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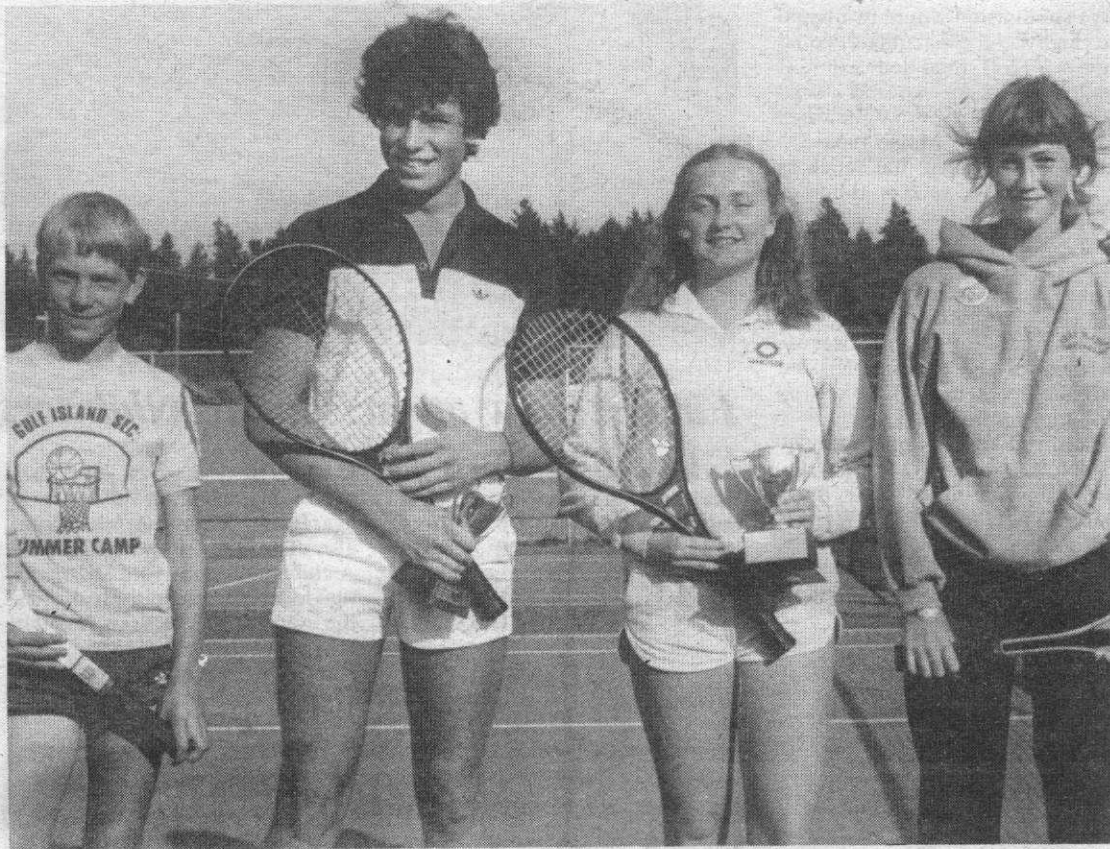
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## Tennis champs

High standard of play, good weather and highest ever registration made for an exciting Junior Tennis Tournament last

weekend. Big winners were, from left, Michael Kruger, boys 14 and under, John Wooldridge, boys 18 and under, Koko Wenzel, girls 18

and under and Shannon Lee, girls 14 and under. See story Page Nineteen.

## Director gets petition

## Consumers protest constant outages in Highlands area

Consumers in the Highlands Water System have expressed angry dissatisfaction with the service they enjoy, the Capital Regional Board was told last week.

Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt reported that she had been presented with a petition signed by 70 of the 90 residents of the area, protesting the shortcomings of the water supply.

The community had been out of water five or six times in two weeks, she told her colleagues. The outages had been as long as five hours at a stretch, she added.

They were angry.

"I have received many abusive phone calls," said Valcourt. "They are paying a good price for the water system."

He understood that the money voted last week towards the water system was intended to rectify the problem, suggested Doug Watts.

The Oak Bay director referred to the temporary loan bylaw adopted to borrow the final \$94,000 of a total \$452,000 for the use of the water system.

Regional engineer Norman Howard told the board that the problems experienced by the community are those associated with the starting up of a new

system. Most are due to minor problems such as blown fuses, he noted.

He told the board that he anticipates that they will soon get

all "these things" out of the system and that it should be trouble-free very shortly.

In the event of a failure the

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## Coliform count jumps to 85 at Vesuvius

One week has made a big difference in the condition of Salt Spring Island beaches. The latest results, released August 6, of the faecal coliform monitoring of beaches show an increase to 85 from 33 at Vesuvius beach.

The beach count had been at 36, according to the mean log averages on July 2, but dipped to 33 by July 23.

Other Salt Spring beaches show readings of 21 at Drummond Park in Fulford and three at Green Acres beach on St. Mary Lake. The Drummond Park reading is down from 27 the week before. St. Mary Lake has been at three for the month.

The Cusheon Lake reading increased slightly to four from the summer-long reading of three while Booth Bay beach went to five from three.

The samplings are taken by the community health service of the Capital Regional District and are taken from 80 beaches and swimming areas in the area. The standards for swimming are determined by an averaging of the results over a five-week period which must be below a count of 200.

If the average at a beach is consistently above that count, the beach is closed to swimming.

## Workers go back despite vote results

Government workers voted not to accept the provincial government's offer but nevertheless returned to work last Thursday, just six days after they walked off the job.

According to figures released by officials of the British Columbia Government Employees' Union, 30,594 members cast ballots and almost 93.4% voted no. There are about 40,000 government employees in the province.

BCGEU general secretary John Fryer said the vote indicated that the government workers would not accept "the so-called final offer" on wages and productivity. They would not accept longer working hours nor would they permit changes in "contract language on hours of work which has been negotiated in the past and already paid for," he said.

The union seeks a general wage increase of \$1 per hour for each member plus a five percent across the board increase in one year. They also want a cost of living adjustment clause which would allow for a one percent wage increase on each one percent increase in the consumer price index.

The treasury board, in line with the government's restraint program, has offered the workers a 6.5% increase as of August 1 this year and a five percent increase on August 1, 1983 on a two-year contract.

Mike Davison, chairman of the Government Employees Relations Bureau, following a meeting with cabinet last week, stated that the wage offer was final and could not be increased because no other money was available.

While neither side would offer a complete list of negotiation items, Fryer has contended that more than 90 items have yet to be resolved. Davison countered by stating that 70% of the items still on the table are union demands and up to 25 of them relate to money items.

Davison also contended that union wage demands would add 30% to the payroll and that improved benefits being sought would add a further 11%. The union is seeking improved benefits in overtime, meal allowance, vacations, leave with pay as well as the medical and dental plan, said Davison.

He said the union is seeking improvements in first aid premiums and extended health care as well as new benefits for paid maternity leave, legal aid and child care.

Figures released by the government show the current rates for government employees average \$1,757 per month or \$11.54 per hour. Each employee works approximately 37 hours per week.

The item which has received the most publicity revolves around the

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## Poll shows 81% want retention of Trust

Large majority of respondents to a reader poll conducted by Driftwood indicated they would like to see retention of the Islands Trust.

Of a total of 151 ballots returned, 122, or 81%, expressed opposition to the provincial government's move to abolish the Trust. Twenty-six said they didn't wish to see the Trust retained and three others, who didn't express their views on retention of the Trust, said they favoured a referendum on the matter.

Of those who opposed abolition of the Trust, 92 were in favour of a referendum being held to let the islanders decide on the Trust's future.

Twenty-two of those who voted against the Trust didn't favour the referendum proposal.

The ballot was published in the past three issues of Driftwood.

Many of those who submitted ballots also took the time to include comments on the issue.

Those from respondents opposed to the Trust ranged from observations such as "we have too much government" and "it's a useless bureaucracy" to "the Trust doesn't listen to people" and one even accused the Trust as being "a bunch of crooks".

Many said the Trust was doing an excellent job and that the people of the islands must have some say in their government. Former Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm is "out of touch with reality" said one, while another suggested removing "Sacred dictatorship".

A few suggested formation of an islands regional district while one was in favour of an islands municipality.



# Village centre concept topic of meeting at Pender Island

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The North Pender Island Trust representatives held a meeting last Thursday evening in the school-community centre to obtain input from residents on five specific issues, which would necessitate changes in the present community plan.

Out of a population of over 1,000 permanent residents, 75 turned up.

Trustees Gordon Wallace and Emile LeBlanc conducted the meeting. Letters had been sent to all the island organizations requesting them to appoint a member to attend the meeting and submit a brief, either by mail or in person.

The Farmers' Institute was the only organization that replied and attended with a brief.

Wallace opened the meeting by saying that he would have liked to have seen a great many more people in the audience.

"It has been said many times since I have been in the Trust that we don't hold enough public meetings in order to discuss the various points on the island and when we do, I must confess I am disappointed with the turn-out."

He emphasized it was not a public hearing but a meeting to gather a consensus of opinion. The trustees, he said, would like to get further written submissions.

## VILLAGE CENTRE

Topic one for discussion was the concept of a village centre. Bylaw 218 (community plan of North Pender) reads "it is not intended that any settlement area constitute a dominant (village) commercial area for the entire island. It is intended that commercial development within each settlement area will be related to the needs of the area in which it is located. If it is the public's wish to have a dominant commercial area on Pender Island Section 433 will have to be removed."

A written submission from Frank Jones said that while the present set-up is adequate, with increased population the demand for further services will increase and that the establishment of a one-stop shopping area would be desirable.

It should be architecturally compatible with the rural surroundings, he said.

If the island does not plan ahead

"we will be saddled with a Ganges situation."

Jones said he would like to see a proper study done by planning experts and that it is expedient to plan now and plan well for the several thousand who will be living here in 10 to 20 years time.

## CENTRE NEEDED

Ladislav Holovsky, chairman of the Advisory Planning Commission, said, "The feeling among the members was that a village centre is needed but the issue should be examined by a careful study of all the facts."

