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Vesuvius ferry out as wharf rammed

One man was injured and several cars were damaged Monday when the *Vesuvius Queen* rammed the ferry dock at Vesuvius.

The ferry failed to go into reverse as it approached the wharf at 4 pm and the impact caused substantial damage to the dock and to cars aboard the ferry.

An ambulance was called for oiler Bob Empey who suffered head injuries following the collision. Some speculated that Empey was injured before he received orders to go astern. Vehicles aboard the ferry could not be unloaded due to the damaged ramp and dock so the ferry returned to Crofton.

An investigation of the incident is under way by the British Columbia Ferry Corporation. Spokesman Betty Nicholson said a meeting on Tuesday morning would look at the cause of the accident and the cost incurred by it.

Tom David, assistant terminal agent at Long Harbour on Salt Spring, explained that the ferry at Vesuvius would be out of commission for several weeks. Estimates have varied, he said.

"I've heard estimates of 48 hours to three months." He added that Bob Empey might have been injured before the accident because the controls from the bridge weren't answered before the ship hit the dock.

B. C. Ferries scheduling department will re-examine the island ferry schedule to consider an interim schedule for the *Vesuvius* ferry.

"There's a chance the *Vesuvius Queen* will be an auxiliary vessel at Fulford Harbour," Nicholson explained, "but plans for such an interim schedule are not definite."

Empey is recovering at Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges.



Scene at Vesuvius after collision Monday

Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

Story of a bomb

She was there at Hiroshima

She was 16 years old and was engaged in a city hospital.

August 6 was no different from any other day when she got up and prepared for the day's work. At 7.45 that morning she reported into the hospital and went to her station, where she started to sterilize medical equipment.

Just like any other day.

And like no other day ever seen on the face of the earth.

She was Kinuke. And it was the day of the first atom bomb, the nuclear explosion which rocked the world.

Today she is Kinuke Laskey, president of the Canadian Society of Atomic Bomb Survivors.

She continued to describe her own experience of a nuclear explosion.

The hospital was in Hiroshima, the Japanese city made famous for its disaster. The time was within less than an hour of the explosion.

JOYFUL DAY

It was a beautiful sunny morning in Hiroshima and the youthful hospital worker was feeling the joy of a hot summer's day when she heard the overhead rumble of a high-flying airplane. The warning had already sounded by this time, but like many of her fellow workers, young Kinuke was used to hearing air raid warnings and made no effort to take shelter.

Although she could hear the plane she could not see it. She never did.

There was a blast so fierce that she believed a bomb had exploded against the hospital building.

The devastating roar was followed by complete, utter silence in the building. Outside the building was silence. Her recollection was

that someone had slapped her face. She felt her cheekbones through the flesh and she was covered in blood—her own.

When the fog lifted and she could see again she found she was in the hallway, everything smashed up—dead people and dying people all over the floor.

It was a nightmare of people with faces like burned toast and people with no hair, no clothes and flesh hanging in festoons.

THE BEGINNING

The nightmare was only beginning. She crawled into the open and lapsed into unconsciousness. If one of the doctors had not seen a movement she might well have been burned with the dead in

one vast cremation. Her face was swollen and she could see nothing without forcing her eyelids open.

The treatment was harsh in the extreme. There were no anaesthetics, no operating room facilities.

The pain was atrocious when the doctor peeled off burned flesh. She would have been disfigured for life, but she begged for death rather than endure the agony.

The nightmare went on. After the prompt and screamingly painful surgery she was once again left to her own resources. She crawled two miles over the dead and the dying, unable to walk and conscious only of the need to find her family.

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Board to seek approval for new school site

The five-acre property on Southridge Road near Fulford will be the site of a new school, subject to certain conditions and ministry of education approval.

Trustees of the Gulf Islands School District met last week to finalize a decision on the matter. They decided to seek ministry approval for the Southridge lot but also want to check the site for availability of potable water and satisfactory percolation conditions of the soil.

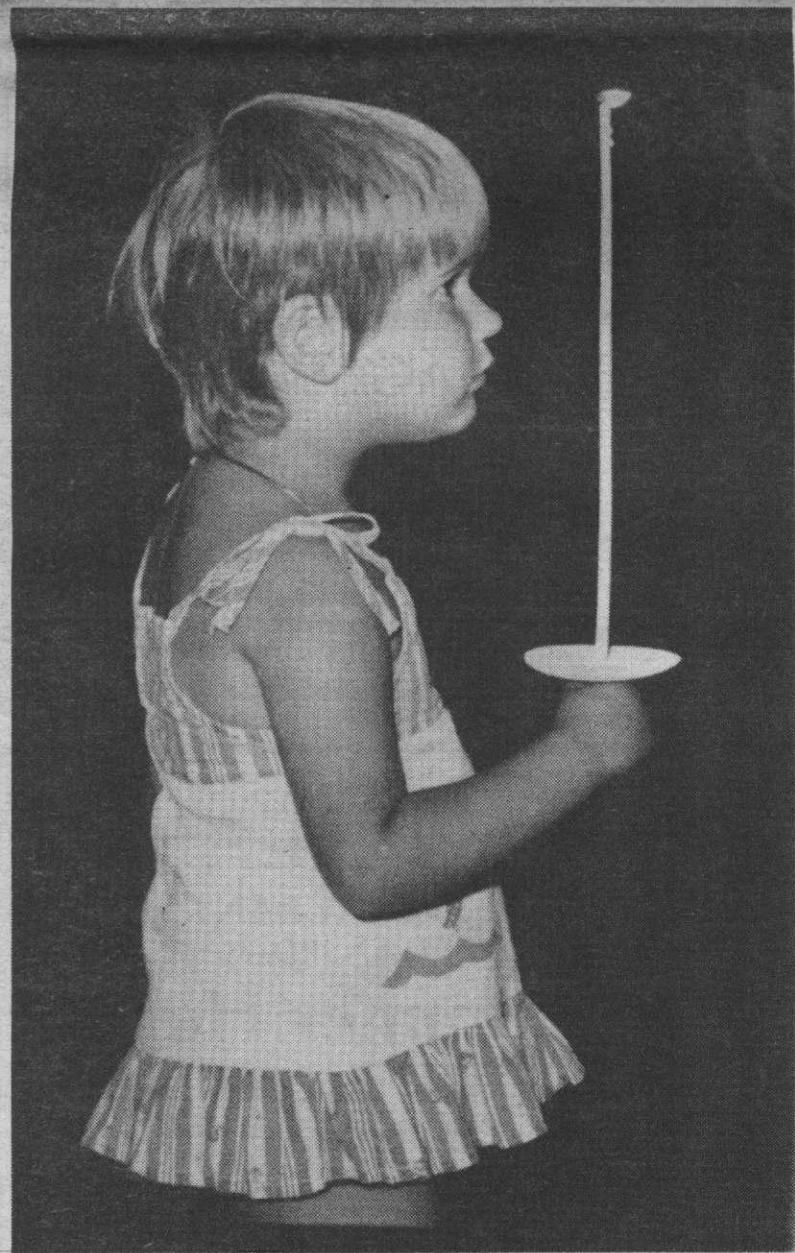
School board chairman Charles Hingston told *Driftwood* that the trustees had looked at several other suggested sites but each was within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The

board had received assurances that the sites could either be rezoned or a school allowed without a change in zoning.

The proposed property has met with approval from both the Fulford parents' group and the South Salt Spring Residents' Association.

The soil in the area has proven satisfactory in percolation tests on other properties and several wells have been drilled with satisfactory supplies of water.

The trustees will discuss the implications of the proposed purchase at the regular meeting of the school board on August 17. The meeting begins at 1 pm.



Candles were lit as dusk fell. Children sang, priests and ministers prayed and hearts were heavy following the ceremony for Symbols of Hope on Hiroshima Day. Candle

bearer Jessica Dugborne listens while Rev. John Bailey spoke to the crowd at Centennial Park Sunday night.

Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards



Pender picnic for Operation Dismantle

More than 100 attend Pender picnic

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Visitors from Saturna, Mayne and Galiano joined the Pender Island picnic Saturday sponsored by the Pender branch of Operation Dismantle. It was the 38th anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

People started to arrive at 12:30 pm and eventually there were over 100 picnickers sitting on the grass and under the trees on a perfect summer day on the lawn at Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lynd's home.

Frank Jones acted as master of ceremonies. Reverend David Apivor of St. Peter's Church opened

the afternoon with a prayer, and then he and his son Nicholas played three baroque pieces, Rev. Apivor on the recorder and his son on the keyboard synthesizer.

Dorothy Livesay of Galiano, well-known Canadian author and poet, read several poems.

Terry Padghem from Victoria addressed the audience, saying that Canada is deliberately and consciously marching on the path to nuclear destruction.

Padghem said a freeze is the first step towards nuclear disarmament. She said she would love to see a sign on all the Gulf Islands, "You are now entering a nuclear-free zone."

Dr. George Morrison of Mayne Island spoke about the terrible destruction when the first atomic bomb was dropped in 1945. It broke the will and spirit of the Japanese and finished the war.

To close the picnic, Frank Jones thanked the Lynd family for allowing the use of their property.

He reminded those present that there were 170,000 people killed when the first bombs were dropped on Japanese cities.

She was at Hiroshima on August 6, 1945

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That was the beginning. Hiroshima was flattened. Scarcely a building remained in the range of the bomb. Humans were evaporated in the vicinity of the explosion and people died in the thousands.

STORY OF A BOMB

This was the story of the bomb as told on Sunday at Ganges by Kinuke Laskey. It was the story of the world's first nuclear explosion launched in anger. The injuries sustained were far beyond those which would have resulted from conventional weapons. The blast of air released by the explosion was estimated to reach a temperature of 2,000 degrees centigrade.

Those injuries were only a minor part of the bomb.

As the victims progressed, they started to lose hair, suffered constant nausea and pined away. The radiation sickness was beginning to take its toll, a toll that was destined to go on for years.

Laskey never forgot the nightmare of August 6, 1945, but she rarely spoke out.

"For 37 years I was silent," she told an audience in St. George's Church.

Now, she is increasingly aware of the danger of a repetition of the nuclear explosion which she survived. And she has to speak out, she said.

"People must say 'No' to nuclear weapons!"

The address by the Canadian survivor of the bomb was accompanied by two movies showing the grim effect of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs on human flesh.

The hundred or so people in the church collected candles on their way out and filed through Ganges to Centennial Park.

