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## Award is sixth in two years for paper

*Gulf Islands Driftwood* has been awarded third place in the provincial better newspapers competition.

Award winners were announced last Friday in Richmond at the annual convention of the B. C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association. *Driftwood* won first place last year in the same competition. The newspaper also won first place in a national competition this year.

In written comments about the awards the judge said *Driftwood* "continues to provide an excellent reflection of its community..."

The paper "continues to be an excellent community newspaper. Its strengths lie in the areas of community news coverage and local columns; it provides an interesting read..."

Papers are divided into circulation categories for the competition. *Driftwood* is in a category that includes 16 papers in

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## Thanksgiving Monday

Thanksgiving will be celebrated Monday with a statutory holiday.

The *Driftwood* office will be closed Monday as a result, but the paper will appear on Wednesday as usual.

Holiday deadlines, therefore, will be in effect. Display advertising deadline is Thursday at 5 pm, real estate at noon Friday and classified at 3 pm Friday. News deadline is at 5 pm Friday.



## No more long bus rides

Gone are the long, daily bus rides to Ganges and back for elementary school students at the south end of Salt Spring Island. Above, students appear happy with their new school on South Ridge Rd. at Fulford on

Monday morning, when classes officially began at Fulford School. The six-classroom school has an enrolment of 115. Principal is Bob Brownsword.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Six positions open on recreation commission

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has one regular meeting remaining before it holds the annual general meeting for the election of officers.

The commission will meet in regular session on Monday, Oct. 29.

The annual general meeting is to be held November 26.

There will be six positions open on the 10-member board. Treasurer Edith Sacker recently announced that she plans to step aside. Someone will have to be found to fill

the remaining year of her two-year term.

Commission chairman Glenn Woodley, approaching the end of a two-year term, also announced that he is ending 15 years of association with the commission.

Linda Hoover, Phil Hume and Irene Fewings are also at the end of two-year terms. None of the three has indicated his intentions.

Jim Ballantyne, who had been elected last year to fill the remaining year of the term of Hugh Borsman, is also facing election but has not

said if he plans to continue on the commission.

Borsman had been elected Salt Spring director to the Capital Region and in that position he sits on the commission as duty of his office.

The remaining members of the commission, Maureen Bendick, Tom Hall, John Lomas and Dan Evanishen, each have a year remaining in their terms.

Any resident of Salt Spring Island is eligible to seek a position on the commission or to cast a ballot in the

election.

The commission meets to conduct its business on the last Monday of each month and deals with an annual budget of about \$115,000. Of that amount, approximately \$86,000 comes from taxes and the remainder from user fees.

The property owners of Salt Spring are taxed the equivalent of one mill for use by the recreation commission while another mill is spread across the electoral areas of the Capital Region.

## Tourist season was fair but inconsistent

BY BILL WEBSTER

Tourist season in the Gulf Islands approaches an end for another year after what resort and marina operators describe as an inconsistent season.

The poor weather of June and early July delayed the arrival of visitors but once the sun began to shine in earnest, the tourists flocked to the islands.

The experience of Jim Watters, manager of Pender Lodge on Pender Island, is typical of the season. He noted that the season started late but finished well. And, he said, visitors are still around.

"As long as the sun shines," he noted, "we get them."

The visitors to Pender Lodge came from as far away as the Prairies and the United States. Usually, Watters said, tourists make reservations with the Lodge being booked for the summer by June. But this

year, people were showing up without having made reservations. They stayed one or two days, he said, before moving on.

The Canada Customs office at Bedwell Harbour on Pender was as busy as usual, said an official. Approximately 9,000 visitors on pleasure craft from across the border registered there from May to the middle of September.

On Galiano Island, Rick Coulter of Montague Harbour Marina reports the season's activities equalled that of last year.

"It was not a bad summer," he said.

### MORE CANADIANS

The one difference this year, he noted, was that the number of American visitors had dropped off. But the number of Canadian visitors increased and the business for the year remained at the level

of last year.

Jim Stewart, harbour manager at Ganges, related a similar experience. The season, he said, had not been exceptional and the 50 berths at the government floats were occupied by the usual number of visitors.

There had been close to 1,950 boats registered for use of the wharf from June to mid-September, he said.

"All told, there could have been as many as 3,000 boats around the island."

The coast guard unit in Ganges Harbour reported an inconsistent season. The crew answered 130 calls to mid-September compared to 117 calls during the same period last year.

But the action dropped off during August. The coast guard answered only two calls in that time. The long weekends, however, were busy for the crew.

From the other side of the harbour, Doug Foerster of Ganges Marina reports that more smaller boats were visiting this year. Business for August was "super," he said.

Increases in sales of gas and fishing licences were part of the summer for him. He noted that the number of licences taken out doubled from last year with the majority going to off-island and American visitors.

Some guests of the marina stayed for one night while other boaters stayed longer, he said.

The story on Salt Spring reflected the same inconsistency.

Marg Cuttle supervises the tourist information booth in Ganges. She reported that business was not as great as last year.

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# Regional directors hear call for psychiatric unit for juveniles

Attributing four instances of suicide among juveniles in the Greater Victoria School District, Carol Pickup told regional directors that the district is "in crisis" and that an adolescent psychiatric unit is urgently needed.

Services provided by other agencies have been dumped on the

school district as a result of the provincial government's restraint program, charged the speaker at last Wednesday's Capital Regional Board meeting.

In addition to the four suicides she had cited, there were also many attempted suicides among juveniles, while school suspensions have gone up 200%. Violent behaviour has been the factor contributing to the increase in suspensions.

"I mean violent, aggressive acts against teachers and fellow students," she emphasized.

The speaker went on to report instances of students in district schools suffering from malnutrition as a result of inadequate food. This, she urged, is the basic level of health care.

The need for a teenage pregnancy service in the schools is evident, said Pickup as she presented her report on health issues in the district. The numbers of pregnant 14 and 15-year-olds is increasing, she warned.

Her final submission referred to

the requirement in some instances of a teacher being called on to give a student medication. A teacher is not qualified to do so and is not informed on the possible consequences of drugs, she reminded trustees.

The Capital Regional Hospital District is already working on the need for an adolescent psychiatric unit.

Board chairman Ken Hill explained that his board is pressing the province for the establishment of a unit.

Lorraine Campbell, from Saturna Island, told the board that she had not been aware of a call for a detailed report.

She reported that the shared facilities at Ganges, where the Gulf Islands School Board and the community health service share an office building, are inadequate. Both parties, she said, are aware of the need for more space.

The Gulf Islands School Board is looking into the call for space.

## Holiday starts

### December 21

School children of the Gulf Islands will be disappointed to learn that the Christmas holiday doesn't start until December 21.

Last week an article noted that the school break began December 12. No such luck for the children.

The school break begins December 21 and ends January 7.

## Tourist season not bad

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But summer is not yet over for the information booth, which will remain open until after the Thanksgiving weekend in October instead of closing after Labour Day as in the past.

At Artcraft, the summer-long show and sale of arts and crafts in Mahon Hall, visitors arrived in greater numbers. Sales were up, said manager Marilyn Strongitharm. Last year the show brought in about \$125,000 while this year, despite the show being open seven days less, sales amounted to close to \$130,000, she said.

One feature of Artcraft this year, she said, was the Sunday demonstrations put on by various craftsmen. Pottery continued to be the big seller but textile sales improved, mainly because of the improved layout of that display, she reported.

Pat Barnes of the Loom Room in Ganges noted that the bad weather early in the season dampened sales but when things warmed up, she said, "We were rushed off our feet."

The visitors who usually come to the island in the spring were showing up in September, she reported. If June and early July had been up to par, it would have been a "thunderous season."

### SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE

Over at Hastings House, manager Harvard Budgeon reported visits up substantially. He credits a story about the facilities featured in the Los Angeles Times for the increase in American visitors.

The tourists were staying three or

four nights, he said, compared to stays of one or two nights last year.

Down the street, Stan Lam of Harbour House Hotel describes business as fair.

"It was just another year," he said. Business was neither up nor down, he noted.

Down at Fulford Harbour, Barbara Bourdin of the Fulford Inn said July was slow but business for August was "excellent." Guests were staying for one or two days, she reported, but about half of the visitors stayed for up to a week.

Another fact about the visitors was the increase in sales of beer and wine compared to the more expensive hard liquor drinks. While the dining room was busy, she said, the sale of food in the pub was up. A check with several resorts on Salt Spring confirmed the erratic season.

Diane Cook of the Cottage Resort on St. Mary Lake expressed surprise at the way the season worked out because of early forecasts of a poor season.

### ABOUT EVEN

She noted that bookings kept the cabins full during August with reservations for early October being the same. September bookings were down and on the whole, she said, the season will work out about even for her.

And Ena Nemeth of Green Acres Resort told a similar tale. The season started slowly but picked up during the latter part of July and all of August. She expects business to be good for the long weekend in October after a quiet September.

In Ganges, Brian Harding of Sea Breeze Motel described the season there as having started slowly but picking up for a summer of solid bookings. Some visitors stayed for varying lengths of time, he said, with about 40% of the business being for one night.

A feature which visitors enjoyed was a videotape of island life which Harding arranged to be shown on television in the units.

Another new feature for tourists to Salt Spring this year was Island Adventures. Amy McLeod started the business in July and offered a cautious estimate that things went "not too badly."

Horse rides, hiking, fish charters and other such activities were enjoyed by visitors, she said. Many visitors praised the service.

"This is great," she was told. "It's really needed."

## Arneil leaving region

Medical health officer for the Capital Regional District, Dr. A. S. Arneil is leaving to assume similar duties at the Simon Fraser Health Unit.

Dr. Arneil came to the Capital Region in 1974, when the region took over the function of public health. He was the first medical officer of health for the region.

The doctor will take over his new office on November 1.

## Driftwood places third

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B. C. with circulation of 4,000 and over.

