Valuable antiques are lost  

Two homes are destroyed by fire on Salt Spring Island during past week

Two Salt Spring Island homes were destroyed by fire last week, despite the efforts of the island's fire department.

On Thursday night the Reynolds Road cabin of Colin Drumm

was burned to a shell. The Dress world fire was attributed to the running of the already setting fire to the shingles. The owner was away in the United States when three girls were occupying the building. They discovered the fire and went to fight it, but ran out of water. By the time the fire trucks arrived the fire had gained too great a hold and the firemen were left with a shell.

Sunday night's fire was called in by a neighbour across the bay. He saw the smoke and the signals of the owner asking for help.

Traffic tickets for 50 drivers during March

Traffic tickets were handed out like Sunday school prizes last month in the islands. RCMP issued 50 traffic tickets during the month.

Not concerned with 'veiled threats'

Zacharias preparing for another round in battle with school board

Zacharias has also copied page 81 of the Final Operating Budget for 1979, dated November 28, 1978. This paper indicates that Fernwood shaves art and music aide time with Salt Spring for a total of 50 hours per month, not as Zacharias had previously published.

Finally, Zacharias has a memorandum dated March 22, 1979.

Freshwater derby winner

Five are hospitalized in car crash near Ganges

When police arrived at the scene in the early hours of Saturday morning they found the cars wrecked and the occupants suffering injuries of varying degree.

Fourth showing planned

Tickets for the production of Jesus Christ Superstar were completely sold out by Monday and an additional performance has been scheduled as a result.

Proector Peter McCallum said Tuesday that due to the "incredible demand" the show will be presented on Sunday at 2 pm in addition to the three performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Tickets are available from

In Cetera Book Store.
Phoenix winds up project after productive six months

"I'm very satisfied with the way it's gone," commented John Boc, supervisor for Phoenix Orchards.

Very often the projects we're involved with tend to be short-term job creation projects, but Phoenix has gone one step further, and I think that's great." Six months and $31,800 after a flying start, the apple press run by the grain-funded Phoenix Orchards is still. The project's seven workers have hung up their pruning tools, cleaned out the building they used for their juicing operations, and gone on to other projects. The impetus, however, hasn't died and the Phoenix board of directors is busy searching for a site on which to locate a building for juicing purposes in hopes of making the project self-sustaining this fall.

Where did the money go and what did the Phoenix crews accomplish during their six months of operation? Most of the money, says project manager Jeff Savin, went toward wages. The accomplishments are multitudinous.

WAGES BIGGEST COST
Of the total cost of the project, $23,300 was consumed by wages. The manager's job paid $180 a week, and two assistant managers were paid a weekly salary of $138, and the four people employed to pick and juice the apples earned a salary of $110 a week.

Capital expenditures, which included the cost of basic repairs and equipment for the building used for juicing purposes, tallied up to $3,500. In addition, says Savin, some of the $3,000 earned through juice sales was used to offset capital expenditures for the project.

The one-gallon bottles were costing a dollar apiece, and the half-gallon ones were 65 cents each," points out Savin. "We had to buy a press, which cost $330, and a motor to run it.

Another major expense for the project was travel costs, which tallied up to approximately $2,000. Mileage rates were set at 13 cents a mile for trucks and 11 cents a mile for cars.

When the project wound up in mid-March, says Savin, the apple press and pruning tools were donated to the Salt Spring Island Community Society, which now rent them out for a small fee to collectors.

PLENTY ACCOMPLISHED
What did the project accomplish?

"For the first couple of weeks we were refining the building and collecting orchards," says Savin. "We began picking around the second week of the project, after we'd got contracts signed on 26 orchards.

Although the project got under way too late to benefit from the Gravenstein and August green apples to be found on the island, there were enough apples in the project's orchards to keep crews picking until the end of November. "The apple crop last year, I'm told, anyway, was only 20 to 50 per cent of what you'd get in a normal year," Savin says. Where we picked 18 tons last fall, we could probably expect 50 tons in a normal year.

While three or four people were kept busy on a regular basis picking the apple crops the remainder of the seven-man crew operated the press and looked after the bottling of the final product. By mid-December about 1,200 gallons of juice had been produced. Approximately one-third of that was given to the orchard owners who had signed contracts with that stipulation, and the remainder was sold to a variety of farmers' market-style functions for $3.05 per gallon or $2.50 for a half-gallon.

COULD SELL MORE
"We probably could have sold 2,500 gallons of the juice if we'd had it," says Savin, "but that was all we got. There was plenty of retail outlets interested in it."

Once the last drop of juice was extracted the Phoenix crews went to work pruning 24 of the 26 orchards that had been included in contracts. That activity, says Savin, ran right to the end of the project.

"Because of the pruning we did we expect the yield to increase about four years from now," says Savin. "We figure with the orchards we've got we'll be getting 100 to 120 tons of apples in a normal year."