Joyce Jones, president of the Farmers' Institute, gave the results of a six-hour workshop at which Dave Morris, chief planner for the Islands Trust, was present. Jones said they recommend a study by independent rural planning specialists to consider the three points: one, should there be a central shopping area? Two, should there be an industrial park area, and three, where should one or both be located?

Island resident Cliff Harrison stressed that success depends on the volume of customer traffic flow and a number of stores grouped together will bring the flow. For the customer it saves on gas and time. Successful businesses will in time offset the large volume of purchasers who now go off the island, he said.

"In the past 10 years we have seen a number of businesses come and go, some of them leaving behind debts. This we do not want."

While there can be many reasons for failure the traffic flow brought by lots of customers patronizing a variety of shops means continuity and success, Harrison said.

Peter Campbell wanted to hear if there were any plans to change the road patterns on the island. Wallace replied that there is a tract of land of 400 to 500 acres, adjacent to a Settlement 2 area.

The large acreage allows for division into 10-acre lots at present. There has been an inquiry about changing the zoning of this area to Settlement 2 (1½ acres per lot).

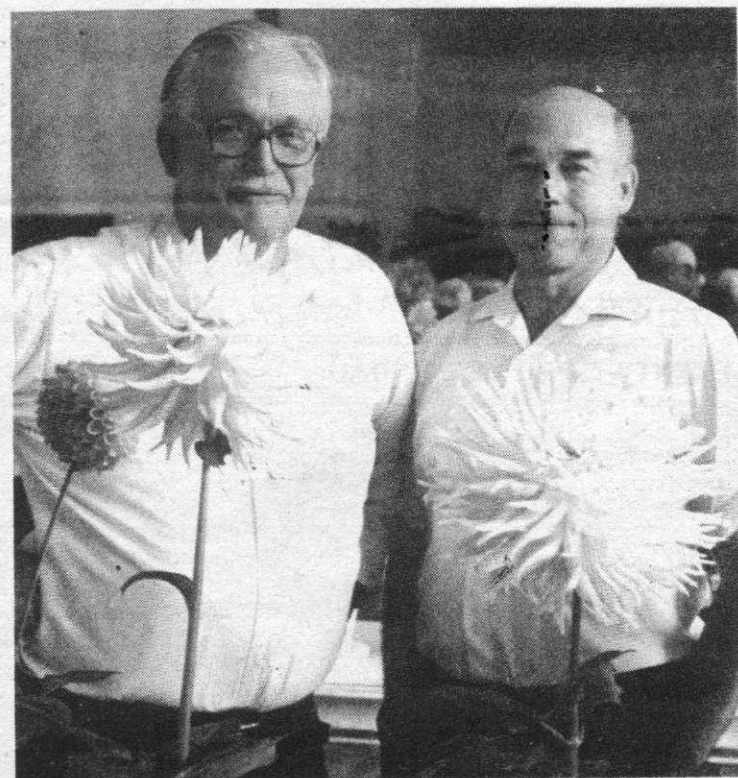
If this were to come about, a large subdivision would result and the highways department would require a 66-ft. road dedication. It would open up another road leading off the South Otter Bay Road through to Magic Lake.

Campbell replied that much as some would like to keep things as they are it cannot be, as more people will be coming to live on Pender Island.

The island needs buildings right now for other businesses that want to come here but cannot because there is no space available, said Campbell, who favours a one-stop shopping centre.

Ralph Sketch, one of the residents who worked on the current plan, urged that hasty changes not be made. Wallace assured him that the present store locations would not be interfered with by changing the plan to allow a village centre.

Dave Davidson asked if the island doesn't already have a dominant commercial area in the Driftwood Centre. Wallace said it is in a non-conforming zone under the plan and that it cannot become a village centre unless the bylaw is changed.



Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

## Flower show attracts many exhibitors

Victoria gardener Bill Hill, left, was one of the prize winners at the Salt Spring Garden Club's flower show at Fulford Hall over the weekend. Admiring the winning flowers is Art Beattie of Salt Spring. An exhibit by H.J. Barker of Salt Spring won two awards. His basket of Green Goddess and Berlew gladioli were named best

exhibit in the show and best exhibit in glads and dahlias. Grand aggregate winner was Aileen Teal, also of Salt Spring, with 57 points. A club spokesman told *Driftwood* that local entries came out ahead at the show, which drew exhibits from Victoria, Sidney and Nanaimo.

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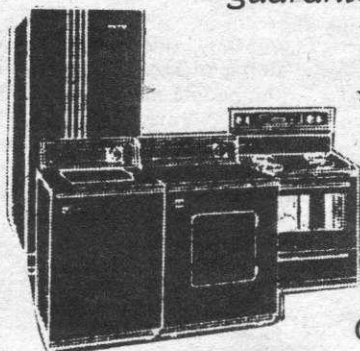
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Frank

by richards



It was a pathetic sight: a fair-sized dog lying on the side of the road where he had apparently been struck by a passing car. Women's Lib remarked on the sad picture and I urged her not to look. My passenger also deplored the sight. The dog must have heard them mourning his death because he got up in some indignation and walked back into an adjacent driveway. He was just another whose death had been exaggerated.

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It was picket week last week and one gentleman was identified as the picket captain. It took me back to the days when I was on fire picket during the war and the man in charge was identified as the corporal. There must have been some promotion going on since then, but how come I missed it?

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Talking of promotion, Alex Laing was in the office the other day and he showed me a promotion someone did when he retired from the bank. "It" was a large greetings card bearing nearly 150 signatures. That was a dozen years ago and for the intervening 12 years Alex has promoted the Legion on Salt Spring Island.

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Seeing all the switches in the provincial cabinet puts me in mind of the day when the Labour government in Britain enjoyed the services of Emmanuel Shinwell, bearing the war portfolio. Commented Winston Churchill, Attlee was obviously confident that there was to be no war in the near future when he appointed Shinwell to the war office.

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I also have views on also. Or, I have views on also also. I haven't consulted Fowler on the subject; he might not agree. But since I was little I have always manoeuvred also into the intimate vicinity of the verb. Not too intimate. I grew up in the days of the Hays office. Not to cause a serious split. Not to also put it there, pal! Nothing like that. But not at the end of the sentence, please. *The Smith motor company, besides its six-cylinder model, builds a four cylinder car with automatic transmission, four door sedan body and leather seating, also.* I'd sooner it also built!

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Europe is so crowded! Every traveller knows the crowded streets and the packed stores. And so much is blamed on the crowding. But it's not all that new. I can remember walking through the crowded streets of a city before the war, when a city square was a seething mass of moving people. The crowds have been around for quite a time when it comes to the big cities. And a lot of cities may have grown a lot. But the population of the United Kingdom has scarcely varied over the decades. The estimated 1981 population was 55,953,000. But in 1946 the figure stood at 49,318,000, and that's a jump of only six million in 35 years or about 13%. What makes it seem so populous is probably the multitude of very fast, small cars everywhere. The roads are certainly more crowded than they used to be.

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It isn't. It never was. Weston, Ont. is not in western Ont. I had several messages. Fred Brookbanks knew and Bill Windsor knew. Nearest I could get it was in western Toronto. But it's east and east is east and Weston. The things you learn!

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About 11 years ago I bought a pump. And it has pumped water from about 200 feet down for the past decade. Every now and then it would stop pumping, but it has maintained a steady flow. Last week it pumped for the last time. It has cost me \$4.54 a year in capital costs. That's easy, it's \$50 over 11! And \$50 invested 11 years ago would have been worth around \$190 today. So that makes the price a bit steeper. That's \$21.82 a year. Then there's maintenance on top of that. And Hydro. And there you have it. The ordinary working man just can't afford to drink water. I'd work out how much a glass it was costing me, but I have to get over to the liquor store before they close. It's a wee bit cheaper than water. You see, that's not the end of the story. The \$50 pump is being replaced. And it's costing \$1,000! Trouble is that I could have cut down the cost of today's pump if I'd bought a better pump yesterday. Only hope left is that today's pump will save me something tomorrow. Hic!

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Looks like we might have a Tory government in both countries, the way the provincial party leader is looking these days.

## Participating in Trident protest

# Mission ship to stop at Ganges

What do a boat named *Thomas Crosby V*, the Trident missile and Salt Spring Island have in common?

On Thursday afternoon, Aug. 26, Salt Spring residents will be given an opportunity to find out.

The Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Committee, the Inter-faith World Development Committee and others have arranged to welcome the *Thomas Crosby* when it arrives in Ganges Harbour, seeking support for its participation in the peace vigil at the Trident base in Bangor, Washington.

Normally the *Thomas Crosby*, a mission ship owned and operated by the United Church of Canada, spends its time plying the west coast of B.C.

During the month of August the *Crosby's* mission has changed to that of ambassador for peace speaking out against the arms race. Salt Spring will be one of 13 ports of call.

The Ground Zero Centre for Non-violent Action, located adjacent to the submarine base, has fought against the Trident system for the past five years.

During the month that the Trident submarine *USS Ohio* will be in port, Ground Zero will be conducting a peace vigil on both land and water near the base.

Because the B.C. Conference of the United Church supports Ground Zero, the mission boat will be participating in the peace vigil, as well as doing education work along the coast during August.

Residents of Salt Spring are being invited to make a contribution to help finance the *Crosby's* trip, tour the boat and meet with the crew participating in the vigil.

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## Islands Trust election

The Islands Trust election in November has already been approved by the Capital Regional District.

On Wednesday afternoon last week the board appointed executive director Dennis Young returning officer for the Trust elections in the electoral areas of Salt Spring Island and the Outer Gulf Islands.

The abandoned Land Use Act introduced in the legislature last month would have seen an end to the Islands Trust. The legislation was not adopted and the Islands Trust Act is still in force, calling for an election in November.

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## A matter of two accounts

No conclusion was reached by directors of the Capital Regional Board last week when the question of legal costs was again debated. Matter under consideration is the bill for some \$7,000 incurred by director Yvette Valcourt in defending herself against a libel action initiated by the executive director, Dennis Young.