First place went to the Maple Ridge News, which has a circulation of more than 17,000 and second place went to the North Shore News, whose circulation is over 55,000. Driftwood's circulation is 4,253.

Election of officers at the

convention saw Driftwood publisher Tony Richards named second vice-president of the association. Other officers include president Ross Mavis of the North Island Gazette in Pt. Hardy and first vice-president Peter Speck of the North Shore News in Vancouver.

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### Back to blue and blue and khaki

The services are free again. The Royal Canadian Air Force will, after 20 years, once again appear in grey blue uniforms. The Royal Canadian Navy will appear in blue and, one assumes, in the traditional "round rig" or sailor's suit. The army units will resume their traditional khaki and distinctive regimental badges. And green uniforms will be a thing of the forgotten past.

I was closely linked with the individual forces when the change was made by the then defence minister, Paul Hellyer. In general, there was acute dismay. Each branch of the armed forces had prided itself on its own traditions and its difference from other branches. At that time I was serving with the Air Cadet squadron at Sidney in whose formation I had played a role. And I was a civilian member of the ward room of the Royal Canadian Navy unit, VU 33 Utility Squadron. I quickly learned the views of two branches of the armed forces. The air force had been a distinctive unit since the end of the first world war and the navy linked its history with that of the Royal Navy.

There was the tale among sailors of the Yank officer who asked, "What's with you guys? You dress like Kippers and talk like us."

The navy aviation personnel had their own private stakes in the change. In the past they had been a small and select band of flyers whose promotion and activities were part of the overall navy system. With amalgamation they were to become competitive with the air force.

Personnel from bottom to top looked on the change with hostility. But it was a government decree and they must accept or quit. Many quit. Today, the government plans to return to the traditional dress. Bully for us! The only problem that seems difficult is that many of the present personnel will probably feel as we did two decades ago, that they are accustomed to what they have. I still have a blue-grey uniform in the closet. I suspect it might prove a tight fit. But I like the old uniform. I like the air force ranks of pilot officer, flying officer, flight lieutenant and so on up better than the army terms, simply because I knew them better.

Me? I'm glad to go back to tradition, but I hope a transition can be accomplished happily without treading on toes whose sores probably had healed with the passage of 20 years. And the cost? That's the government's problem, not mine.

### Still warmly remembered

And thinking of the air force, I was going through a pile of old papers the other day when I found a letter I had received from a merchant in Bethinville, in France, in the 1950's. He wrote to me explaining that the Royal Air Force was held in the highest esteem in his village. And that is an interesting comment, for the air force lived in the downtown village area from 1939 until 1940. I had written for the recipe for sausages which we used to buy in the village charcuterie. They were delicious and he sent me the details of their manufacture.

### It's another generation

And yet another thought back to air force days: we had a visit from a sailor last week. He was sailing around the island and stopped in to attend a party in the neighbourhood. He called in to see us because he is the son of an old Sidney friend who lost his life in a flying accident. Craig Davidson sails. His father, Alec Davidson, flew. He flew the giant Mars water bombers until his plane crashed. There is something quite odd about meeting the adult children of old friends after so long. Maybe because you look for something that immediately identifies the new generation with the old, it is easy to forget that each generation is distinctive and rejoicing in its own wisdom.

### Better claim maternity

I'm not an insurance expert and I know nothing of their problems. The only question I'm asking is how do such companies reach their estimates? For instance, I have a schedule of medical insurance in front of me. The schedule tells me what I might get if I have an accident while covered under that company's appropriate policy. For the loss of a leg or an arm or an eye, they pay \$1,000. Two legs, two arms, two eyes and the pot is doubled to \$2,000. I'm not trying to evaluate the loss. While I would place the value somewhat higher, it is the relationship between awards that I find interesting. You lose one, you get a thousand bucks. You lose two, you get \$2,000. You lose a thumb and finger, you get \$500. Obviously, I'd settle for the \$500. But the same policy pays to get you back home if you lose everything. You're dead! So you get \$2,000 to meet the cost of shipping you back to your family. Just like you'd lost an arm and a leg. But, as an older man, I have to kick at the estimated value of my life. If you die and you are under 65, the policy pays out \$2,000. If you are over 65 but under 74, the reward is reduced to \$500. In other words, I'm only worth a quarter of the value of my family. And if I peg out in a crash after I'm 74, the ante goes down to \$250. It's interesting. Only consolation would be that if my wife claims maternity benefit she gets it without reference to her age. I'm not knocking insurance. Heck, I've never driven without it! I just like to make odious comparisons.

### It ain't no different!

Two hungry Victorians were chatting in a city restaurant. I overheard their more excited comments. Said one to t'other, "It's no different than what you're teaching now!" and my heart dropped.

### Moving around the islands

Island living is always different when you move around but last week was my record. In six days I moved around. I travelled by ferry to Victoria and thence by ferry to Vancouver. I went by boat to False Creek and by ferry to Salt Spring Island. I then travelled by ferry to Vancouver Island and by air to the West Coast. From Ucluelet we went by boat to Victoria and then by ferry to Salt Spring Island. It comes of living on an island.

## Alderman can no longer be shocked

Capital Regional Board received a complaint from Alderman Colin Blair of Esquimalt last week. The alderman has long been critical of the board's procedures.

Had he not known the regional district better, he would have been shocked to read that the executive committee was recommending a 27% increase in the chairman's salary this year, wrote Blair.

"Due to past performance," he wrote, "I can no longer be shocked or surprised at anything the CRD does."

The alderman listed nine instances of extraordinary expenditures by the region in the past year or so.

Blair's list included payments of \$20,000 and \$50,000 to senior employees who took early

retirement. Another \$20,000 each went to two laid-off planners.

The recent executive director was paid \$68,000, or an increase of \$5,000 above that paid his predecessor. When the new man was laid off he was presented with a "going-away present of \$22,000".

Moving expenses of almost \$4,000 were paid one employee earning a salary of \$68,000 a year.

The board, protests Blair, paid out \$50,000 to look at alternatives to the Ganges sewer after spending \$2½ million installing the outfall.

Funds have been allocated for a study on composting sewage after the board had built a plant, at a cost of \$150,000, to dispose of septage.

Alleged wastefulness adds up to almost \$300,000, stated the Blair missive. And, in addition, the board is facing a lawsuit for the release of a senior member of the staff and this could cost the taxpayers up to \$100,000.

## Gunshots heard at night bring out RCMP patrols

Deer hunting season is open in the Gulf Islands and RCMP are receiving many complaints about gunshots.

Some of the complaints are of concern to police because the gunshots were heard at night, particularly on Galiano Island.

The officials of the wildlife department have been notified about the possibility of pitlamps at work and patrols will be sent out to curtail the action.

Discharge of firearms in the Gulf Islands is covered by a Capital Region bylaw. Under the bylaw, no firearm can be discharged within 150 metres (close to 500 feet) of "any school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling house, farm building or any other place where people may be assembled or engaged in work of any kind, without permission of the owner or occupier of the premises."

In addition, firearms cannot be discharged within 25 m (approximately 85 feet) of the travelled portion of a highway as provided in the Highway Act.

Under the Highway Act, "All roads, other than private roads, are deemed common public highways."

The Act further defines a highway as "all public streets, roads, ways, trails, lanes, bridges, trestles, ferry landings and approaches, and any other public way."

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## What do you think?

The minister of municipal affairs wants your opinion on the Islands Trust. He wants to know what residents think of the Trust.

The Islands Trust is the municipal function responsible for land use controls and regulation within the islands up the east coast of Vancouver Island. It is the only municipal body that concerns itself solely with land use. It is also the only municipal function that is dedicated to the protection of its territory.

Does it work? How does it work? What are its shortcomings? These, and others, are the questions which will be levelled. The minister wants the answers.

When the Islands Trust took over responsibility for planning and land use from the regional district it entered a battle zone. For several years the regional administrations had been responsible for administering controls on islanders who had never previously known controls. The Trust was a new entrant into the field. Responsible for all regulation of land, the Trust was set up to protect and preserve the islands. It was also set up to bring planning to the islands.

Under the regional administration planning had been the responsibility of a board of 18 directors, one of whom represented the island in question. The Islands Trust brought a new pattern of local representation into the planning picture. A sub-Trust committee was established on each of the larger islands. Serving on that committee were three general trustees and two local trustees.

The dedication of the Islands Trust to the preservation of the character of island living which had brought many residents to make their lives here was a point in favour of the Trust. The representation by islanders when land use was discussed was a second point in its favour. The focus of the Trust on island affairs and its exclusive concern for island land use was a third point in its favour.

Not all islanders shared this enthusiasm. Planning brings contention. Planning is the science of using land to the best interests of all: owner, adjacent property owners, visitors and administration. Perhaps it is the art of reaching harmony in a decision that must hurt at least one of those parties.

There were the property owners whose freedom of use had been restricted. There were property owners and residents who saw measures introduced contrary to their preferences. There were others who had felt themselves injured by individual members of the Trust.