The candlelight ceremony included prayers and song as island people expressed their hope for a nuclear-free future for the world.

It was the second Hiroshima memorial ceremony to be staged in Ganges.

Attendance of about 150 people was considerably greater than last year.

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Opinion poll conducted to choose schedule

The summer ferry schedule has confused travellers from the mainland as well as those in the Gulf Islands but changes will be made.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation has come up with three variations of the schedule and last week went seeking opinions from the public about them at ferry terminals as well as aboard the boats.

The researchers talked to visitors to the islands, residents as well as part-timers and the employees of the ferry company. The idea was to get a feeling of what people think of each variation.

The schedules were checked for readability and ease of understanding. Each person interviewed was asked for suggestions for improvements.

"We find we get a lot of criticism over the schedules," said B.C. Ferries spokesman Betty Nicholson, "but not many positive suggestions

for changes.

"That's what we're after right now."

The one schedule is similar to the current effort which has confused travellers and ferry workers alike. It has been simplified and rearranged for clarity.

The second has been set up along the lines of an airline schedule. Information includes time of leaving and arriving at various terminals to and from the mainland as well as inter-island service.

The third specimen brings back the type of schedule with which islanders have grown acquainted over the years. A twist is colour coding to indicate transfer points for travellers to different islands.

The survey of opinion sought between 100 to 200 replies and the results are being tabulated to determine which schedule will be issued.



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The postal code works!

Had a successful experience with postal codes last week. Taimi Hindmarch mailed an envelope to *Driftwood*. She confused the code and sent it properly addressed but with the Saturna code instead of the Ganges V0S 1E0. What do you know? Of course, you do! It came back to Saturna when the Victoria sorting office read the code! So, you see, it works!

It must be going down!

It wasn't insurmountable, but the instructions on the marine phone on the B.C. Ferries proved a nuisance. The instructions tell you that the call will cost \$1.25 and you go to the phone, armed with five quarters. The call is almost made when the telephone maiden at some distant exchange announces that it will be \$1.85. So you cancel the call. I figure that B.C. Tel or B.C. Ferries will change it all and announce next week that the rate is being reduced, but only the sign has been changed as yet.

It's loony said the message

I sent Women's Lib some flowers by telegraph when I was in England. And the girl asked whether I wanted a message. So I told her it was the first time in 40 years that I'd sent flowers to my wife and she'd suffer too much of a shock. I broke down under pressure and told her to say that "Britain is a lonely place". But they couldn't understand me in my native city any more than they do in British Columbia. The flowers arrived with the message that "It's a loony place in Britain". I came back not unlike the prophet but unrecognized in any country.

Were you away?

It was a homecoming of sorts. First thing we lost half our luggage. Then we missed the ferry. Next day we were off to a niece's wedding and arrived back on the island on Sunday to discover that Tony was wearing a concrete boot and sinking fast. By Monday morning I was back at work. And that's a come-down if you want one. The ultimate brush-off. "Have you been away?"

Culmination is the low spot!

The CBC announcer said it without blushing. At least, I presume he didn't. He was speaking over a radio station. The exercises, he informed me, and others, will culminate in November. My exercises usually culminate in back-ache or utter weariness. I never had one yet that culminated in November. Only thing I know that culminates in November might be October. I was left with the nagging suspicion that the flower of Canadian culture; the voice of the nation; the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is not acquainted with all the words it uses. To culminate is to reach its peak, as the rest of us are aware, just like a star. The word is 300 years old in its original sense. It was lifted out of the scientific jargon and brought into general use a century or more ago. It is falling into misuse in the late 20th century and will probably end up meaning almost anything the CBC wants it to mean by the beginning of the 21st century.

No no smoking

I don't smoke. Once upon a time I smoked like a chimney, emitting pungent clouds of blue smoke from both mouth and nose. Now I don't. I enjoyed smoking. I enjoyed the pleasure of buying tobacco to dissipate in smoke. I enjoyed a long training which commenced with surreptitious puffs in the bedroom when I was about eight to the ultimate test of red-blooded-he-manism, the French army issue pipe tobacco. Two puffs and your uvula descends rapidly to debate the assault with your belly button. Trained and qualified, I smoked. My smoking career probably culminated in a consumption of over a hundred a day when I was in the air force and working a 24 hour day. With that history I yet quit. No more heaving at every morning puff! No more sore throats! No more cigarettes! So I flew away over the sea. And all my long apprenticeship in smoking was invaluable to me. There were no non-smokers' seats available, but I still don't smoke. I was left to wonder whether a traveller might be invited to state his preference when he purchases a ticket in order to more readily find the seat he prefers.

There was no phone!

Quietest day of Saturna's year was last Wednesday when the B.C. Telephone Company cut off the service while technicians worked on the island system. Maybe the company could do this on a regular basis on all islands. Just one day a year when there is no telephone! Wouldn't it be quiet?

Financing changes don't work here

The changes in financing school districts don't work for the Gulf Islands, says school board chairman Charles Hingston.

The Gulf Islands School District is the only one of its kind in the province. The ministry of education has set up a financing scheme based on the size of school districts and the distances involved.

Gulf Islands trustees have asked the ministry to take into account the need for water transportation "but so far," said Hingston, "no action."

"To apply the standards set by the ministry would mean a healthy saving," Hingston noted. "But the standard doesn't take into consideration that the Gulf Islands School District is five islands," he said.

The trustees met last week to talk about the information governing the financing of education. They did not have very much information, said Hingston. The ministry has promised guidelines by August 19, he added.

"As you can imagine, it's very difficult to make any firm decisions for the next few years with the information we have so far."

No jobs to be lost —region

The directors of the Capital Regional District joined the anti-government protest only to find the rules had been changed.

At a recent meeting of the CRD board, the directors approved a motion to reassure their employees that they wouldn't lose jobs in face of the provincial government's attempts to cut back on the number of civil servants.

The resolution was aimed at the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1978, as well as the British Columbia Nurses Union (Capital Region).

The directors approved the motion to reassure their employees "that it is not the intention of the district to take advantage of the legislation for the purpose of terminating without cause the services of any of its employees and will continue to honour the provisions of existing labour contracts...."

When several directors objected to the resolution on the grounds that it says nothing, chairman Howard Sturrock urged its passage.

"I don't think it'll do any harm," he said, "and it may indeed do much good."

The provincial government has since dropped the provision of firing employees "without cause".

The need for water transportation is unique to the Gulf Islands but the ministry has yet to admit it. Payments are made to transport children by bus but no mention has been made of the costs of water transportation.

"We have to transport some kids by water," said Hingston, "and it's more expensive to take kids by water taxi than by bus."

The trustees have also begun talks with the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) to let them know what goes on.

The confined budget added to the provincial government's stated

purpose of reducing the number of public employees has produced an air of uncertainty among the workers and teachers.

The school board, based on information available so far, just does not know how staffing will be affected, said Hingston. His only comment was, "I can't say they'd be secure."

Hingston said he sympathizes with the employees of the school district about the actions of the provincial government. He is employed by the B.C. Ferry Corporation and faces the same dilemma.

"It's a horrible feeling," he said, "just not knowing."

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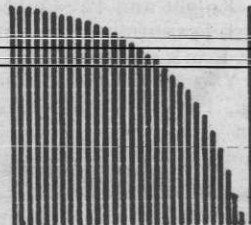
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A word in your ear

Trustee of the North Salt Spring Island Waterworks District, Don Storr, has appealed to residents of Salt Spring Island to support the Islands Trust proposal for a larger minimum size for lots in watershed areas.

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee has approved a bylaw calling for a minimum lot size in a watershed of 30 acres. The bylaw now lies on the dusty desk of the minister of municipal affairs, reports Mr. Storr.

The same trustee has urged that residents write to the minister expressing their concern for water protection on the island and calling on the minister to expedite the approval of the bylaw.

Government spokesmen and various ministers have long warned islanders that they must exercise the powers they already enjoy if they wish to protect their supplies of potable water. It would be ludicrous if the minister were to delay the first legislation to be based on this ministerial advice.

We can only trust that the minister will recognize the absurdity of delay in this instance.

A new era

If improved public relations is their goal, then tactics being employed by the B.C. Ferry Corporation are bound to pay off.

However, we suspect that B.C. Ferries are finally directing their efforts towards providing a reasonable service to ferry users in the Gulf Islands.

The corporation is currently undertaking a survey to determine what type of schedule should replace the one now in use in the islands. There have been loud objections voiced over the existing schedule and those objections have been valid.

But just a few years ago they would have fallen on deaf ears. In those days there would have been very little public input into the scheduling or the format the schedule took.

The corporation has three schedule designs in mind. One uses the existing schedule with the only change being some colour coding to improve readability.

The second is similar to an airline schedule and is even more difficult to read than the first.

The best of the three is a return to the schedules of old. There is a separate table of arrival and departure times for each of the three vessels on the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay-Gulf Islands runs: the *Queen of Tsawwassen*, the *Mayne Queen* and the *Quintessa*.

There is a fourth table showing the connecting services, a vast improvement over the complex array of coloured arrows now in use.

