

Ron McQuiggan



Jack Frazer

Islanders travel to Germany for an air forces celebration

Last month two Salt Spring Islanders flew to Germany to attend a special celebration. Ron McQuiggan and Jack Frazer both served in the air force at Canadian Forces bases Baden-Soellingen and Lahr.

From November 20 to 24, more than 500 Canadians who had served in these bases returned to see them again, before the bases close next year and in 1994.

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff Writer

"I hadn't been back in 29 years," McQuiggan said. "It hadn't really changed at all. It was much bigger than I remembered."

McQuiggan was an F-86 pilot stationed at Lahr from 1960 to 1963. The Cold War was particularly hot then. The Berlin Wall went up in while he was in Europe.

"I had breakfast one morning with F18 pilots," he said, meaning the most recent crews to be stationed there. "I sort of assumed things would change over time. But no, the stories they told, the things they did were just the same. There was half an hour or so when it all evaporated. Thirty years just disappeared."

Buffet meals, dances in the evening, a formal parade and a flypast were among the events planned for the anniversary. There was also some time to wander around

familiar haunts in the surrounding countryside.

Some 500 Canadians attended the event, ex-servicemen and women, widows and others who had worked at the base.

Jack Frazer, who has had a long and distinguished career in the Canadian Air Force, was base commander at Baden-Soellingen from 1980 to 1983. He was also commander of Squadron 439, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

The squadron will be stood down next year — a military term for "retired" — and ex-commanders and members of the squadron came to reminisce about the squadron's and Canada's role in keeping peace in Europe.

Frazer remembered he baled out twice while in Germany, once miraculously avoiding death. Others who helped to keep the peace were not so lucky. During the week he was there, Frazer visited a Canadian military cemetery in Choloy, France, where more than 700 Canadians who died while on duty are buried.

But Frazer also met with a number of Germans while he was there. He and his wife June, befriended many of the locals during their stay at Baden-Soellingen.

One of their favourite pastimes was *volksmarching* — rambling in the countryside.

"Each little area will organize

one on a weekend," Frazer said. "10,000 people came to our two-day event."

The participants go on 10-, 20- and 42-kilometre walks and there are lots of country-pub meals.

"We developed some long friendships by this *volksmarching*," he said.

The anniversary celebrations were a great success, both Frazer and McQuiggan said. But those who were there also knew that Baden-Soellingen will close at the end of next year and Lahr in 1994. Neither men was particularly sad at this.

The whole reason for bringing the Canadians over is gone, McQuiggan said. "I absolutely believe the reason the Russians never came (into Western Europe) was because we were there. It's been a great success but it's time to go home."

"The closure marks a milestone in Canadian military history," Frazer said. "I think it marks a milestone in Canada's role in world peace. We had a definite input on the outcome (of the Cold War) and the demise of the Berlin Wall."

"We'll keep our foot in the door by going over there on exercises," he said. "To maintain the massive infrastructure required to keep a base is too expensive. It's time for the Europeans to take on their own defences and we're there to stand behind them."

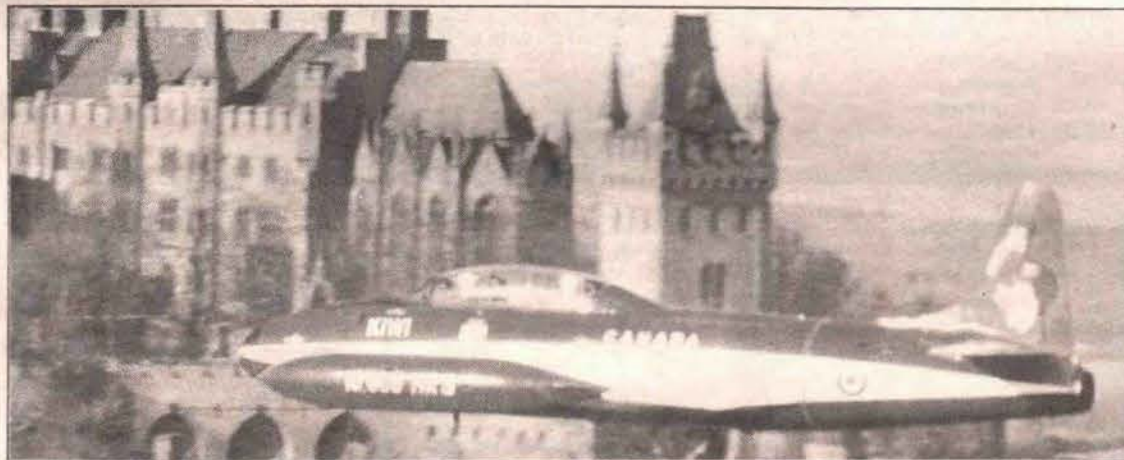


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Aircraft with appropriate paint for the occasion of attaining 10,000 hours