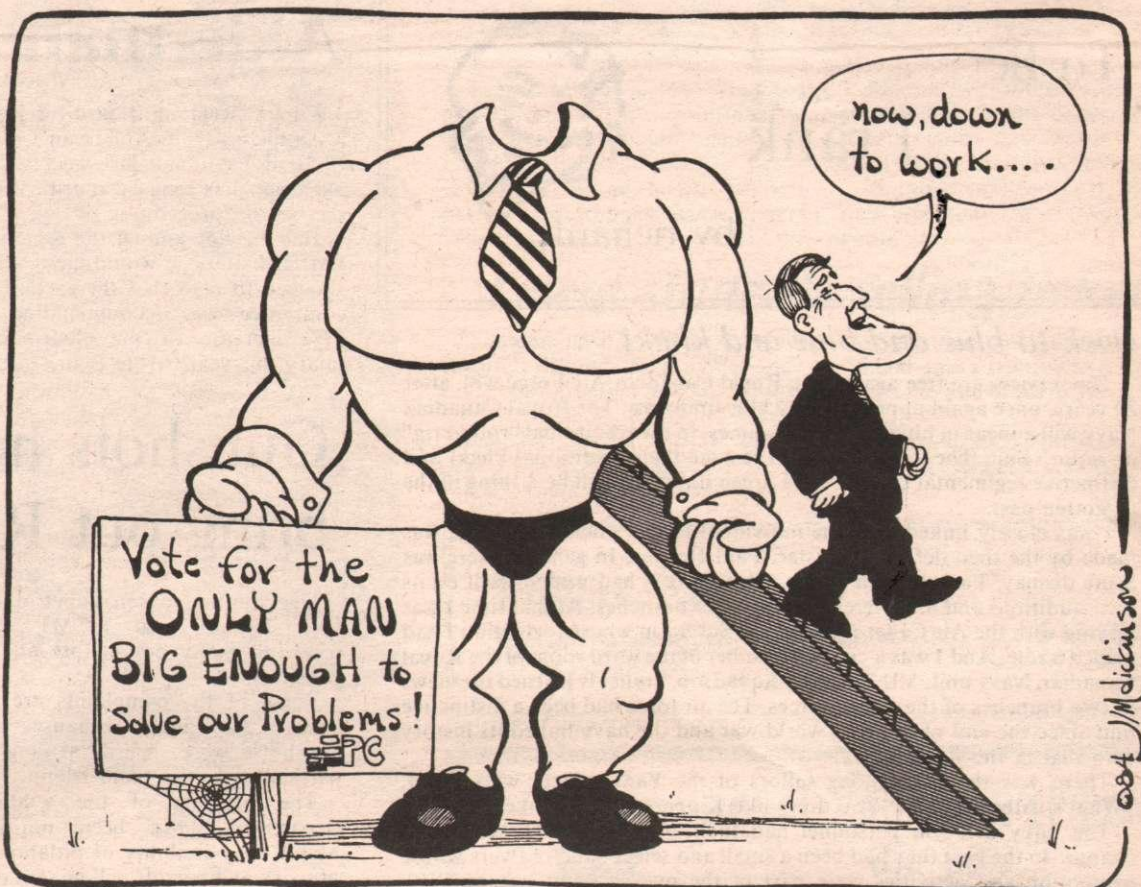
On the other side of the coin were those, property owners and others, who felt that proper control of land use was essential to a continued enjoyment of the amenities of the islands and thus rejoiced in the protective influence of the Trust.

But that is how it all started. Where is it now? Do island people still approve the pattern of protection for the islands?

Those who feel affronted by any decision of the Trust will probably be prompt to reply to the minister's appeal. But those who favour the Trust decisions of the past are also urged to write in and to say so. Those who feel that the Trust is the ultimate in land use regulation are invited to tell the minister. Those who feel that the Islands Trust is not without its faults but is still a better vehicle for planning and zoning than the more distant regional districts are invited to write to the minister and tell him. And those who feel that the regional districts could do a better job must also advise the minister.

Dan Campbell, a former municipal affairs minister and the minister who first brought planning to the islands, has finished his study of regional districts and is now planning to look at the Islands Trust. His investigations into the routine of the Islands Trust will not be complete and he will be inadequately informed if the people of the islands neglect to write in and tell him what they think.

Islanders have until October 31 to write to the minister, Bill Ritchie, at 747 Fort St., Victoria, V8W 3E1. And it's the future of their own islands that is being debated. Whether they warmly favour the Trust or would happily see it eliminated, islanders owe it to themselves and their neighbours to tell the minister and to tell him why.



## Letters to the Editor

### Excellent program

Sir,

Thank you Tom and Mimi Gossett for donating your beautiful swimming pool to Salty Sweat's Aquafit during the summer.

For the past two years over 80 participants (ages 16 - 84) have enjoyed the benefits of this excellent, professional program.

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MARYANN HUME,  
R. R. 3, Scott Pt. Dr.,  
Ganges.

September 1984.

### Specialist now a librarian

Sir,

At a time when a national poll has shown that the vast majority of parents want their children to have French (so as to be bilingual, in fact), it is a sad irony that French instruction here has been cut so drastically that a French specialist is now a librarian. (This too is an honorable pursuit, I was one myself, but still!) French is now evidently in the hands of teachers who are not specialists, and however sincere they are, they can be no substitute for the real thing.

Besides, bad habits caught early are very difficult to eradicate, while good habits caught early can be lifelong companions. So it is with grammar and pronunciation, in any language. I know the school board has its problems, and its members are to be commended for having been able to fend off the worst that was threatening last year. Bad times, however, may be ahead, and I can only hope that the education of the children of the Gulf Islands (and in the province in general) will not be allowed to deteriorate any more than it has.

It is not just a matter of putting up with what we get; we must let it be known that we want a good deal

more. Quite literally, the future lies in our children, and they should not be allowed to be given anything but the very best.

On another topic, I haven't noticed any news in recent months about the project of Peace Education in our schools. I was the only candidate for School Board last year who asked what the term meant, though all expressed support for the idea; and so far we have not had any real light on this. Last June 20, 49 persons signed a letter of protestation to the effect that most of what was proposed is already in place or has the potential to be taught without much dislocation.

I wonder if the author of the idea, or any members of the School Board, can enlighten me as to what has developed since?

MURRAY SHOOLBRAID,  
Box 407, Ganges.  
September 26, 1984.

### Clear warnings

Sir,

Because the Bible declares we are to love another, then it is out of love the church pass on the very clear warnings God gives on the subject of homosexuality.

I would therefore challenge every reader to study carefully the following passages: Romans 1:18 through 2:16; Acts 17:30-31 and Romans 10:9, 10 in that order. May God have the last word.

GLORIA HOOPER,  
R. R. 1, Fulford.

September 26, 1984.

### Rape about to begin

Sir,

I would like to thank the hundreds of people who have already signed the petition against development of Musgrave Landing. It will be in the Farmers' Market the next two Saturday mornings, weather permitting, for those who still wish to sign.

I still wonder at a procedure whereby the Department of

Highways gives approval for a subdivision which does not conform to our community plan or our zoning bylaws, especially the first time when access to the lots was to be by water only. They should have the right of veto on development if such development would cause hazardous traffic conditions, but for the Department of Highways to be the sole arbitrator of development on this island? Not in my book.

The developers have been drilling wells during the last week including both Sundays, and have dug perc test holes and obtained waste disposal permits for 14 of the lots (the rest are on rock and would have to have a community sewer).

The fact that the Islands Trust, with its mandate to preserve and protect the integrity of the islands, has consistently turned down proposals for waterfront development at Musgrave seems not to matter to the powers that be.

The rape of Musgrave is about to begin, unless we can convince the Department of Highways and our government of its unsuitability before it is too late.

SUSAN BRADFORD,  
R.R. 3, Ganges.  
September 24, 1984.

### Right on schedule

Sir,

The Pedallers for Peace are right on schedule for our arrival in Ottawa on October 11. We are travelling an average of 80 miles a day.

Generally we are finding the Peace Petition is well received by individual Canadians we talk to along the way. Organizations and especially United Churches, who are expecting us in their communities for the night, are most generous with their hospitality.

TV and press coverage has been good in communities big and small. In Winnipeg, for example, the TV cameras followed us through town, and there was a press conference and a reception with Manitoba's premier.

We are learning more about other peace groups such as Ploughshares

and World War I and II veterans who have formed Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament. This whole trip is a great learning experience for we 10 Gulf Islanders who are fortunate enough to be travelling the complete trip to Ottawa.

With thanks for the support for the Pedal for Peace project to our community,

**MARG SIMONS,**  
At Vermilion Bay, Ont.  
September 22, 1984.

## Sore bums no deterrent

Following letter was sent by Georg Plange of Galiano Island, a Pedal For Peace cyclist, to Dr. Bill Paterson of Galiano on September 16.

Dear Bill,

The long heat wave and drought in the prairies ended with a record rainfall, hail, thunder, and above 110 km winds the very day we

arrived. East of Calgary fighting the storm became a real struggle. Some of us were literally blown across the highway and were forced to push the bicycles in the areas of the heaviest crosswinds.

Fortunately the storm blew mostly from the rear, pushing us along at 40 kph so that we arrived at Bassano, our destination for the day, in less than three hours. The weather has not been good to us throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan. Dull grey skies, cold temperatures and showers predominated.

Miraculously, strong head winds occurred only on those days for which we had shorter distances, such as 80-90 km, scheduled. So we have been able to meet our itinerary, even though the prairies were harder than we had anticipated and we often arrived at our campsite or

church cold, wet and exhausted.

We entered Manitoba on one of those perfect cycling days we had not experienced since leaving the mountains. Blue skies with a few white puffy clouds scattered along the horizon, a gentle breeze blowing from the west and warm enough for a short afternoon nap on the edge of a wheat field. Welcome Manitoba, it is good to see trees again!

We have a good group, mutually supportive and helpful. The 19 cyclists, Ann, Marg and Noah have amalgamated into two food groups and within those groups we take turns doing the chores. That load is not that heavy. About half the communities so far have provided us with a delicious dinner. Yes, we feel very supported by the churches, the communities and the people. Most wish they could do more for us.

The local media have usually given us good coverage; unfortunately, by the time the news is printed or aired we have left town. We have had positive in-depth discussions about the peace issues and the true sceptic who clings to his belief that we are financed by the Russians is rare.

After a lengthy debate in a swimming pool, Connie convinced two soldiers to sign the petition.

We are now approaching Winnipeg, the halfway mark in

terms of time and distance. A few sore bums, painful knees, numb fingers and peeling noses will not deter any of us 19 cyclists from continuing to the end. The best example of our enthusiasm must be the girl who fractured her arm in a fall and is continuing to cycle to Ottawa with her right lower arm and wrist in a fibreglass cast.

## Contributions for food bank

Sir,

The students and staff of Fernwood Elementary School are joining together in celebrating Thanksgiving—a time to share.

