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Conservative minority

Don Taylor elected in islands riding

It was a change. Tuesday's election brought an end to the Trudeau Liberal government and established a Progressive Conservative regime under the leadership of Joe Clark.

In the Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands riding, the voters followed the national pattern. Don Taylor, a Cowichan teacher, was elected with a 1,560 vote lead over the New Democrat Jim Manly.

It was Taylor's second try at the seat. In 1974 he lost to Tommy Douglas of the NDP by a 2,000 vote difference.

The voters recorded a 74% turn-out throughout the riding as interest in the election belied the apparent apathy of the latter days of the campaign.

There was fervent support for the Conservatives and the New Democrats, with Liberals trailing a poor third and the Communist and Marxist-Leninist taking several votes each.

The Marxist-Leninist candidate, Allan Bezanson, had not even announced his candidature in the islands.

The polls opened at 9 am, contrary to reports to the contrary, and there was a steady flow of voters in the islands.

There was some confusion as to where to vote on some islands and many voters called to say they had problems and could not reach the returning officer, whose Duncan telephone was busy throughout the day.

The islands vote merely sealed the fate of the Liberal government as the nation elected 135 Conservatives; 115 Liberals; 26 New Democrats and six Social Credit.

These are the final results of Tuesday's polling:

Don Taylor (Conservative): 19,010.

Jim Manly (New Democrat): 17,450

David Anderson (Liberal): 7,071

Ernie Knott (Communist): 82
Allan Bezanson (Marxist-Leninist): 51

The islands were originally part of the old riding of Nanaimo-Cowichan-the Islands until redistribution.

The seat has been held by the New Democratic Party since 1962 by the late Colin Cameron and former NDP leader Tommy Douglas. The Conservatives held it between 1958 and 1962 when W.S. Matthews was MP. Before that, Colin Cameron represented the riding for the CCF from 1953 to 1958, after taking it from Tory MP Major-Gen. George Peakes, VC.

A poll-by-poll breakdown of how the islands voted will appear next week.

Essay contest winners are announced at school



These are the writers. They all won prizes in a recent essay contest.

From left to write are Loretta Dods, Cathy Giles, Jennifer Miller, Richard Cohanli and Gisela Temmel.

They were announced winners at Citizenship Day in Gulf Islands Secondary School, Friday afternoon last week. Essay contest was sponsored by the Islands New Democrat Club.

In order of placing in the contest are Gisela, Richard, Jennifer, Loretta and Cathy. Prizes will be distributed on Awards Day.

West Coast Air to run four Twin Otters

West Coast Air Services Ltd. has put a third 19-passenger Twin Otter float plane into service on its Vancouver-Gulf Islands-Victoria service, and will add a fourth aircraft next month.

Lynn C. Thow, West Coast Air chairman and chief executive officer, said the decision to double the (From Page One) made because of the increasing traffic flow on the coast service.

"There has been a dramatic increase in the volume of passengers between Vancouver and Victoria," he said. "Our third Twin Otter was added to the run on Wednesday and the fourth will go into service in June."

Thow also stressed that West

Coast Air has no intention of abandoning its float plane service to the Gulf Islands. Although it now has an application before the Air Transport Committee for permission for a non-stop Vancouver-Victoria harbour-to-harbour service, Thow said West Coast Air will continue to provide a Vancouver and Victoria link to the Gulf Islands.

Thow and Almer Michaud, president and chief operating officer, also announced that the acquisition of West Coast Air by Cromarty Holdings Ltd. has now been completed. Cromarty Holdings is a company formed recently by British Columbia and Alberta industrialists.

At Galiano

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Lorne Harper is the officer stationed on Galiano.

With his headquarters in Ganges, Const. Harper will be stationed on the island until the end of August.

Portion of Sidney Island is purchased

Agreement has been reached to purchase approximately 105 acres of Sidney Island as an addition to the existing Sidney Island Marine Park.

Lands Minister James Chabot said that the purchase of the property adds substantially to the existing park which has 170 acres of land area. The minister added that the purchase of the property at an appraised value of \$300,000 was made possible through equal contributions from the lottery fund and the Devonian Society.