In addition to the benefits of the juice, the pruning, and making use of a resource that was going to waste, a beneficial by-product came from the project as well, says Savin. About four tons of apple chips, used for mulch and pig feed, were produced as a result of the juicing process. The chips were given away free, says Savin, and the project never had any problem disposing of them.

"People would just come by and take what they wanted," he says. "If we'd had more I'm sure it would have all gone."

As for the people employed on the project, Savin says they've scoured to a variety of other job interests. Several have found other work and of the four actually eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits, Savin says he knows of only one who has applied.

Don't throw away this newspaper: 
RECYCLE IT.
TO BE

Frank

by richards

It came from Ottawa. And it went back to Ottawa. Like all good Ottawans, it bore the same address twice. Almost the same, anyway. Once in English, once in French. In English the mailman is directed to deliver it to the Justice Building. In French, the postman is given more help. He is directed to deliver it to the Justice Building, Rue Wellington. The two were side-by-side on the envelope. An anglophone knows where the building is, but a francophone has to be informed as to the street.

As the national charade gets under way the Tories are critical of the Liberal record. They obviously don't live in glass houses!

It is modish to support minorities, but supporting a majority can never be a move. Find any downtown group and you can make yourself famous by railing to the cause. Discover an injustice which hits everyone and you'll go a long way before you get help!

The pollsters are out in force. Every candidate quotes his favourite poll. And it's usually the one his party commissioned. Oust come the statistics, likelihoods and the probabilities. All prepared by computer and scrupulously accurate! And then you stop to think...The Harrisburg nuclear plant was figured out on a computer!

A reporter's lot is not a happy one. Unlike the policeman of the comic opera, he doesn't know where he's headed. Last week I wanted to get in on the Islands Trust meeting. I went down to the ferry and waited in patience. I didn't know that the legging truck was going to take up half the ship. So I waited it out for the next ferry. By the time I arrived in Victoria the meeting was well into high gear. Without me. I forgot that the Trust had moved out of the nursing area in order to be neat the law courts. I found the wrong building on the right street. When I finally found a phone to get the thing sorted out the meeting was over. A little saddened, I looked for the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The office had moved and I had to mortgage my leisure to find their housing, driving around the city. It was not the best of days.

Said Doug Collins, commentator on a TV program last week: if Clark were a giraffe with a seven-foot neck, he'd still vote for him.

Of course I don't drive one of these! I remember the advice of the Black Prince to the girl who lost her garter. Honi soit qui mal y pense!

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The ultimate coincidence

The China Syndrome and Harrisburg add fuel to nuclear opponents' fire

There came a cry and Britain faces a new debate on abortion laws. The footstool was abandoned after an abortion. But it wept. And a nation heard the cry.

There came a film. And almost on its heels came an explosion. The world heard the explosion and now flocks to the theatre to see the fact shown in fiction.

The film was the China Syndrome. The explosion was at Harrisburg, in Pennsylvania. Harrisburg will for ever be on the map of history. Whether the nuclear power plant cooks down quietly or collapses in terror, the name of the town will always be that which around the world.

Since Hiroshima and the first space age bomb, there have been critics of the irresponsible use of the power of nature. The cost, they averred, is too great. The Japanese in their thousands paid that price.

In a sense, we have all approved the purchase. One day we may get the bill. The purchase was the construction of nuclear power plants. The bill is that contained in the fears of fall-out or other damage by radiation.

IT COULD HAPPEN

It could happen, said the critics. It won't ever happen, asserted the proponents.

A nuclear unit went out of control. For how long it might be uncontrolled is in the lap of Providence. The extent of the damage may never be clearly understood.

The only thing the world knows for sure is that the procedures adopted in case of a failure at a nuclear power plant leave something to be desired. The United States has as many voices as there are states and no two voices carry the same message.

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IN CANADA

Canadians watching the movie will not be thinking about Harrisburg, exclusively. They will be conscious of the 11 nuclear plants across Canada today. They will be aware of the plant which will one day feed Washington State. And they may say with thankfulness that Canada has a closer control over these matters than has the United States. They might be right.

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A winner every time

The dollar won in a recent controversy in B.C., the type of controversy that is becoming commonplace in this province. If you're ever in a position to bet on a battle between the dollar and the environment, put your money on the dollar, because it's sure to be a winner every time.

The battle at Riley Creek was no different from many other battles being fought for the environment. The fact that the federal government was on one side and the provincial government on the other, with the loggers and the fish in the middle, makes for a great economic argument for the future of the salmon on this coast. The provincial authorities demonstrated a concern for well-lined wallets. The immediate and long-term benefits are clear for everyone, but the fish for the future.

If, in the eyes of provincial authorities, 40 acres of timber has a greater value than a good salmon-spawning river, then this province has no future at all.