The board awaits a further legal opinion before making a decision as to whether the costs incurred by director Valcourt should be met out of public funds.

The board and the provincial government might well extend their consideration of the case irrespective of which direction the board's action might take. The act should make it very clear that disputes between municipal dignitaries should be contained within their own private responsibilities and that there should be no recourse to public funds to pursue private feuds.

The board will, of course, be guided by the Municipal Act in this instance. But the fact that three opinions should prove necessary in order for the board to reach a decision is clear enough evidence that the act needs cleaning up.

## Cyclists' paradise

There have been a lot of comments on cycling in the islands and there have been a number of criticisms of cyclists. It must be borne in mind that the islanders expressing concern over cyclists are worried about the death of a cyclist.

That is the crux of the concern. It is inevitable that there will be more deaths in the islands on bicycles if no remedial measures are taken.

The casual use of island roads by visiting cyclists has been cited as a contributory factor. But that is only part of the picture. The combination of narrow, winding roads, poor riding habits, fast-moving cars and, in many instances, poor driving habits cannot but coincide to bring a sudden end to some holidaymaker's life.

These concerned islanders are not faddists with a particular hostility to two-wheelers. They fear a tragedy.

Measures have been suggested whereby warning notices might be placed on ferries and on the roads near ferry terminals. The discharge of motor vehicles before cyclists would clear the roads to the ferry before the slow-moving traffic was in sight.

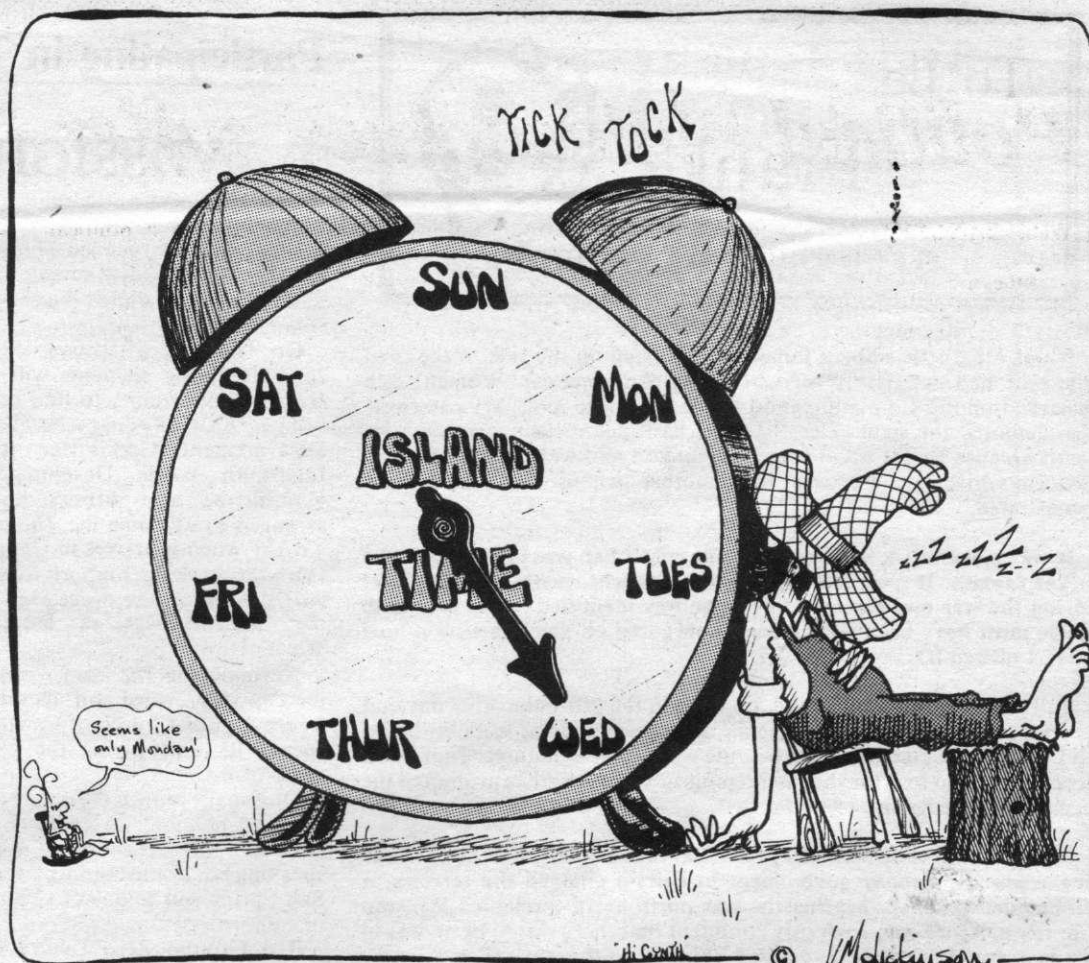
But all precautionary measures suffer one shortcoming. Accidents — fatal accidents — occur as a result of a number of factors coming at the same time. The cyclist who observes every rule and the driver who is meticulous in his observance of regulations may both slip into an act of carelessness at the wrong moment. Stupidity, carelessness and indifference all contribute to the likelihood of disaster. But death does not depend on those things.

There is only one answer: cycle paths.

This era of depressed economy and restraint is scarcely the time to call for greater expenditures. But the government must surely be aware that until slow-moving traffic and fast traffic are separated on inherently unsafe roads, death shares the highway.

Provision of cycle paths should be a part of provincial highways policy and particularly along the by-ways of the province.

There is no other way of ensuring the safety of all road users. It has been proposed that cyclists should pay a license fee. If such a revenue could be devoted to providing cycle paths it is a proposal that should be closely examined by the province in the interests of protecting lives.



Bill Webster

## Strains of election music heard in the offing

The expected happened when Prem Billie shuffled the cards and stacked the jokers although some may say it was a dance macabre.

We viewed the new gathering of the old clan on the one-eyed monster and as the new boys circled the table Billie said, "If you don't have a chair when the music stops, you're out."

The good burghers of the province hope fervently that sufficient chairs are there when the financial funeral music stops. If it stops in time.

But nevertheless, Prem Billie is girding his coins to tilt the dragon Fryer and soon we will hear a different music, that of the battle horns of the ballot chase.

With the troops from the opposite seats ranting to go, the pause which reflects would now be in order.

Captain Davey of the good ship Social Demoncrats prepares to sail the shoals of voter uncertainty and truth to tell, his ship sports a few leaks which in the rough waves ahead may prove fatal.

Captain Davey was sailing through in fine form until a loose lip threatened to sink his ship. Banks can make tremendous profits and banks can make less than that. But one should never, never say that banks which serve commerce imperially are sliding over the edge to join such dinosaurs as the Edsel.

When Prem Billie tightened the purse string last spring, the groans were distinctly audible in this land of plenty. When the taxman talked and his voice, despite the gloom predicted by many, was a pleasant whisper, the good burghers collectively sighed.

With the latest attempts by the Victoria gang to halt the spiral of spending hit the circular air-moving device, the cries of outrage from the less-than-servile servants echoed through the canyons and beyond.

The burghers, however, were not amused.

John Fryer, head mouth of the government workers, rhetorically but sincerely, claims piety. "We want justice," he cries, "not politics."

Which are fine phrases from someone who is also a vice-president of the Canadian Labour Congress which supports in its turn the New Demoncrats.

Who is kidding whom?

While the boat sinks, the land troops also have crosses to bear. Money spent comes back to haunt. Prem Billie dumped two loose spenders and thereby lessened the weak positions.

The shuffle left Hugh holding the bag while "Land Use" Bill takes his ideas of centralization to Education. He, of the three languages, insists upon espousing plans which are not

popular even with his co-conspirators.

The way, says he, to control bureaucracy is to create more. Island plans should sprout from Vic and the squabbles of the regional districts are best solved by counties.

While the very Social Credits have much to answer for, Prem Billie has also made some shrewd moves of late. Not the least of which has been to let the dragon Fryer spout futile flames.

In times of less-than-plenty, the government pencil-pushers won't gather many cheers for their demand of \$1 per hour which would add up to \$1.5 million to the provincial payroll each week. Only one guess is allowed to the question of who picks up the tab.

Neither side in the impending conflict is completely lily-white and it should be an interesting event. Captain Davey prepares a navel punch while Prem Billie launches a land attack.

The shell-shocked burghers may just ignore the fray. Can you imagine the outcome if they threw an election and nobody came?

On another topic of geography: Weston is in central Ontario and sits south of North York, north of Torawna and east of Etobicoke. About the only place it's west of is Ottawa. And that's a good place to be.



# Political philosophies suffer from stagnation

BY WILF BANGERT

Our gradually faltering economic fortunes are regarded by most people as an inescapable aspect of the eternally recurring boom-and-bust cycle of the North American economy, and they reason that, as surely as the sun will rise tomorrow, another boom should be just around the corner. Little do these people realize that current events may be the first visible hint of deeper, as yet unrecognizable forces that may herald the ultimate demise of society as we know it, along with affluent living, annual pay raises and indexed pensions.

No, the world is not coming to an end, but present-day society, with all its political, economic and social institutions, may be doomed. For decades, we have been living in a world of fantasy, surrendering all common sense to a plethora of unrealistic desires, demands and aspirations. And we have neglected the very people who made our dreams possible: The farmers, the miners, the loggers and the tradesmen.

But we have favoured the non-producers: the bureaucrats, the speculators, the middlemen and a veritable host of parasites who, under the guise of "need", have for years been mooching on the life blood of the nation.

Now the bills are coming in, and we realize that we cannot pay — we are bankrupt! We are bankrupt not only economically, but also ideologically and socially. We have become massive, soft, mealy-mouthed

and weak. Our system of education is a costly blunder, our penal system a sad joke. Cradle-to-grave security has become an article of faith, achievement a dirty word.