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GISS math course undergoes changes

Long the cause of much consternation among students through the ages, mathematics is undergoing a transformation in its mode of classroom delivery.

By GAIL SJUBERG
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John Nicolson and Larry Nelson have been teaching the subject to grade 9 and 10 classes at Gulf Islands Secondary School with a new set of hypotheses this year.

Self-paced learning has replaced tandem turning of textbook pages and daily lectures. Modules and assignments are completed and tests are written when students are ready, not when

is not achieved on tests, more work is done and the student retested later.

Self-pacing has been stressed in Year 2000 material, and is being incorporated in many courses at the intermediate grade level.

Educators are counting on students being motivated by the satisfaction of self-directed achievement.

One immediate benefit of the new system is that it recognizes who is really in charge of students' learning.

"In the old model we would try to have the students all do certain things, and we'd try by bluff and bluster, because underneath it there was no big club we could use," he says.

work, "the worst thing I could do was tell mom and dad, and that was the end of it."

Learning has always been the individual student's responsibility, but that was never fully acknowledged by any part of the educational system.

"So it has already been up to students," says Nicolson. "We've just eliminated the bluff and bluster part."

Also under the old system, bright students would be bored with the slower pace, and their marks sometimes suffered accordingly, while others were swept along before they had mastered the material.

Most grade 9 and 10 students in their classes this year are respond-

though some adjustments could be made at both ends of the achievement line.

"A lot of kids have a tendency to want to go too fast," says Nelson. They become "volume-oriented" and need slowing down to ensure they really understand the material.

Others, adds Nicolson, "are still waiting for someone to make them do the work."

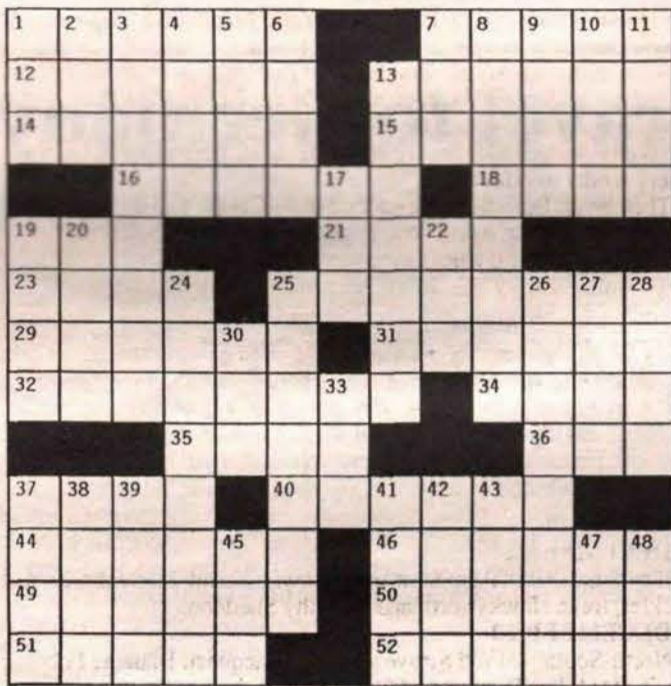
Nelson feels some students should probably receive more assistance setting individual goals to help them set a realistic pace.

Most students are "on task" in class, he says, but some are less motivated to do enough homework.

