trustee

A handful of concerned parents met at the high school Monday night to discuss problems connected with our young people's leisure time.

A ray of hope was contributed by the mention of the possibility of a trained recreation co-ordinator being employed by the recreation commission.

It was agreed that more family-oriented activities are needed on the island, and a wider choice of physical and non-physical activities should be available to school-

age children.

A report on a dance held recently at Fulford Hall showed the usual pattern: a majority of the kids appreciated and adhered to the rules laid down, while an unruly minority did their best to disrupt the proceedings.

If you have any useful suggestions, please contact a parent with a high school student, or get a message to the principal, Bob McWhirter.

It is necessary to caution parents that even if a recreation co-ordinator is employed, this would not absolve parents of the responsibility of getting their children to and from any location which may be chosen for various

games, studies, crafts, discussion groups, drop-in centres and so on. Car pools are the obvious answer, and they require time, energy and goodwill to operate successfully.

Anything would be an improvement on the current situation. I venture to guess that none of the parents present at this meeting had any of the children who are currently in trouble with the law, but equally, any of us could at any time find ourselves in that position.

We need the help of *all* parents, and indeed of the community at large. These are not "their" kids, they are "our" kids, and we must all share the responsibility and concern.

Accident damage extensive

A 30-year-old Salt Spring Island man escaped injury when the vehicle he was driving struck another vehicle parked near the Fulford Inn Saturday.

Ganges RCMP report that the incident, which occurred at about 6 pm, resulted in extensive damage. Driver of the vehicle was Mike Valcourt of Salt Spring Island.

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"It's a lot of money but I believe we're going to raise that and more. We have done it before and we can do it again," says campaign chairman Miss F. Robson.

Last year's campaign total of \$1,623 was met as a result of generous donations from local residents and companies, she said.

The Red Cross, a voluntary charitable organization with 800 branches across Canada, provides

a wide range of services in the fields of safety, first aid and health, to people of all ages.

It also runs blood clinics and provides blood free to those who need it. When there is a local disaster experienced, Red Cross volunteers and staff are there to help, providing physical assistance and helping people find missing friends and relatives.

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Fernwood School news

BY DAVID BREMNER

In basketball on Thursday the Fernwood boys and girls (yeah) played the Salt Spring boys and girls (boo) and a good time was had by all with certain unnamed picky Salt Springers complaining about our gym size (poor sports). None of the above comments are prejudiced but I just feel compelled to cheer for the best team (Fernwood).

Now you may have heard about the gifted program from your child: "Mom, you know that so-and-so gets to go down to Salt Spring Elementary in the morning and do absolutely nothing." Or if your kid is one of the lucky ones, "Mom, did you know that I get to go down to Salt Spring Elementary in the morning and do lots of keen stuff." Well, neither of these is the complete story.

In the morning a group gets to go down to Salt Spring Elementary on the bus. The nine boys and girls from Grades 4 to 7 then go in to the school for the first hour or so, work on group projects and thinking sheets and then for the last hour these lucky kids get to work on their individual projects, an aquarium, the stars and planets, full spectrum lighting and so many movies you'd think it was Hollywood. Well, not exactly nothing.

On Thursday Grades 4 to 7 went down to Salt Spring Elementary to see the opera *Faust* put on by the Vancouver Opera Guild.

The story-line goes basically like this: Faust is an old man who has spent his whole life learning and studying when suddenly he realizes that he has missed the pleasures of youth and love so he prays to God to make him young again, but hearing no answer to his prayers he makes a bargain with the devil. They then go and find Marguerite, the girl of his dreams.

Faust and Marguerite fall in love and Marguerite gets into all sorts of trouble in the end. However, Marguerite goes to heaven and Faust gets his just deserts.

On February the 23rd, the Grade 6-7 class will go swimming in Duncan pool and those of us who can't swim will go drowning instead.

Well, that's all folks, from your lazy, no-good, dirty, rotten Fernwood reporter.

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BY CAROLE EYLES

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin. E.P. Dutton, New York. 1978.

A haunted house, a cryptic will, 16 heirs to a \$2 million fortune, and a race to catch the murderer before he kills again, these are all elements in Ellen Raskin's Newberry Award-winning puzzle mystery.