Our political institutions are failing us increasingly; venerable though they may be, they are, after all, centuries old and cannot do justice to this age, just as a factory couldn't possibly function with centuries-old machinery.

A totally new and different age may now be dawning, an age many now living will not understand, or like. But we shall have to come to terms with it.

## Inexperienced occupy highest positions

Science, the most consistent and vigorous component in the entire area of human endeavour, has completely left behind any other attempt by man to achieve excellence. Such is particularly true in regard to politics; there we have the unique phenomenon of people totally devoid of relevant training or experience occupying the highest positions society has to offer.

While science scrupulously obeys the law of continuity, party politics is completely unaware of this natural law, and therefore appears as anachronistic as witchcraft and alchemy. Continuity means gradual yet definite change at all times.

Sudden change, such as a

natural cataclysm, or a political revolution, is always catastrophic, and inimical to life. Lack of change, however, means atrophy and stagnation. Thus, continuity represents the fluidly meandering path along which life manifests itself to its greatest advantage.

Our current political philosophies, being at odds with the law of continuity, all suffer from abysmal stagnation; the political parties representing them are antiquated structures unable to meet the very special demands of this age, in the unfolding story of man.

Is there nothing else? Nothing to do justice to this potentially greatest of ages? Nothing to capture and to articulate its spirit? Nothing far more heroic and noble than either capitalism or socialism?

## Totally new system needed

We require a totally new system, a totally new method of running our affairs, a non-political system if at all possible, one seeking out the very best people in their respective fields; a system rewarding the best traits, the highest aspirations, the greatest kindness in man.

Party politics has debased public office through corruption, patronage and dishonesty. It has also had a negative effect on civic unity, inciting irrational passions and loyalties in otherwise

reasonable people. Above all, politicians have been too self-centred, dull-witted and insensitive. And, being snugly ensconced in party doctrine, they fail to comprehend the demands of our time even remotely.

The parties representing capitalism are completely unimaginative and unresponsive when faced with fresh developments that lie outside the realm of monetary manipulation. The socialists, on the other side, delude themselves into believing that their ideology alone is sufficiently broad, modern and relevant to deal effectively with any new situation as it arises.

Little do they know how deeply they are trapped in the morass of their out-dated and debilitating philosophy.

In a workable new system every plan, law or course of action should be answerable to these three criteria: necessity, feasibility and desirability. Any endeavour affirmative to all three would be deemed to be beyond reproach. Singly, or in pairs, these criteria could spell disaster.

Without desirability, tyranny could result; without necessity, a dissipated and degenerate society might evolve; and without feasibility, total bankruptcy would be the inescapable outcome. As a triple unit, however, the three criteria will be found to be a fool-proof means of replacing permissiveness with discipline, corruption with integrity, wastefulness with thrift, and

international suspicion with honest rapprochement.

Thus, the most important aspect of our earthly striving — the way we govern ourselves — has yet to break into the 20th century. The absolute inadequacy of present-day political workings is widely recognized. But where is the extraordinary personage to come forward and articulate the spirit of a dawning age? Where is the herald of a non-political future?

## Mankind has to break molds

Mankind simply has to break the old molds, discard the antiquated patterns of a former age. Already, governments are becoming irrelevant, with steadily diminishing dialogue between rulers and ruled. As the new spirit makes its presence felt governments will become increasingly autocratic, a natural reaction to the threat of their own redundancy.

But history unfolds, as it must, and new structures will come into being — quite gradually, unobtrusively, as the law of continuity demands. Man will effect the coming changes intuitively, for goals and directions are not yet discernible to him.

They will materialize from the mists of time. Stagnation will be broken, and mankind will be on the move again — into a dawn that once again holds promise!

## Unveiling ceremony

On September 30, 1885, the Beaver Point School on Salt Spring Island was opened by Mr. Samuel John Beddis. On September 25 (five days short of the 97th anniversary), an unveiling will take place of a commemorative plaque by Mr. Andrew Stevens, a former pupil. The plaque has been donated by the B.C. Heritage Trust to mark the successful renovation and restoration of the Schoolhouse.

The Little Red Schoolhouse, as it is known, was the longest continuously used school in British Columbia, 1897-1951, 54 years, and from 1979 it is again being used as a school.

To mark this occasion the Beaver Point Provincial Park Board is inviting all former students, staff and others acquainted with the community to

attend the unveiling ceremony which will take place at 3:30 pm on Saturday the 25th. Afternoon tea will be served, and an old time dance and potluck supper will be held in the adjacent Beaver Point Hall.

Those who plan to attend please contact Gwen Ruckle at 653-4387 or R.R.1, Fulford Harbour, B.C. V0S 1C0, so that catering arrangements can be made.

**JONATHAN YARDLEY,**  
Chairman,  
Beaver Point Provincial  
Park Board.  
August 12, 1982.

## Proud of community's co-operation

Sir,

As a resident whose property was threatened by the fire on the western slopes of Mt. Maxwell, I should like to express my sincere gratitude to the Salt Spring Fire Department and the B.C. Forest Service for their quick and effective response to what might have been a very damaging fire to our farm and to our community had it spread to the Maxwell Lake watershed. Also our gratitude goes out to the scores of people in our community who offered and willingly gave their time and assistance.

On the afternoon the fire was discovered the word spread very quickly in our community and many neighbours, Salt Spring residents and visitors dropped whatever they were doing and came to the scene of the fire.

Many joined firemen and forest service employees on the fire lines working in very hazardous conditions. Moreover many of these same volunteers never asked the B.C. Forest Service to reimburse them for their time.

Food for the firefighters was provided by ladies from the Cranberry and North End in the

first two days of the fire.

By nightfall on the first day, fire fighting efforts along with actions of the forest service helicopters and water bombers turned the tide against the fire. No one who saw the daring and resolve of these pilots could not help being impressed, especially with the bombing run of the four engine DC6 which roared into the fire at tree-top level, dropped its load down the mountainside and then climbed up from the confines of the Sansum Narrows somehow avoiding all the power lines.

Our Salt Spring Community, unfortunately known in recent years for its controversy and political dissension, is very united in many aspects of our community life. There was no lack of co-operation on our island for this emergency. It is something we can all be proud of.  
**TOM GOSSETT,**  
Ganges.  
August 16, 1982.

## Letters to the Editor

## A moving gathering marks Hiroshima Day

Sir,

May I congratulate you on your coverage of the anniversary of Hiroshima Day. The gathering at Ganges was moving in its simplicity, and a demonstration of the concern of people from all walks of life, as well as all age groups that the leaders of all nations should abandon their reliance on the obscurity of nuclear weapons either as deterrents or pre-emptive strike weapons.

Although I had only arrived from Britain a few days before the meeting I felt privileged to be present. Coming from the city of Oxford, where we are surrounded by a military nuclear potential

which could wreak a multitude of Hiroshimas on the Russian people, as well as make a similar devastation more likely upon our own land and beyond, my silent witness was no less eloquent than those who spoke on behalf of all present.

What is so moving about gatherings such as this one at Ganges, is that ordinary people the world over are coming together spontaneously to say as Pope John Paul, and leaders of all Christian and non-Christian communions have declared, that war and the use of nuclear weapons must be outlawed as means of solving our political problems.

I write this not only as an Anglican priest, over 30 years in orders, but as an ex-serviceman who served as a naval pilot in the Second World War.

May I commend to your readers a prayer for peace which Mother Teresa commended to all who long for peace, no matter to what faith they belong, or to what level of conviction they attain:

"Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe. Amen."

Many people in different parts of the world make a practice of praying this prayer at midday. Others carry it with them, and use it throughout the day.

I offer it to your readers as a follow-on from the Hiroshima gathering, and in gratitude to so many people on Salt Spring Island who have welcomed us so warmly during our short time here, and with whom we share a common longing for peace.

**PAUL N. RIMMER,**  
Marston Vicarage,  
Oxford, U.K.  
August 15, 1982.

## Letters are too long and boring

Sir,

I am entirely in agreement with the sentiments expressed in Elizabeth Beach's letter. She was lucid and brief.

I rarely read the letters you publish, as they are so long and boring.

Why do you not limit the amount of words allowed or use your blue pencil more?

**ELISABETH HOPKINS,**  
Galiano Island.  
August 13, 1982.



## President invited to debate

Sir,

I am pleased that there are a few indignant persons on Galiano.

Let those in business who wish to play with Chamber activities throw in a hundred bucks each and stop the pretense of calling themselves something which they do not represent.

I will publicly debate the President of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce, anytime, so that we can finally show that it is a complete misrepresentation of the intentions of any Chamber and show how little it has done over the years.

**CHAS. J. GARDNER,**  
R.R.1 Galiano.  
August 14, 1982.

## Reunion proposed

Sir,

Next year is the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the class of 1933 of the provincial Normal School, Victoria. A number of members of that class feel that it would be fitting to celebrate that event with a suitable get-together in Victoria sometime during July or August, 1983.

The undersigned would like to hear from all those members of the class of '33 who favour such a reunion, with an expression of their interest, address, phone number, preferred time, program suggestions and names and addresses of any graduates known to be living in other areas.

Why not spend your holidays in Victoria in '83?

**WALTER R. ASHFORD,**  
809 Haliburton Road,  
Victoria, B.C. V8Y 1J1  
August 12, 1982.

## More they pay, more care they take

Sir,

I note with interest the comments in *Driftwood* with respect to free animals in the Farmers' Market. The Victoria Branch of the B.C. SPCA certainly agrees with the comments of Mr. Colin Nicholson in his letter to the Editor of July 18.

The most recent study in this area was conducted in the U.S.A. where 20 animal control/humane organizations were polled on many animal matters including this one on the cost of animals versus responsibility of the owner. The percentage of animals returned or found stray based on the price to the owner showed without doubt that people who paid for their animals took care of them. And the more they paid the more care they took.

A recent quick review of the cost of keeping a dog or a cat for a year showed it to be about \$539 and \$493 respectively. Undertaking pet ownership is undertaking a responsibility. The number of strays brought in to the SPCA is evidence of a lack of this responsibility. Spaying and neutering of companion animals is essential.