Anyone who has a bountiful garden or larder is bringing the excess to school and placing it at our Thanksgiving Centre.

At the week's end we will box the contributions and send them to the food bank at the Community Centre.

We would like to invite the community at large to join with us. If you have anything at all you would like to donate, please bring it to school before Friday, Oct. 6.

Thank you.

**MAUREEN GALBRAITH,**  
Librarian,  
Fernwood School.  
September 24, 1984.

## Thanksgiving

Sir,

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift," said Paul to the Corinthians (II Cor. 9:15). What was the gift he spoke of? Can we on this thanksgiving day, in this modern age, join Paul in thanking God "for his unspeakable gift"?

I think we can, because Paul explained (II Cor. 9:8) "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, says in her Miscellaneous Writings, "God gives you His spiritual ideas, and in turn, they give you daily supplies."

Our government has set aside one day each year as a special time of thanksgiving to the Creator for His abundant goodness—for His bounty which we can use, enjoy and share. It is important that we express our gratitude for good received—that we are aware of his continuing presence and care—even though there are times when we do not seem to see it clearly.

We may differ greatly, one from another, in our way of giving thanks, but let us acknowledge the good we have seen during the past year, and open our eyes to see more good around us, and for us, in the future.

If we are to help deepen the recognition and appreciation of God's loving provision, don't we—each one of us—need to look for and acknowledge, with thanksgiving, what God has given us.

**SARLIZABETH STIBBARD,**  
Salt Spring Group of Christian Scientists.  
September 1984.



Bill Webster

In which the trypewriter wanders through several items in search of cogent comments on the passing scene.

The missile tossers at the waiting room of the North Salt Spring Ferry Turn-around are about to launch another season of frivolity. The wall of the waiting room bears silent witness to the ability, or lack of, of the tossers.

Meanwhile, further down the road, the organizers of Salt Spring's own railroad are rumoured to be in the process of constructing a railway station somewhere in the Cranberry.

That noble rail line will connect the north of the island with the south to end forever the two solitudes which have existed side by side for so many years.

Tenders for the job of building the link will be let sometime between now and the end of the century. But that's the pace of island efforts, eh?

To be sure, organizers of the rail line are worried. None has come forward to protest the project and on this island that means no one cares.

What worse fate for a Salt Spring project can there be than not having at least one voice crying out in protest?

Now that the Friday eve slo-pitchers have ended the season of fun in the suds, they have turned their efforts to bowling. Deadwood was to have had a team in the gutter-ball group but, true to form, no one showed up.

The recent letter from Eric Booth has brought the snide-birds to the fore. Everyone seems to have their favorite Billy crash joke although few of those attempts at humour come close to the facts of the situation.

It has got to the point where the powers-that-be at the island's chip and putt range won't let me drive a cart around the course. They mumbled something about concern for the safety of the trees which line the way from one hole to another.

To set the matter straight: none of the accident-prone vehicles has touched a tree. Telephone poles, yes, but no trees.

Upon opening the mail recently, the following letter was found.

Dear Billy:

Although the "Send Billy Webster to Driving School Before It's Too Late Fund" is an admirable idea, there are some who feel the "Billy Turnaround Club" is more applicable and even more feasible.

We know, Billy, you've already been to driving school and we know you know the rules of the road. Practice makes perfect? Sometimes, but not always.

The "Billy Turnaround Club" has no membership fees nor does it have any financial costs connected to it. The "Billy Turnaround Club" simply believes in miracles and that is what we are asking for.

Anyone can join the "Billy Turnaround Club" by simply committing themselves to prayer at 9 am and 9 pm daily. Of course, the club recognizes the Lord hears prayer at all hours, day or night. Clubs, however, do make practice of joining forces at prearranged times.

You see, Billy, there are those of us out here who know you have something to offer the world and we hate to see it wasted.

The letter was unsigned but it seems like a good thing to share with others.

Actually, I pray every time the vehicle goes amuck. "Oh Lord," I pray, "not again."

The news from the driving school fund is not good. Upon checking about, the organizers found that not one driving school this side of Medicine Elbow, Alberta, would accept me as a student.

The fund has grown to the enormous sum of 95¢, thanks to an offering from the patrons of The Waiting Room.

So as not to appear to be begging money under false pretense, the organizers of the fund will continue to search for a willing driving school somewhere in the west.

If none can be found, another use for the money will be determined.

As Eric Booth said, stay tuned.

## Huna a practical philosophy for life

BY BARON FOWLER

If you have never heard of Huna, don't be too concerned because most people haven't. I myself never even heard of Huna until three years ago. I even went to a weekend seminar on Huna without the slightest idea what it was all about. I discovered, like many others, that I had been practising the Huna philosophy all my life.

Huna philosophy is simplicity itself and threads of it can be found in all religions. The three main tenets of Huna are "Do no harm", "Serve to deserve", and "No hurt—no sin". Obviously it's difficult to get any simpler than this. Huna has been described as the broadest system of thought which exists because there are no limitations.

The only limitations are the limits which we bring to Huna or limits which we put upon Huna. These limits are self-imposed by our attitudes, beliefs, fears and any other limiting concept such as "science".

The structure of the mind of man as described in the Huna system of psychology gives us a powerful insight into the workings of the mind. It is capable of explaining many human abilities such as psychic powers which are common to all people. It is also capable of explaining the cause of many mental and psychological problems which modern psychology is unable to explain or to deal with. Huna and modern psychology have many parallels but the Huna system goes much further in its structure and understanding of our minds and the hows and whys of the ways our

minds function.

**THREE LEVELS**

Huna has what is called "The Three Self System" to describe man's three levels of consciousness. Modern psychology calls them the conscious, sub-conscious and super-conscious minds. They are regarded in Huna as three separate and independent minds which each function with a different type of consciousness or thought process but are all intimately connected and normally act as one. Troubles begin when the conscious and subconscious have contradictory beliefs or when they both drift away from the guidance of the Super or Higher Self or "God Self".

As a result of either or both of these common problems, confusion and all manner of problems result. We get "lost", we lose our purpose and the meaning to our life. We wander about, chasing one desire after another without finding any lasting fulfilment.

If, however, one is fortunate enough to have alignment between one's three selves, one lives in a state of harmony with oneself and with the world. We have never ending guidance, so-called "good luck" or what we call "coincidences" which become expected daily mini-miracles. Our life becomes filled with joy, abundance, love and fulfilment. We truly become the masters of our own lives.

**PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY**

Huna is not primarily intended to result in so-called "enlightenment". Huna's primary purpose is to help us to gain greater control of our own lives, to open doors to greater fulfilment and a happier life. Huna

is above all a practical philosophy for life. One is not required to believe in any of the tenets unless one wishes to do so. As a Huna friend of mine once said to me, "You don't test Huna, Huna tests you."

I have found this to be the case; the test, of course, never ends. Just when you think you have it all together at last, it falls apart. After a while you stop trying and flow with it. At this point Huna and you become one. There is no difference between one and all. Sometimes I feel as if I'm getting close.

Baron Fowler is leading a course in Huna philosophy at the Peace Centre in Ganges beginning this evening (Wednesday) until October 31 at 7:30 pm. Fee is \$20. Register at the Continuing Education office or attend the first evening for free.

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## Former island doctor recalls early days at Salt Spring

BY BILL WEBSTER

Dr. Raymond Rush came back to Salt Spring last Friday to talk about his experiences at Lady Minto Hospital, where he served on the staff from 1930 to 1942.

He was special guest at a reunion of former staffers put on by the Hospital Auxiliary in the Salt Spring Community Centre, which served as the hospital for the Gulf Islands for many years.

Dr. Rush recalled that he had graduated from medical school at the University of Alberta in 1929 and his first job as a physician was to fill in for the doctor at Bella Bella.

That doctor had accompanied the native people of Bella Bella when they went on a fishing expedition and Dr. Rush kept the hospital open while he was away.

During that stint Dr. Rush's father came across an advertisement in a Vancouver newspaper. The hospital on Salt Spring Island was seeking a replacement for the resident doctor who was moving on.

The father sent the ad to Bella Bella and the young Dr. Rush was interested. He got in touch with a friend to ask about Salt Spring and when he was told that the Gulf Islands were considered to be the paradise of the West Coast, he was very interested.

### Bought practice for \$4,000

When his application was successful, Dr. Rush's father put up \$4,000 to buy the departing doctor's practice.

And so he arrived on Salt Spring in early 1930 driving a 1928 Chevrolet. That vehicle was one of the few on Salt Spring roads at the time and led the doctor to a meeting with another driver on the island, Henry Bullock.

It was from that meeting, Dr. Rush explained, that his reputation on the island was made. Bullock, known as the Squire of Salt Spring, possessed a large mole on his nose and Dr. Rush offered to remove it.

After the successful operation, Bullock had nothing but good things to say about the new doctor.

Dr. Rush remembered Lady Minto Hospital as being "primitive" when he arrived.

There were no facilities for surgery then and the four or five surgical cases each year had to be moved to Victoria.

"But islanders were healthy in those years," Dr. Rush said.

About that time, he traded the Chevrolet for an Austin. He could remove the passenger seat and install a padded apple box to make an ambulance of the vehicle.

The worst accident of those years involved a logging truck. The helper was stepping aboard the truck while it was moving but lost his footing and fell under the rear wheels. The skin and flesh on his legs was torn and mangled and Dr. Rush was called to the scene.

He administered emergency

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## Evening with Noel Coward at Ganges

Mahon Hall in Ganges will be the scene for *An Evening with Noel Coward*, presented by the Salt Spring Players and the Salt Spring Singers later in October.

The *Evening* takes place six times, October 18 to 20 and again October 25 to 27. The Players perform two one-act plays written by Coward while the Singers entertain between plays with a selection of songs written by him.

The first play of each evening, *Fumed Oak*, is described as "an unpleasant comedy". Bill Webster directs the four-person cast of Ron Dunbar, Dorothy Roberts, Mary Keur and Jennifer Bradford.