The Westing Game is millionaire Samuel Westing's final extravaganza. A lover of chess and Fourth of July charades, he sets his heirs to solving the mystery of his death. The word games and revelations that follow keep the reader guessing to the last few pages.

The action is fast-paced, funny and full of surprises. Samuel Westing's death has far-reaching consequences. Each of the heirs is forced to assess the roles being played, not only by the others, but also by him or her self.

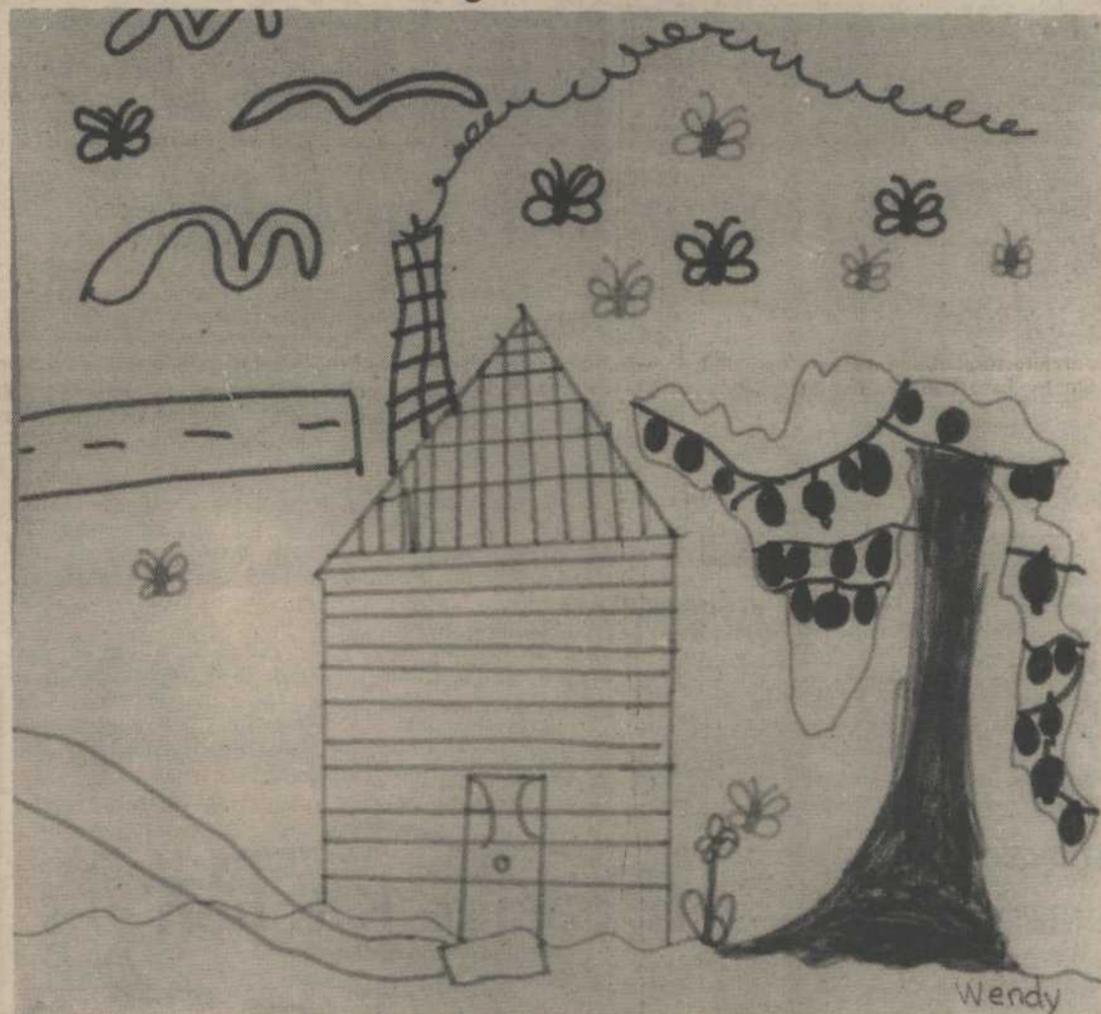
By the end of the story, although the heirs appear to have lost the game, each has achieved a richer and more satisfying life, and although 14 of the heirs will never know it, Samuel Westing was indeed beaten at his own game.