All take and no give

Where are we heading, in these islands? A few weeks ago a young newcomer to the islands wanted to buy a property on Salt Spring Island. She had a little money saved, but she needed to raise a mortgage to buy her new home. Various lending agencies listened to her plea for help, but declined funds to buy property on the island. One agency was very frank over its refusal. The islands are a depressed area, explained the manager of the city agency. His associates are not eager to lend money.

Many national lending corporations are geared to the cities. It is an old tradition in Canada that the stability of the nation was built on the great industrial centres. Rural living is not encouraged by Bay St. It is not always encouraged by any authority and even NHA and FHA have looked with greater affection on a city property duly sewered, sidewalked and suffocated than on a place out in the sticks.

Neither today, nor at any time since the Second World War, has the rural dweller been favoured against the city man. It may be possible that the lending institutions, initiated and manned by urban dwellers, find some difficulty in comprehending the desire to live away from the bright lights.

Services eagerly offered the city dweller are reluctantly extended into the country or withheld altogether. Every rural dweller is aware of these problems. It is part of living. When an island businesswoman asked the federal government for assistance under the DREE program recently, he was advised that the program does not extend to the islands. It is a program of aid to business, designed to encourage flagging operations and to put new life into them.

Excess in the islands. Why put life into them?

When the province needed help to operate provincial schools there was no thought of turning to provincial revenues. By no means did the province look to the islands for help on this or any other project of millions of dollars every year on taxes. The battle at Riley Creek was no different from many other battles being fought for the environment. The fact that the federal government was on one side and the provincial government on the other, with the loggers and the fish in the middle, makes for a great economic argument for the future of the salmon on this coast. The provincial authorities demonstrated a concern for well-lined wallets. The immediate and long-term benefits are clear for everyone, but the fish for the future.

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Letters to the Editor

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BAD GUYS WITH BLACK HATS

Sir, I am concerned about the article of March 29, 1979, in which the Select Committee with criticism of the "multipathletics" (bad guys with black hats). I have no wish to define this term but as I understand it, these are the large corporations that are publicly (not government) owned by thousands of tiny shareholders. There are thousands of employees. Anybody can buy shares, a very few or large quantity, depending on one's desires and financial circumstances. Such purchase makes one a mem-

ber of a multi-national and probably should wear a black hat. One does not have to take an oath or make any vows or be passed on as acceptable to anyone else. There is no barrier to one's nationality, hence a "multi-national". Also there is no barrier to culture, creed, language, colour or politics so such a company could also be referred to as a multi-cultural, multi-lingual, multi-creed, multi-colour, multi-national.

The shareholder may partici-

pate to whatever extent he wishes by buying or selling shares and he has voting privileges to the extent of his holding. He is kept informed of the company's business by quarterly and annual reports. He may participate in the annual meeting and have his say and if he disapproves of his director's ac-

tions he may withdraw at any time by selling his shares. Is there any other type of organization as democratic as this? How nice it would be if we could withdraw as easily when our governments dis-

please us.

The multi-nationals are often largely foreign-owned, much to the annoyance of many Canadians who have only themselves to blame because they are unwilling to invest in companies operating in Canada. Many claim that they cannot afford to buy shares that is only a matter of priorities. They want to be able to spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year on tobacco, liquor, drugs, gambling including the latest curses such as Lotto and Winsday etc. and other forms of gambling? If they do save they are inclined to tax their money away in life insurance or C.B. (Canada Bank) savings. So where is the energy and enthusiasm of our local grocers and wonder why they do not have lower priced no-name products. (Turn to Page Five)
More letters to the editor (From Page Four)

by chance the book you get isn’t quite what you want it only takes a minute or two to bundle it make sure it with another request and all, I repeat, for free.

I think the island of ours is one of the loveliest places I’ve ever lived in and to have our own little library staffed by office by our own grand people (who are so understanding about the little middles and bring in the wrong books, too few or whatever) makes it nothing perfect.

Please don’t let us get taken over by big union-set-up, set us in our time, or I’ll regret those far-off struggles with Rover and those spiritually gain.

JOAN M. RAESIDE
RR 3, Ganges
April 2, 1979.

TRUST DID NOTHING
Sr.

I am surprised to read that Mr. Hoover was able to preserve the “quiet, residential nature” of a neighborhood on Demitri Way, and with the help of Islands Trust.

Two years ago my husband and I bought a piece of property on Fulford-Ganges Road near Cusheon Lake. We were attracted to the attractive setting and tranquility of the area and when we checked the zoning, we found it to be rural-residential.

Last spring, however, we woke up to see a scale-open pit shale operation right next door. When we approached the former representatives of Islands Trust, we were concerned with the commercial nature of the operation in a rural residential area. We were concerned about the possible disruption of the water table which would affect growth of trees and possibly endanger water tanks in the area.