Henry Gow (Dunbar) makes an interesting decision and the three females react in equally interesting ways to that decision.

*Hands Across the Sea* is the second effort by the Players and is directed by Alan Wyatt. Action of the play centres on mistaken identity. Pat Desbottes (Piggie) and John Lomas (Cmdr. Peter Gilpin, R. N.) lead the other cast members in the fun.

The cast includes Sid Filkow, Gloria O'Hara, Amanda Wyatt, David Lavender, Nigel Desbottes, Sue Wyatt and Reg Taylor.

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## Open house to celebrate restoration

# Volunteers have taken part in building since 1913

BY VALERIE RICHARDS

On Saturday, Oct. 13 Gulf Island residents are invited to attend an open house at the Community Centre on Ganges Hill. The event is being staged to celebrate the grand opening of the restored building and invitations are extended to the entire Gulf Islands community.

The underlying theme of the celebration is the volunteer work that has been contributed to the building since its construction as a hospital in 1914 and later, in its renovations as a central meeting place for Gulf Islanders in 1984.

Without the volunteer work from islanders like Jesse Bond, who hauled the lumber to the site in 1913, or Hank Shubart, who inspected the building and planned the renovations in 1984, the present community centre would perhaps be nothing more than a vacant lot.

The population was steadily increasing and the number of Gulf Islanders who needed special medical care wasn't diminishing. The year: 1913. The climate of the islands was rural and the pace was slow.

When Salt Spring Island doctor Paddy Baker left the island to work in the Caribou in 1912 his position was filled by Dr. Lionel Beech. Immediately, Dr. Beech began working toward the construction of a hospital.

Beech donated the land for the

hospital site. Located on the hillside south of Ganges, the surrounding area was dotted with houses, including the Butterfields', Bests' and Bittancourts'.

### Construction began in 1913

With funds raised by the Sunshine Guild and a government grant, the hospital marked its spot in 1913 when Jesse Bond hauled the lumber to the site.

But the hospital didn't go unnoticed by philanthropist Lady Minto, wife of the Canadian governor-general. Lady Minto was the benefactress of several cottage hospitals across Canada and she gave the hospital fund \$1,000 to aid in the construction.

Dr. H. E. Young, provincial secretary, opened the hospital in May, 1914. The hospital consisted of six beds and a staff of two. Matron Anna Calhoun (later known as Mrs. Frank Crofton) along with Sargeant Newens, who worked as cook, janitor and orderly, were Dr. Beech's staff during the opening year.

Later, Dr. Beech was joined by Miss Cartwright and Miss Carter. Miss Carter's parents from the Cranberry also came to work as housekeeper and cook at the hospital.

Times got rough during the war years and staff members offered to forego their salary and subsist on room and board alone. But their volunteer services were not required following a careful budget analysis.

The hospital was heated by a wood furnace that was fed by volunteers. Each week an islander would deliver a week's worth of wood for the hospital.

### Morgue behind building

Rare historical accounts of the hospital record a morgue located behind the building. Many deceased were carried up a leafy garden path before being laid to rest by often superstitious staff skulking in the make-do morgue.

Dr. Lionel Beech and later his son, Dr. Alan Beech, often permitted many ailing islanders to stay at the hospital long after good health had been restored if only to allow the older patients warmth and care otherwise not available at their pioneer homes on the islands.

An ex-nurse at Lady Minto Hospital, Mrs. Winnifred Spalding of Pender Island, notes there were 12 beds when she was nursing there in 1918.

"There was a small operating room," Mrs. Spalding recalls. "Even though I was only 17, nurses like myself were plunged into every kind of nursing activity."

There were four beds in the men's ward, Mrs. Spalding remembers, and there were three or four private rooms. Many babies were delivered during her year at Lady Minto Hospital.

She recalls the staff members rotating work on a monthly basis. Washing dishes and stoking the furnace would constitute one month's chores while the next month a nurse might be making beds and on patient duty.

### W.M. Mouat served for 46 years

The first board of directors to Lady Minto included Dr. Beech, Rev. Baslin, Edward Walters, Ernest Prentice, W. M. Mouat and representatives from the Sunshine Guild. W. M. Mouat was later made an honorary member after serving 46 years on the board. Even up to his death he continued to visit patients at Lady Minto Hospital every

Sunday afternoon.

In 1932, the attic which served as nurses' sleeping quarters was converted into a complete upstairs and in 1936 a nurses' home was built. By this time, Lady Minto Hospital had 18 beds, a large kitchen with wood stove, plumbing and a growing registration on the hospital's insurance plan.

A little labour unrest in 1951 saw the salary of the relief cook jump from 65¢ an hour to 75¢ an hour. Graduate nurses were paid \$190 a month while the matron of the hospital was paid \$240 a month in 1951.

With determined board members Mrs. Warren Hastings and W. M. Mouat working toward a bigger hospital, it took two referenda and nearly 15 years before plans were in the making for the present-day Lady Minto Hospital, which opened in April, 1958.

The original hospital's 44 years of service had ended. Where life and death had come and gone, there was silence in the halls. The rambling old building that had bustled with white linen caps, wood carriers, water carriers and the news of island babies fell still.

But its service to the community had not ended.

Next week in Part II: Lady Minto becomes the Community Centre.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

### Staff reunited

The Auxiliary of Lady Minto Hospital held a reunion of staff who had worked at the hospital when it was located on Ganges Hill. From left are Joane Milner, who was

a nurse there in 1952, Ivan Mouat, current chairman of the hospital board, Florence Malcolmson, who was nursing at the hospital in 1946, Dr. Raymond Rush, who was on

staff from 1930 to 1942, Yolande (DeCosse) Coleman, who was a nurse in 1952, and Sue Mouat, a staff nurse in 1946.

## Doctor recalls early days here

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treatment on Salt Spring and began the trip to Victoria with the injured man. On the way to Victoria, the man died.

"It was awful gruesome," Dr. Rush remembered.

The hospital had no table for the delivery of babies, so Dr. Rush designed one. He drew up the plans and an island carpenter built the table. It had a drop leaf to allow for the deliveries.

At one time Dr. Rush was paid for his services with a seven by nine-foot pool table. He had no place to put it so he decided to build a shed

around it. He obtained all the needed lumber and began the task.

One tool he was missing was a tape measure but someone lent him one. But the tape measure turned out to be one foot short, which meant all the lumber was cut one foot short. Dr. Rush didn't discover that fact until the shed was finished. The pool table, however, fitted the space.

Another time, Dr. Rush came into contact with the law about his driving. He would rush to a patient, driving fast down Ganges Hill. Mr. Tweedhope was the constable on the island and he visited Dr. Rush with

a warning that fast driving disturbed the residents.

Bullock, meanwhile, was fearful of being buried alive and he told Dr. Rush that an envelope containing \$5 had been stored with other papers of his estate. Bullock explained that the money was for the doctor, who had to promise to ensure that when Bullock died, he was indeed dead.

"But I never got that \$5," said Dr. Rush, "because I moved off the island before he died."

The year was 1942 and Dr. Rush had packed a lot of memories into the 12 years he served at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

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# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BY HUGH BORSMAN

## Salt Spring Regional Director

When I met with Finance Minister Hugh Curtis in Vancouver last week, he asked me to invite you, on his behalf, to attend his meeting to discuss taxation and economic development. This project was well described in last week's *Driftwood*, so this is a reminder that the meeting will be held in the school district board room at 9 am on Friday.

He is interested in hearing about taxation problems of any kind, by any level of government.

A lively meeting concerning a possible objectionable noise bylaw was held last Thursday. More who felt threatened by a bylaw attended than those feeling the urgent need for such regulations. However, a lot of tolerance and understanding was demonstrated. Specific problems were addressed and most satisfactorily dealt with.

A number of complaints dealt with traffic problems, and these will be discussed with the police. Complaints regarding noise from harbour landings of aircraft will be discussed with the department of transport.

It was clear that many persons were concerned regarding over-regulation, and in fact there was general support for this. However, we will proceed to draft a bylaw, which will not be overly restrictive, but will provide some regulations and penalties to deter those occasional situations that can not now be adequately dealt with.

When completed it will be published. If there seems to be too much debate about it, we could possibly arrange a referendum or straw vote in November.

The Sewer Implementation Task Force meeting on Friday was the occasion for a visit by two noted authorities on the ocean discharge of sewage or sewage effluent.

The speakers were Dr. Derek Ellis, professor of biology at the University of Victoria, a consultant

for studies regarding marine disposal of sewage or treated effluent, and Dr. Martin Pomeroy, senior biologist of aquatic programs, Environmental Protection Service, Pacific and Yukon Region, Environment Canada.

Dr. Ellis made some general comments and then described some of the sewage disposal methods in the Victoria area, assisted with slides. Dr. Pomeroy, after some general comments, showed a film which had been taken from the *Pisces IV*, a three-man submarine used for research. The film showed sewage outfalls and these demonstrated that even where large amounts of raw sewage are discharged, there is very little impact on the marine environment.

In fact, sewage acted as a marine "fertilizer" and nutrient. When sewage was secondarily treated, there was no apparent impact. Marine creatures flourished, and the fish grew larger!

For those who favoured a marine outfall, or attended the meeting with an open mind, the presentation was very reassuring regarding the safety of an ocean outfall for domestic sewage. For those present whose minds had been made up some years ago, they could no doubt find isolated comments that would further cement their views; i.e. ocean outfalls are undesirable and damaging to the marine environment. How do they explain that Dr. Pomeroy, who is paid to protect the marine environment, can't agree with them?

Admittedly some of the sewer opponents are mostly concerned with the present outfall because it terminates in shallow water which has comparatively little tidal movement. They refer to tests that supposedly show that sewage would return to shore.

They could be reminded of the following:

1. A professional engineer from Dobrocky Seatech stated that the only adequate test for an outfall is to build it, and then test it. This is not usually possible, but is so in our case. Unfortunately, the CRD has felt further evidence of satisfactory performance is not necessary. Recently the sewer opponents have also been against testing. Why, after all, should they run the risk of being proven wrong?