Ellen Raskin's novel is a satisfying read for young people who have become jaded by Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys. The story line is innovative and original, the characters are well developed and there is a refreshing lack of cliché in the writing style. In paperback for \$1.75, the book is very good value for money.

Spring ideas from Galiano



The trees get back all their leaves



Butterflies and blossoms for spring

Sheer Terror

BY MICHELLE LAUGHLIN

One day as I was on my way through the gravel pit road I saw my aunt's house and I went inside and sat down. After half an hour she still hadn't returned so I went to the kitchen to get something to eat. I was on my way back from the kitchen to go to the chair and I heard a noise in the bedroom.

I stopped short to listen and I heard the door in the kitchen slam. I went to open the door and go outside but it was locked so I picked up the phone to phone Mom but the line was busy. I hung up and one minute later when I picked up the phone again it was dead.

I climbed in to my Auntie Janice's bed and hid under the covers. Just then all at the same time the dresser fell down, the mirror fell off the wall and the bed collapsed.

I picked up a piece of firewood

and smashed a window. I ran away as fast as possible and I swore that I would never, even if someone gave me \$1 million, go into that house again.

A round fish around

Her fan-tail guided her around and around her tank.

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Around.
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CHRISTINE

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CENTRAL HALL

New hotel to offer 12 suites

Hastings House not for economy excursions

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

Imagine vacationing amid 25 acres of pastoral beauty, spending your days wandering through fields of grazing sheep and evenings relaxing in front of an open fire with a complimentary bottle of wine, and all the while enjoying the comforts of home. Well, this summer you can, at the new Hastings House, for somewhere in excess of \$100 per night.

Scheduled to open on a limited basis some time around Easter, the Hastings House will more resemble a country inn than a typical hotel.

Purchased from the Hastings family in 1979, the property and existing buildings are being developed into a \$1,000,000 inn by Heathwood Resorts, a Calgary-based company whose major holdings are in the Northwest Territories.

12 SUITES

A major renovation and construction program will convert the existing farmhouse and other buildings into six individual cottages, consisting of a total of 12 suites, yet will preserve the rural and historical character of the place.

The developers are sparing little expense in attempting to closely match the original architecture of the buildings and have employed local contractors to carry out the extensive alterations and new construction.

The architectural design was carried out by Jonathan Yardley of Ganges.

In addition to renovating the existing main house, farmhouse, barn and old Hudson's Bay post on the property, Heathwood plans to build an additional two units on the site of an adjacent stone quarry.

It's expected that the two suites in the main house will be ready for occupancy by April, "if we cross our fingers," according to manager Harvard Budgeon, with the other suites becoming available on a staggered basis.

Budgeon, his wife Margaret and two children moved to Salt Spring

Island in December and live in a home along the edge of the Hastings property on Churchill Road. **FOR 10 YEARS**

As an employee of Heathwood Resorts for the past 10 years, Budgeon and his family are excited by the prospect of living on Salt Spring Island and are looking forward to pursuing interests which they've only had occasion to read about in the past. These include large scale gardening and the raising of livestock.

He had previously been employed with the 1,600-room Royal York Hotel in Toronto and with the 1,200-room Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, where he served as service assistant manager.

"So I'm going from 1,200 rooms to 12 suites," quipped Budgeon.

Budgeon said that the Hastings House will strive for quality in every aspect of operation and that they will emphasize the rural flavour of the site in order to make guests feel as much at home as possible.

NOT HOLIDAY INN

"This will be sort of like a home away from home. Each place will have its own personality and will keep its own personality. This is not a Holiday Inn," said Budgeon.

Each suite will consist of a bedroom and living room with fireplace and complimentary supply of liquor and free room service will be available on request.

Breakfast and lunch will be included in the daily rate, which while yet to be set, is expected to be well in excess of \$100 per night.

"It won't be inexpensive because we're talking about a fair investment," said Budgeon.

"I don't think that it will relate to the family that is on an economy excursion."

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Budgeon said that the inn and its scenic surroundings will cater to business people, particularly board members of small companies, who would welcome the peace and quiet and would make use of the conference room planned for part of what was once the barn.



The main building of the future six-building resort complex.