Provincial Secretary Hugh Curtis expressed delight in the successful conclusion of this purchase and went on to elaborate on the significant recreation and conservation efforts of the government in the Gulf Islands in recent years. This purchase is one of a series that has been carried out in conjunction with the Devonian Foundation of Calgary in the past year. Already acquired are Winter Cove on Saturna Island and Tribune Bay on Hornby Island, both will be managed as provincial parks. Cabbage Island, adjacent to Saturna Island, was also purchased in co-operation with the Devonian Foundation and the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

GOOD CONSERVATION, NO CONTAMINANTS RELEASED

Shale pit being 'properly operated'

According to the Ministry of Mines, the shale quarry near Cusheon Lake on Salt Spring Island is being "properly operated...in accordance with an agreement" with the ministry.

That observation was made in a letter dated May 14 from Inspector of Mines J.W. Robinson to the Islands Trust. The letter was written following an inspection of the shale pit by Robinson on May 11.

The pit has been the subject of some controversy with some residents in the area registering complaints about the operation, run by Harvey Reynolds of Ganges.

Reynolds' wife, Lois, said in an interview last week that in her view the main concern was environmental, the property concerned being in the Cusheon Lake watershed. She explained that when they

purchased the property a year ago it was zoned rural. The zoning has since been changed to watershed I.

She explained that there seemed to be little danger of the shale pit affecting the quality of the lake water and referred to a statement made by the mines inspector in his letter to the Trust.

NO CONTAMINANTS

"There was an abundance of algae in the bog area along the creek (which runs adjacent to the pit) showing that no oil or other contaminants had been released from the operation," said Robinson.

He also noted that "there is every sign of good conservation and there were no signs of waste of the assets".

Mrs. Reynolds went on to say that their operation was a "small venture" and she and her husband

had expected to be taking out shale for about three years. However, she said, it now appears that it will only be another year before they finish taking out the rock. Their original plan had been to build a house and move to the property once they had closed the shale operation.

She said the size of the actual pit is about half an acre and what they are doing is taking the top off a knoll.

NO ROCK-CRUSHER

She also stated that rumours of a rock-crusher being set up on the property were untrue.

In his letter to the Trust, Robinson said he visited the quarry a year ago because complaints had been made about it. Reynolds told him at the time that he was going to log the saleable timber and then remove five metres of shale from

an area 100 metres long by 30 to 50 metres wide. It would amount to 30,000 tonnes of shale, said Robinson.

The topsoil had been removed from the area and was going to be pushed back over it once the shale had been removed.

The mines inspector also spoke to the neighbouring residents at the time. One of them was concerned about the possibility of the excavations causing her well to dry up and her fruit trees to die.

"The pit is too far away and too far above the fruit trees to even remotely affect the trees," said Robinson.

WOULDN'T OBJECT

However, that one neighbour said she wouldn't object if Reynolds followed the plan as he had explained it to her, said the (Turn to Page Twenty-Eight)

Total of 700 members needed to form co-op store at Salt Spring

At least 700 members would be required to form a co-op food store on Salt Spring Island, using premises available at the new Valcourt shopping centre, a meeting at Ganges was told last Wednesday.

About 70 interested island residents turned up at the meeting to learn about the operation of a co-op store and how one could be started on the island.

General manager of the Cowichan Valley Consumers Co-operative, Lawrence Gosselin, explained that financing of such a store is done entirely by the members, and that if enough people are interested, financing is no problem.

The best available location would be the grocery store in the Valcourt Centre, the meeting was told. The building formerly occupied by Hugh's Machinery on

Upper Ganges Road was also considered, but it was decided that it was too small.

TWO TYPES

There are types of co-op stores: the conventional profit-sharing type and the direct charge co-op. In the conventional system, members receive, at the end of the year, a share in any profit made by the store.

The direct charge system differs in that it is open only to members, who must buy \$100 worth of shares to join. In addition, all goods are sold at the cost price plus a slight mark-up to cover the cost of lost or damaged goods.

There is also a direct charge to cover operating costs. This is paid through a weekly service fee set by the board of directors of the co-op and paid for 50 weeks out of the

year whether one buys goods from the store or not.

In Cowichan, the fee is \$2.50, and \$1.25 for pensioners. **10% HIGHER**

Gosselin was asked at the meeting how co-op prices compared with other stores. He said that in Duncan a price check is done regularly and that the closest competitor to the co-op is usually 10% higher on food items. In hardware and appliances, he explained, prices at other stores "can be considerably higher than 10%."

What is stocked in the store is based on the requests of members, he continued.

Asked why the direct charge system was being considered for the island and not the conventional one, Gosselin pointed out that the direct charge type can offer immediate savings, whereas with the other, the savings come at the end of the year.

In calling for volunteers to help in canvassing the islands for members, chairman Ray Hill noted that there were a lot of New Democratic Party supporters present, and that "co-op members are traditionally NDP."