"And if you don't do the

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| 12. Quantity of yarn | 3. Punish | 28. Marsh bird |
| 13. Book of loose leaves | 4. Bugle call | 30. — Baba |
| 14. Bowling target | 5. Military subdivision | 33. Caddy contents |
| 15. Piliferous | 6. Waiter's handout | 37. Without dilution |
| 16. Sagacious | 7. Sound of sheep | 38. Graph beginning |
| 18. Actor Mostel | 8. Rootlike stems | 39. Indonesian vessel |
| 19. Moray | 9. Yorkshire river | 41. Globular cookie |
| 21. Melville novel | 10. Change course | 42. — Nostra |
| 23. Military guardhouse | 11. Church calendar | 43. Saudi Arabian province |
| 25. Obtains a victory | 13. Woman's shift | 45. Lump of butter |
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| 36. Luxurious resort | 25. Ellipse | |
| 37. Back of the neck | | |
| 40. Recklessly impulsive | | |
| 44. Continent | | |
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| 51. Drink to honor | | |
| 52. Word of honor | | |



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MATH

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homework and the assignments, you won't progress," says Nelson.

Thorough understanding of mathematical fundamentals is crucial to students' success and progress.

And success is no longer defined as a 51 per cent test passing grade. With 70 per cent marks required, the system ensures students truly comprehend the material before moving on.

"You can't just barely scrape by," says Nelson.

Nicolson says opponents of the 70 per cent rule have been silent. "Students accepted that. We didn't have to sell that to them all."

More than mathematics is also being taught, the teachers say.

Self-responsibility, problem solving, maintaining a realistic evaluation of their own progress and meeting a set of expectations they're comfortable with are some additional skills that go along with this new math.

Adults walking into these classrooms will see a dramatically different scene from their own math class of yore.

Nelson says some people will be writing a test, others completing assignments, while he works with an individual or small group at desks or the blackboard.

"It's hectic for a teacher," says Nicolson. "And the questions being asked can come from anywhere in the course."

How self-paced learning will work for GISS students in the long run is obviously not known, and math will not be taught this way in higher grades and university.

But these two teachers believe that if students are learning self-motivation and fundamentals more thoroughly before senior high, they will be better equipped for later challenges.

"Everything comes back to the mastery concept," says Nicolson, "which should bode well for them in grade 11.

"In the past we've found students who passed but with less than 70 per cent did not do well in grade 11 math."

Overall, says Nelson, "We're getting good results, interesting results and more ideas."

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The Volkommers are supporters of the Vancouver Opera and have been buying Jaguar Lottery tickets for a number of years. This fall they bought three tickets.

Sales manager Arnold Smith of the European Motor Car Division of MCL Motor Cars in Vancouver said he is pleased with the relationship between his company and the Vancouver Opera.

"We're sort of like family now," he said, adding he is pleased "the lottery works so effectively."

The classic British-racing-green Sports Coupe will go to the Volkommers and replacing it will be a bright red convertible XJS Jaguar which will be awarded in the next lottery grand prize draw on May 15. Tickets go on sale January 22. More information is available from Cynthia Bunbury 682-2871.



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SITE PREPARATION: Work got underway last week clearing the area and driving piles for a new complex in the Mouat's parking lot area. The building will eventually house a Thrifty's Food Store as well as other island businesses.

bridge tricks

Results of recent games played by the Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club are as follows:

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Grade Eight

Anderson, Keldy; Baker, Shelagh; Bardon, Nicolas; Bennett, Daniel; Bergsma, Erin; Bergstrom, Erik; Bichel, Ben; Bonfield, Ryan; Booth, Neacol; Byron, Monica; Campbell, Tara; Carmichael, Stott; Charters, C'Arcy; Clark, Carly; Cyprus, Anastasia; Davies, Chris; Delahaye, Emily; Folstad, Jana; Fraser, Kerry; Grayer, Molly; Greig, Andrew; Hingston, Adrian; Huth, Chantelle; Ingle, Lauren; Joliffe, Prairie; Little, Arron; Lyons-Howard, Tim; MacQueen, Eamon; Marcotte, Karen; McCrattie, Aaron; McMahon, Robert; Moulton, Jason; Munneke, Hanna; Oldroyd, Matthew; Parker, Lorien; Pred, Noah; Prendergast, Sasha; Prosk, Briana; Sheehan, Crystal; Stafford, Lisa; Storey, Jennifer; Temmel, Nyssa; Venter, Katsy; Walsh, Jeff; Watt, Katherine; Wilkin, Sarah; Yardley, Emma.