As well, it was our desire to preserve the privacy and tranquility and beauty of the Cusheon Lake area. We cited other examples of the environmental eyesores left by such operations, one right at the corner of Blackburn Road which has been there for the last seven years.

Needless to say, Islands Trust did nothing to help our cause. This open-pit mining has gone one for the past year now, with noise sometimes beginning before 8 am and lasting until dark. We now hear rummaging that the operation may be added to the operation.

I am sure that some of our fears have come to fruition. The property all around the Cusheon Lake area must certainly in the future (I don’t know ours certainly is) who would want to spend the summer by the lake listening to the constant noise of earth moving equipment and smelling the stench of diesel? Some of the neighbouring trees are dying and dying and on our property we have a standing slough where one never stood before. If we do not dam it, it endangers our previously planned garden site.

It is interesting and dismaying to read that Mr. Foord said approval for the Phoenix Orchards venture, a far less noisy and disruptive project, would depend on lack of protest from Bo’s neighbours, when only last year three families were opposed to the commercial operation of open-pit mining of shale in a residential area. We were against stopping the devastation.

How Islands Trust can make such two inconsistent judgments certainly brings their credibility into question. We are awaiting a reply forthcoming from the newly-elected representatives of Islands Trust.

Finally, I wish people like Mr. Hoover would lend a hand to stopping some real devastation rather than opposing a venture like Phoenix Orchards, which would certainly add to the productivity and beauty of the Island.

DARLENE NELSON
Fulford-Ganges Road,
April 1, 1979.
Four vie for new seat in May 22 election

All four candidates for the new federal seat of Cowichan-Malahat and the Islands are starting into high gear as the election contest is already one week old.

Tommy Douglas is the House of Commons,” said Brother, Jeffrey from Tsawwassen. John McCormick of Richmond. John

The Trust Committee will be considering Bylaw No. 10 which provides for the addition of a new water zone in Bylaw No. 103 (Zoning Bylaw Planning Area No. 4, Outer Gulf Islands). The public are encouraged to attend the meeting at 7:00 pm in the Agricultural Hall, Mayne Island.

Mainly Mayne

BY ELISI BROWN

A record number of visitors has been over on the island during the past week, probably due to the spring break. Back-packers, cyclists and travellers in general have enjoyed the lovely spring weather and summer home owners have been getting things ship-shape for the coming holiday season. Members of the Paint and Sketch Group are making final plans for their 9th Annual Art Show to be held Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15, 1:30 to 4:30 pm both days. Portable display panels for the art exhibit have been built by Vic Griffiths and Al Ward. They are to be commended for their excellent workmanship. Gallery committee includes Nancy Rainford, Joyce Mitchell, Annie DeRousie and Marjorie Haggart. In charge of cataloguing are Sophie Flick. In charge of the refreshments are Kathleen Dought, Betty Fry, Marg Ellis and Frances Faminow. Admission will be 25c and tax. Door prizes have been donated by Joyce Mitchell. Visiting their summer home, tourists.<br />

Doris Sakai and Greg Coles are married at Fulford on Saturday

Doris Sakai and Greg Coles, both of Salt Spring Island, were married Saturday at St. Mary’s Anglican Church in Fulford. Bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayne Sakai of Richmond and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Coles of Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Coles

He will defend display

When Mayne Island artists and craftsmen stage their annual exhibition at Easter in the Agricultural Hall, there is a considerable collection there. Show will be on Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15.

In the past Ron Mitchell has served as caretaker overnight, which necessitates sleeping in the hall with all the works of art. This year he plans the same service to art, despite the terrors of the night, armed with pictures falling off the wall and mice scurrying across everything on the floor.

Show is planned for the Easter weekend and will be the big event of the holiday.

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‘Loans to Chile delay the return of human rights’

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

The Toronto-Dominion Bank denies the loss of one million dollars to the Chilean Secret Police, claiming DINA was disbanded “some time ago,” Thurl C. Carbo-
lic, December 24, 1978 states: “DINA’s name was changed last year after international com-
plaints that it engaged in arbitrary arrests and torture, as part of a government move to improve its image.”

An international symposium on human rights issues held The Charter of Santiago last November. They criticized the repressive measures of the world which institutionalize violence through the denial of political, economic, and social rights.

“The fact that countless people live in conditions substan-
tially below their subsis-
tence level is a flagrant and massive violation of human rights. It is directly related to the prevail-
ing inequitable international eco-

mical order.

One delegate, Bishop Adolphe Proulx of Hull, Quebec, said: “Canadian multinational cor-

portations seek out countries like Chile where human rights are res-
trated; where wages are subsis-

tence; where trade union rights are trampled; where unemployment is massive; where trade unions and the unem-

ployment rate is ever-increasing.”

Watching a Playtex commercial I was revolted by the pseudo-psy-

chological approach which recommends plastic disposable bottles as a means to relieve a mother’s overburdened mind! How one ad can be so offensive ecologically, aesthetically, sexually and physio-

logically all at once!