DIDN'T AGREE

One man who was present didn't agree, and walked out after saying so.

"That's absolute bunk," he stated, explaining that there were a lot of co-ops in Calgary, a Conservative area.

I.C. Shank was quick to observe that there were a lot of co-ops in Saskatchewan.

Could the island support another grocery store, was one of the questions asked during the evening. Gosselin replied that, according to his information, there was a lot of business leaving the island.

About 20 people volunteered to act as canvassers to see if the necessary 700 members could be found on the islands.

New wheelchair from inspectors



Three bikes are stolen

Three reports of bicycle theft have been heard by the RCMP Detachment at Ganges this week.

Two were taken from the elementary school at Ganges and a third machine was removed from a private property.

Reporting the loss of their wheels are Stephen Lee, Spring Farm, Fulford; Andrew Hoeller and Mike Mason. Both Hoeller and Mason lost their bicycles at school.

The BC Branch of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors has presented Greenwoods with a wheelchair. Chair was purchased with the funds raised by the sale of lottery tickets in BC. Darrell Anderson, Public Health Inspector with the Capital Regional District, made the presentation on Wednesday last week. He is seen in the picture making the presentation to Isobel Goodman, treasurer of Greenwoods and Jonna Mattiesing, co-ordinator, while administrator, Malcolm Pinteau, looks on. Testing the new chair is Mrs. Audrey Quist, a resident of Greenwoods.

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The child's birth certificate must be presented upon registration.

All children must also be registered at the Health office.

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between 8:30 am and 11:30 am

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Investigating gas line to island

B.C. Hydro is continuing field investigations this year concerning possible extension of natural gas service to Vancouver Island.

Studies which will get under way this summer will cover engineering, environmental and social aspects of such a project and would lead, if the project were approved, to selection of a route for a pipeline to and on the island, said a press release from Hydro this week.

Results of Hydro's work to date on the projected pipeline have been presented to the Islands Trust and contact will be made with federal and provincial government agencies, regional districts and municipalities, interested groups and individuals who might be affected.

A number of technical, economic and environmental investigations already carried out by Hydro have shown that the project, which would include transmission and distribution facilities on the island to serve all major population centres between Campbell River and Victoria, is technically feasible.

A.B.C. Energy Commission study of the financial feasibility and the costs and benefits to the province of serving Vancouver Island with natural gas has been completed.

ISLAND CINEMA

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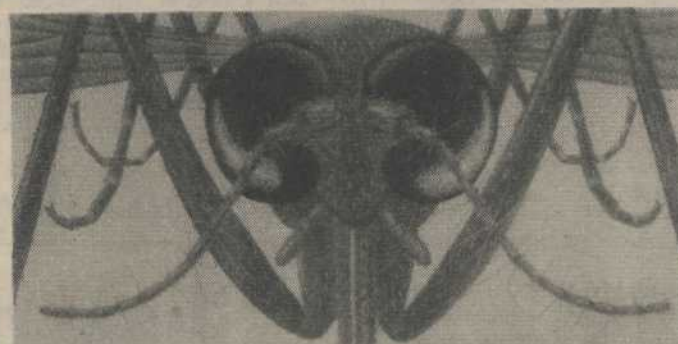
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The polls opened on Tuesday. But they were an hour late. On Thursday the returning officer called me and asked why the time shown in *Driftwood* was an hour early. Ten minutes later I returned the call to joyously announce that the information had come from Ottawa, only two days too late. It came in an official envelope, unfranked, unstamped and unhurried.

Most cutting of all pre-election comments was that of a Ganges man on Friday. He had concluded that the Conservatives had a good chance of election, he told me, and he was planning to sell off a few stocks before they plummeted.

Television is the only thing I know that can turn a 90-minute show into a three-hour program.

I don't often tie my shoe laces. I find that the older I get the further away the floor is. And I have both feet planted firmly on the ground. But I was wearing a pair of Irish shoes and they drop off if you don't tie them up. So I bought a pair of laces. I laced them up and I was left with enough lace to peer out of the lace hole. So I bought another pair. After they were too short I discovered that on the back of the package it tells you what length of lace to buy. And I thought there were just shoe laces and boot laces. I've got everything laced up now.

They're going to teach a Study of Women. Fine hay! I've been studying them all my life and I know about as much as when I started!

You can't say the new governments have nothing to go on. With the advice they've been getting all through the election campaigns, they should really know the job by now.