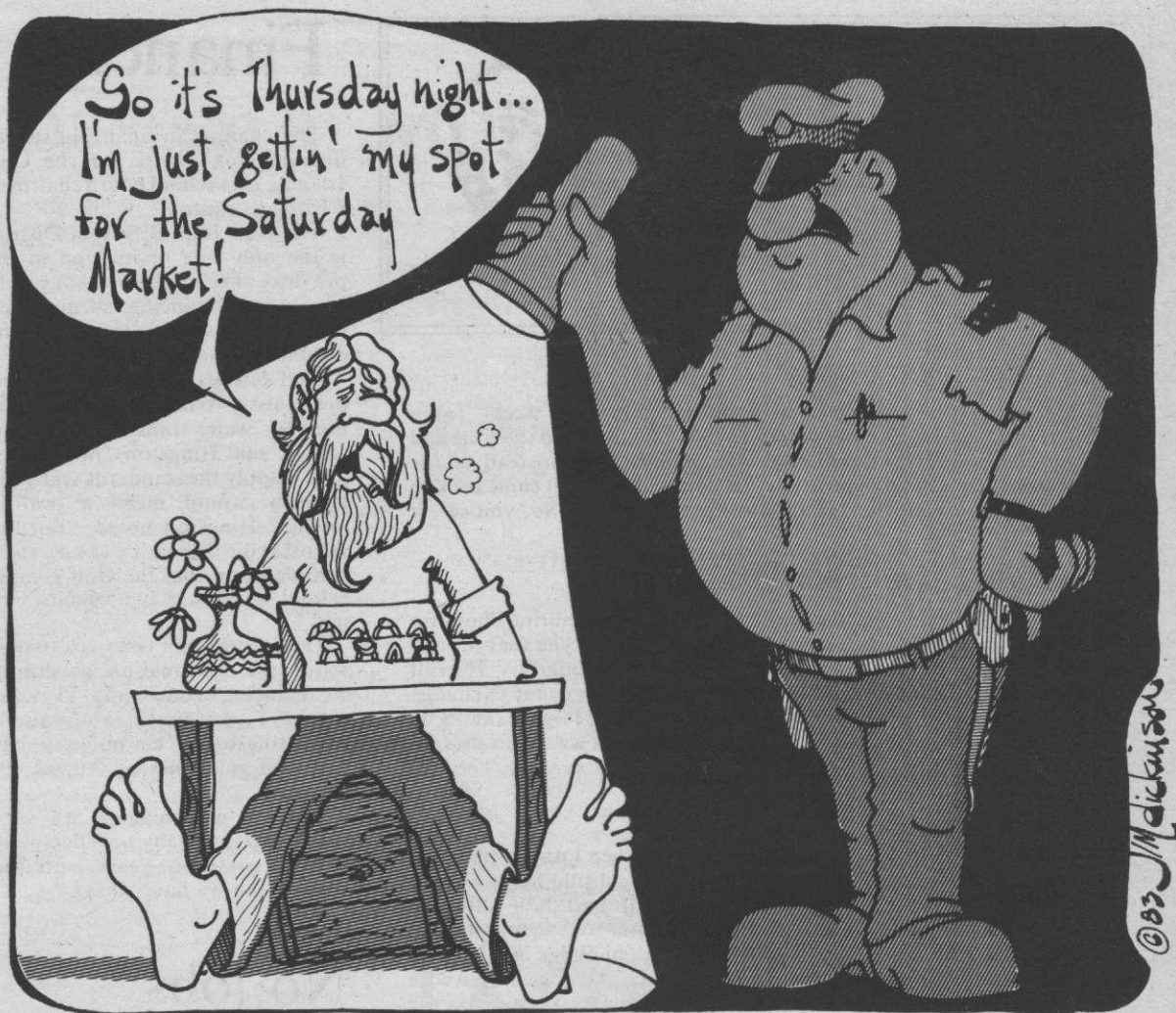
The corporation's move to replace the schedule should be welcomed by islands residents. We should also give a warm welcome to this new era of co-operation between the corporation and those who make use of its service.

Another year and a half?

Following last week's meeting of the Capital Regional Board, it is now safe to assume that at least another year and a half will pass before any concrete action is taken concerning the Ganges sewer.

The engineer's report was tabled at last week's regional board meeting because only 12 of the 19 directors were present.

The other seven must have been off taking a refresher course in procrastination.



Letters to the Editor

Political tricks cover over cruise tests

Sir,

Since the announcement of the decision to test the cruise missile, several senior Cabinet ministers have been making statements intended to confuse the issue and misrepresent the concerns of the peace movement in Canada.

We have never said that the missiles to be tested will be armed, and we have little fear for the safety of the people who live and work below the flight path the missile will take. These are rhetorical devices designed to deflect public attention from the fact that the tests represent a major upswing in the arms race. It is exactly the same kind of political trickery as that which claims the Canadian peace movement wishes unilateral disarmament when we have clearly and consistently advocated multilateral disarmament.

The cruise is designed to be undetectable and far-ranging; it is undeniably a first-strike weapon. Furthermore it is a threat to peace negotiations which often hinge on the verification of weapons. The cruise—which can be hidden in a milk truck—is nearly impossible to verify.

When you listen to the "we-know-better-than-you" pronouncements of the Cabinet remember that they were the ones who approved urea formaldehyde. Most of our M.P.s do not spend their time studying the arms race in the thorough way the peace movement does. They, not we, are in need of a basic education on the subject. Don't let their speaking skills twist a vital issue. Peace and survive.

SUE STROUD
21-2161 Haultain St.,
Victoria, B.C.
July 29, 1983.

An encouraging development

Sir,

A very encouraging development on Salt Spring Island in recent years has been an increasing concern by many for the protection of our potable water supplies. Without good drinking water, life on the island would be much less like paradise.

Two recent aspects of this development have been the organization and work of the Watershed Preservation Society, and the passage by Islands Trust of By-law 87, restricting lot size in watershed areas to a minimum of 12 hectares (30 acres). It is beyond the financial means of the various water districts to own the watershed lands, but this action by Islands Trust is perhaps the next best thing, limiting any major development in the watersheds.

The By-law at present is awaiting approval by the minister of

municipal affairs, and let's hope there is no bottle-neck there. The Minister however needs to know the feeling of Islanders on this subject. The North Salt Spring Water District strongly supports the by-law and would appreciate letters from the general public to the minister in support of the action of Islands Trust.

DONALD STORR,
Trustee,
North Salt Spring Island
Waterworks District,
Ganges.
August 6, 1983.

Thanks for help on lighting!

Sir,

I would like to thank the following people on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission for having assisted in the construction of the tennis lighting at Portlock Park: Dale Neilson, Larry Davies, Jon McAstocker, Wayne Soroka, Joe Moulton, Joe Guilbault, the Kruger brothers, Mark Wenzel, Linda Woodley, Glen Woodley, Pat Tiernan, Jock Volkommer, Ray Rajsic, Gene Scown, Blain Matthews, Brian Logan, Bill Rahn, Dwayne Guilbault and Bruce McFadden.

As a result of their labours construction costs were kept well below estimates.

Efforts on projects of this nature demonstrate excellent community spirit and a personal feeling of accomplishment.

Well done and thank you!
BOB WANLESS,
Ganges.
August 7, 1983.

Thank you for success

Sir,

On behalf of the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Group I would like to thank all those people who helped make Hiroshima Nagasaki Symbols of Hope evening such a success.

Jean Knight and Pat Duke who played so beautifully in the church; Dwaine Prosk and Criss Cross flue duet; Yvonne Adalian poetry reading; Father Bergin and the children who sang so nicely in Centennial Park.

I would also like to thank Ray Newman and Pat for their help and loan of equipment.

PAT DESBOTTES,
Ganges.
August 1983.

OTTAWA REPORT

Eastern Standard mentality runs Canada

BY JIM MANLY, MP

A few months ago, a hockey fan complained to me the TV announcements of hockey games were given in Eastern Standard Time.

When Pierre Trudeau wanted to preach a series of economic sermons to Canadians, he chose 7 pm Eastern Standard Time, which was 4 pm in B.C. and meant that most people were still at work.

Too often it appears that the people who run Canada have an Eastern Standard mentality. Their vision of Canada is limited to what can be seen from the top of Mount Royal or the tip of the C.N. Tower.

At times, even CBC Radio shares this mentality. When Rafe Mair resigned from the B.C. cabinet, I listened to several Ottawa newscasts hoping to get some of the details.

But the resignation was not even mentioned. Obviously, the resignation of a B.C. cabinet minister was not thought to be of national importance.

On July 27, the Eastern Standard mentality struck again. Along with 20,000 fellow British Columbians, I was on the lawn of the Victoria legislature protesting the repressive legislation of the Bennett government. This was one of the largest demonstrations in Victoria's history and signifies the fact that British Columbians are the front-line troops in the struggle to maintain basic rights against neo-conservative government.

Driving home that night, I turned on the 10 o'clock CBC news to hear what impact our little demonstration had made on the national psyche.

The lead story concerned the breakdown of contract talks between Chrysler and the Auto Workers. Another story talked about a young New Zealander charged with "mooning" in front of royalty. But about 20,000 people on the front lawn of the legislature? Nothing—a total blank.

If 300 people protest a new dog bylaw in Toronto we will all hear about it, but 20,000 protesters in Victoria didn't rate.

I know that the CBC brass will answer my letter of complaint by saying they did carry the story on some other newscast. However, I think that the 10 o'clock news should be a significant summary of the main events of the day.

What you need to know is that the CBC 10 o'clock news is produced in Toronto by people who operate on

Eastern Standard. Several years ago the Vancouver studio produced our own evening news, but this was eliminated in one of Trudeau's early attempts at restraint.

In the meantime, the CBC budget continues to grow. Perhaps you could understand it better if you lived in Toronto.



Bill Webster

Opportunity for sightseeing

Gulf Islanders exist in a situation dependent upon the winds of chance which means, one could say if one were poetic, we are morsels for the gods.

When the ferry at Vesuvius proved the inadequacy of brakes on the boats this week, the crash echoes farther than suspicions would suspect.

The trucks come laden with goods for island consumption but more importantly, visitors bring heavy wallets through the north island ferry terminal. What happens now ask those on the island who stock up for winter on the bounty dropped by tourists?

Many years ago, nature decided that these islands would be just that. She carved the earth in such a way that water filled the spaces between the high rock and that's a fact we live with.

To overcome the jest of nature, man decided that boats could carry people and things back and forth between here and there. But nature had the last laugh when she made brakes and water incompatible.

So, kind folk, we live with what is laughingly known as B. C. Ferry Corporation.

Circumstance led Louis Bolivar-Finchley and I to the big smoke across the moat last weekend and we of course travelled by ferry to get there and back.

Louis decided that the Concertina would be a feast for roadside policemen and rather than have one of the community protectors break out in writer's cramp filling out tickets, we went on foot and took the bus from Tsawwassen into town.

On Monday we returned to the Gulf Rocks and the voyage was interesting. We showed up at the mainland wharf and were graciously escorted aboard the barge. But the barge only came part-way to Salt Spring before turning round to go back.

At Mayne, where the boat disgorged travellers before it paddled back to the mainland for another load, we waited, Louis and other travellers and I, for the next leg of the journey.

The *Mayne Queen* showed up to take some to Saturna and Swartz Bay while the rest of us waited in the sunshine.

We waited for the *Quintisa*. And we waited.

Finally it arrived and we joined the rowers on board for the trip to Salt Spring with a stop at Montague basin on Galiano.

Jokes among the tourists centred on the need to transfer from one barge to another in order to get from there to here. They, the tourists, also showed a certain uncertainty about how the barge would get from one point to another.