Grade Nine

Akerman, Dawn; Aloian, Ani; Avedon-Savage, Jason; Baker, Eric; Bergsma, Christine; Bettger, Maeghan; Bonfield, Candace; Brownsword, Jeff; Byrne, Daniel; Campsall, Michael; Cunliffe, Katrina; Dares, Jasmine; Donnelly, Morgan; English, Jos; Ensminger, Carle; Fiander, David; Fowles, Kathryn; Gardner, Natalie; Gilliland, Amelia; Gordon, Timothy; Haevens, Gwendolyn; Kallip, Kristi; King, Rebecca; Korrison, Arika; Leier, Elizabeth; Locke, Peter; Lyon, Kristine; McCaughran, Scott; Raginsky, Sofie; Rondeau,

Janelle; Scotvold, Krista; Spears, Mary Ann; Tanner, Nicole; Tanner, Shawn; Tinsley, Jazzi.

Grade 10

Avedon-Savage, Richard; Bennett, Zoe; Cartwright, Amber; Charish, Kristi; Clarke, Josh; Dilworth, Matt; Eide, Matthew; Esau, Nicki; Estable, Daniel; Funk, Tami; Gardner, Marie; Lam, Anna; McKeachie, Krista; Moore, Melissa; Nicholson, Meghan; Richards, Blake; Ruddell, Juno; Schwagly, Amy; Smith-Gibbon, Peter; Thomas, Alyn; Weisner, Michael.

Grade 11

Anderson, Meghan; Armitage, Lisa; Baker, Gitta; Bidwell, Shannon; Borbas, Marc; Bryson, Mandy; Burns, Stan; Cade, Jennifer; Eyles, Natasha; Gaylor, David; Hack, Kevin; Hawkes, Dana; Henrickson, Laura; Hill, Jenny; Hingston, Lianna; Kaye, Graham; Lam, Yvonne; Larmour, Matthew; Magnus, Chris; Murray, Sylvia; Prys-tawik, Gretchen; Reid, Matthew; Rondeau, Andrea; Ropars, Anika; Satzinger, Andrea; Thomas, Jenni; Walde, Kevin; Wrate, Brie.

Grade 12

Dobson, Calico; Eldstorm, Shane; Erickson, Peter; Esau, Delmer; Gardam, Gwynnie; Hill, Sean; Hunter, Leah; Jamieson, Michael; Joliffe, Anu; Lomas, Jenny; Martin, Faine; McLachlan, Ian; Neilson, Jeffrey; Persyko, Tamara; Raines, Halli; Roa, Rikha; Stafford, Melanie; Vandov, April; Verriour, Paul.

green THUMB

DEREK DUFFY



Let botany be studied by all, and they will be amply rewarded with new ideas and agreeable remedies. - Nicholas Culpeppin

The New Year is upon us and the old one about to fade, so I thought I might go on a philosophical plant rant in order to round up the year for the garden.

I use this time to catch up on my knowledge of horticulture as well as familiarizing myself with winter flora growing naturally around us. It is often the case that at the beginning of new light, after winter solstice, people who work the soil begin to feel renewed ambition toward the coming year.

This is, I think, a very instinctive response. After all we've prepared for winter during the past two or three months, so it is only natural that the strain of coping with it sub-

sides into optimism.

I think a lot about new designs and plans or relocating and re-positioning parts of the garden.

A good garden can always be adjusted seasonally. When days are short and we come indoors earlier, we tend to pine a little for the oncoming spring. It is quite exciting to plan for it now that we are (hopefully) prepared.

I make little sketches all the time as I get ideas, and though I am lucky enough to see my new ideas take shape in other people's gardens, I can never find the time to cultivate my own. Somehow you can though, if you are living where you want to be and are building up your garden slowly.

This is probably an eventful time for you.

Compost is probably on the boil

very well now all over the island. Making and checking on the progress of compost is lovely when done on leisurely walks between rain and wind, and can again add to the optimism I mentioned earlier.

Good for the body, heart and soul is gardening. Just when you think things are too slow, the magic of new life is upon us beginning the cycle through to the next year.

Plant behaviour is fascinating to watch and the best time to start noticing it is this time of year. Watch for lunar and astrological influences. Notice when plant behaviour changes suddenly, and see what happens in the weather during or after changes.

When I was working in England in 1988 there was a mass of tree seedlings such as oak, ash maple, pine and willow from the previous year's abundant seeds. In fact the fruit was so heavily laden the previous year, branches broke and fell.