2. The sewer opponents still talk about the discharge of sewage when they are referring to treated effluent. Do they not know that effluent from our proposed treatment plant will look very much like slightly turbid, but reasonably clear lake water. So if some effluent got to shore, how

could one tell? It would be too dilute to have a harmful effect on sea life, and certainly could not produce an adverse aesthetic effect.

3. The ultimate volume of effluent from Ganges could be contained in an average living room, dining room, or large classroom. This would then be released into billions of gallons of sea water. What would one expect to see?

Finally, a very important question was asked. What would be the impact on our harbour in case of a treatment failure? Dr. Ellis stated that up to one week's discharge of raw sewage (even with a failure it would be primary treated sewage) would produce a temporary adverse impact that would be cleared in very few days.

For those who were unable to attend, there will be a number of similar meetings over the next month or so.



## Pay hike resolution rejected

Chairman of the Capital Regional Board will not get a 27% hike in remuneration next year.

The board rejected a resolution last Wednesday that would have increased the chairman's remuneration from \$11,813 to

\$15,000.

There was no move to increase the stipend paid to other directors.

Salt Spring director Hugh Borsman is paid \$7,636 a year and Outer Islands director Vern Roddick, \$6,767.

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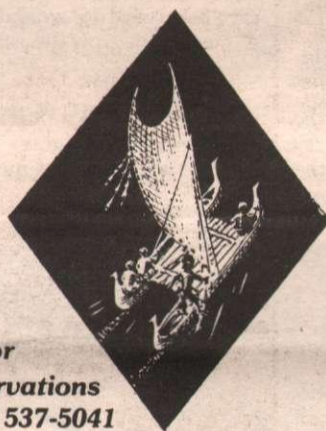
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## Biker hurt

A traffic accident on Galiano Island last week resulted in injuries to a motorcycle rider.

Beth Turner of Galiano was driving a 1981 Acadian on Sturdies Bay Road while Ron Dewar of Salt Spring was riding his 1974 Harley motorcycle on the same road.

The two vehicles collided at 8:50 pm on September 24. Dewar suffered injuries to his leg when he was thrown from his motorcycle.

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# Delegates from 12 chapters attend IODE conference

The IODE held its 15th annual conference on Salt Spring last Saturday with more than 70 representatives from 12 Vancouver Island chapters taking part.

Special guests at the conference, hosted by HMS Ganges Chapter IODE of Salt Spring, were provincial president of the organization Joan Langley and provincial organizer Christine Whelen who came from Vancouver for the day.

HMS Ganges regent Margaret Mayo welcomed the guests from such areas as Victoria, Duncan, Chemainus and Nanaimo.

In the morning session, Langley spoke about the national conference held last spring in Victoria. She thanked the island zone chapters for their work and assistance in making the event a success.

She also told of a trip to the Peace Garden at Turtle Mountain in Manitoba.

Whelen led a discussion on the more efficient use of money, time, publicity and greater use of the younger members. The participants of the conference got involved in a lively question and answer session about the subject.

The meeting decided to approve a possible project for equipping a van for easier transportation of handicapped patients. The idea was presented by representatives of the Major John Hebden Gillespie Chapter and will be sent on to the provincial IODE conference next spring.

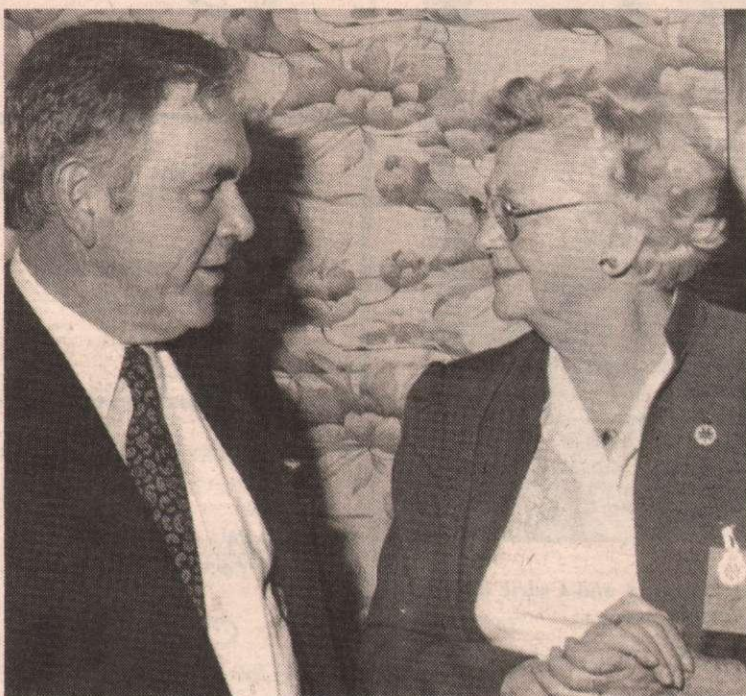
Following lunch the group heard a talk by Ivan Mouat on *IODE in the North*. He used slides to illustrate his talk. Emphasis was on the building of a hall at Baker Lake, North West Territories. The IODE supplied the materials for construction of that hall.

The next provincial conference is to be held in Kelowna and the meeting discussed the possibility of chartering a bus to take representatives of the island zone to that event.

The meeting also approved a proposal from Dr. Barbara Harris of the Martlett Chapter to create a music scholarship to be awarded to a suitable candidate.

The island zone will make application for the scholarship for use within the zone.

The various chapters made announcements of scheduled events. HMS Ganges Chapter will be holding its annual bridge luncheon on November 15 at St. George's Hall.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Ivan Mouat talks to Alma McQuiggan, secretary of HMS Chapter IODE, just before his talk about the efforts of IODE to supply materials for a hall at Baker Lake in the North West Territories, when he was school superintendent for the area.

## Local ferries won't switch

B.C. Ferries recently announced plans to convert nine of the large ferries to use of compressed natural gas (CNG) for a fuel cost saving of \$10 million per year.

But none of the ferries serving the Gulf Islands will be part of the change-over in fuel use.

The *Queen of Alberni*, which plies between Horseshoe Bay and Langdale across Howe Sound, will be the first ferry to be converted. She goes in for refit in December, at which time the engines will be changed.

The *Queens of Saanich, Esquimalt, Victoria and Vancouver* on the Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay run are slated for the same measure. The Horseshoe Bay-Departure Bay boats, the *Queens of Coquitlam, Cowichan, Surrey and Oak Bay*, will also be converted.

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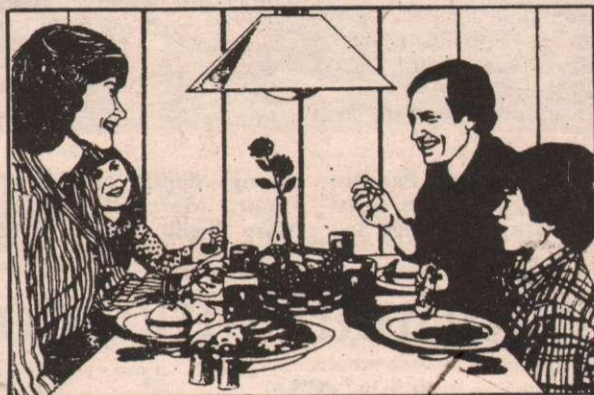
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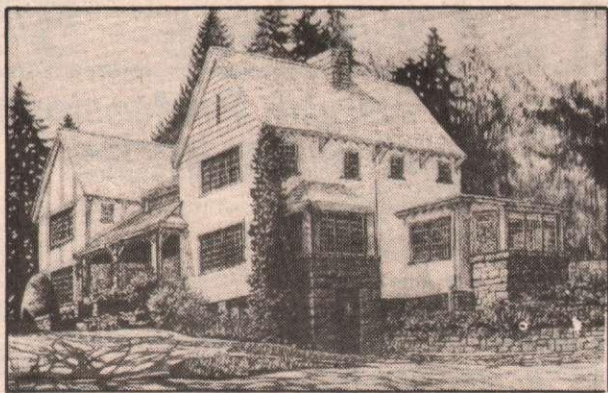
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From left are David Parsons, vice-president; Bevis Walters, a past president; Dorothy Cummings, Salt Spring Singers and St. Mark's Choir; Margaret Cunningham, Mary Inglin, Danny Evanishen, Joan Hayward and Cedric Barker, president.

## Testimonial luncheon held for Margaret Cunningham at Central

On Saturday afternoon a testimonial luncheon was held for Margaret Cunningham by the Central Community Hall Society to recognize her dedication and effort on behalf of the hall and the community for the past 17 years.

Bevis Walters, one of the society's past presidents, described the early history of the hall and how Cunningham worked to bring about its restoration and renovation. Approximately \$85,000 was

collected for the work, which took more than two years to complete with a considerable amount of volunteer labour. Central Hall is now Salt Spring's northern activity centre for golden-agers.

Mabel Clark addressed the party on behalf of the Old-Age Pensioners Organization. Vicki Griffin spoke for the Golden-Age Recreation Club and Tom Holtby for the Salt Spring Camera Club. Dorothy Cummings presented a bouquet from the St. Mark's Choir and the

Salt Spring Singers. Danny Evanishen presented a guest book and photo album from Island Cinema and the Central Hall Society.

Isabell Mouat provided a corsage for Cunningham, and Margaret Howell and Cleo Weston each provided a decorated cake. The meal was co-ordinated by Joan Hayward, Mrs. P. Singsby and Mrs. M. Acheson and was blessed by Reverend John Bailey.

A portrait of Cunningham to be hung in Central Hall will be paid for by public donations. Bevis Walters will collect the donations sent to him at Box 484, Ganges.