**JOSEPH F. HEALD,**  
Secretary-Manager.  
August 10, 1982.

# Letters to the Editor

## Islands Trust Act was NDP proposal, not an all-party recommendation

Sir,

As a former Gulf Islander, I was proud to see the disciplined manner in which so many participated in the protest mounted on such short notice against repeal of the Islands Trust Act. While most of the publicity centred on the demonstrations outside the Legislature, much of the effectiveness was achieved by the orderly lobbying of individual MLA's inside the House. It was grass roots democracy at its best in an emergency action.

But I think a greater understanding is needed of the background of this issue if effectiveness is to be sustained. There have been, for instance, three erroneous presumptions repeated both in correspondence and in media reports.

First, because memories are short, many people think that the Islands Trust Act was an all-party recommendation. Nothing could be further from the truth. The genesis of the Trust began in the 1972 election campaign when Dave Barrett promised that an NDP government would devise some form of "home rule" for the Gulf Islands as part of an overall program to decentralize government power. In 1973, in addition to providing for locally-elected community resource boards and health clinics, his government appointed an all-party committee to tour the Islands and make recommendations. The Islanders' proposal for a Trust was supported only by the NDP members of the committee. The Socreds, Liberal and Conservative members opposed the majority report. The three opposition parties also formally voted against all readings of the Islands Trust Act when it was passed the following year by the NDP majority. Indeed, besides voting no to the bill, then-Conservative Hugh Curtis underlined his opposition by the unusual step of sponsoring a "hoist" motion to kill the bill. Last month he opposed a similar NDP "hoist" motion to prevent repeal of the Trust.

Not only did Mr. Curtis try to abort the Trust, it appears he originated the current attempt to liquidate the Trust. Municipal

Affairs Minister Vander Zalm has cited the finance minister's so-called "restraint" request as the specific reason he inserted the repeal clause and he has further identified Mr. Curtis as one of the ministers who gave him "firm" support for Bill 72.

Further, it is obvious that the repeal was craftily planned for some time and these letter columns of *Driftwood* provide the proof. As long ago as early June indications of what was in the wind began circulating through the Islands as evidenced by a published letter from Mrs. Victoria Gillespie of South Pender urging the government to desist. We now know that all such warnings, including some made privately to Mr. Curtis well in advance of the repeal attempt, were ignored. One can only speculate why Mr. Curtis prefers to see all Island land use decisions made by cabinet politicians.

The third and final misconception some have is that Mr. Vander Zalm's bill "died" on the Legislature's order paper. In fact, it is very much alive along with all other items on the order paper because the House only recessed the present session and was not prorogued. Bill 72 still exists with first reading approved by the Socreds and second reading already moved by the government which can proceed further at any time after the House reconvenes. All that has been achieved so far is a stay of execution, most likely granted for tactical reasons to enable the Socreds to put a smoke screen around their intentions in the event an election is called this autumn.

But both past and present actions of the Socreds to liquidate every advance made under the NDP administration, along with the specific history of the Trust, clearly show they will destroy the Trust if returned to power. Conversely, Dave Barrett has given a written commitment, which I share, that an NDP government will preserve and improve the Trust.

In that narrow sense, no matter what manoeuvres are taken by the Bill Bennett government to mask

its intentions, it is crystal clear that the next provincial vote will be nothing less than a referendum to decide whether the concept of the Islands Trust will survive or be killed.

In the broader sense, this issue is symbolic of one of the most important differences between the two parties. The NDP believes in decentralizing power wherever practical and that is why it introduced the Islands Trust, elected community resource boards throughout B.C., self-governing community health clinics and a politically-free agricultural land reserve process. The Socreds believe in centralizing all power in the cabinet in Victoria and that is why they are so determined to liquidate every vestige of decentralization.

**JOHN MIKA,**  
NDP Candidate,  
Saanich and the Islands.  
August 8, 1982.

## Mission ship in Ganges next week

Sir,

"The coast guard's job is to take people out of the water, not dump them into it." This sums up the opinion of Americans I talked to last week in the coastal communities of Blaine and Bellingham.

Whatever their opinion of the Trident missiles, they deplored the coast guard's method of dealing with non-violent protesters, and they were impressed by the international aspect of the movement.

I was further encouraged on Sunday to hear that the United Church Coastal Mission ship *Thomas Crosby* is taking part, with the blessing of B.C. Presbytery, in the anti-Trident vigils.

We are fortunate that this historic and much-loved vessel will be in Ganges Harbour on Thursday, Aug. 26. It's a rare opportunity for Salt Spring Islanders to visit the *Thomas Crosby* and support its mission.

**MARY C. WILLIAMSON,**  
R.R.1 Ganges.  
August 16, 1982.

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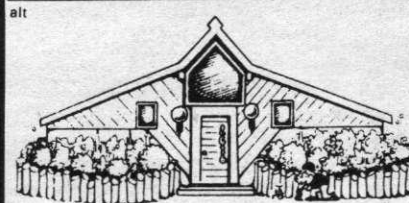
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## Islanders urged to meet mission ship next week

Sir,

I would like to bring to the attention of your readers that next Thursday, Aug. 26 in the afternoon, the United Church of Canada's famed mission ship, the *Thomas Crosby V*, will arrive in Ganges. The purpose of the visit is to publicize just how dangerous the presence of the Trident Submarine base is to the cause of world peace.

Great efforts are being made by local groups to give the *Crosby* a rousing welcome and to enlist support for its mission of peace.

I would encourage everyone, but especially persons not yet familiar with the work of those trying to call a halt to the arms race, to take advantage of this opportunity.

Do try to get down to meet and talk with the folks aboard the *Crosby*.

**DAVID SKINNER,**  
R.R.1 Ganges.  
August 15, 1982.

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## Saturna scene

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

The Lions Club had their annual auction and supper, July 31. Michael Hayes provided the hilarious running patter as auctioneer.

People donated some weird and wonderful stuff: junk, treasures, art, crafts and everyone who bought something knew he got just what he needed.

Laury McNeil visited her aunt in Calgary, for a week initially, but she had such a fine time she stayed for three. Plans are afoot to make her trip an annual affair.

Cameron Bray broke his leg! Cam now swings around on crutches in grand style and every day covers more territory. It will be some time before he swims and bicycles again but knowing Cameron he'll come up with some good ways to have fun!

Taimi and Bob Hindmarch had guests from Japan staying with them, friends they have kept in touch with since their trip to Japan. One woman friend is writing the first history of Canada in Japanese.

They visited East Point Lighthouse and Ian McNeil gave them the full tour. Their guests were stunned by the lack of people at such a beautiful place and explained to Taimi that even on the northern islands only in the middle of the week would there be hundreds of people instead of thousands at any point of interest.

Les Crosby is 80 years old! He had a marvelous party in honour of this splendid achievement and because he is a splendid fellow! Contratulations!

Both stores stocked up for the ferry strike, but because of storage facilities they can only keep so much on hand. It's been a while since the island has contemplated being isolated from regular ferry service. Luckily, many people still

have their own boats.

The post office has moved to Money's hobby shop across the road from John Money's! Flora, our postmistress, Bill, Billy and Per Fisker have been hard at work.

Gerri Davidson will be carrying the mail from the dock to the post office and vice versa.

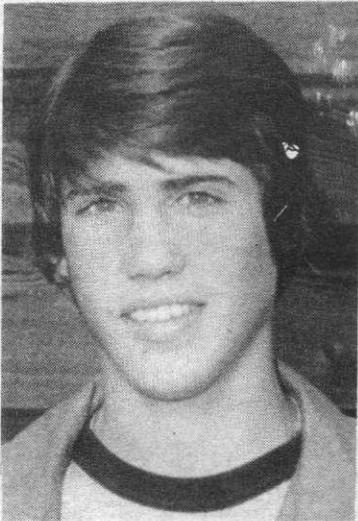
Flora will no doubt miss the congeniality of Gloria and Dick's store. I always enjoyed having time

to muse over the mail while waiting for the boat.

Dora Carney sent me news she is on island staying at her daughter's place. Dora's grandchildren, Adrian, Joe and J.P., and their cousins stayed at Dora's house for two weeks.

Pat Carney and her son, J.P. are now back from Ottawa and with Dora are entertaining many guests.

## Local soccer player in Canadian championships



Paul Cottrell

Paul Cottrell is on a soccer kick. Cottrell began playing soccer with the Salt Spring Kicks and moved on to try out for the Victoria lower-island, under-16 team this year. Of the 35 competitors trying out for the team, Cottrell was the one to make it.

The Grade 11 Gulf Islands Secondary School student played in a soccer league with eight teams from all over the province. And 80 of the league's players were chosen to try out for the B.C. under-16 team.

Cottrell made it again. For three months he trained in Vancouver with the team of all-stars in preparation for the Canadian championships in Montreal from August 25 to 29.

Cottrell has been playing soccer for 11 years.

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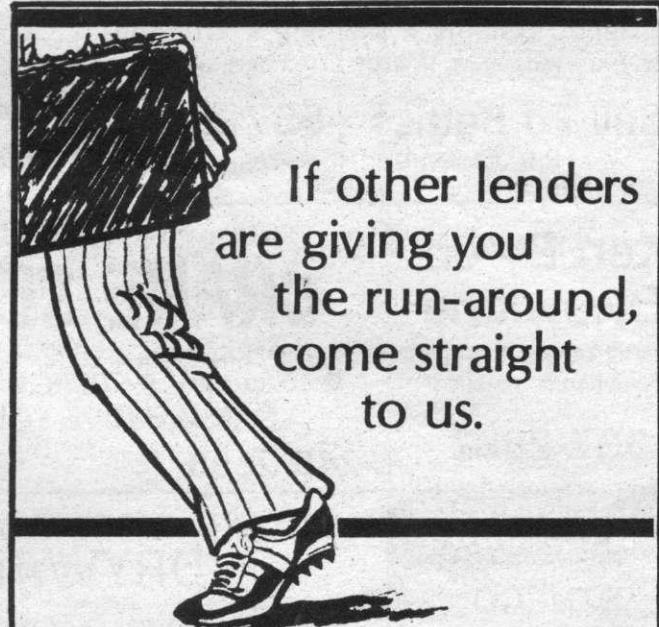
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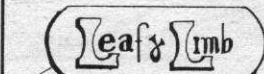
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# Container growing favourite gardening method

We went to Victoria's Butchart Gardens in early summer this year. As usual, the gardens were a riot of colour. The many hues of colours of schizanthus, also known as "poor man's orchid" or "butterfly flowers", were everywhere.