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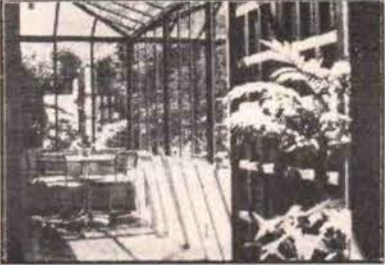


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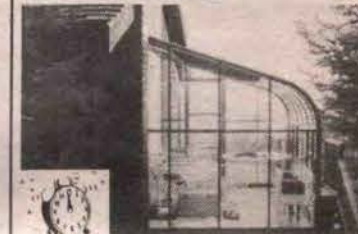
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Arians are concerned with weight and diets this week. Even according to those miracle-diets advertised on television, it will still take three months of fasting to get back to the shape you were in last month. But put off any concern until at least January 1. There's no such thing as low-calorie Rye and being sober is so dull on New Year's.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): This is a week for the new: new clothes; new toys; new lovers (the crystal ball cannot tell if that should be singular or plural). Book a double with the therapist to talk about all the extra joy in your life. Cold figures prominently January 1, so dig out your woollies and toque and beware of sand between your toes.

★ horoscope ★

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): A trip to the hospital — or it might be the vet — occurs this week. Prepare the children for the worst. A ski vacation is cancelled because of lack of snow and the travel company gives you four days whale-watching in Tofino instead. All those ski things Santa brought will have to wait until next year. Better pick up *The Joy of Whale-Watching* for the adults and *How to Tell a Whale From a Floating Log* for the kids.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Happiness and the joys of home life have temporarily gone away. You should not have cried out "Pat" in your sleep last night. However, take solace in a cosy evening with Pat by a wood fire, with a bottle of Tuscan wine and an armful of adventure travel brochures. In-laws figure prominently towards the end of the week.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): As if your weight wasn't stretching your wardrobe before the Christmas season! Time for a Jane Fonda workout program or perhaps a spiritual fast (water and much prayer). 1993 promises to be busier than you could ever begin to even remotely imagine. Expect some physical pain towards the end of January, early February. Emotional pain figures in September.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): House seems delightfully empty following the Christmas season. Enjoy the quiet. Focus on romance . . . or at least a good, mushy book. Stay away from Brussel sprouts and parsnip (now is that really a challenge?). 1993 looks like a repeat of 1992. Take action and make changes

or face stagnation. Having an affair probably isn't the answer . . .

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Visit to the chiropractor alleviates seasonal body stress but travel island roads with care -- bone cracking doesn't compare with three months of traction. Off-island "vacation" leaves you without figure nails. You will return home with permanent worry lines in your forehead. As for 1993, taxation time proves vexing. It will be a make or break year as far as significant other signifies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): MasterCard bill leaves you in rock bottom depression. Next year, plan to forget the Christmas financial drain and book a vacation to somewhere hot. 1993 promises to be full of changes. Financial situation needs watching. Check out second-hand stores and plan to cut three meals from your weekly budget. Summer could be stressful. Try to focus on the magic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Absolute prudence will be required to safely negotiate New Year's Eve. Temptation will taunt you everywhere in the form of fishnet stockings, amber liquids and football jerseys. It takes a strong Sagittarian to put self-preservation before decadence and debauchery. Seasonal romance could freeze-dry itself away before much happens.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Pause to reflect on how bloody wonderful your life has been for the past 12 months, before stoking fires of pessimism for another year. You could use some guilt injected by ghosts of spouses past to help you regain perspective. Further conflicts with credit card or mail-order companies may be unavoidable. Don't withhold expression of healthy nasty urges.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): This will be the year you make a successful resolution to quit smoking as the clock strikes midnight on December 31. Persevere beyond the weekend! Failing will have devastating implications for the entire year. Meeting deadline imposed from afar will be touch and go situation. Unintentional sabotage by small person could be responsible for problems.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You could win surprise all-expenses-paid vacation for two in liquor store contest, if you have the patience to fill out 47 entry forms. Consider taking largest friend you feel sense of charity towards along for ride instead of that same old spouse. Other week's adventures could include participation in the Vesuvius Bay Polar Bear Swim. Don't make common mistake of believing swimmers have to be nude.