The rowers, as a spokesman for the boat people had said,

were better than the oarsmen of last year and the *Quintisa* braved the waves of Trincomali en route to Long Harbour.

The trip to Montague proved of no consequence other than the seagulls bombing the car deck and the smaller vessels tempting the barge and its faulty brake system.

Contemplation about the journey took up several seconds of time.

Louis laughed at the reactions of the tourists to the transfer needed half-way here. Said he: "At least they'll be seeing the Gulf Isles."

Which of course is the reason they came. Without the ferry company ingeniously arranging the schedule, those visitors would have seen little of the beauty inherent in these rocks.

They would have left the big smoke, hid away in the cafeteria on the trip over and sweated their way uphill and down dale on their 10-speeds, not seeing anything because of the perspiration running into their eyes.

But the ferry company changed all that.

Louis suggested that the advertisements for the Gulf Islands should include the trip as well as the beauty.

He suggested something like the phrase: "Visit the Gulf Islands by ferry to discover if you can get there."

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National campaign originated with local group

Goal: a nuclear weapons-free Canada

Second of two parts

BY
VALERIE
RICHARDS

AS the production of nuclear weapons increases and the arms race appears to more and more people around the world as an irrational policy followed by a few, disarmament committees have been formed in the Soviet Union, England, United States and around the world.

Two years ago, the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Committee was established. A handful of islanders gathered to discuss their fears of a nuclear war and express their hopes for the banning of nuclear weapons in Canada and the outlawing of the cruise missile.

But no one knew quite how to stop the growing threat of a nuclear war. How can a committee of 20 or 40 or even 100 people on a west coast Canadian island begin working towards the prevention of nuclear war?

"In order to do something about the nuclear arms race you have to begin by reading about it," advises Eleanor Erickson, wife of ex-UBC English professor Don Erickson.

The disarmament committee set up an information booth at the Farmers' Market each Saturday morning, hoping that islanders might stop and enquire about the current nuclear arms race and the crisis of a nuclear war.

People stopped. More and more islanders joined the committee.

Demonstrations have been organized for nuclear disarmament. Islanders have travelled to Victoria and Vancouver where over 70,000 marched for nuclear disarmament in both cities combined.

Demonstrations were not enough

"Demonstrations were not enough," committee member Don Erickson recalled. "We had to become a political movement uninvolved with any political party."

On Salt Spring Island, disarmament committee members are affiliated with all the Canadian political parties in Canada and not exclusively with the NDP, whose unequivocal support of disarmament and a nuclear weapons-free Canada has often discouraged Canadians of other parties from becoming involved.

Ideas were thrown around. The island group looked towards unifying groups across Canada in their efforts to stop the testing of the cruise and to gain strength in numbers. From suggestions made by committee members, the Peace Petition Campaign was born.

The campaign has already started. The petition will ask three things of the government: That Canada be declared a nuclear weapons-free zone; that the cruise missile not be tested in this country; and that all members of parliament be permitted to vote freely on nuclear weapons issues.

The Peace Petition Campaign will involve the collection of petitions signed by Canadian residents in every federal riding across Canada.

A Peace Caravan will travel across Canada early next spring collecting the petitions. Later, each MP will present the petitions to the government in the House of Commons.

This campaign has kept the island disarmament group busy for the last few months.

National committee formed

In order to organize the campaign the island committee has sent Don Erickson to Ottawa and Toronto twice. There, Erickson formed a national committee headquarters for the campaign.

Erickson's dedication to the disarmament cause comes with a sense of urgency. He wants to see the caravan moving across Canada by the beginning of next April.

"I don't think we have much time," he said.

Erickson expressed apprehension that Trudeau would call an early election and the petition campaign would be made futile.

As a preliminary to the actual petition which will start in September, four islanders are currently travelling across Canada. Debbie and Wilf Davies, Peter Pentz and Don Erickson are travelling through Canadian towns to inform people about the petition and about nuclear disarmament.

Louise Beijk will be attending a strategy conference on August 27 in Ottawa. This conference will plan the course of events for the following eight months.

The National Committee of the Peace Petition campaign will include representatives from various organizations.

Erickson approached a number of Canadians to sit on the committee.

The Canadian Labour Congress voted unanimously to support the disarmament petition. John Fryer will sit on the national committee.

Ottawa Mayor Marion Dewar is also on the committee, along with Dr. R. Legge of the Canadian

Council of Churches and Bishop Adolphe Proulx of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

As more organizations formally endorse the campaign the possibility of Canada becoming a nuclear weapons-free zone increases.

Committee involved in other activities

In addition to the organization of a Peace Petition Campaign, the island disarmament group has been involved in a variety of other activities.

Pat Desbottes, a Salt Spring Player and a member of the disarmament committee, is attempting to have Headlines Theatre from Vancouver present *Under the Gun*, a musical review on nuclear war.

Films such as *If You Love This Planet*, an award-winning film on nuclear arms, are being made available to community groups such as the Lions and Rotary Clubs.

Finally, funding of the group's activities has been highly successful.

Spokesman for the fund-raising committee, Alice Andress, explains that the disarmament group has raised \$14,000 this year.

An auction raised \$5,300 while Biz Whitby raised \$550 in a plant sale alone.

Kathryn and Ross Vezerian made \$1,645 in a garage sale and Susan Blagborne raised \$2,400 with proceeds from the Heritage House Tour.

At one disarmament meeting alone, those attending pledged over \$4,000 to the committee when the group was pressed for funds.

An active member of the Anglican Church, Andress finished her work with the Vietnamese boat people two years ago before confronting the issue of nuclear disarmament.

The most vital issue today

"It is the most vital issue at the present time," she commented.

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Don Erickson

anything about it so why try' would be wrong," she said.

Something must be done about the build-up of nuclear weapons by the superpowers and about the proposed cruise missile testing over Canada. According to Andress, there can only be a positive outcome of the opposition towards nuclear arms.

Funds raised by the committee have been used to fly Erickson to Ottawa twice. Erickson's work to organize a national committee and headquarters convinced the island group to pay Erickson half-time for three months, allowing him to dedicate himself completely to the Peace Petition Campaign.

Additional moneys have been used for advertising, brochures and

travelling expenses for other members of the disarmament committee. Also, the committee will be sponsoring islanders on the Peace Caravan next April.

For islanders who wish to learn more about nuclear weapons, war and disarmament, a display of books relating to the subject is being made available at the library in Ganges.

Included in the display is Jonathon Schell's book *The Fate of the Earth*.

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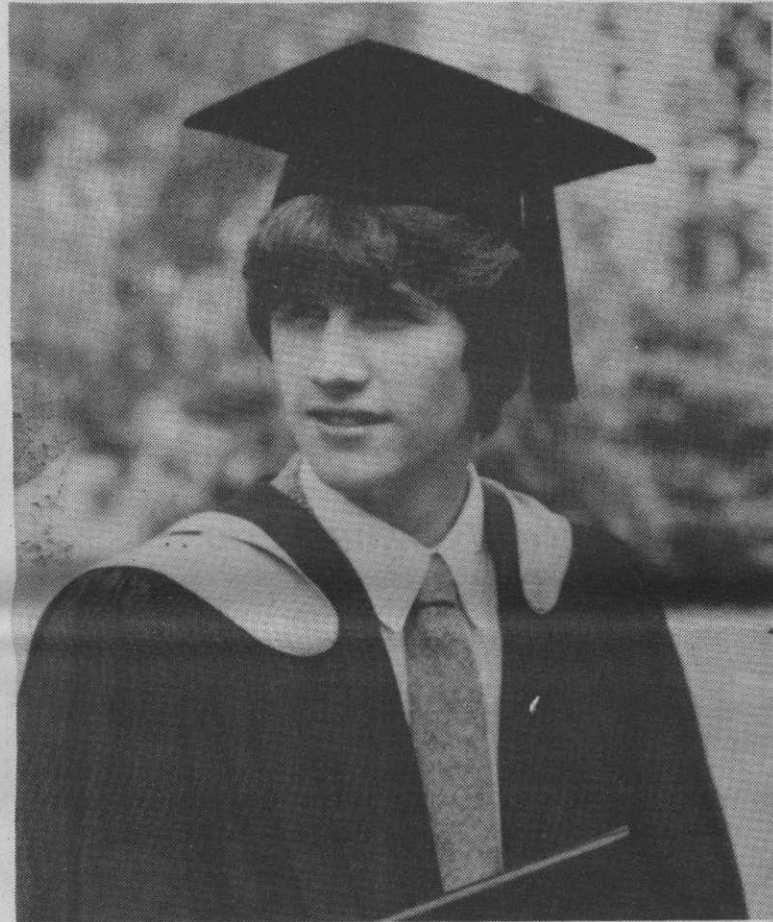
BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Concern over dangerous hunting practices was the reason for a meeting last Thursday at Pender Island. The meeting was called by Islands Trust representative Steve Wright of South Pender, chairman of the Trust's wildlife committee.

With Wright were Bill Norton, South Pender trustee, RCMP Const. John Henwood; and Gordon Wallace, North Pender trustee.

Much concern has been expressed by Pender residents over the past 10 years because of dangerous hunting practices during the hunting season. This concern has been growing each year and several incidents occurred last fall.

Wright said most complaints seem to be levied against off-island



To attend UBC

David Woodley, son of Linda and Glenn Woodley of Salt Spring Island, has been accepted by three medical schools in Canada. He has chosen to study at the University of B.C. and will be attending in September. Woodley has just graduated from the University of Victoria with a bachelor of science (honours) degree.

Photo by Barbara Woodley

Owner sought

A Volkswagen bug was parked off the roadway but unfortunately it was 20 feet down an embankment at

RCMP received the message at 2 pm Saturday that the vehicle had careened down the bank. A visitor on a boat in the harbour had heard the commotion and later phoned the police.

The owner of the vehicle had not talked to RCMP and they are attempting to trace that owner through the registration of the Volkswagen. There were no reports of injuries.

weekenders, and it was his hope the meeting would provide some consensus as to how to handle the increasing hazard to stock, residents and property.

Wallace said in his opinion the specific areas of concern were road allowances, Magic Lake, Trincomali and Port Washington. Wright said there were the Gowland Point Road area and large farms where cattle and sheep graze.

A petition with 300 names from Magic Lake has been received by Vern Roddick, Capital Region director for the Outer Islands, asking for no discharge of firearms.

However, Roddick said that there are residents in some areas who want to use firearms.