He said that the rustic character of the inn would likely appeal to individuals wanting to escape the hectic pace of the city for a brief respite amid the 25 acres of fields and pastures.

"There may be a putting green but that's about as noisy as it will get," said Budgeon.

Present plans call for the clearing of a jogging or nature trail and refurbishing of the single-court tennis area which has long been overgrown.

SINGLE ITEM SERVED

The 30-seat dining room will be very much like any dining room in a home, in that there will be a single item served each evening and that the service will be simple yet homey.

It will be located in the main house and will be licenced but open to the public for dinners only. It will, however, provide three-meal

service for guests and Budgeon indicated that breakfast in bed, if requested, would be included in the daily rate, as would packed picnic lunches, with a bottle of wine, of course.

The Hastings House will employ 12 people when in full operation, probably later this summer.

LOCAL

"We want them to be local people if at all possible so that they can relate to our guests," said Budgeon.

He said that Salt Spring Island as a whole would benefit from the

new inn and that an established formula that relates to convention business and its impact on the community indicates that visitors to the island will spend in excess of \$50 per day on material goods alone.

Total expenditures, including meals and other services, could add up to in excess of \$100 per day, and this wouldn't even include transportation costs of getting to and from the island, according to Budgeon.

"What we'll be giving them is a way of life," he said.



A workman readies a door frame for installation in the main house.

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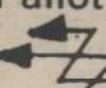
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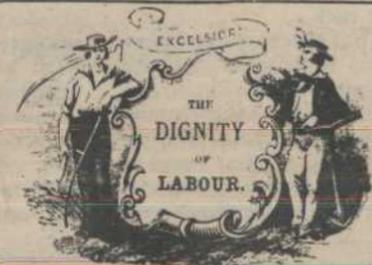
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THE ADMINISTRATORS

Water: new philosophy needed over its use

Limit use, encourage conservation — Foord

Sixth of a series

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

Fresh water supplies are going to govern future population growth on islands within the Islands Trust, and the residents who inhabit them had better adopt a new philosophy over its use and conservation, according to Trust planner Chris Foord.

He said that islanders will not be able to continue using water as if there were an abundance of it because to do so would be an affront to the glaring reality that water is in short supply.

The best course of action would be for residents to limit its use and to encourage its conservation, according to Foord.

"If you had to carry all of the water that you use you would learn very quickly how to be conservative in its use," he said.

He suggested that islanders may have little choice but to make a hard-line decision to eliminate the extravagant use of fresh water.

"People don't stop to think that every time you press the little silver handle on a toilet bowl, down go five gallons of water," he said.

HAVE TO CUT BACK

He said that residents on most of the islands will eventually have to reduce waste by cutting back on what he terms "water-extravagant conveniences".

These include frequent baths and showers and modern facilities such as flush toilets, electric dishwashers, washing machines and lawn sprinklers.

Foord said that islanders will have to face up to the inescapable fact that supplies cannot indefinitely keep pace with increasing demands and that even now, some areas in the Trust islands are experiencing a severe water shortage.

Each of the 13 designated islands and approximately 250 associated islands within the Trust displays individual characteristics in relation to fresh water supplies, according to Foord.

THREE FACTORS

He said that supplies are primarily determined by three geographic factors including the total amount of annual rainfall, the topography of the island and the geological composition of the bedrock.

Foord said that statistics indicate, as a rule of thumb, that the farther north an island's geographic location, the greater amount of annual precipitation that it will receive, the flatter it is likely to be and the more likely will be the presence of sandstone. Sandstone is a relatively soft and absorbent rock.

Though reluctant to draw conclusions from these statistics, Foord pointed out that Salt Spring Island, one of the southernmost islands within the Trust and the island with the greatest range of topography, is also the island with the largest supply of surface water.

The Islands Trust is exploring

ways to increase the supply of fresh surface water through ponding, or collecting rain water where topography is suitable.

SMALL DAMS

Foord said that this could be done by constructing small dams to direct water into storage reservoirs or by raising the level of existing lakes.

He said that between 25 and 30 billion gallons of rainwater fall on Salt Spring Island every year and that most of it runs off into the sea. Collecting even a small fraction of this runoff water would considerably ease Salt Spring Island's water shortage.

"I don't want to create the impression that the islands are bone-dry, because they're not," said Foord.