## Naval historian to speak to island historians

Next May the B.C. Historical Federation will hold its annual convention on Galiano Island, drawn there by the replica of the *Sutil*, the 19th century Spanish ship which local historians are building.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, the Salt Spring Island Historical Society will hear about Spanish explorations on the northwest Pacific coast from Captain Keith Cameron, RCN Ret'd.

Born in Prince Edward Island, Captain Cameron was a wartime cadet at Royal Roads. From 1943 to 1945 he served in the Royal Navy as a midshipman on the battleship *HMS Duke of York*. On returning

to Canada he joined the Royal Canadian Navy and rose to the rank of captain, his last appointment being that of chief of staff at Pacific Command.

When he left the navy, Captain Cameron took over the Maritime Museum in Victoria as director-curator, remaining in that position until the end of 1981. He now lectures part-time on naval history at Royal Roads.

The October 9 meeting will be held at Central Hall at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend, especially history buffs with navy or boating backgrounds.

### This Week in Recreation

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**Div. 2A:** S.S. Wranglers vs. Gorge, Sun., Oct. 7, 10 am, Ganges School.

**Women:** S.S. Sockeyes TBA, Sun., Oct. 7.

**Div. 4A:** S.S. Selects vs. Gorge, Sat., Oct. 6, 12:30 pm, Victoria.

**Div. 5B:** S.S. Sounders vs. Gordon Head, Sat., Oct. 6, 1 pm, Ganges School.

**Div. 6B:** S.S. Strikers vs. Prospect Lake, Sat., Oct. 6, 11 am, Victoria.

**Girls:** S.S. Cosmos TBA, Sun., Oct. 7.

**Intra-Island:** Senior, Sat. 10 am: Kicks vs. Fury, Portlock #3; Leopards vs. Lazars, Portlock #4; Stingers vs. Sharks, Portlock #5. Junior, Sat. 9 am: Eagles vs. Demons, Portlock #3; Mites vs. Panthers, Portlock #4; Devils vs. Wildcats, Portlock #5.

**Pre-School:** Every Sat. 9:30 am, Portlock Park.

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## Tennis court site too wet

Problems continue to plague construction of the tennis court in Fulford, the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission heard this week.

Phil Hume of the commission explained that the tennis court site behind the Fulford fire hall is extremely wet and the contractor, Island Asphalt, was reluctant to begin work until the situation cleared up.

The contract for the court, with a price of \$11,922, calls for the company to grade the site and pave it. The commission was able to obtain a one-year guarantee on the work.

But the ground under the gravel base for the court remains soaked

even after the dry summer. The contractor suggested that the area be compacted with more gravel added.

Hume arranged for the preliminary work requested by the contractor to be done at an estimated cost of \$1,900. The additional work included putting a ditch around the court site to help drain the area.

But when that work was about to begin, it was stopped by the department of highways because no access permit had been applied for to get on to the site. The preliminary work was delayed while the permit was applied for and received.

Hume explained that the

contractor was willing to supply fencing for the court at a cost of \$5,900. He said that volunteer labour will be used to put the fence in place with supervision coming from Island Asphalt.

The site was being prepared last fall when a controversy over untendered contracts broke out and the work came to a halt. At that time, severe rainstorms soaked Salt Spring and the site became a mire. Work was held up for most of the summer while the site was supposed to be drying, but didn't.

The commission agreed to call in a hydrogeologist to find out why the site is so wet. They will consider a water witcher if need be to see if the source of the water is an underground spring.

The total cost for the court, said Hume, will come to \$19,130. The commission had budgeted \$11,500 for the work and a further \$6,970 is available from the surplus from last year's activities. The remainder can be found in the current budget, he said, which means that the cost will not carry over to the budget for next year.

Hume said that if the contractor expresses confidence that the water problem has been solved, the work could begin by next Monday. If the rain doesn't fall.

## New society looks at trusteeship, protection

Islands Trust was advised of a different form of trust when the council met on Pender Island recently.

Ron Pither of Mayne Island spoke on behalf of the West Coast Islands Conservancy. The conservancy has been established as a registered provincial society aimed at the trusteeship of land or of development rights in order to hold land for public enjoyment and to protect it from development in the future.

Pither told the Trust that his society will work to the benefit of individuals who want to see their land protected in perpetuity and that of the community at large.

In order to encourage a wider awareness of the possibilities of placing land in trust the conservancy has prepared materials for workshops. The society can also arrange referrals and consulting services for any person contemplating land trust arrangements.

The speaker referred to the considerable experience of land trusteeship gained in the United States, where federal and state laws encourage such a procedure.

### NEW FORMAT

The West Coast Conservancy has been investigating a format whereby future use and management of land may be undertaken. Various aspects of protection against subdivision pressures for watershed, agricultural land and timberland have been investigated.

Pither reported that his society is working on the transfer of development rights and easements and compensation for such transfer should it be sanctioned by the provincial legislature.

The Mayne Island speaker also urged trustees to look to the

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The West Coast Islands Conservancy may be reached through Jacqueline Lang, 3000 Cowie Road, Hornby Island, V0R 1Z0, said Pither.

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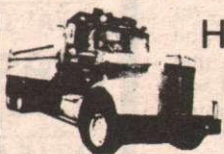
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## DOWN THE GUTTER

BY TERRY JENKINS

High score for the week was from a man—the first time this season, so there is hope for us yet. Ken Collins had 845—229, 352, 264 and 718—208, 295, 215. For the ladies: Carol Kaye 765—278, 201, 286, Ethel Hengstler 753—180, 351, 222, Val Hughes 734—339, 169, 226 and 706—275, 217, 214, Edie Gear 720—236, 283, 201, Ruth Bedford 707—296, 176, 235, Terry Jenkins 718—216, 218, 259 and 707—199, 249, 259.

300 games were bowled by Esther Hengstler 353, Ken Collins 352, Val Hughes 339, Ben Martens 312. Most pins over average for the week: Esther Hengstler 273 followed by Ken Collins 271, Val Hughes 227.

## Refrigerator, freezer sought

The Salt Spring Island Community Society is searching for a refrigerator and a freezer for use in the food bank.

Jack Althouse of the society said the group needs the two units to help keep perishable food from perishing too quickly. The units should be repairable, he said. A volunteer has offered to fix the units if need be.

Les Linnitt 182, Leo Toutant 158. Anyone who bowls 100 pins or more over average has bowled well and deserves to have his name in the paper, so put your name on the list. It's membership card time again.

This card is needed if you want to enter any competition in the province or country that is organized by the 5-Pin Bowling Association. The card costs \$3 and helps defray the cost of all the stationery that your league secretary uses to keep records.

For those people who do not intend to bowl in competition there is a bonus to the card in the form of 12 free games. You bowl three and pay for two in open bowling. The card allows you to do this once per month but Leisure Lanes will allow you to use the card whenever you open bowl so help the Bowling Association and help yourself—buy a membership card from me next time you come bowling.

### GOLDEN-AGER SCORES

Over 250: Ruth Bedford 296, 235, 206, Edie Gear 283, 268, 236, 227, 201, Jim Gilson 276, Helen Hopper 267, Bill Vickers 253.

Over 225: Dorothy Graham 249, 231, 203, Gene Graham 246, 223, Kay Cook 238, Margaret Ritchie 236, Bill Harper 236, 229, Les Giles 227, Ivor Cawker 226, Lydia Purser 228.

Over 200: Les Pragnell 222, Geoff Baker 212, Jean Haines 210, Stan Wakelyn 208, George Day 206, Hal

Friar 205, Cynthia Davidson 201. Over 700: Edie Gear 720, Ruth Bedford 707.

Over 600: Dorothy Graham 683, Jim Gilson 657, Helen Hopper 645. Leisure Lanes Golden-Agers lost to Fiesta Lanes in the first exchange bowl of the season. We did well, bowling 48 over average but Fiesta did very well with 428 pins over average. Those who bowled over average for us were Lucy Moore 74, Wally Edwards 52, Annie Spencer 41, Helen White 22.

### Y.B.C. News

Scores for September 22 are as follows.

Pee Wees: Kim Bailey 83, Melissa Hazenboom 99, Eric Taylor 135, Nathan Helfrich 111, Ian Reid 81. Bantams: Candice Miller 194, Jade Graham 112, Tina Reid 102, Tanya Slingsby 90, Dean Crouse 155, Adam Baines 165, Clinton Helfrich 151.

For September 29:

Pee Wees: Alicia Gopp 96, Melissa Hazenboom 91, Kim Bailey 64, Eric Taylor 151, Nathan Helfrich 107, Brandon Kaye 91.

Bantams: Candice Miller 154, Jade Graham 130, Tina Reid 123, Tanya Slingsby 99, Adam Baines 171, Sascha Williams 159, Dean Crouse 141.

Juniors (September 22): Mark David 246, Shannon Taylor 232, Lisa Jorgensen 218. September 29: Shannon Taylor 241, Lisa Jorgensen 184, Mark David 187.

## 20 players rated

BY STEPHANIE ROWLEY

The tennis rating day took place on Saturday at Portlock Park with 20 participants for this afternoon of drills and play. This was an extremely good response considering that the number of members available at this time of the year is so small. An enjoyable and informative program was arranged by Don Hartwig and Toby Seward, B.C. tennis qualified instructors.

They are in the process of evaluating each individual's ability and level of play, in many instances doing a written analysis of the stroke making or game strategy with recommendations and suggestions for improving one's game in the future. The association would like to thank them for organizing this session and establishing this new concept in tennis classification. They are willing to arrange this rating procedure, weather permitting, on any Saturday throughout the coming months if there is sufficient interest from members and non-members.

Organized tournament tennis does end with the championships held in September but tennis socially and recreationally is still played all year. As soon as possible the association will be putting together an active players list with all the relevant information, a player's rating, game preference, day(s) and time when available to

play.

Friday night tennis starts in November at Cedar Hill, with informal social doubles play. Many of the players have shown an interest in some of the sessions being of a more competitive format with Victoria and Saanich clubs.