"Whatever we do will only be valid until March 31, 1984," he said,

"when it will be superseded by the new Wildlife Act."

He added that Mayne passed a bylaw prohibiting firearms and the island is now "the bow and arrow capital of the world."

Angela Verriour of Port Washington said that although this is a settlement area, she has an orchard and the crows must be shot to stop them eating all her fruit.

The wildlife committee of the Islands Trust has been negotiating with the fish and wildlife branch to ban shooting within 150 metres or less of any building or road allowance.

Some members of the audience felt quite strongly that shooting on the road allowance should be allowed in stated areas.

Wallace mentioned that anyone is allowed to shoot on crown land, but property owners must be prepared to protect their property by posting "no trespassing" signs correctly.

Some people think the deer are cute and don't want them shot, but Bill Mundy pointed out that deer eat gardens and multiply rapidly if there is not control. The meeting agreed to a proposal to not allow shooting on road allowances and that all property owners have proper "No Trespassing" signs at the entrance so anyone found on the land can then be charged.

The audience wanted the words "without written permission" included.

The meeting also wanted signs posted at the ferry dock, although Henwood pointed out this does not have the legal strength of signs on private property.

Wright hopes that with the co-operation of property owners' associations and others it will be possible to get signs for a low cost.

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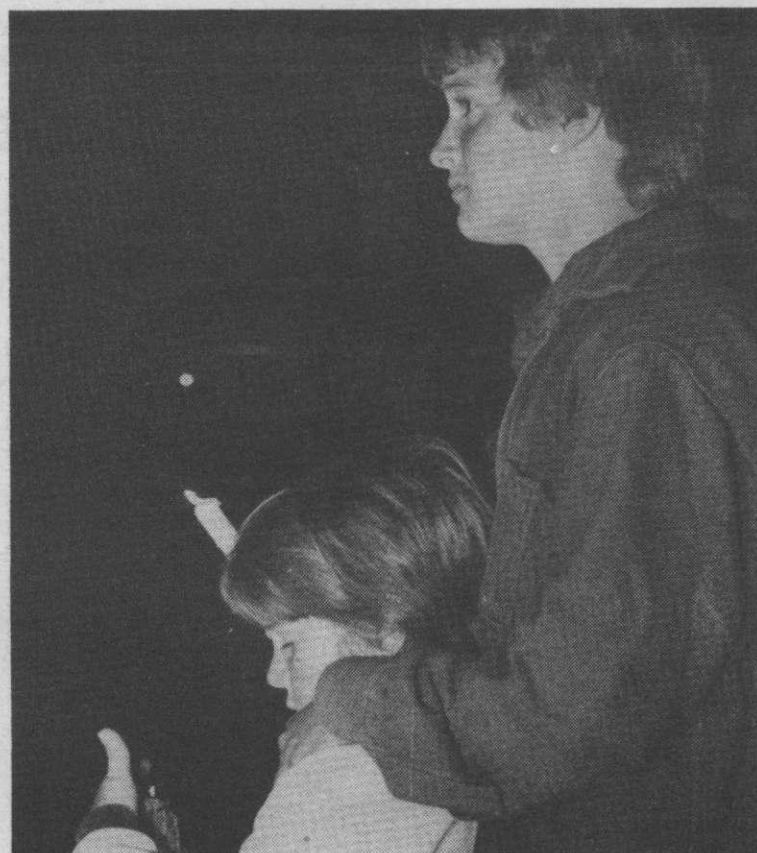
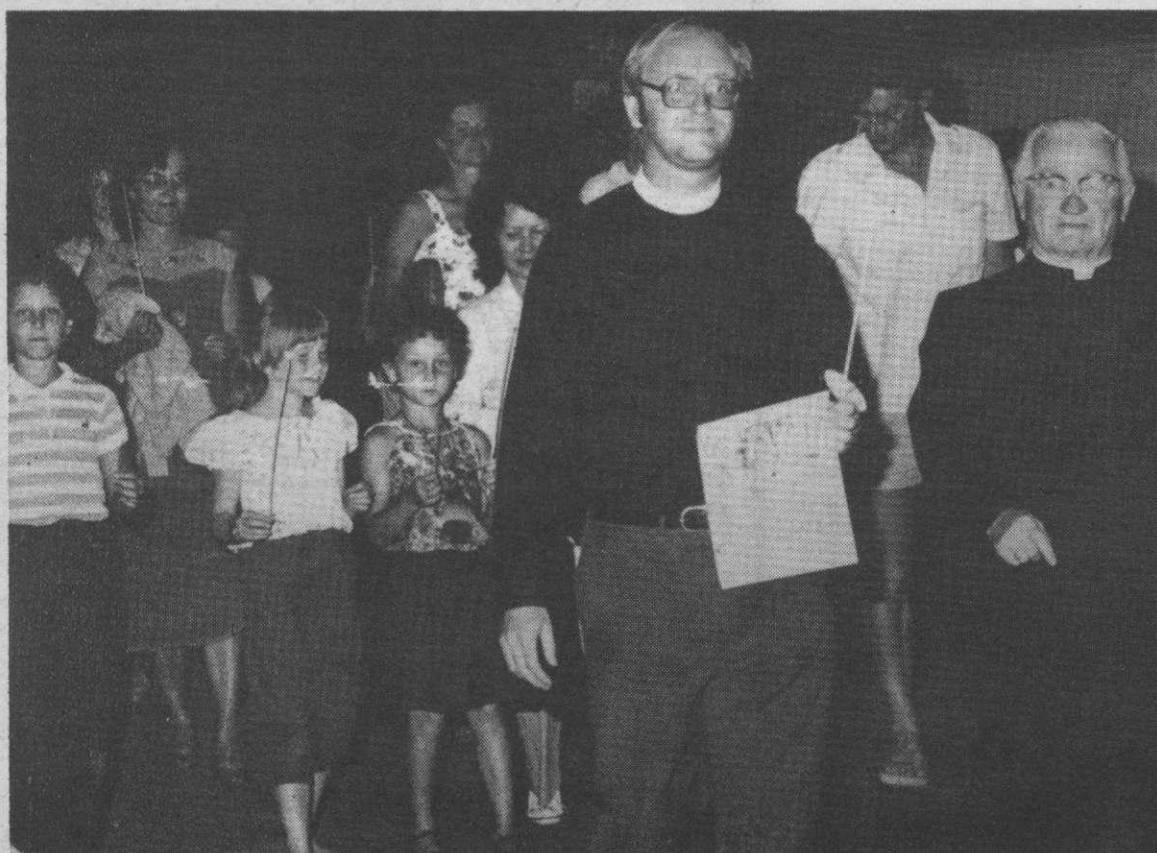
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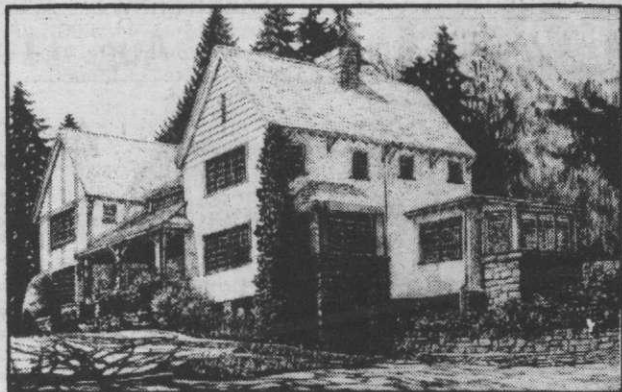
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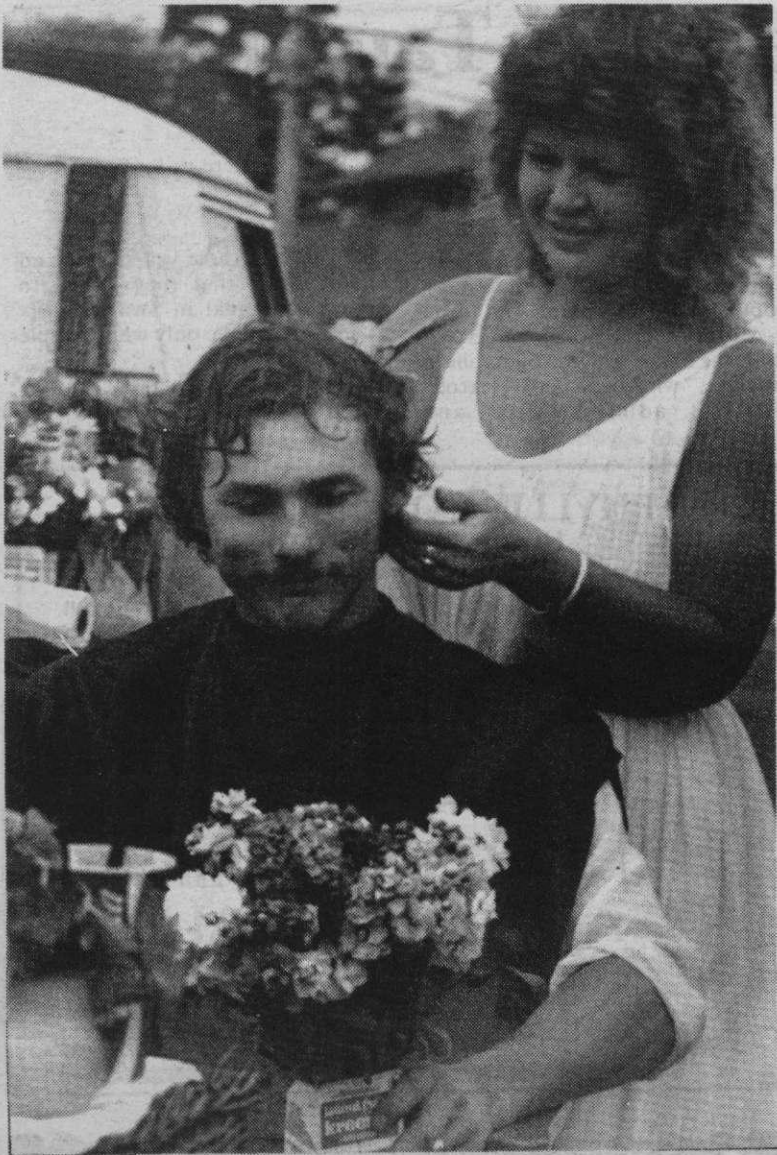
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ment Committee on Salt Spring Island. "Maybe I should come down here every week... but would people have their hair cut in a public place if it wasn't for nuclear disarmament?" she wondered. Losing his locks is Dan Clement of Ganges.