And as we sat in the little greenhouse cafeteria, I was especially impressed by the abundant baskets and planters just crammed with schizanthus. There seemed to be every colour of the rainbow displayed in dazzling array.

Then I noticed that there were just as many baskets and pots of

opulent ivies. These thick cascades of small leaf ivies were interspersed, one by one, with the flower baskets. The fine textured ivies provided a cool green background, enhancing the sparkle of colour of the flower pots and drawing everything together into one harmonious whole.

Altogether then, this display was a subtle but powerful statement of simple and effective design.

## A POPULAR METHOD

Container gardening has long been one of the favourite ways of gardening, both indoors and out.

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS  
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

It seems to me that there is not a single house in the old country which does not have at least one window box.

And the image of people tending their window boxes, with trowel and watering can, framed by shutters, is indelibly etched into my mind. Especially for those of us who cannot bend over as far as we used to, growing things in tubs, pots or planters is surely the most rewarding way to keep our green thumbs throbbing.

And as indicated by the example of the ivy based arrangement at Butchart Gardens, we need not be restricted to the usual varieties of annuals, which are in bountiful bloom in summer and fall, but leave us bare in winter and early spring.

## A GOOD BASE

The above mentioned ivy with its surprising range of shapes and shades of green is an excellent base to provide healthy greenery, summer and winter.

For that matter, almost any kind of plant can be grown in containers, for a while anyhow. Aubretia and cerastium are two other excellent candidates for year-round greenery to cascade over the edge of tub or basket.

Nandina (sacred bamboo) and ferns would provide year-round upright greenery which could be an excellent background for our summer annuals. A few primroses tucked in here or there can supply the welcome early spring colour.

## EXCELLENT CANDIDATES

All the dwarf conifers are excellent candidates for any bare spot in winter, and if some object to their prickliness, the bright yellow-green of the dwarf golden thread leaf cypress would be a bright asset to any pot, summer and winter.

This one would drape over an edge rather nicely, and all the other dwarf false cypresses can be rather dramatic upright specimens to enhance any planter.

For larger tubs and planters we can include the evergreen azaleas, dwarf rhododendrons and even camellias, which can be espaliered very nicely. Thyme, hens and chicks and sedums are other evergreen fillers of empty spots

and hens and chicks will even grow on a dramatic root, if this is included in the design.

So the possibilities are endless, including the option of growing a shrub in a tub for a couple of years and then transplanting it to the garden.

If we are limited in any way such as lack of time, space, soil or water, or if we are limited by our bodies, container growing is the answer for those of us who would still like to

surround ourselves with a bit of colour.

And the beauty of the evergreens is two-fold. They provide welcome greenery during our winter months and they enhance the colour of our summer blossoms in the most pleasing way.

Even in the smallest pot there is room for an "itsy-bitsy" ivy or a trailing "stonecrop" sedum to enhance our summers and winters.

## Lawyers to define term for director's legal costs

To pay or not to pay?

Last Wednesday the Capital Regional Board called for a third legal opinion on the legality of paying the legal expenses of regional director Yvette Valcourt in a libel action.

In July Valcourt furnished an opinion from lawyer Robert Price that the board could pay the \$7,212.50 legal costs incurred by the Salt Spring Island regional

director in defending herself against the action by executive director Dennis Young. The Municipal Act, he stated, provides for such payments on behalf of officers of the corporation. Young's expenses have already been approved.

Last week a further opinion from the Victoria city solicitor, J.S. de Villiers, stated that the board has no authority to meet the claim. It would constitute an illegal expenditure, said the lawyer, on the grounds that an elected official is not an officer.

Mayor Peter Pollen, as a regional director, had gained the opinion and submitted it to the region.

## CHALLENGE

Valcourt challenged the opinion that a director is not an officer of the board within the meaning of the Municipal Act, but she did not vote on the matter.

Pollen also expressed concern that the executive director, as party to the suit which led to the liability, could be involved in the correspondence about the liability.

The question hinges on the definition of an officer, Valcourt stated after the meeting.

She explained that she had recourse to a dictionary to define the term for lack of a definition of a municipal officer within the Municipal Act.

The act provides for the expenditure of public funds on behalf of an officer of the municipality. The Price opinion defines an elected member of the council as an officer of that municipality. The de Villiers opinion does not.

## Exhibition at Mayne

An exhibition of Judy Jordison's work will be held at the Root Seller on Mayne Island on Saturday.

The exhibition will include water colours, oils, etchings and lithographs by Jordison.

The show will also include tinted photography by Robyn Elphick, water colours by Jean Towgood, pottery by Peggy Pearson of Galiano Island and antique bottle collections by Brian Lefler.

If Saturday is sunny there will be an outdoor show at the Root Seller, proprietor Joan Drummond said.

The Root Seller art gallery is open throughout the summer and will be holding the art exhibition on Mayne in conjunction with the Mayne Island Fall Fair.

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## Golfing news

# Ladies were rained out Tuesday

BY PAT DOHERTY

On Tuesday, Aug. 10 the ladies were rained out after nine holes. The game was hidden partners, and the winners were Jerry Alexander and Lou Wolfe-Milner with net 66. Lou also shared the putt pot with Marie Hopkins with 11 apiece.

In men's play Tom Butt won the Parsons Cup overcoming Eric Bracher in the final. In Mr. and Mrs. play the Russells, Marge and Marvin, won out over Jean and Frank Cunningham in the playoff.

The 13th Annual Invitational was played at the weekend in perfect weather. It was its usual well run affair, and this of course is due to the hard work put in by the many volunteers without whom such success is impossible. These are the committee members, the spotters, the ladies who do such a wonderful job with the scorekeeping, the marshals, Helga and company, the bartenders and anyone else we may have forgotten. Many thanks for a job well done.



## Lots of trophies awarded

There were lots of cups and trophies awarded this week and last at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club. Seen here are Ruby McConnell who won the

Marg Johnston Cup and Jerry Alexander who was awarded the Bank of Montreal trophy. Photo was taken by Lois Popkin-Clurman.

## Record entries are expected

On Saturday the 57th annual Mayne Island Fall Fair will be held at the fair grounds at Miner's Bay, Mayne Island.

A record number of entries is expected, according to Fred Hansen, a fair organizer. Record entries will encourage greater competition and the fair displays will be more extensive, Hansen reports.

Display entries will include flowers, fruits, vegetables, arts, crafts, baking goods and sewing items.

There is a large selection of children's entries at the fair as well.

A time for islanders to take tea and have a chat is being provided by the senior citizens who will be convening a tea garden.

The fair opens at 1:30 and cups and trophies will be awarded at 4 pm. The parade will assemble at the fire hall at noon.

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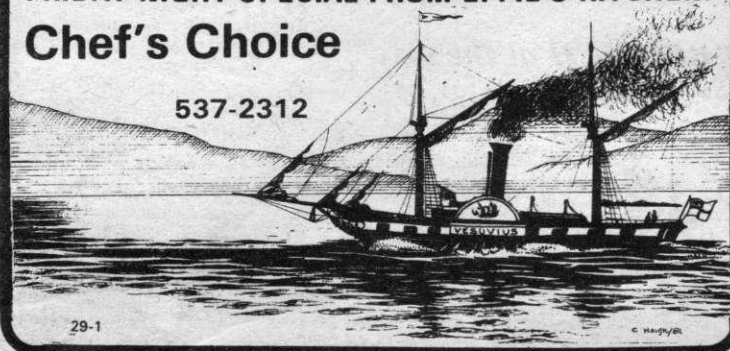
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from boats suffering engine troubles or which have run aground.

The other major calls have been to search for ships overdue. Almost all of the late boats show up on their own.

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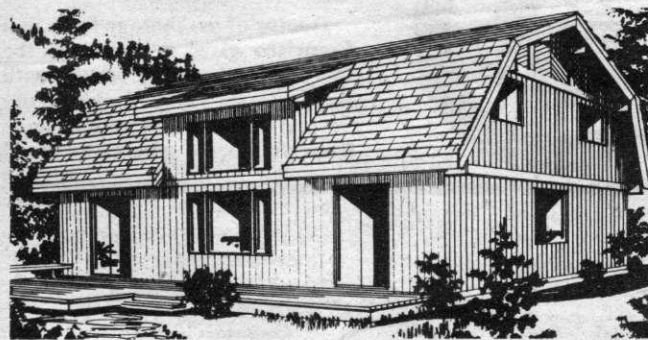
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# Salt Spring scene of Ashtanga Yoga retreat

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

About 170 visitors arrived on Salt Spring Island last week to study, relax and learn more about Ashtanga Yoga.

The visitors arrived last Thursday for a yoga retreat being held at the old Blackburn house on Blackburn Road. They came with tents and children to make a holiday of the retreat.

People from California and all over British Columbia attended the retreat where Ashtanga Yoga is being studied and followed by a number of long-time followers as well as newcomers who registered to find out more about its teachings.

Ashtanga Yoga is a yoga (or in English, yoke) consisting of eight parts or limbs devised by an ancient Indian sage named Patanjali who lived over 1,500 years ago.

The eight basic tenets of Ashtanga Yoga are restraints or non-violence; observances of purity, austerity and contentment; posture, breath control; vital airs; withdrawing the mind from the sense perception; concentration; meditation and the eventual eighth limb whereupon the Ashtanga Yoga practitioner reaches super consciousness.