In 1900 there was one in 30 people over 65. In 1978, there was one in 10 and by 2020 there will be one in five. How long will it be before everyone in Canada will be over 65?

When Bernie Reynolds lost a vacuum cleaner it turned out that he had found it missing and then got sucked in.

Ceremony brings them together



Hospital opening last week brought together Dr. Vern McEachern, left, United Church minister and Pastor S. Hildebrandt, of the Community Gospel Church as they chat with Lady Minto Hospital board member Mary Stepaniuk.

Ralph James dies suddenly at Salt Spring Island home

One of the youngest students ever to enter the University of British Columbia and a brilliant scholar for all his 70 year, Ralph Duncan James of Salt Spring Island died suddenly on Saturday, May 19.

He and his wife, Rose, had come to retire on Salt Spring Island three years ago after a lifetime in mathematics. Until retirement he was still teaching mathematics at UBC, where he had been head of that department for 25 years.

He had also served as president of the Canadian Mathematical Congress from 1961 to 1963.

Born in Liverpool, England, Ralph James came to Vancouver at an early age. He attended John Oliver High School and then went on to UBC.

He was heading for a career as actuary and took mathematics for that purpose. He graduated with first class honours and was encouraged to continue to his master's degree.

Following his second degree, he gained a Cyrus Eaton scholarship for the University of Chicago, where he was awarded his doctorate.

In 1932 he was awarded a two-year United States National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship. One year was at Cal Tech and the second year at Cambridge. **TO BERKELEY**

Two years later he accepted a teaching position at Berkeley, in California. There, he spent five years, where he continued his work in number theory.

In 1939 he was invited to assume the post of head of mathematics at the University of Saskatchewan. He arrived there shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War. In 1943 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and came back home. He moved to the University of British Columbia as a professor. Five years later he became head of his department.

When, in the 1950's, he investigated the teaching of mathematics in the public schools, he was named an honorary member of the British Columbia Teachers Federation. He played a leading role in the subsequent revision of the mathematics curriculum in schools.

Honorary president of the B.C. Association of Mathematics Teachers, he was also first president of the B.C. Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics. In 1964-65 he was chairman of the National Research Council Associate Committee on Pure and Applied Mathematics.

In the world of mathematics the name of Ralph James was held in high esteem, according to a summary of his work published in the *News and Comments* of the Canadian Mathematical Congress two

years ago.

He had been an active member of the Catholic parish on Salt Spring Island and was a member of the Parish Council.

He leaves his wife, Rose, at home, Mount Belcher Heights; two sons, Alan C., in Calgary and Peter D., in Vancouver; a daughter, Mrs. Bryan (Vickie Lee) Sullidge, in Richmond; five grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Nola Fawcett and one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services were held in the church of Our Lady of Grace at Ganges on Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. P.A. Bergin officiating.

Cremation followed. Arrangements were by Goodman Funeral Home.



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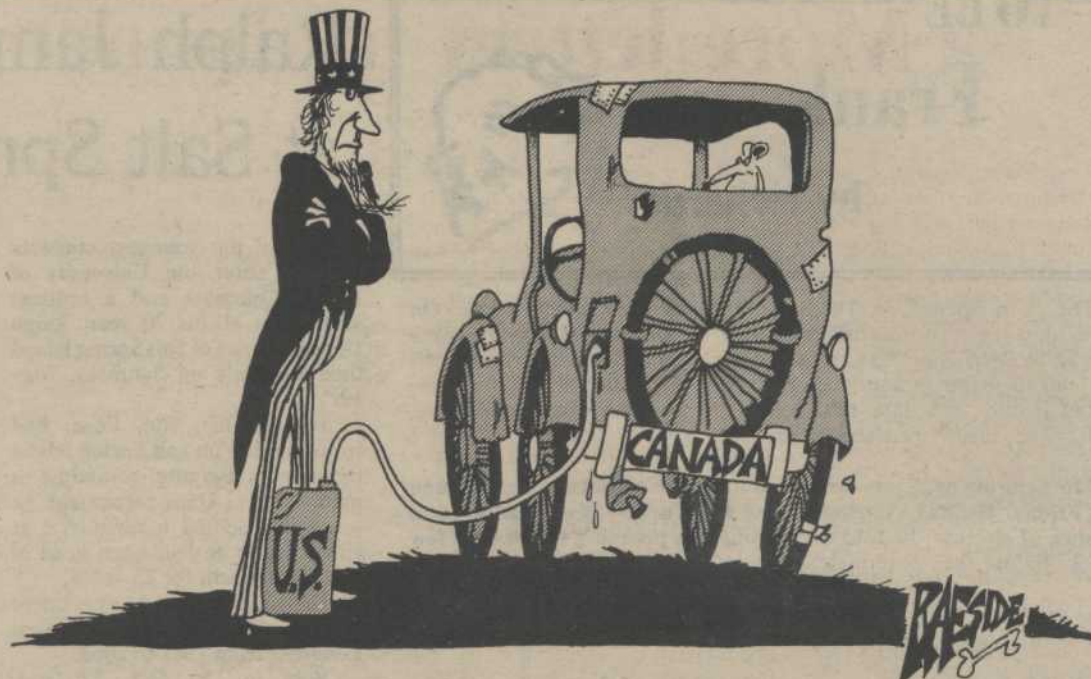
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Worst to come?