Firemen called out Tuesday

The fire hazard on Salt Spring stands at high and fire chief Bob Leask takes a dim view of unauthorized fires.

On Tuesday the volunteer firemen were called to a beach on Beddis Road because a fire permit had not been applied for nor issued.

The fire had been set by a trucker from Pender Island who was not aware of the need for a fire permit to burn brush on Salt Spring. He told the fire chief that slash fires were permitted on Pender.

The fire chief was perturbed that

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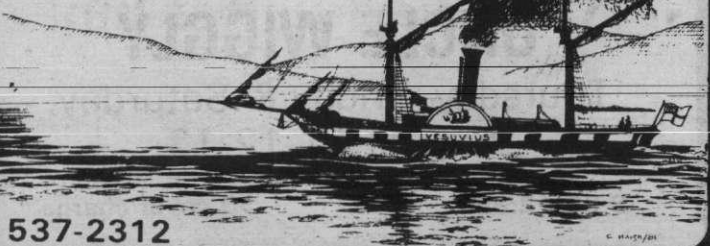
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A farmer on Furness Road reported that 10 of his chickens had been taken from the chicken house during the night on the long weekend. The chicken thieves had broken into the pen and had taken the chickens while they roosted for the night.

At another farm in the valley, three little pigs were not to be found.

The third incident saw the disappearance of a shed from a farm while a fourth farmer reported that his barn had been broken into during the night.

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PENDER ISLAND

FALL FAIR CONVENERS meet Fri., Aug. 12, 10 am, C.C.

PHILOSOPHY MEETING Fri. 8 pm at Mae Moonie's.

FARMERS' MARKET Sat. 9:30 am, Driftwood Centre.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY PARTY at the Legion, Sat. 8 pm.

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Island couple to spend three years in Tanzania

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

LIFE in a Tanzanian village is not everyone's dream. But for Salt Spring Islanders, Sam and Lee Evans, the routine of island life will be abandoned when they set up house in Liuli, Tanzania.

There will be no ferries to catch, and the weather will be toastier. Food will consist of less meat and more mash. The customs, the Swahili language and the culture will be topics for immediate study.

After applying for work with several overseas agencies the Evans were accepted for work in the Tanzanian village of Liuli with the United Church acting as sponsor, along with the Christian Council of Tanzania.

The couple will travel to the small village of Liuli via Dar es Salaam. There, a Tanzanian airline will fly the couple to Songea. From Songea, a six-hour drive covering a mere 50 miles will take the Evans to the village of Liuli on Lake Malawi.

The area was Livingstone's stomping grounds and 200-mile-long Lake Malawi boasts crocodiles and mosquitoes to keep the swimmers away.

They spent seven years in Brazil

A dream? For Sam and Lee Evans living overseas became a warmly accepted way of life following seven years in Brazil.

Sam worked as an engineer while Lee worked in the city slums with the poor for two years.

It was a time of discovery for the couple.

"We learned that when people are impoverished they can be just as intelligent as anyone else," Evans explained.

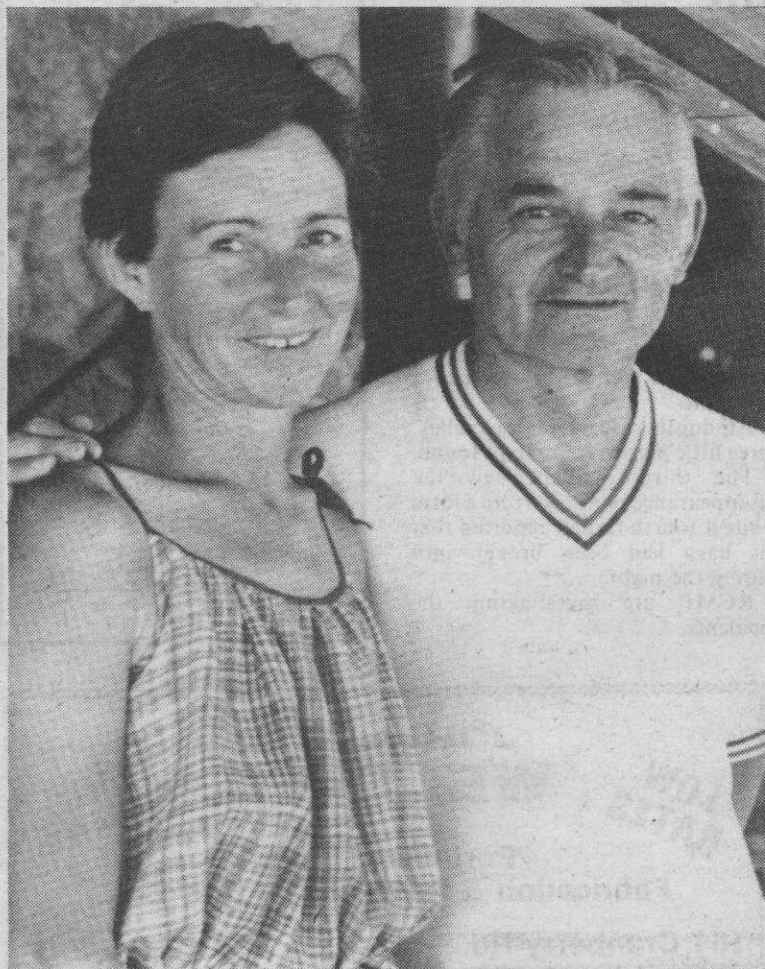
Evans is concerned with the high standard of living in first-world countries that comes as a result of low wages and low costs of export materials in third-world countries.

The couple will travel to Liuli to work in the school and in the technology centre. Sam is being called upon to assist in the administration of the centre. Wife Lee will be teaching English and establishing a women's centre in the village.

Their choice to travel overseas to work came after Sam retired two years ago. Interested in assisting the poor, the Evans studied conditions in third-world countries after their stint in Brazil.

But the Evans have never been to Africa.

British-born Sam Evans will work towards developing small-scale local industries to improve the present subsistence economy. His



Lee and Sam Evans

job will include training villagers in appropriate technologies.

Once marketable products can be found and necessary skills learned, improved living conditions will follow.

The approach used by the Tanzanian government to combat poverty is a grass-roots one. Through the creation of technology in the rural African outback, foreign investors will be dissuaded from staking claims in the rural country.

Already, explains Lee Evans, coffee and tea in some areas of Tanzania are being produced and sold by village co-operatives.

By exploring technologies, villagers will be able to continue growing food for home consumption and exporting resources for additional income.

The work will be challenging.

Will teach English at local school

Lee Evans will teach English at a school in the village. Swahili is spoken in primary grades and English is taught in upper levels. She will also work with women of the

village in establishing a women's centre.

"I've been told that African women have no hang-ups like North American women," Lee explained. "They find it hard to understand the feminist position taken by North American females."

In Africa, money does not determine status as much as job importance. Growing food is considered important work and women don't shun the division of labour according to sex because their work is considered of equal importance to men's.

The Evans prefer to be called co-workers instead of missionaries. Explains Sam: "We won't be reporting to the United Church. We'll be reporting to the Tanzanian people."

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Lee adds that it would be more appropriate for a missionary to come to Canada from Tanzania than vice versa.

"Tanzania has a larger percentage of Christians than Canada. Thirty percent of the Tanzanian population is Christian."

At the end of their three-year stint, the Evans will lose their jobs to villagers, who will have learned ways of administration and

technology.

"We'll be there to lose our jobs," Sam Evans noted.

During the three years, Sam and Lee revealed that they intend to become bilingual in Swahili fairly quickly, being the only white people in the village.

They also hinted that they may try climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

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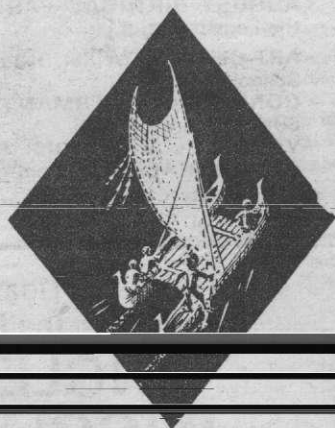
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Saturna Scene

Young Saturna travellers are feted in Ottawa

BY TAIMI HINDMARCH

Sam Crooks and her friend, Michelle, are continuing to have great fun. They spent a week with Nan Campbell in Ottawa and took in many of the sights of our nation's capital city. During their visit with Nan, daughter of Jim and Lorraine Campbell of Saturna, Nan held a lamb barbecue and even managed to have the weather turn drizzly for part of the day. Sam and Michelle were happy to relax at Nan's and enjoyed being in one spot for a change. Three months on the road can get a bit wearing.

Al Stonehouse, known as "Mr. Music Man", owner of the "Family Affair" house, and part-time

resident of Saturna, twisted his leg badly while playing softball on the holiday Monday. He's in the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Wife Kathy is with him, while Sandy Obade is looking after their children.

Joe Van Essen is happy having his former fellow worker, Wally Cielien of Tumbler Ridge, here with him for a week. Wally has updated Joe on the progress in the north-east coast development and all the scuttlebutt of the other guys Joe worked with. Joe misses the camaraderie of the work world which he has had to leave for health reasons. Having Wally here is a plus for Joe.

NARVAEZ BAY NEWS

Priscilla has phoned, telling that all is well with Genni and Jesse in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where the weather has cooled off to about 90° F. Genni is experiencing riding well-trained horses belonging to one of Priscilla's friends.

Tom and Marjorie Davidson's garden is blooming and producing more than enough. Jennifer Davidson was over prior to the long weekend which she and sister Mary were planning to spend camping on Salt Spring where they have many school friends. Davidson's daughter Diane and husband Gervis, along with their children Darryl and Carla moved from Duncan to Port McNeill during the holiday weekend. Gervis will be working for Crown-Zellerbach there.

Colin Browne and Wendy Rubin of Vancouver were over at the farm for the holiday weekend. A

badminton tournament was held by the residents of the farm, with Billy House being the winner, as usual.

Betty Speers and Kathy Sheffield of the farm were among the many outer islanders who travelled to Victoria last Wednesday to join in the rally held in front of the Legislative Buildings. I was there too. I hope Hugh Curtis, our MLA, has some idea of the anger which was held in restraint by the orderly assembled group of 20,000. Good fellowship and good vibes prevailed!