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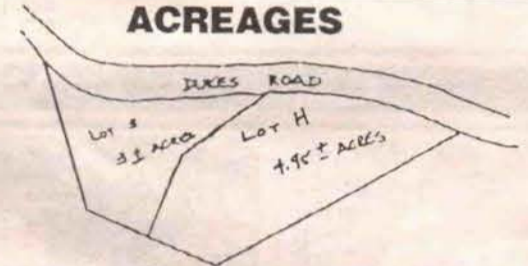
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Winter weather drives islanders to the sun

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Christmas is the highest season of the year for travel, Travel Shop owner Marguerite Lee says.

There are a lot of people on the go. A holiday in the sun, a skiing holiday or a trip to see family and friends are all reasons for taking a holiday at Christmas.

"There are two kinds of traveller — the holidayer and the traveller." The holidayer goes to the same destination year after year for a relaxing break away from a regular routine, where he/she feels comfortable.

The traveller has been there, seen that and done that, and wants to do something different.

Hawaii, Mexico and Palm Springs are still the most popular sun destinations for the holidayer, she says, though Hawaii is being filled earlier because of the hurricane on Kuai in August. Costa Rica and Belize are becoming more popular sun destinations for those who want something different from Hawaii.

Europe is popular for visiting family and friends, *Eva's Travel* owner Eva Theren says. The summer crowds are gone and the airfares are less. For people more interested in museums, theatre and culture than beaches, the winter weather is not a deterrent.

Both Theren and Lee say Toronto is a destination increasingly popular with Salt Spring islanders.

"People are going to Toronto every week from this island," Lee says.

Toronto is the most economical way of getting to Atlantic destinations as well as the large population base in southern Ontario.

"Travel is increasing again," Eva Theren says. Travelling was down in September, but is coming back up now to destinations around the globe.

More people are making use of charter flights across Canada than has been the case in the past, Lee says. Charters are generally cheaper and have later advance booking dates. If money is tight, this is one way people know they can cut the cost of a holiday without cutting the holiday.

People are not affected by economic woes to the extent of cancelling holidays, Lee says. They may go for two weeks instead of three, or cut down on holiday extras or take more economical accommodation, but "they still want to have their holiday."

More people are aware of island flight connections and Victoria airport transfers too. If the thought of getting to Vancouver or the costs of parking are daunting, she said, these are becoming common travel options.

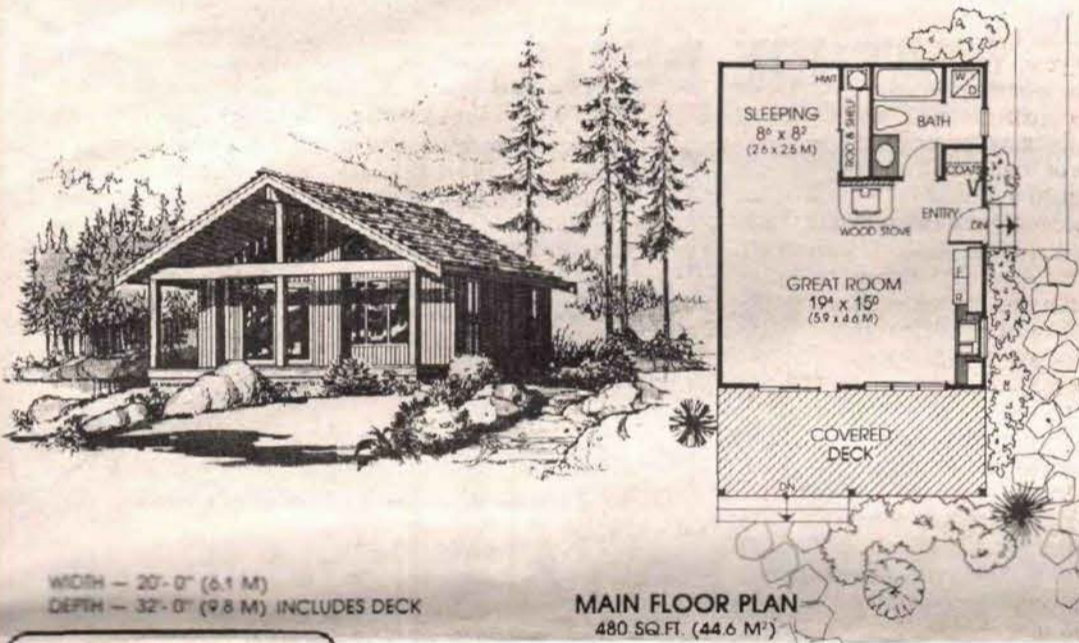
The drop in the value of the Canadian dollar has not adversely affected the holiday bookings to American destinations, Lee says. Many people who have long winter holidays in the States have US accounts and are not so dependent on

the fluctuating value of the Canadian dollar.