The tenets are difficult ones for anyone to follow. They are echoed by the eastern bible, the Bhagavad Gita, as well as the Christian bible and sacred books from numerous religions and philosophies. The tenets teach goodness, self-control and body health and it is a belief within the teachings that eventual total awareness will be achieved by strict adherence to the eight limbs of Ashtanga Yoga.

Visiting the retreat on the island is guest of honour Baba Hari Dass. Baba Hari Dass is a mouni sadhu or a monk who practices continual silence. He answers questions with a chalk and chalkboard and has

lived in silence for nearly 30 years.

He left India in 1971 when he was invited by a sect of Ashtanga Yoga followers to live in Santa Cruz, Calif. Baba Hari Dass came to Salt Spring Island with members of the Santa Cruz organization.

The island retreat was organized by a Vancouver-based Ashtanga Yoga sect.

Present director of the Vancouver society is island lawyer Sid Filkow.

Filkow, more famous on the island for his activities with the Salt Spring Players, is director of the Dharma Sara Sat society which purchased the old Blackburn home in July, 1981.

The Dharma Sara Sat society purchased the 69 acres with the intention of having a base whereat the society could meet, hold retreats and possibly explore and pursue areas of arts, science and fine arts.

The name of the property and house was initially the Salt Spring centre for the science of life.

"The name left a lot out and didn't really say what we were hoping to have here," Filkow said. "Baba Hari Dass has been in favour of seeing the centre as a place where creative aspects of life can be housed."

Hopefully, Filkow added, the old house on Blackburn Road can



Driftwood photos by Valerie Richards

With a friend at the yoga retreat on Blackburn Road last week was

Dr. Nona Rowat, victim of a hit-and-run bicycle accident last June.

The retreat ends Wednesday.

be used to present plays to the public and integrate activities at the centre with community activities.



Doctor of psychology from San Francisco gives a lecture to the visitors at the yoga retreat with Baba Hari Dass looking on. Several visitors to the retreat came from California where the small

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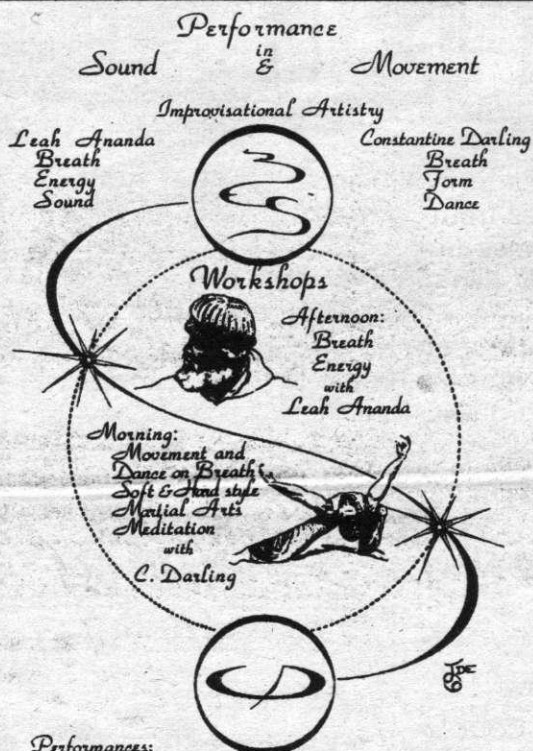
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KATHLYN BENDER

During the discussion at the Trust Committee meeting on Friday it was revealed that Parker Island is joined to Little Parker Island by a *tombolo* and that this will be dedicated but not constructed as a road, thereby making it part of the public domain.

The word actually occurs in correspondence from the ministry of lands so it must have official status, although it cannot be found in the largest dictionaries available to the writer. In context its meaning can be inferred as a narrow neck of land joining a smaller to a larger island.

That this delightful word has, because of its technical meaning, such restricted use is a shame. Let us insert the following entry in our dictionary:

*tombolo* - noun, plural *tombolii*, (from Low German *tom-*, something which protrudes, and Spanish *bola* - a ball.) 1. a narrow, low peninsula connecting two small islands. 2. a South American dance. 3. an acrobat. 4. a Mexican lottery. 5. a bawdy game played on a beach. 6. a pregnant young woman. (colloquial).

The reader is invited to add his or her list of definitions, and an etymologist to offer reproof and correction.

## Veterinarian and the Ark

Linda Kenyon informs us that veterinarian Dr. Jamieson of Richmond will continue with his monthly animal clinic on the second Wednesday of each month at her animal health care centre on Porlier Pass Drive.

The next clinic will be held on

the 15th of September and appointments may be made by phoning Linda at 5511. The Ark as a boarding kennel will continue to operate with qualified supervision, even if Linda is off-island.

## Golf Club

Linda Laughlin represented the ladies' section of the Galiano Golf Club at the British Columbia playoffs of the National Handicap Award held at Hope last week. This was Linda's first effort at major competition outside local inter-club matches and she did well to finish in the middle of the considerable field.

At the last Twilight Mixed Foursome played on August 11, winners were Helen Hoole partnered by club captain Steve Parlee. Runners-up places were shared by Denny Parlee playing with John Gabe, and Arla Saare partnered by Gordon Pearce.

## Garden Club

Garden Club members were instructed and entertained by a visit from Rex Murfitt, chief horticulturist at the Crystal Garden, at their last meeting on August 11.

Murfitt showed slides of various

styles of alpine gardening and suitable plants to grow in these milieu. He commented on the excellent quality of the sandstone rock, so abundant on Galiano, suitable for the construction of rock gardens. Many a Galiano gardener has been forced by circumstances to specialize in this way.

The keen interest of the audience was revealed by the penetrating questions and the noting of suitable varieties. After the speaker had concluded, a draw was held for the plants he had brought to illustrate his talk.

## Open House

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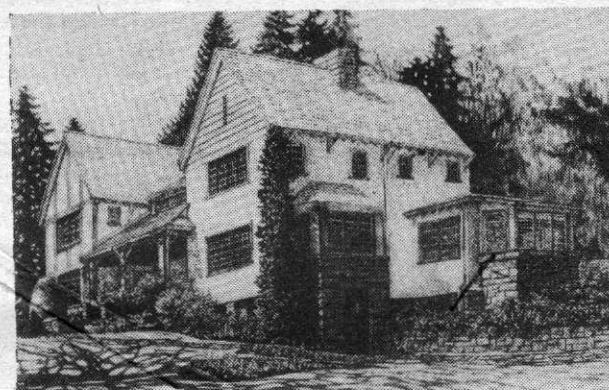
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# Question of jurisdiction over discharge by boats

BY BILL WEBSTER

The questions are asked and letters are sent while the answers go round and round.

Jim Manly, MP for Cowichan, Malahat and the Islands, asked the federal minister of transport about regulations governing sewage discharge from small craft in the Strait of Georgia and the Gulf Islands.

"Will the minister act immediately to bring in long overdue sewage control regulations for pleasure craft on the coast of British Columbia?" he asked in a recent House of Commons question period.

The minister of transport, Jean-Luc Pepin, said the issue could involve either the ministry of fisheries or environment.

"I will call a meeting of my two colleagues this afternoon," he replied to Manly's question, "and look into the matter to see if my department or other departments have done anything about it."

Manly followed the question with an observation that the minister had said, earlier in the year in a letter on the subject to him, that the federal government had not moved on the issue because the matter had been handed over to the B.C. government for action.

"The province indicated as far back as 1974," said Manly, "and has reaffirmed this month, that it sees this as coming under federal jurisdiction."

He then asked, "When will the minister stop passing the buck between his counterparts among the provincial ministers and act to prevent the Strait of Georgia from becoming an open sewer?"

Pepin answered, "...I was going to say that we will call in the minister from British Columbia to join our meeting, but that would have been considered too facetious."

"I can only say very seriously that I will try to clarify the jurisdictional question," he continued. "This has been done in a number of other instances and I will try to add this one to the list."

The B.C. minister of the environment, Stephen Rogers, had in June of this year written to his federal counterpart John Roberts concerning the issue.

The letter was in response to one sent by Roberts to Manly and Rogers took exception to several statements by the federal minister. In particular he objected to a statement by Roberts that "all provinces opted in 1974 to enforce their own pleasure craft regulations."

Rogers said that a check of the files at the provincial ministry indicated "this is not true..." He quoted as reference a letter sent from his deputy minister to the federal regional director, Pacific

region, in April of 1975.

"The position of B.C. as set out in the 1975 letter was that control of discharge from pleasure craft was neither practicable nor reasonable without some form of control on pollution from other sources such as commercial craft and marinas."

The province, noted the deputy minister, would be willing to take action through legislation or regulations to control pleasure craft but only after the federal officials moved against pollution from larger harbours.

When Manly began asking questions on the issue earlier this year he received a letter from Pepin in June. Pepin repeated the claim that all provinces had opted to control discharges from pleasure craft.

"My department will therefore regulate sewage from domestic and foreign vessels, under authority of the Canada Shipping Act and the Arctic Pollution Prevention Act," he wrote.

He indicated that the federal government was waiting for passage of an international agreement, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973. The convention would become international law when approved by sufficient numbers of nations controlling at least 50% of the world shipping.

Part of the convention, Annex IV, noted Pepin, regulates against pollution from ships. The problem with the section is that it is optional to signatory nations and does not

come into force until 10 years after the convention is approved.

"Although it appears that the technical provisions of the annex are acceptable," wrote Pepin, "the time period involved is not."

He said that cabinet had approved, in principle, the convention and the ministry of transport had released the federal response in a publication, *Control of Pollution from Shipping in Waters under Canadian Jurisdiction*. The release was meant to "solicit comments and assess reactions," he said.

July 16, 1982 had been set as the closing date for comments. In the letter to the federal minister of the environment, dated July 12, 1982, Rogers noted the existence of the publication and requested, "I would appreciate receiving a copy of that publication for the information of staff in my ministry."

The officials of Transport Canada and Environment Canada, said Pepin, will begin drafting proposed regulations in anticipation of acceptance of the International Convention. When it is finally approved, he said, Canada will determine whether to decline acceptance of Annex IV to be able to move more quickly on the control of pollution.