"Let's just say that the islands are not well endowed with surface water supplies."

Foord said that severity of the shortage of potable water varies from island to island and is probably most critical on Gabriola and Mayne.

FORTUNATE

He said that Salt Spring Island is fortunate to have a number of fresh water lakes.

Ironically, the most sought-after property in the islands is waterfront acreage and Foord says that fresh water is generally scarcer the closer one locates to the sea.

"People want to live where the water isn't and specifically that's right along the coastline," he said.

Foord said that islanders have to stop taking water supplies for granted and should adopt further reaching attitudes concerning the use of this expendable commodity. Fresh water is an exhaustible resource and assuming that supplies will be here tomorrow is a luxury that islanders can ill afford, he said.

He said that the attitude in the past was that if supplies ran low it was just a matter of locating new sources, but nearly all of the sources have been tapped and that it's now a matter of making existing sources stretch a little further.

A FUNCTION

Changing our attitude about water is a matter of public awareness, and educating residents about water conservation is one of the functions of the Islands Trust.

Foord said that water supplies are particularly low during September and October following normally dry spring and summer periods.

Supplies can remain low right through October, even with a wet September since it may take that long for rains to replenish depleted supplies, Foord said.

He said that demands are greatest during the spring and summer as the population swells with the influx of seasonal residents and tourists and that unfortunately this is the period when there is the greatest need for rain.

NOT A DULL DAY

Foord, pronounced Ford, is a personable and informative

planner who says he hasn't put in a dull day since joining the Trust more than three years ago.

Born in Jamaica 30 years ago, Foord, a fifth generation Jamaican by birth, moved with his parents to Nova Scotia at the age of four and he is now a Canadian citizen.

The Foord family moved to Sorel, Quebec, two years later and Foord recalls that Sorel is the town where he retains memories of having grown up.

He earned his master's degree in community planning at Queen's University at Kingston and from there took a job as a consultant with DeLeuw Cather Canada Ltd. at Ottawa, a firm that designs rapid transit systems.

BEST SYSTEM

He says that Ottawa probably has the best transit system in Canada, despite being dependent upon buses, and that Vancouver and Victoria could learn a great deal from transportation there.

"For the cost, you can't beat a bus. A good transit system is expensive but with a bus you're using a conventional vehicle and existing roads," said Foord.

Deciding that he needed a holiday, Foord journeyed west to compete in a national parachuting championship at Abbotsford in 1975 and he has been on the west coast ever since.

He spent six months working as a parachute instructor and he estimates that he has completed more than 500 jumps over the years.

"I jumped by the same standards that I taught by. You either jump on a regular basis or you stay away from it. There's no halfway point," he said.

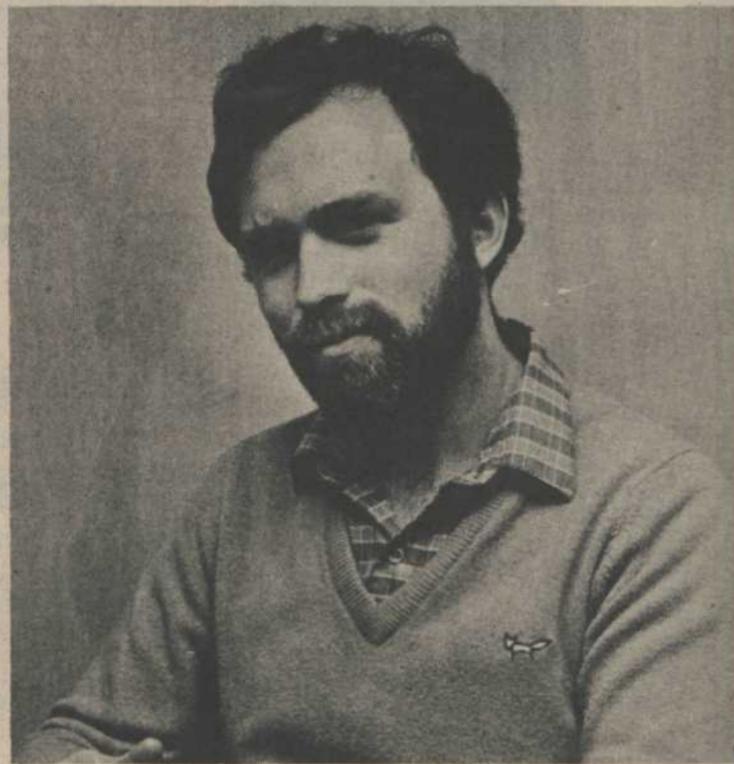
GAVE IT UP

Time no longer permits Foord to parachute with the regularity he would like and he reached a decision several years ago to give it up entirely, but not before meeting his wife of the past two years, Jennifer.