Spare a thought for the lot of African babies, it can be so offensive ecologically, aesthetically, sexually and physio-

logically all at once!

I understand from sources in Vancouver that they received a similar response from the Toronto-

Dominion Bank, and are currently investigat-

ing the bank’s other in-

volvement.

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“Bottle Babies” continue to be of concern to health and Third World organizations and to manu-

facturers, from different view-

points. Would you believe an ad telling doctors they can improve their golf game by recommending a certain infant formula? Nestle’s are proud of their adaptability. In Hong Kong they organized a Lactogen Diaper Race as an adver-

tising gimmick, while they made of the cots in African hospitals labelled “Lactogen Syn-

drome”?

TO VISIT HERE

INFACT is an international organization concerned with this problem. The First Canadian branch was formed in Victoria by Rev. Bob MacRae, who will visit us on April 11 to bring us news of the current situation.

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Impressive skills shown in preparations for production

BY BETH HILL

I just can't stay away from rehearsals. I keep sneaking in, on one pretext or another, but now when I try to explain why, the words elude me. Of course the music is remarkably good: a fine choir, the strong and beautiful solos of the actors, the orchestra holding it all together and then pushing it to a climax of smashing cymbals. And the set itself, with its iron scaffolding and wooden walkways jutting away from the proscenium arch, is astounding. The dancers have now mastered the slopes and ramps and they weave and insinuate their flowing movements through the action, but when they crawl and stagger onstage as tortured lepers, to touch Christ, a sliver goes up my back. Certainly Jesus Christ Superstar is a great show, extremely "entertaining"; the biggest production ever staged on Salt Spring Island, with amazingly talented local performers, and well-directed; but I am trying to report my response at another level.

When Mary Magdalene sings, "I don't know how to love him", my heart contracts, and Judas' song, "Damned for all time" is almost unbearable. What am I trying to say? That even at rehearsals I find myself with laughter or hard lumps in my throat, that even at rehearsals, I am emotionally involved.

SMOOTHED OUT

Night after night, the rough parts are being smoothed out and the production should be ready by the time you are reading this. Bring a cushion if you like; there are chairs for most members of the audience but those who want to sit on the floor may do so.

I'm told that some church people have disapproved of Jesus Christ Superstar, suggesting that Jesus belongs in the church not on the stage, but I find this hard to understand. I am also told that some of the young disapprove because they don't think rock music should concern itself with someone "dead" almost 2000 years.

What a shock of joy it is going to be for both groups! I hope everyone risks this fine, high, Easter experience. Come and judge for yourself. It is surprising that a small community like ours has been able to assemble such musicians, actors, dancers, singers, and the supporting carpenters, designers, seamstresses, artists, dyers, etc. etc. JESUS LIVES

One is impressed with their skills...but there is something special that emerges from their activities; Jesus lives in Jesus Christ Superstar, and coming close to this life-force is an experience you shouldn't miss.

Performances are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week, April 6, 7, 8, at 8 pm in the Elementary School Activity Centre and tickets are available for $1.50 at Etcetera Book Store, or at the door on performance nights (but it is advisable to get your ticket in advance as the auditorium only seats 225 people).

Note: Performances will be continuous, and as a courtesy to the audience and players, you are requested to arrive on time.
**WEATHER REPORT**

Water supplies may become a problem

BY W. HUNT-SOWREY

March, generally speaking, was a quite pleasant month, characterized by a warm spell from the 10th to the 24th of the month. The high temperatures in this period exceeded the average by as much as 10 deg. C and on many days gave record or near record temperatures for the day.

There was little frost, slight and doing almost no damage. The month was very dry and, as we have had a quite dry winter to date, water supplies may become a problem later in the year unless we have had a quite dry winter to date.

MAYNE ISLAND WEATHER

MARCH 1979

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Death of Malcolm MacDonald at Burnaby March 5

Captain Malcolm F. MacDonald, a member of one of Pender Island's earliest pioneer families, passed away suddenly on March 5 at his Burnaby home. He was 96.

He arrived on Pender Island in 1894 where the family joined relatives, the Menzies family, who had settled on Pender the previous year. Captain MacDonald became a well-known captain on the B.C. Ferries on the B.C. coast. He operated many freighters, tug-boats, Customs vessels and passenger ferries and ended his career with B.C. Ferries on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run.

He was a charter and life member of the Merchant Service Guild. In his retirement years he made violins, violas and cellos, which won many prizes at the P.N.E. and craft fairs.

He is survived by his wife Caroline; three sons, Callum, of Burnaby, Robin of West Saanich, and Ian of Chilliwack; one daughter, Sheila, Port Alberni; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Grace Scott-Robinson, of Chilliwack.