The Saturna Men's softball team played Mayne Island at Mayne on the holiday Monday. Saturna men came home happy about winning both their games.

Sid Harman, now owner of the Mogg's place, had an unfortunate accident recently on his way here. On a rainy day at Village Bay, while transferring to the Mayne Queen, the ramp was steep, and he skidded on his motor bike. The result, a broken leg. Vaughan Steeves, one of his Boot Cove neighbours, assisted getting Sid back to the mainland where his leg was put in a cast.

Ed and Val West, whose beautiful cruiser has been gracing the

waterfront of their home by the cliff, had a scare while fishing Saturday, when they ran into a reef on the south side of Saturna. The boat sank, leaving the nose up. They managed to get ashore. Latest report indicates the cruiser was beached, patched, and towed to Canoe Cove.

Kathy Sheffield is back on island after a month with parents and friends in New Mexico. While there she visited with her grandmother prior to her death. Kathy also attended the 20th year reunion of her high school class. All told, Kathy was busy, and is still busy here with many visitors.

Accident

Speed on Isabella Point Road can be dangerous as Brenda Goodwin of Victoria found out on Saturday.

She was driving her 1973 Toyota on the road at 8 pm that day. She came down a hill too fast and lost control of the vehicle. The Toyota skidded through a fence, across a driveway, through another fence and swooped through the air for 10 feet before coming to rest in a backyard.

Goodwin was taken to Lady Minto Hospital for observation but her injuries proved not to be serious. The Toyota sustained damage worth about \$1,000.



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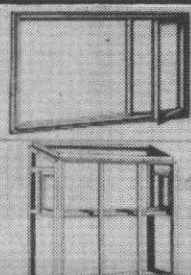
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Scouts stop overnight at Mayne

Thirteen Boy Scouts and their two leaders camped at the home of Roy and Sophie Betts of Mayne Island last Friday and Saturday. The Scouts, from Surrey and North Delta, were on their way to Camp Barnard at Sooke to participate in the Jamboree of the Pacific being held this week. The Scouts spent the day sightseeing on Friday, including some fishing from the pier at Miners Bay, a trip to the museum and a tour of the lighthouse given by Mrs. Pat Ruck, wife of the lighthouse keeper. One Scout suffered minor injuries after a fall later in the day, but was soon back with his patrol after

receiving treatment at the health centre. During the evening a surprise birthday party was held for two of the boys celebrating their 13th

birthdays. One of them was Roy and Sophie Betts' eldest grandson, Paul Betts, of Surrey. The group left for Sooke on the ferry Saturday morning.

Motorcyclist hospitalized

The accident didn't happen but the driver of a motorcycle ended up in hospital anyway. Ross Miller was riding his 1979 Honda down Ganges Hill at 8 pm Saturday and Janet Bradford was backing her 1964 GMC pickup out of a driveway. Miller thought he

would crash into the pickup but Bradford stopped. Miller dropped his bike to avoid an accident and was taken to Lady Minto Hospital with undetermined injuries. The bike suffered \$400 in damage. No charges were laid by police.

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BATTERED WOMEN:

Effects of problem reach into the future

Contributed
BY SUSAN NOAKES

A bloody nose, a broken leg or constant humiliation are examples of physical and emotional battering. The victims are women, and the batterers are their husbands or lovers.

Although it is difficult to determine the exact number of women who are subjected to such terror, the numbers are too large to ignore. It is estimated that one in four Canadian women is emotionally and physically battered by their husbands in a given year.

A 1978 study of women residents in transition houses across Canada determined that one-third were beaten weekly or daily and overall one-third required medical treatment. In one particular house in the study, 80% of the women were beaten at least once while pregnant.

In approximately 50% of domestic murders in Canada, the wife was killed by the husband. Only 8% involved the wife killing her spouse.

But closer to home, 4,000 to 5,000 women in the lower mainland of B.C. each year are beaten to the degree of serious injury.

WHO ARE THEY?

Who are these men who are guilty of such crimes? They are not necessarily the unemployed or uneducated. Instead, wife batterers

come from all social and economic backgrounds. Young or old, urban or rural, wife battering makes no distinctions.

If wife battering crosses all social lines then there is nothing unique about the husband. "She must have done something to deserve it" is a belief often voiced.

But the batterer may find justification for assaulting his wife if the dinner is late, if the radio is too loud, or she may just be taken from bed and beaten. It is simply not a matter of popular theory that the wife nagged her spouse to the point where he lost control.

In fact, one British study dismissed this nagging wife stereotype. Results showed that 77% of the physical attacks were not preceded by verbal confrontations.

Deeply rooted in society, it is a problem which must be examined at the societal level if cures and reasons are to be detected. Traditionally, it was believed that women needed to be "kept in line." Nineteenth century British law textbooks advocated that only the husband had dominion over his wife and could justifiably beat her.

Certain social factors which continue to exist only serve to nurture the issue: that man has authority in the home and should do what he can to maintain it and that women are economically dependent

upon men.

If the causes are grounded in society, the solutions lie just as cemented. A complete overturn of society, at least at the present time, is not seen as viable. Only "band-aid" solutions must serve.

TRANSITION HOUSES

The transition house, as one example, offers aid to women and their children as a temporary refuge, and help is often given to a woman if she should decide to live on her own. As of 1979, there were a total of 71 transition houses and hostels in Canada.

But since they rely on volunteer help and funding from donations and short-term government grants, the future of these houses is often uncertain.

Legally, a woman can charge her husband with assault, but she may never do so. If, in fact, she begins proceedings, she may renege on her original action.

effects of the problem reach into the future. Wife battering can hurt more individuals than just the immediate victims. Children raised in violent families are socialized to accept violence as a normal characteristic of married life.

One survey noted that 36% of the women who were beaten by their

Although these present solutions may mask greater answers, the

husbands were also beaten as children and for the batterer, the figure stood at 56%.

WHY NOT LEAVE?

Reasons and effects aside, the question invariably rises: "Why doesn't a woman just leave such an unpleasant situation?"

At first, when the battering begins in a relationship, there may be hope that the husband will stop and life will continue as it used to be. But when the hurting does not cease, the victim may find that economic dependence on her husband does not allow her to leave.

If the woman has children, fear of not being able to provide for them may only contribute to her reluctance to go.

She may encounter further

repercussions from her husband if she should decide to leave. Fear of ridicule from family and friends or a reluctance to deal with social workers may also add to the situation.

Help, however, does not have to be a callous experience with a social welfare agency. Aid is present in this community—the Salt Spring Community Centre offers such a helping hand.

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I'm a shy person...are you?

The distress of meeting others

BY WENDY CASE

Recently there has been a small group of women gathering at the Community Centre for coffee on Mondays and the topic of being shy came up.

Every woman present stated that it was extremely difficult to make the effort to come because she was shy. We realized that we were all shy at some point in our lives. It led to an interesting discussion and some research we'd like to share with other shy people. (see Community Calendar for group particulars.)

Webster defines shyness as "being uncomfortable in the presence of others."

40% ANXIOUS AND BLUSHING

Research has established that shyness is common, widespread and universal. Over 40% of the population, four in ten, it has been estimated, are anxious and blushing, although I would venture to say that this figure is actually much higher.

Shyness has varying degrees, from the chronically shy to shy only in a particular situation. It is a condition of all ages, from the child hiding behind the mother's skirts, to teens, young adults and later years. With some, it is a pattern that can follow them through life and never be conquered. With others, it may

only be a passing phase or due to their present environment. It is, however, a condition that people rarely discuss. Are people too shy to talk about it?

WHO IS SHY?

Who is the shy person? There appear to be two types. There is the person who stands out as being shy, who avoids verbal communication, eye contact, or touching, and crosses to the other side of the street just to avoid personal contact. There is a tendency to label these people as 'snobs' when truly they are only shy.

The second shy personality is one deeply masked behind excessive conversation or being over-busy. Some shyness can be masked in the aggressive, rude or standoffish personality which is quick for others to judge. When there is a hint that a person is shy, be kind!

Being shy is definitely no fun. It makes it difficult to meet new people, make friends or enjoy potentially good experiences. It prevents people from speaking up for their rights and expressing their opinions. It limits positive evaluations by others of personal strengths and is often accompanied by depression, loneliness and anxiety. In social situations, along with the in-flight butterflies, a shy person is constantly fraught with the

negative inner voice: "Does everyone think I'm dumb?" "Did I wear the wrong clothes?" "What on earth will I talk about?" With all these inner judgements and lack of self-confidence, it is impossible to relax and enjoy the company of others.

AN EXCUSE

Shyness may be a convenient excuse to prevent exposure to unpleasant feelings of being unwanted, unloved, uninteresting, unintelligent, and all the numerous 'un's' that one can conjure up in one's head. Of course, it is much easier to remain shy than to change, but by admitting shyness and working towards a fuller participation in life and personal sense of worth, one can reap endless rewards.

To change behaviour patterns one must first believe that they can be changed and must have a strong desire to do so. It requires a commitment of time and energy and guts, coupled with the knowledge that there are going to be risks taken, and perhaps some short-term failures of rejection or embarrassment; but, knowing that, success is assured.

Step number one: admitting shyness to yourself and others. I'm a shy person, are you?

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Class of 73 reunites

The 1973 Gulf Island Secondary school grad class gathered recently to remember old times at the school. Almost everyone came to the reunion and a dance followed the

outdoor picnic at the Rod and Gun Club. Receiving prizes were Sheila Newman for the most changed, Harold Harkema for the most

unchanged, Joanne Smith for her dedication to organizing the reunion and Barbara Akerman for her contribution to the Fulford

Akerman family. Runner-up for most changed was Dan S. Bergurud who went from class bully to class brain. Bergurud is working on his PhD at the University of Victoria.

Driftwood photo by Valerie Richards

Family reunion at Mayne

A reunion of the Spencer and Adams families was held last month at the Mayne Island home of Kay and Harry Adams. Thirty-two members of the families attended the affair.

Members of the Spencer family at the reunion were: daughter Lenore Safioles, Calgary, Alta.; son Bill and his wife Jenny, Truro, N.S.; son Stewart and his wife Corrine, Victoria, B.C.; son Ralph and his wife Carol with grandchildren Brent and Kelly, Port Coquitlam, B.C.; daughter Linda and her husband Lorne with grandchildren Chad and Sheri, Selkirk, Man.; and grandson Darrell, Thunder Bay, Ont.