They have a young daughter, Sharene.

Foord spent nearly two years as a planner with Ker Priestman and Associates Ltd., a Victoria-based engineering, planning and consulting firm, where he was involved with a number of community projects throughout southern British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

He joined the Islands Trust in January, 1978.



Chris Foord

As a planner with the Trust, Foord shares a number of administrative responsibilities with two other planners. The islands that fall within his jurisdiction are Galiano, Gabriola, Denman, Hornby, Lasqueti and Mayne which he shares with Dave Morris, another Trust planner.

DEVELOPING TOO QUICKLY
Foord said that he is concerned that the islands may be developing too much, too quickly.

The Trust islands last year witnessed a tremendous increase in the amount of building and recreational activity, according to Foord, and he said that the Trust office was swamped with numerous subdivision applications.

"In the foreseeable future, we will be seeing a lot of building activity on the islands and especially on the smaller lots," he said.

The Trust, and the islands through their individual community plans, had anticipated this type of growth, but not for several years down the road.

Foord said that the Trust received 10 subdivision applications during the last six weeks of 1980 and that the office has already received about 25 general subdivision inquiries during the first six weeks of this year.

existing lots, or nearly 8,000, are vacant and that that leaves a lot of room for development.

Foord said that the Trust office is having a difficult enough time keeping pace with building activity and that present manpower would be ill-equipped to cope with further increases.

The 13 designated Trust islands have outlined, through their community plans, policies for future development.

"Tomorrow's activity is based on today's subdivision regulations," he said.

Foord said that decisions made by today's policy-makers will have far-reaching effects and will govern the use of land by future generations.

"We may be doing future generations an injustice by making all land use decisions now."

He said that residents today are paying for mistakes made during the 1960's when there were no formal subdivision regulations and parcels of land were frequently subdivided into half-acre lots.

Foord said that the amount of development during the last few years is a result of the lack of regulations.

"The mistakes of the 1960's will not occur again," he vowed.

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Juan de Fuca team was just too fast for Wranglers Saturday

Wranglers lose battle for Cup

BY ED DAVIS

Saturday's soccer action saw the Wrangler's unbeaten streak come to an end in a hard-fought battle at Portlock Park. Final score, Juan de Fuca Dyco 1, Salt Spring Wranglers 0.

While this was the Wranglers' first loss it came at an inopportune time. The season's scheduled 14 games could not all be played due to the many cancellations caused by this past year's inclement weather. For that reason, the standings were called at the end of the first seven games.

Saturday's make-up game against Juan de Fuca Dyco proved to be crucial due to the fact that several teams were tied for the lead position at that point in league play.

A win on Saturday would have made the Wranglers league champions and sent them into the cup play-offs against a division 6B team. Likewise had the standings been computed based on the games played, 11 thus far this season, the Wranglers would have been declared league champs as we held a decisive point lead at this position in regular league play.

STILL IN PLAY-OFFS

Saturday's loss throws the Wranglers into a three-way tie for second place in the standings. We have, however, still earned our slot in the division 6C cup play-offs. Play-offs should prove to be an exciting finish to this year's soccer season as they will pitch the Wranglers against the Lakehill Panthers, one of the teams who fought us to a well earned tie, and again, against Juan de Fuca Dyco, the only team to defeat us this year.

Saturday's match with Juan de Fuca was a real cliff-hanger. The Dyco boys were hungry for a win, and their determination kept the Wranglers on the defensive an awful lot during the entire game. Several of the Dyco halfbacks and

centres were of the large issue and had a good boot to go with their size.

One forward had the fastest set of legs any of the Wranglers have come up against this year. It was their combination of speed and size that really kept our Wranglers hustling. It was again superb goal-tending by our regular goal-tenders, Robert Calkins and Sean Albhouse, that kept the Dyco victory to such a narrow margin.