A memorial service, conducted by Rev. George Morrison, was held on March 8 in Forest Lawn Chapel, Burnaby.
The Salt Spring Farmers’ Institute meeting

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Mrs. Helena Turner, newly-elected president of the Pender Island Farmers’ Institute, opened the meeting held at the Legion Hall on April 2.

She reminded the audience of approximately 50 people that the children’s picnic is sponsored by the institute every July and volunteers are needed to help out. This is a worthwhile summer event and all children on the Island that day are welcome to attend.

Bruce Stanley is co-ordinator of the Youth Employment Program which will employ two island youths if enough interest is shown in the idea.

Joyce Jones then told the meeting about the continuing plans for a Farmers’ Market this summer. Any gardener on the island is welcome to bring produce to the market for sale. Other articles than garden produce will be sold, including fresh fish, land crafts, flowers, eggs, home-made pickles and baked goods, may be sold. It is expected that the market will be open from 10 am till about 1 pm, every Saturday during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack James of Sidney were welcomed by the President and introduced to the audience. They were present to share with the institute their audience. They were present to share with the institute their garden produce. Any gardener on the island is welcome to share with the institute their garden produce.

Voting in a federal election is a gratifying experience. The provincial government takes things as they come.

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Jim Manly is visitor at Mayne

Anderson looks back on tanker campaign

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Donations are made by auxiliary

Donations totalling $25,000 were made last week to both Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods, the new intermediate and personal care facility. The Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary has donated $15,000 to the hospital and a further $10,000 to Greenwoods from revenue from the Thrift Shop in Ganges.

The picture shows Margo Laing, auxiliary president; Iola Brookbanks, hospital board chairman; Malcolm Pinta, hospital administrator; Isabel Goodman, treasurer for Greenwoods; and Ethel Davidson, auxiliary vice-president.

The additional donation to Greenwoods brings the total donations from the auxiliary to the new facility to $70,000.

The hospital auxiliary also provided assistance nearly two weeks ago when the island Lions Club helped move furniture into Greenwoods. The ladies were busy making sandwiches and coffee, cleaning and putting away pots, pans and chairs, washing hot water bottles and mirrors and taking horse shoes and towels for washing because the laundry facilities were not ready.

In the equitation events, the junior prizes went to Pam Frache, Michelle Milton and Tracy Milton and the senior to Cindy Wallace, Leslie Frache and Anne Mander.

Assistant judge, Joyce Jones, explained that since this was the first event of the season, it was largely instruction-oriented. For that reason, judge Lesley Tannen gave participants detailed critiques of their performances after each class.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The idea of forming a Pender Island Pony Club originated about eight years ago with Chris Wade. The club was formed five years ago and has now in its fourth year as a member of the International Pony Club, has 12 members, four junior and eight senior.

The gymkhana began on Friday morning with the Prince Philip games and there were prize-winners too on the cross country. Friday afternoon was given to the senior cross country which included some 20 obstacles. Cross country winners were Anne Mander, first; Cindy Wallace, second; and Tracy Milton, third.

Following Saturday morning, Michelle Milton took first place in the junior dressage, with Kim Charlis second and Paula Scofield third. In the senior dressage which followed, Anne Mander placed first, Cindy Wallace, second, and Tracy Milton, third.

Saturday afternoon events began with the handy hunter, a junior trail class, in which Paula Scofield came first, Michelle Milton, second and Cindy Wallace third. Anne Mander placed first in the open jumper, a senior event, second place being tied between Jennifer Auchtenton and Cindy Wallace. No third prize was given.

Pam Frache came first in the senior trail class with Debbie Auchtenton second and Cindy Wallace third.


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Saturna Scene

BY MARJORIE RAZILAFF

This having been the week of the school spring break, there have been several comings and goings reported. Jim and Lou Money are on a jaunt "up-island" with grandsons Doug and his friend Clifflord Crooks. Sandra and Shelley Crooks visited in Victoria for a few days. Marie McMahon had grandsons John and Scott for several days, followed by son John and his wife Barbara for the weekend. Granddaughter Karen Holmes has been visiting Evelyn Saunders. Other visitors were the Harrowers and Marian and Rex Publicover. The Saturna School parents' group is well pleased with the $250 in proceeds from the Bazaar on March 24.

On Monday, March 26 Jim Manly, federal NDP candidate for this area, kicked off his election campaign at a coffee party hosted by Tai and Bob Mindrarch in the Community Hall. A short tribute to retiring MP Tommy Douglas continued into a comprehensive review of NDP policies, particularly as they apply to our present political and economic conditions. A lively question period followed.

There will be a service at St. Christopher's with Archdeacon Powell on Easter Sunday, April 15, at 2.30 pm. Please note the change of time. On Easter Monday, April 16, there will be a service in the church at 1.30 pm, with St. Mary's Choir from Victoria. This will be followed by a concert and tea in the Community Hall. St. Mary's Choir is always a treat for Saturna, and well-worth going to hear.