If the economy has made people tighten their holiday budgets to some extent, the holiday-cruise idea has become more popular as a direct result of the economy, Lee says. A cruise includes airfare, airport transfers, accommodation, meals and top entertainment.

"You've paid for your holiday before you go."

Cruisers generally only need money for shopping and drinks. It takes away the day-to-day decisions about how to spend hard-earned traveller's cheques. On a ship, she says, people do as much as they like because it is all included in the original price of the package, which is paid in advance.



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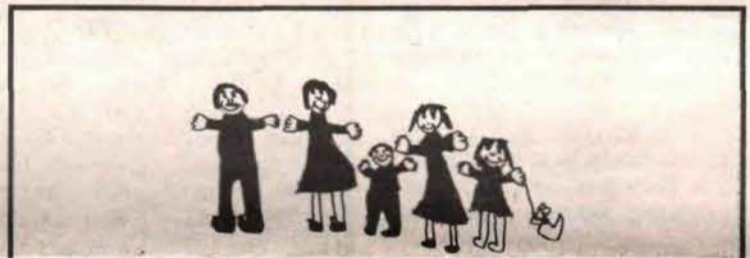
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With Year 2000, writing in primary classrooms has seen dramatic changes. According to a teacher involved in its planning and implementation, Year 2000 is helping students become powerful, sensitive writers at a very young age.

"As soon as children enter school, teachers are encouraging them to use writing as a form of communication," says Chris Bischoff, member of two Ministry of Education and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism and Human Rights committees on primary education.

"Writing by children often precedes reading by children, because it seems a more natural way of becoming familiar with the printed word. Children who have lots of experiences seeing their own words written down feel more confident when learning to read words written by other people."

Writing develops in stages. Ideally, school provides opportunities for children to experience all the stages. This is why very young children are often asked to keep journals, explains Bischoff, and to do some daily writing work, even though they do not know the letters of the alphabet yet.

"It is amazing how creative children can be in communicating their thoughts on paper even though they do not have the standard adult letter systems in place."

Bischoff, also past president of the B.C. Primary Teachers' Association, says a child in her class once wrote a sentence using only wiggly lines and odd shaped ovals. When she questioned him about this, the child said, "Those are the shapes a mouth makes when the words are spoken."

Bischoff believes, "When children are encouraged to write freely without worrying about the exact spellings, they are able to write so much more and thus get all that extra practice."

They then gradually understand the reason to learn the sound-letter relationships, which is so their work can be read and enjoyed by other people. They begin to see that their writing is valued and that legibility, correct spelling, and punctuation are important tools for improving their work.

Year 2000's writing process strategies allow children to experience success at each stage of their writing development. This process includes pre-writing lessons, draft copies, self, peer and

Writing in Year 2000 program

teacher editing, final drafts and publication.

"Children in my class have writing portfolios which contain all the drafts and finished work," Bischoff says. Often the writing is published in a class book, or used in displays

or reading exercises.

"In order to have time for each child to read her own writing to an audience, I have an early morning writer's circle. For 10 minutes before the bell in the mornings, four children read aloud from their work to their parents, and to whomever

else is able to attend. The children sign up and practise their chosen pieces in school the day before."

Bischoff says her students in late primary have acquired a great deal of confidence as writers.

"Their work is so interesting and

exciting to see. I feel privileged to facilitate this aspect of learning the basic skills of communication through writing."

One student, Melissa Boudier, says, "I like to write because it makes me think of stories. I like to write because it makes me make a list so I remember what to do. I like to write because it makes me learn more."

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outer gulf islands

Changes come more quickly as Galiano develops, grows

"Our island is not as it used to be" was the comment made by one of the young gathered at a recent island event.

His observation, expressed with some sentiment, is quite true of course. But is this something new on the island? Could not one express the same sentiments almost every year about the years that went before?