There has been considerable interest in reviving the Boxing Day-New Year's Day tournament. This was always a fun day of tennis and in past years the cancellation of this popular event was because of bad weather, not through lack of enthusiastic players.

The need for new ideas and suggestions to have a full and exciting tennis season in 1985 must come from the members. The election of the new executive at the annual awards dinner Saturday, Oct. 27 is the time and the place to inform this body what kind of schedule is desired for the next year.

## Vehicle hits deer

A deer and a Subaru met on Fairway Drive on Salt Spring Island on September 22 at 7:30 pm.

Warren Healy was driving the car, which suffered an estimated \$700 damage in the collision. The deer died.

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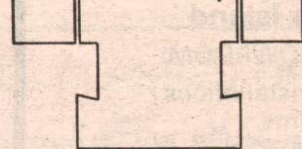
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# Lovely lawn pleasure to the eye, comfort to the body

The deleterious effects of restraint have finally wormed their wayward ways into the life, and the loves, of this writer. Where once my mind and I frolicked in many a friendly free-for-all, there are now the rigid rules and regulations of unionized contractual procedures between the two of us, most of which were deleted from these pages last week, due no doubt to the fact that the strictures of restraint have descended upon *Driftwood* as well.

It appears that the dictates of restraint in the use of space, letters and ink demanded that I be literally restrained just when my word processing mindtool and I had found our literary stride. It is a pity, though a natural enough consequence of restraint, that it impoverishes the poor and enriches only the rich, the ones who need it the least, perhaps because they heed it the least. And before the insinuating tentacles of restraint throttle my loves, my joys, and my

unrestrained exuberance with words, I shall take my example from those who govern us in their own interests, and heed it not.

With this word processor came a rather large can of eloquent wax, and although it is nigh inexhaustible, as a miniscule amount goes an infinitely long way, I shall persist and, at least in my dictionary, restraint shall remain a foreign word.

## SUFFERS SAME FATE

The deletion of my literary efforts has led me into a close and compassionate kinship with grass. For it suffers the same fate, rather regularly, and is long accustomed to be shorn of its proudest growth, its freshest and liveliest tips, forever reaching for new, unattainable heights, only to be ruthlessly cut short and discarded on to a heap of compost.

But does the grass abide by this ruthlessly regular restraint? Indeed it does not, and woe unto us were it so. Never would we loiter on a lovely lawn, barbecue a brisket of beef, or read a wool-gathering article in the cooling shade of a tree, on the comforting cushion of its lush and living carpet of slender leaves.

As a pleasure to the eye and a comfort to the body and the soul, we shall erect a lawn on our septic field. It is the flattest spot on our place, has the best drainage, and lots of organic nutrients. The very abundance of these nutrients is often wildly inductive to abandoned growth, and more likely than not, to the overwhelming intrusion of unwanted green and thorn, such as blackberries.

It is altogether a perfect solution in many ways: it is close to the house and within almost constant view; shallow-rooted grasses will not interfere with septic tiles; our rich, natural nutrients will be recycled via clippings and the compost pile; shearing will completely prevent invasion by unwanted weeds; and we will have a lovely lawn to boot. In our case at least, it is not only a perfect solution, but also a matter of dire necessity, for it will be a nip and tuck affair as it is, to see who gets there first.

Our blackberries, who thrived for so long at the margins of our old septic pit, have noticed that there is something amiss. They are plucking up their roots and extending

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BY PETER WEIS

tenacious tentacles in our direction, in a determined, if one-sided desire to maintain close companionship with us, and our invigorating effluent.

## DISLIKE LIME

How they know which way to go, though, is one of many current matters of mystery awaiting illumination. They do not like lime, though, and thank goodness, grasses do. Fescues and bentgrasses like a PH range of 6.5 to 7.0, the latter marking the neutral line, while rye and bluegrasses prefer a range of 7.0 to 7.5, definitely on the alkaline side. Aside from good drainage and at least four inches (10 cm) of good topsoil, and six inches (15 cm) is better, the correct acid-alkaline balance makes the difference between a good lawn and a poor one.

And again, dolomite lime, due to its long-lasting effect, up to four years, is by far the best. For our generally acid soils 50 lbs. per 1,000 square feet should bring us into the proper range. In the absence of a septic field under the lawn, organic fertilizers have proved far superior to the chemical ones for several reasons: two applications of a balanced formula providing a ratio of 10-10-0, at eight pounds per 1,000 square feet, the most important one in fall, right about now, and another one in late spring, are sufficient.

Of this, grass clippings from a healthy lawn can contribute almost two pounds per year, fully one half of the required nitrogen. The continuing controversy of whether to leave the clippings or not is actually a moot one, since the feared thatch is caused by exposed roots and stolons in chemically fed lawns,

bereft of organics and its thatch devouring population of worms and micro-organisms.

## LEAVE CLIPPINGS

So leave the clippings and reap the benefits of free fertilizer and improved organic content. An application of liquid seaweed, or seaweed tea, once a year in early summer, will keep grass a lot greener, and healthier, especially through the heat and drought of our summers. Another beautiful aspect of organic lawns results from the fact that one does not have to worry about picking up chemicals when rolling around on it.

And they are healthier, as Irwin Bradley, grounds keeper of about

100 acres of lawns and football fields at Davidson College, has found out in 14 years of organic culture, without ever having to resort to pesticides (*Organic Gardening*, September 1984). Dr. Eliot Roberts, director of the Lawn Institute, fully agrees. He uses only one application of Milorganite, the city of Milwaukee's converted sewage, per year and considers it the best organic fertilizer available.

Given my private and public penchant for all things organic, I cannot but concur, and to keep this writing as organic, perhaps the strictures of restraint may be satisfied with smaller print, rather than the lawnmower.

## Fulford pensioners begin fall activities

The Fulford Old-Age Pensioners Branch commenced its fall activities last week with a short business meeting, followed by a potluck supper and a showing of the film *Camelot*. Films will be shown on a regular basis.

Coming events include a bus outing to Vancouver Island Sunday. More information is available from Ora Lang. The branch has scheduled a bazaar and tea for October 27.

Carpet bowling and bingo continued through the summer while craft groups are active at present with quilting and weaving. Bridge sessions will resume in October.

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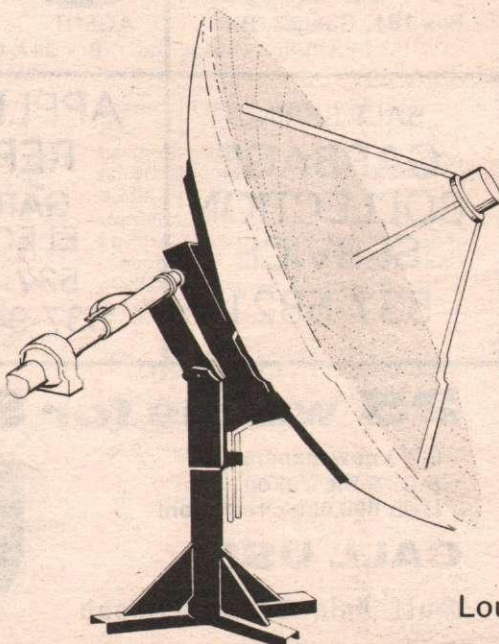
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### Send-off at Ganges

The Peace Caravan left Salt Spring Saturday on its way to Ottawa. Above, Lou Rumsey, left, and Louise Beijk discussed the send-off by friends at Centennial Park in Ganges. Mary Williamson, at left, paused to read a note from friends as she prepared to begin the trek to Ottawa to deliver peace petitions signed by Canadians. She is part of the Gulf Islands contingent which joined a rally at the Legislature in Victoria prior to starting out for Ottawa.

## Ewe, lamb lost to dogs

Loss of two sheep on Galiano Island has been assessed at \$117 by the Capital Regional Board. This sum will be paid to Elizabeth Oesko in respect of a ewe and a lamb lost to dogs.

Board was told last week that the deputy animal control officer, L. Kenyon, had investigated and

confirmed that the loss was caused by marauding dogs.

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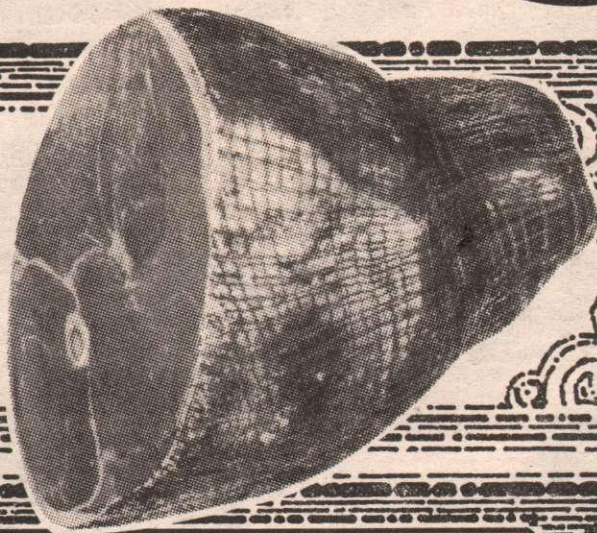
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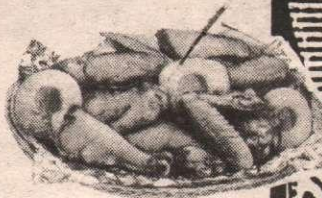
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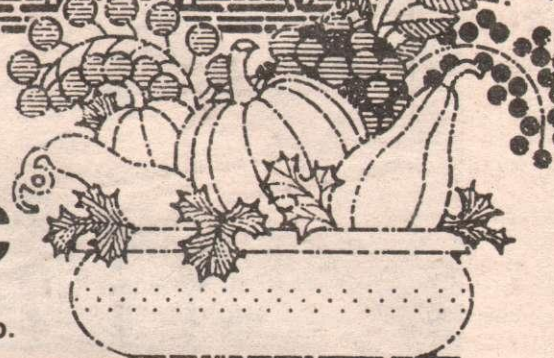
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