We extend a hearty welcome to new residents on Saturna: Mr. and Mrs. John Gilliland, and John Fryer.

Crab traps are missing

Evelyn Dennis has reported the loss of crab traps from Ganges Harbour. Ganges detachment, RCMP, is investigating.

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Galiano Island
BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

In our story of the Galiano Lions Club last week of the visit of district governor Ron Webber, one of the important parts was omitted. When Lion Webber had finished his most interesting little address, he was asked by president Roy Harding to induct a new member to this club. Gerald Nicholson is now the new member of Galiano Lions, he was introduced by Lion Ollie Garner, his sponsor. It is a most important move in the life of this man as his sponsor. It is a most important move in the life of this man.

A special meeting of the Galiano Rod and Gun Club was held at the clubhouse on March 31. The meeting was called to announce a change of the bylaws of this club, and is always enjoyable. With pleasure we met Mr. Laurie La Pierre, of television and radio fame; we understand he will be spending some time on the island this summer.

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Energy resources are a major consideration these days and the island's resources are a major consideration these days. This vehicle is one alternative to paying large sums of money for fuel.

It's a 1959 Hino Humbee and the proud owner is former Ganges resident, John Akhurst, who now lives on Galiano Island. The 11.5 hp two-cycle engine gets 82 miles to the gallon, says Akhurst, and the three-wheeled vehicle will do 50 miles per hour on the flat with a following wind.

The engine, drive train and chassis were built by the Hino Truck Co. as a small delivery truck. The cab was built by Akhurst.

Villadsen Construction was pleased with the nominations for the coming election. The new officers for this club are president, Hank Kindslin; secretary, Mrs. Frank Basarab; treasurer, Mrs. Pat Mosley; vice-president, O.J. Garnett. Committee members include Charlie Head, Mark Matthews, Frank Basarab. The annual trophy shoot will be on April 8: 22 bore shoot on April 15; 21 April, dinner at the clubhouse; the Inter-Island shoot on April 22; and the annual fishing derby on July 28 and 29, with the derby dance on July 28.

Hummingbirds and swallows are back now; one little hummingbird came to the window of Mrs. Betty Harris, checked to find out if their feeder was there, then went away. As soon as they saw the little feeder, they immediately put out the feeder, and within just a little while there were several hummingbirds there to feed. Seems as though the first one came to remind the Harris family that it is now time for them to be fed!

Mrs. F.E. Robson has told us that Galiano has reached and exceeded the quota for the Red Cross $1,626. She is most thankful to all of her canvassers, and is sure that this whopping sum is due to the fine dedication, especially of three of them, who have worked for their fine dedication, especially of three of them, who have worked for the Red Cross for many years. Mrs. W.J. Maier, Mrs. D.A. New, and Mrs. H. Balcke, Alus. Mrs. Robson says that now there is sick room equipment available at Lady Minto Hospital. Inquiries will find many helpful things for island folks that can be loaned to them for a period of three months.

At Galiano Hall on March 30 Paul Bankes and David Russell kept a large audience completely enraptured by their concert of splendid guitar music. They played with real soft, full tones, and one got completely lost in the beauty of the music. Duets and solos, both were pleasing, works by Bach, Sor, Albeniz, with other various pieces from South America, and finishing with most beautiful music from Spain. It was an evening that those attending will not forget, and we hope they return from Vancouver soon.

The annual meeting of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce was held at Galiano Hall on March 31. President Les Woodbridge said that he was thankful to the members of his past council, and their reports show that the Chamber works hard for the betterment of the island. Publicity chairman Joan Callaghan said that the brochures are now almost out, and a new printing will be planned soon.

Membership was at 140. Frank Greenhalgh said that the only problem during the year has been the overflow of people during the big holidays.

M. M. Bings sent word that, being unable to attend, she has received word that the controversial Clamour Road will be re-surveyed during the near future.

Thanks were extended to roads foreman Glen Overholt, who has done many things on our roads to generally improve them. The ac- cess trail from the main road has been cleared by Charlie Gardner, and grateful thanks were extended to him for this effort.

Mervin Ferguson then conducted the nominations for the coming year.

Elected were: president, Les Woodbridge; vice-president, Mark Matthews; secretary, Edith Wis- hart; treasurer, Joan Callaghan; and council, Roxanne Shuey, Kathy Benger, Mary Harding, Frank Greenhalgh, Ollie Garner, Donald New, Miriam Bings and Hank Kindslin.

Following the meeting, coffee was served by members of the council.

For the yogurt makers we have the Yogotherm, Yogomagic and Contempra yogurt maker. We have a preference in organic produce we will attempt to get it in for you. Now to our lunch counter is homemade ice cream plus "smoothe" a delicious fruit drink.

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The Beaver made the news in Oregon.

In a recent article of the Oregon antiquities journal, Old Stuff, appears a story of the early days of SS Beaver.