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

Perhaps development is happening faster now. Certainly there seems to be more people about, especially in the southern part of the island. Changes come more quickly as our population increases, and as householders demand more in the way of services.

We frequently accept what we have as a matter of course, "but wouldn't it be nice if we had —". We've all heard it and many of us have said it.

1992 has brought changes both physical and intellectual. The Galiano Lodge reopened early last summer, providing an upscale restaurant for visitors and islanders alike.

Considerable work has been completed towards the upgrading and renovation of the South Galiano Hall, but the job is yet a long way from completion.

Bed and breakfast establishments continue to proliferate the island. These were taxed to the limit on June 20 and 21 when the Garden Club's "Garden in a Garden" tour realized over \$9,000 toward the purchase of Bodega Ridge.

The latter, considered by some to have been a political aspect and so unworthy of their support, has failed to tap islanders' interest as the purchase of Mount Galiano did in 1991. Fund-raising for Bodega continues, however, and there is real hope the area can be saved.

In an attempt to provide better supply of electrical power to the homes and businesses of Galiano and the other southern Gulf Islands, British Columbia Hydro this year built a new substation at Taylor Bay.

Finished in November, the accessing of the power lines into the existing island system created a bit of temporary confusion on Porlier Pass Road. It also created a physical rawness along the roadside

which only the passage of time and next year's growth of vegetation will mend.

Earlier in the year, B.C. Telephone laid a fibre optic cable across the island from Cable Bay on the Strait of Georgia to Retreat Cove on Trincomali Channel.

A part of the across-Canada system, the Galiano section was laid to complete the grid to Vancouver Island. The work was completed in June.

Filming of the *Lotus Eaters*, a full-length film, was completed here at the end of November, bringing much business to the island over its six-week production schedule. Venues all over the island were used for the filming, and the unlikely burning of a boat in Ollie and Ruby Garner's field aroused islanders' interest. Somehow it was made to appear as if the boat was burning on a beach.

while the Pro Nova Quartet entertained at the Carruthers' studio in March. Baroque violinist Monica Huggest gave a concert in support of Galiano Conservancy projects and Stephen Boswell and friends were at the North Galiano Hall about the same time with a concert of Spanish and Latin American music. A sextet played in the North Hall as well in April.

Most of our island's regular yearly events were held as usual in 1992. The Lions' Seafood Dinner and their British Columbia Day "Fiesta" were successes, as was the North Galiano Fire Department's "Sale of Modern Antiques" and the North Galiano Community Association's Burns Supper, July First Jamboree and Christmas Craft Fair.

The Thrift Shop continues to do good work as does the Ladies Ser-

notes from galiano

The film company was not successful in its bid to film on the seashore for environmental reasons.

British Columbia Parks has this year completed 17 campsites in the new (1991) Dionisio Point Provincial Park at Coon Bay. Twelve campsites are walk-in camps, the other five are approachable by automobile. A move to reserve the area for walk-in campers and day visitors only has been suggested for the area — not a popular idea with all islanders. The road to Dionisio Point Park has been much improved over the year, but is still basically a logging road.

Children of Galiano Elementary School put on a very good display in March. It was prepared as a result of their studies of island flora and fauna, history and resources. Many islanders acted as resource people for the children.

The *Queen of Cumberland* and the *Queen of Capilano* came into service during 1992. Spacious and quiet-running, they are a popular addition to the ferry fleet for Galiano residents.

During 1992 as well, Galiano's first Overture Concert was held. One hundred and four people signed up for the three-concert series. The "Joe Trio" from Vancouver was featured at the premiere concert.

Other musical events given during 1992 included the June Concert on the lawns of the Galiano Lodge featuring Celtic harpist Susan Scott, and performances by drummer Ray Rothchild, along with Al and Di Ward and Brad Prevedoros.

The Galiano Trio performed a concert "On the Ridge" for the Bodega purchase fund in July,

vice Guild. The health care society, the church and the school all assisted to make Galiano the happy place it was in 1992.

There are many more groups and individuals who could and should be mentioned. Among them would be the ambulance service and the volunteers of the South and North Galiano Fire Departments. But there are many others.

Our road workers do a fine job. With not too much to work with, they keep the patches coming and our roads are always in pretty fine condition as a result.

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