The timing of the implementation of the federal regulations will be determined by the number of ships fitted with sewage control equipment, said Pepin, as well as a reasonable period to allow refit work to be carried out on these ships lacking the equipment.

## More medals for oarsman

Success bubbles in the wake of Nick Toulmin and his mates on the UVic rowing team.

The Salt Spring Islander recently dipped oars in six races in St. Catharines, Ontario, and came away with six medals. He is one of the oarsmen of the Canadian international squad and that team took the gold medal in the open fours with cox race in the Canadian Championships July 31 and August 1.

The same weekend, Toulmin rowed for the University of Victoria team which gained a silver medal in the club fours competition. He also won a silver in the club pairs race.

For an encore, Toulmin and the Canadian team won the fours gold over the same course at the Henley Regatta August 4 to 8.

He was also part of the UVic four which took the club gold in the Henley. The bonus came when the local collegians picked up four other rowers and entered the eights with cox course. They came second

for a silver medal.

To add to the success of the bunch of oarsmen was the announcement that UVic rowing coach Al Morrow was named to head the national team which will compete in Lucerne, Switzerland, later in the year.

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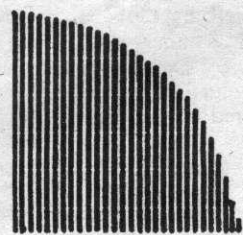
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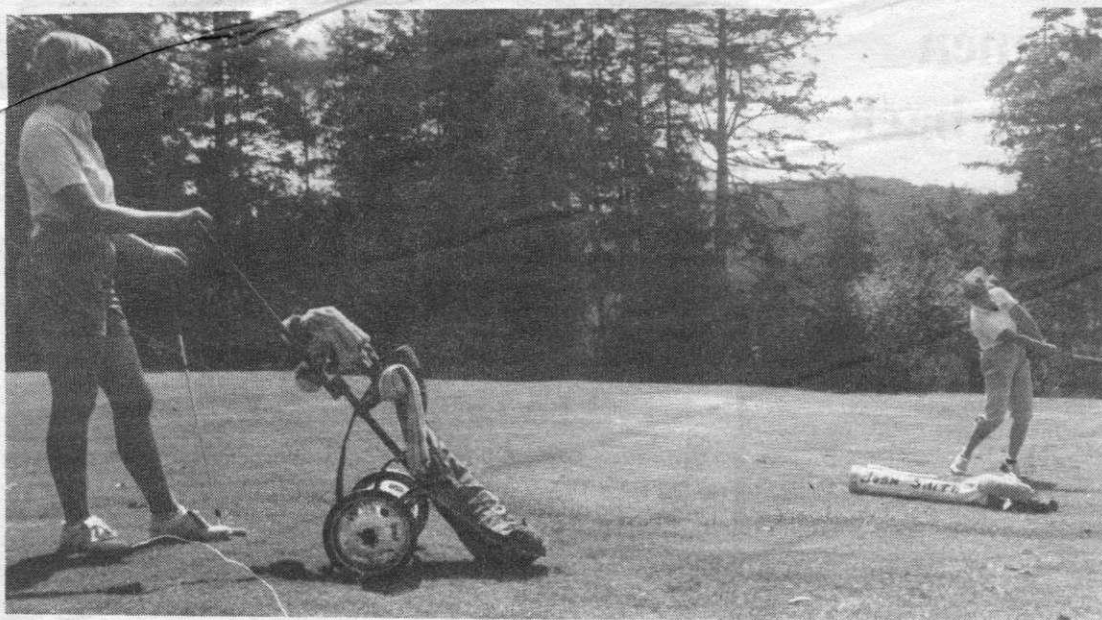
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Joan Smith of the Pitt Meadows club swings as Joan Ericson from San Juan watches and waits. The pair were among the 30 ladies entered in the Salt Spring Invitational last weekend.

## Largest turn-out for tourney

The sunshine brightened the weekend as golfers from Salt Spring Island took three of the top four prizes at the 13th annual Salt Spring Invitational Golf Tournament.

Bill Cartwright of the Marine Drive Golf Club of Vancouver shot a 149 to take the men's low gross trophy by one stroke over perennial winner Ian Shopland of the Beach Grove Club of Tsawwassen.

Irene Hawksworth of the Salt Spring club, at 170, walked off with the ladies' low gross. Joan Smith, Pitt Meadows, had a score of 178 for runner-up spot.

Other Salt Spring winners were Larry Davies with a 130 to take the men's low net and Marg Frattinger at 136 for ladies' low net. The low net is decided after the golfer's handicap is subtracted from the gross score for the 36-hole play.

Frank Cunningham, also of Salt Spring, shot a 130 but was awarded the runner-up spot when Davies had better scores on the final holes. Dottie Tompkins of San Juan Island came second in the ladies' low net.

The San Juan golfers had the pleasure of taking two other awards home with them when T.

McPheeters and Carolyn Scribner modestly accepted the most honest men's and ladies' title. Modesty prevents mention of the score shot by the pair but their totals were greater over the two-day event than others on the course.

Lois Popkin-Clurman of Salt Spring garnered the ladies' eagles and aces award for shooting a 15 on the par three second hole. M. Brunner of Orcas Island took the men's equivalent with a 14 on the par four fourth.

Shopland had won the men's low gross for eight of the past 10 years.

With 30 ladies and 89 men entered, the tournament boasted the largest field to date and the golf club executive had words of praise for the volunteers.

"Your club is most appreciative of all those members who contributed their time, energy and enthusiasm to the smooth and efficient operation of our open.

We are immensely proud of those who served as scorers, spotters, marshals and caterers as well as those who attended to our spiritual needs including our cafe staff and our diligent pro shop staff. To all, our heartiest thanks."

Other winners for the weekend

tournament were:

Men's low gross, 0-11 (152), Rick Fortunaso, Marine Drive; men's low gross, 12-15 (160), Jim Clarkson, Salt Spring; men's low gross, 16-24 (167), Mike Marshall, San Juan; ladies' low gross, 0-26 (180), Ann Mohro, Salt Spring; ladies' low gross, 27-32 (199), Bettie Harrison, Salt Spring.

Men's low net, 0-11 (136), Mac Mouat, Salt Spring; men's low net, 12-15 (140), Steve Marleau, Salt Spring; men's low net, 16-24 (132), Geo Champagne, Eaglecrest; ladies' low net, 0-26 (143), J. Hopkins, Salt Spring; ladies' low net, 27-32 (150), A. Woodley, Salt Spring.

Men's runner-up low gross, 0-11 (154), D. Hilchey, Gorge Vale; men's runner-up low gross, 12-15 (163), G. Parsons, Salt Spring; men's runner-up low gross, 16-24 (174), E. Graham, Glen Meadows; ladies' runner-up low gross, 0-26 (186), M. Coulter, Salt Spring; ladies' runner-up low gross, 27-32 (206), M. Cathro, Salt Spring.

Men's runner-up low net, 0-11 (139), R. Nemeth, Salt Spring; men's runner-up low net, 12-15



Smiles came after the play and for Irene Hawksworth the trophy for low gross was cause to smile.

Dr. David Keys, vice chairman of the Salt Spring Golf Club, does the honours.

(140), J. Burford, Salt Spring; men's runner-up low net, 16-24 (134), D. White, Orcas Island; ladies' runner-up low net, 0-26 (153), V. Matheson, Fraserview; ladies' runner-up low net, 27-32 (152), M. Mills, Salt Spring.

Day prizes: men's low gross, Sat. (73) Rob Cummings, Mission, men's low gross, Sun. (78) Eric Bracher, Salt Spring; ladies' low

gross, Sat. (92) Connie Hardy, Salt Spring; ladies' low gross, Sun. (98) Estelle Johnson, San Juan.

Men's low net, Sat. (65) Don Nemeth, Salt Spring; men's low net, Sun. (64) Alex McCauley, Salt Spring; ladies' low net, Sat. (73) C. Lindholm, Orcas Island; ladies' low net, Sun. (74) R. Vanderslyvs, San Juan.

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**SUNDAY, AUG. 22 - S.S.I. Riding Club Trail Ride, Beddis Beach. Leave Riding Ring 11 am.**



Larry Davies of Salt Spring accepts the trophy for low net from Dr. David Keys. Davies toured the 36 holes of the Salt Spring Invitational in 130 strokes. He shot 65 each of the two days and his handicap dropped the final score.

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## Married Saturday

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The bride, daughter of Joie and William Ralph of New Zealand, wore a blue, mid-length silk dress and carried gladioli and carnations.

Groom is the son of John and Marie Crofton.

Rev. Garnet McPhee officiated

at the wedding ceremony.

Best man was Desmond Crofton and usher was Kevin Crofton. Visiting from Edmonton for the wedding were Des and Janet Crofton as well as other guests from Vancouver and Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Crofton will spend their honeymoon in New Zealand and return to reside in Vancouver.

## Firemen called back to Maxwell

A hot spot flared on Mount Maxwell and the Salt Spring Fire Department climbed the hill to put it out.

The mini-fire occurred Monday and the crews are keeping an eye on the area for other hot spots which may be left following last week's forest fire.

The firemen had more than the forest fire to contend with recently when the newest tanker of their fleet broke an axle on the rough roads of Maxwell.

The tanker, purchased about two years ago, was towed down from the mountain while the firefighters were attempting to stop the fire from spreading last week.

A new axle was brought to the station and the tanker was ready to go the next day.

## No bow and arrows in area parks

Bows and arrows will be prohibited in regional parks, as well as firearms and dangerous weapons.

When the regional park regulation bylaw was considered last week director Pat Crofton observed that he had encountered hunters using bows and arrows in a regional park. They were also armed with permits issued by the fish and wildlife department, he stated.

A carload of youngsters had come to his own Saanich property, reported Crofton, and asked permission to shoot deer.

The board agreed that untrained and unsupervised bowmen might well constitute a hazard in the parks and added the restriction on the use of the weapons.

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