The ship which gave its name to Beaver Point on Salt Spring, the sailing vessel made her first port of call on the American continent, Fort Vancouver, on April 30, 1836, 226 days out of London. Although equipped with engines and paddles, she came out from England under sail, her engines unproven; her boilers cold, during the journey.

First steam vessel on the coast, the Beaver was so much part of the history of the Canadian coast that the waters are sprinkled with place names named after her.

She started life in London, where she was built by Green, Wigram and Green. It was the days before the iron ships and Beaver was soundly constructed of British oak, elm, greenheart and teak. The vessel was then copper sheathed. Specifications described her as copper fastened.

Over-all, Beaver measured 110 feet. Her beam, over the paddle boxes, was 33 feet, with an 11 ½ ft. hold. The new vessel was 109 tons register.

She was built by the Hudson's Bay Company for her launching. She was the Hudson's Bay Company's first freighter and tow boat. It was a comparatively small student body, the easiest. They had a habit of stopping on dead centre, when the piston is at one end of its travel. It required the services of many men to move the engine from that point. As soon as the vessel tied up at Fort Vancouver, her new life started. The paddles were shipped and the boilers connected up. Steam was raised and the next time she slid away from the dock, Beaver needed no help. She had a speed, incidentally, of 9.7 knots.

SS Beaver sailed the coast for nearly 30 years under the flag of the company. As the influence of the Hudson's Bay Company waned, so did the need for the pioneer steamship.

In 1863 she was taken over by the Royal Navy on charter. Under the command of Capt. Daniel Pender, she spent seven years surveying the coastal waters.

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Daffodil Tea, Fashion Show on Saturday
Harbour House Hotel will host the Daffodil Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday at 3:30 pm. Barney Hagel, new owner of the hotel, has also donated two large chocolate bunnies which will be raffled later.

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No damage to dragger

Despite a severely overheated engine, the 42' dragger Cloud Nine II sustained no damage after a reported fire last Wednesday. A malfunction in the cooling system had resulted in a lot of smoke in the engine compartment. The skipper shut down the engine and radioed the Rescue Coordination Centre for assistance.

According to an account in the possession of the Oregon Historical Society, the purchaser made a handsome profit out of the deal.

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A letter to the editor in the March 21 issue of Driftwood drew a response from a displeased Mayne Island resident this week.

The letter, from Mayne Island hotel owner Weldon Pechin, stated that one of the opponents to his marina development at Bennett Bay had had two rental cabins closed by health authorities because of septic tank effluent getting into the drinking water supply.

Kay Carpenter said on Monday that as an opponent of the marina development and as the operator of a number of rental cabins, she felt the letter was referring to her. She said, however, that none of her cabins had been closed and that she hadn’t had any notification from the health department.

The letter stated that “the nearest well to the septic system is ‘700 feet away and that contamination of the drinking water is simply impossible” because the well is uphill from the disposal system.
**Down Through The Years**

**With Driftwood**

**15 YEARS AGO**

Theives [sic] poured their way into the new Liquor Store Saturday night using the roof's dovetail door. They cut through three cement blocks about three feet from the ground. The thieves removed the cement block building to provide a large enough area to gain entrance. The cracked blocks lay in a pile on the ground.

It is believed the thieves entered the store sometime between 10:30 pm. Saturday night and 2 am. Sunday morning. They left via the side door leaving it slightly open.

Several hundred dollars worth of booze was missing. No cash was obtained although the safe was tipped over and slightly damaged.

Damage to the safe indicated it had received similar treatment to the previous break-in which occurred in the old building in October, 1962.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**

Shipep was viciously savaged by humans at a Falledford last week and left in agony to die.

Savage treatment of one ram and the slaughtering of two others occurred at the farm of Ted Ackerman. The rams were prize animals bought at a purebred sale for $500 each. The ram that was brutally attacked by rustlers later had to be destroyed as a result of two or three dozen stab wounds in every part of the animal.

**Committee will administer the new community centre at Salt Spring Elementary School**

Centre has been a joint project of the Gulf Islands School District and the Capital Regional District. Additional facilities at the school's activity room cost $50,000. The cost of these facilities is levied against the school's activity room cost of $62,000.

**10 YEARS AGO**

The Capital Regional District Wednesday approved operating budgets totaling approximately $5,000,000 for 1974, and the Regional Hospital Board approved a capital and operating budget of $464,594 for the year.

Regional District Chairman Jim Campbell observed that although the Regional District budget is nearly double the amount of last year's budget, much of this year's increase is related to the recent takeover by the Capital Regional District of health services in the district.

This year's budget includes $1,514,836 for the Community Health Service which was transferred to the district from the Greater Victoria Metropolitan Board of Health on April 1. The provincial government will pay 70 per cent of the operating cost of the service and the district will pay 30 per cent.

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