Adams family members were: son Floyd and his wife Cathie with grandchildren Maureen, Virginia and Amanda, Creston, B.C. and Nancy from Vancouver; daughter Joan and great grandson David, Jr., Merritt, B.C.; grandson Martin and his wife Reta, Burnaby; son Ernest and his wife Margorie with grandson Edward, Williams Lake, B.C.; granddaughter Debra and husband Jarvis with great granddaughter Krista, Williams Lake.

Family members celebrated the reunion with a smorgasbord dinner at the Mayne Inn.

Rings within tree rings explained

What causes the finer rings that sometimes occur between the annual rings on a cross-section of a tree?

The fine rings are called "false rings" and they are not between rings but are part of the ring itself. Each tree ring marking a year of growth is made up of two kinds of wood—the lighter springwood and the darker summerwood.

Springwood, also known as earlywood, is formed by the tree during the ideal conditions of spring and early summer when the tree grows rapidly. As a result, the cells in the earlywood are of a very large size.

Late, or summerwood, develops during the late summer and early fall when the tree's growth slows down. During this period it develops small and tightly packed cells that we see as dark coloured wood, often mistakenly called the ring.

In actual fact it is a combination of a band of springwood plus a band of summerwood that represents one year or one year of growth by the tree.

The false rings observed in the lighter wood are simply summerwood being produced at the wrong time of year and will occur if a fast spring growth is for some reason interrupted. This might happen if there were an unusually

late frost, an unseasonal heat wave or drought. Other causes might be flooding or a loss of leaves, say through insect attack.

Whatever the reason, the tree growth slows down and latewood is produced in the earlywood growing season. When the cause of the setback is overcome or ceases, the tree starts growing rapidly again until it is time to begin growing latewood.

The same thing can happen in reverse within the dark wood if spring-like growing conditions suddenly occur after latewood

growth has begun. The tree will produce a band of early wood inside the latewood. This is also considered to be a false ring.

In exceptional circumstances, false rings may be produced more than once a year and can sometimes make determining the age of a tree very difficult. Fortunately, in most cases, the false rings are not evident to the naked eye.

This column is a joint project of the Canadian Forestry Association of B.C. and the Association of B.C. Professional Foresters.

To prohibit firearms discharge

The discharge of firearms in the Magic Lake area of Pender Island will be prohibited when a bylaw returns from the ministry of municipal affairs with approval.

The Capital Regional Board gave the bylaw three readings at a recent meeting and the document must now receive provincial approval.

The bylaw calls for a prohibition on the discharge of firearms in an area around Magic Lake. The area will be defined by the provincial authorities.

A firearm, according to the

bylaw, includes air guns, air rifles, air pistols and spring guns as well as the usual guns and rifles.

The fines for breaking the bylaw have been set from \$100 to \$500 for the first offence on summary conviction and \$250 to \$1,000 for each subsequent conviction.

The CRD cites the authority for passing the bylaw as the section of the Municipal Act covering the regulating of the discharge of firearms. The letters patent for the CRD also allow it to exercise authority in the area.

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Complexity of soils

It all comes out in the compost pile

At the risk of boring my loyal readers to distraction, I would like to mention two more items of interest in conjunction with Alvin Seifert's compost.

The first one is that a new compost row will take almost one whole season to make a finished product. But after a few seasons this will be reduced to four to six weeks.

It takes some time to establish a rich reservoir of soil life, but once this is established and the soil below the compost row harbours a rich reservoir of both living soil organisms and their eggs and spores, decomposition will accelerate manifold.

FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT

The soil below the compost row will be turned into a favourable environment for abundant soil life by the activities of the earthworms and the bacteria and fungi population will increase with them. The earthworms will actually follow the compost row as it progresses and bacteria and fungi will proliferate readily from the soil below.

Item number two concerns the long-term fertility of this compost. This is the major difference between the customary composting method which achieves temperatures as high as 160° F. in the interior of the pile, and Alvin Seifert's "perma-compost" which is not allowed to exceed 75° F. Being a scientist, Seifert has his soil and compost analyzed frequently to provide solid data as to the validity of his

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

methods. One year his freshly finished compost analysis was as follows: 0.5 mg nitrogen; 50 mg phosphorus and 50 mg potash. Due to professional commitments part of this finished compost remained unused for 15 months. Analyzed again before use, the results were this: nitrogen, 5.5 mp; phosphorus 45 mg and potash 100 mg. This is the reason for calling it perma-compost as the values of nitrogen and potash increased dramatically while the value of phosphorus decreased only slightly.

BETTER IN THE PILE

Interestingly enough, a recent publication by Modern Organics Inc., makers of Bio-X, a condensed microbial enzymatic soil inoculant, also refers to "stable humus" in their publication *The Living Soil*, lent to me by Bev Norman. Both Alvin Seifert and Modern Organics, and Sir Albert Howard for that matter, all concur that the first stage of decomposition, the putrefaction part of this process, is best accomplished in the compost pile, rather than in the soil.

Further, as this first stage requires a fair bit of nitrogen, this would be

better supplied by bacteria able to obtain nitrogen from the air rather than from our soils.

Both Seigert and Modern Organics' scientists again concur in the value of clay soils in the compost pile as a superior source of minerals. And from here on in things get really complex.

For some time now, we have become increasingly aware of the mind-bending complexities of the manifold chemical interactions of our soils.

COMPLEX INTERACTION

First we became aware of the importance of the correct carbon-nitrogen ratio, then the complex interaction of positive and negative ions in the vital exchange, and now we find that most elements are paired in a primary antagonistic relationship such as sodium and potassium, calcium and magnesium, or nitrogen and sulphur. In this situation too much of one nutrient may result in reducing the availability of the other.

Hence my long-standing advocacy of dolomite lime, as this contains a naturally generated beneficial balance of magnesium and calcium.

If these two elements were applied separately in incorrect proportions, further interaction with the existing calcium and magnesium levels of the soil could easily lead to either calcium poisoning or magnesium deficiency. With dolomite lime we avoid all that hassle and we don't

need a soil chemist to advise us how much and at what ratio.

Although these purely chemical interactions are complex enough they can be easily handled by a competent computer.

TREADING ON NEW GROUND

As far as the biological interactions of the microbial populations of the soil are concerned, we are treading on new ground. Here the complexities are ever shifting as the microbiotic life first creates and then changes its own environment, and we are looking at a whole interrelated system which is in constant flux. Nothing holds still, nothing is static, one factor affects all others in endless, ever-changing ramifications.

Fortunately, nature has streamlined this process millions of years ago into a viable system where each benefits from the other in an endless cycle of life and death in a living web of transformation from mineral to man. Within our bodies we carry the minerals of the earth, courtesy of the life of the earth.

Intelligent co-operation with nature, then, is what would serve us best, and this is Seifert's approach to his perma-compost and its use. And some of the new breed of organic soil scientists declare that we have not even begun to approach the degree of health and abundance which is possible in co-operation with nature and our intelligence, which is also a product of the earth.

Broken leg

A young boy darted on to the road and suffered a broken leg in the accident that resulted.

Paul Dants, 10, of Delta ran on to the parking lot access road at Montague Park on Galiano Island and into the path of a 1978 Volkswagen driven by Doug McArthur of Surrey. The accident occurred at 1:45 pm last Thursday.

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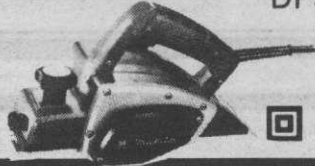
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Top tennis honours to Stacey and Seward

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The Inter-Island tennis tournament on Saturday and Sunday was very successful.

The second annual Salt Spring Island Mixed Doubles Championship was held at Portlock Park and five private courts. The tournament involved teams from Mayne, Salt Spring and Victoria, with each team playing a minimum of four matches, in a knockdown style draw.

*Flight winners included: Vicki and Warren Wilson in "O" flight;

Barb Davis and Wayne Taylor, who played six long matches before beating Stephanie Rowley and Mark Dodds in the "C" final, Kim Taylor and Rick Connolly in the "B" flight, and Peggy Stacey and Toby Seward, who defeated Wendy Smith and Pat Lee in a humid, tense championship final.

On Saturday night tournament participants and their friends enjoyed a beef barbecue and social evening put on by the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute.

GOLF NEWS

List out for bridge tournament

BY PAT DOHERTY

The list for the Alice Hammett Bridge will be in the ladies' locker room next week. At least one of the pair must be a member of the Salt Spring Island Golf Club, or the wife of a member. If you haven't a partner put your name down and we will try and match you up.

The cost is \$12 per person, the balance after expenses, printing, typing, and prizes, to go to the ladies section of the golf club. Convener is Mabel Moore and co-convener is Madeleine Hardie.

In the nine-hole section 21 ladies turned out in brilliant sunshine to compete for the Kennedy Cup. Anne Sober was the winner, with a score of 48. Runner-up was Molly Hardie. Low putts winner was Di Fraser. Norma Brown was the winner of the mid-season eclectic, with Eileen Fenner being a close runner up. In the ladies' 18-hole division Jean Cunningham won the Evans Cup with a net 65. Betty Harrison and Marge Cade tied for runner up spot with net 71. An Un-Evans trophy was won by Jerry Alexander with a net 68. Anne Monro had tied Jerry but lost by

retrogression. Winner of the putt pot was Jean Cunningham. The silent partner winners were Alice Fraser and Vera Sarginson.

On August 1 Gloria Lloyd had an eagle on number 8 and got a "3" on that hole is very fine golf, almost as good as a hole in one. Congratulations!

MEN'S SECTION

The two big winners of the Honeypot on Thursday were R. Nemeth, with a gross of 74 and H. Stone's net of 63. Other winners were Steve and Al McLean, Mac Mouat and Bill Mills.

The Terry Fox memorial was replayed on Friday in fine weather. Winner was Hart Graham with a net 58. A relative newcomer to the

game, he managed to get it all together at the right time. Second place went to Joan McCauley and third to Herb Monro. Old Jeffy Neilson, all of 8 years of age, showed up the field with fourth position. As they say in the auction notices—there were many other winners "too numerous to mention."

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13 and 14, is the time of the "open invitational." As of Saturday last there were 90 entries. There are some spaces left. Phone for information if you wish to enter.

Thursday, Aug. 11, is the qualifying round for the Parsons Cup, 55 years and older. Last sign up date is Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 10 am. No late entries on this one!

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