STALEMATE

First-half action saw the two teams battle to a stalemate with neither team getting on the scoreboard.

The Wranglers had a full turnout for the game and everybody got a shot at some action. Action there was plenty of. The Dyco boys had an excellent defensive unit, and whenever our boys closed in on their territory, one of their large halfbacks would get his foot on the ball and send it halfway down the field towards our goal.

This would send their two forward speed wizards into full rush and this action seemed to repeat itself throughout the first half. Fortunately for the Wranglers, these two speedie boys got themselves into an offside position on several occasions.

During the second half Dyco got on the scoreboard at the 12-minute

mark and that turned out to be the only goal of the game. The Wranglers made several sustained drives near the end of the game and were almost rewarded with the goal they needed to tie it up. Keen Dyco defense and a sharp net-minder denied the Wranglers the point they needed and the boys got their first taste of the sting of defeat this season.

Cup play-offs will follow. Now that the boys know what they are up against we will be plotting our counterattack measures for the finals.

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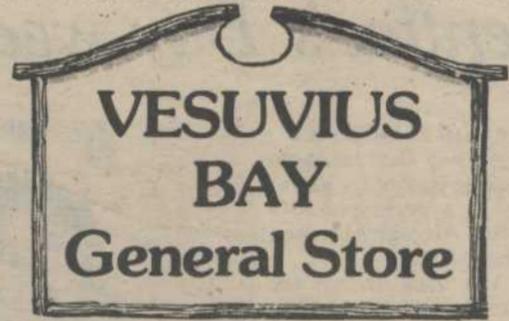
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BASKETBALL: Senior Boys Central Island Basketball Tournament at the high school, Feb. 18 & 19 at 4:00 pm.

FREE FAMILY SWIM: Sundays 6-8 pm, Sidney pool.

SOCCER:

Men's: S.S. Blues - make-up game T.B.A. Sun. Feb. 22

Div. 2B: S.S. Cyclones vs Cordova Bay, Sun. Feb. 22, 10:00 am, Portlock Park.

Div. 3B: S.S. Kicks vs Prospect Lake, Sun. Feb. 22, 1:00 pm at Portlock Park.

Div. 4B: S.S. Selects vs Gorge, Sat. Feb. 21, 1:00 pm, Portlock Pk.

Div. 5C: S.S. Strikers vs Juan de Fuca, Sat. Feb. 21, 1:00 pm, Ruth King School.

Div. 6C: S.S. Wranglers - play-off T.B.A. Sat. Feb. 21.

Intra-Island:

Senior:

Thurs., Feb. 19: Game 9, Panthers vs Winner #8, Portlock

Tues., Feb. 24: Game 10, Loser #8 vs Loser #7, Ganges

Thurs., Feb. 26: Game 11, Winner #9 vs Winner #10, Ganges

Tues. Mar. 3: Game 12, Loser #9 vs Loser #10.

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Valentine's Day wedding at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Bill Bartlett and Geli Johnston were married on Saturday, Valentine's Day, in a ceremony conducted by Rev. George Morrison of Mayne Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bartlett, the groom's parents from Aspen, California, were present, as well as the groom's younger brother from San Diego, California. Twenty close friends from Vancouver and Victoria were also present.

During the ceremony Geli gave Bill a little gold pin made in the shape of a pen-nib and engraved with a heart and a scroll of their marriage contract with a poem she composed. The scroll and the pin were both made by Geli. She also made the gold wedding ring, set with a heart-shaped opal.

The bride wore a circlet of white carnations on her head and carried a bouquet of freesias and roses.

During the afternoon about 100 friends celebrated the marriage and enjoyed a delicious smorgasbord.

The bride and groom left for a short honeymoon in Victoria and will make their home on Pender Island.



Geli and Bill Bartlett

Scorpions defeat Stelly's, lose to Vic High in basketball action

Contributed

The past weekend was a busy one for basketball on the island. The senior boys' team, the Scorpions, lost to Victoria High on Friday night and defeated Stelly's from Saanich in overtime on Saturday. The senior men of the island's Tuesday night group lost a close one, 60-58, to a hustling team from Sidney.

Against Vic High, Arnie Hengstler, Kevin Kline and Glenn Sollitt scored in double figures to stay close to a team that has a very strong and well developed basketball program.

On Saturday, the Scorpions took the lead early in the game and never looked back until the last quarter, when a number of hasty shots and costly turnovers allowed Stelly's to tie the score at 58-58 and force overtime, in which Glenn Sollitt capped a 22-point performance to assure a two-point victory.

The men's game was very excit-

ing with Salt Spring falling behind early and playing comeback basketball in the third and fourth quarter. Wayne DeVane, Larry Davies and Roland Temmel held the Salt Spring group together but Sidney managed to get the last two points in the game and time ran out for the islanders.

The high school is hosting the Central Island Tournament here February 18 and 19 at 4:00 and 5:00.

And most importantly the Vancouver Island Single 'A' School

Basketball Tournament will be held at the high school February 26, 27 and 28.

The Scorpions have high hopes of making it to the B.C.'s in Merritt on March 11, 12, 13 and 14. However, to get there they will have to defeat Reynolds South #2 Representative and Southgate North #1 Representative.

Admission is \$1 and crowd support would be appreciated.

The schedule is: Wednesday, Feb. 18: 4:00 game against Lake Cowichan; Thursday, Feb. 19: 4:00 game against Shawnigan Lake.

Down the Gutter

With KEN COLLINS

Y.B.C. NEWS

This past week saw a 900 series and three 800 series. Terry Jenkins came up with a nice 905 triple (316) and Carol Kaye had a 831 triple. Then we had Frank Koeppel with 887 and finally this writer with 806 (312).

Other good scores came from Ben Martens, 721; Bunty McNally, 719; Terry Jenkins, 756 (300); Leo Toutant, 700-743; Nancy Hedger, 786; Vic Dodds, 725; Danny Bedford, 761 (321); Daryl Little, 707; and Deanna Marleau, 714.

We apologize to Ron McNally who bowled a 300 game last week. We had him listed as Ron McNulty.

This week we had 300 games from Carol Kaye, 324; Terry Jenkins, 300-316; Dan Bedford, 321; this writer, 312; and Frank Koeppel, 353.

The bowlers of the week were Carol Kaye and Terry Jenkins. For the golden-agers it was Jim Gibson and Lydia Purser.

Here are a few mechanics of the game of bowling. The length of the lane is 60 feet from the foul-line to the centre of the headpin spot, lane width is 42 inches and the approach is 16 feet. The weight of a bowling ball will vary from 3 lbs., 6 oz. to 3 lbs., 10 oz.

A bowling pin will vary from 2 lbs. to 2 lbs., 4 oz. and its height is 12 3/8 ins. The diameter of a bowling pin, including the rubber band, is five inches at its widest point. The base diameter of the pin is 1 3/8 ins. The distance between the pins is 18 inches.

It is possible to bowl a ball between the pins without touching them. I have seen it done, believe it or not. You have to throw a big hook ball to do it.

Tip of the week

Bowling is a game of skill. Slow and easy does it...don't try to impress by throwing a fast ball.

Our Bantam bowlers have completed their second step in the Four Steps to Stardom Tournament, held in Duncan this past Saturday. Our team secured third place with Duncan girls coming in first and the Chemainus team placing second.

We wish to honour Lisa Jorgensen, who was our top bowler of the day with a 231 single and a 528 triple. Laura Little was right up there as well with a triple of 416. Penny Spencer, Deanna Little and Jodie Harrison upheld the team spirit and did their best to place their team well in the standings.

The singles bowlers did themselves proud as well with Shannon Taylor placing second in the Bantam Girls Singles Division, behind Carolyn Brown of Brechin Lanes, Nanaimo, who scored a triple 521 to Shannon's 489.

David Jacquest, bowling in his first competition, placed a solid fourth. His three games were well over his average but Kevin Knowles of Brechin Lanes was hot stuff and hard to catch, with a triple of 558.

The winners of the team and singles categories now go on to the provincial finals in Kamloops during March. Good luck and good bowling to you all.

Our thanks to the parents for their support of the kids. It means a lot to have you behind us.

Note: This week's high bowling scores and the results of the juniors and seniors tournaments being held in Brechin Lanes, Nanaimo, on Saturday, Feb. 21 will be in our column February 25.

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