When it comes down to it, we're pretty well off with the ferry service to the Gulf Islands. Sure, there are lots of things to complain about and there probably always will be. But if we all spent less time away from the islands, the number of complaints made in a year would likely diminish considerably.

The future, though, does not look bright. With the increase in traffic every year, especially between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay, it won't be long before the ferry corporation is faced with a serious shortage of space.

A corporation spokesman said last week that within the near future there will be insufficient room at Swartz Bay. He mentioned two alternatives that have been examined: a ferry between the mainland and Gabriola Island with a bridge linking Gabriola and Vancouver Islands and a new terminal at Sidney to serve the Gulf Islands.

The first one has already proved to be very unpopular with many residents of Gabriola. The second, no doubt, would get a similar reception from local residents.

But what is the alternative?

It was also pointed out that there is a limit as to how far a ferry can be stretched.

So before we raise Cain over any more of the faults with our ferry system, let's stop and think about the future. It could be that the worst is yet to come.

Letters to the Editor

TOXIC CHEMICALS

Following letter is a continuation of one published last week concerning the Ganges sewer plan.

Then we have Mr. Williams's statement that the effluent "will be clear and will have no smell".

This again is telling the truth and not telling all the truth.

It gives the impression that the effluent is clean, something entirely different from "clear" and "having no smell". You can dissolve quite a few poisons in water without reducing its clearness and sweetness. Would you drink it? And that is our case with treated sewage, as Mr. Williams himself states in respect of "Drano and chemical cleaners".

A host of toxic chemicals present in sewage pass through secondary treatment unaffected, and a substantial number of these persist in the sea, some of them for decades. Many herbicides and pesticides (every school child is familiar with the story of DDT), chlorinated carbons, PCBs, and heavy-metal salts, to name a few.

Some of the toxic substances are readily absorbed by marine organisms beginning with plankton and through the food chain accumulated in the higher life-forms, up to enormous concentrations of 1:100,000, as for instance by shellfish.

In addition, part of the pathogens (the illness-causing bacteria, viruses, etc.) may pass through the treatment system and survive, as Dr. Arneil pointed out in the March meeting when warning against land disposal.

But they also survive in the sea, some for alarmingly long times. Among the bacteria, the cholera vibrio up to four days, salmonella typhosa for up to nine days, the

paratyphoid salmonella up to 21 days. Among the viruses, the adenovirus (conjunctivitis and serious respiratory disease) for 50 days, the polio virus for up to 72 days.

And shellfish have the unpleasant habit of drawing pathogens from the very, very thin dilutions of sewage effluent and accumulating them in their bodies; massive outbreaks of hepatitis, for instance, have been traced to sewage-contaminated shellfish.

It is in the light of these facts that we must look at Mr. Williams's assurance that "the pollution level of the effluent, 15/15 (15 parts per million of suspended solids, and 15 milligrams per litre of biological oxygen demand) was of a higher quality than what many other treatment plants were pumping into the sea".

As if pollution meant only suspended solids and biological oxygen demand! It means also the turbidity-promoting nutrients, and the pathogens, and the toxic substances, all of them unaffected by the degree of reduction of solids and biological oxygen demand down to 15/15.

All the harmful effects of the discharge of secondary-treated sewage effluent into the sea so clearly evident in the proposed outfall into Ganges Harbour will be reduced to an acceptable level if the effluent is discharged into the deep, fast-flowing passage of Trincomali Channel.

DR. HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,
Ganges
May 14, 1979.

Sir,

We were leaving Harbour House Hotel, Ganges, as the

RCMP's vehicle turned in the drive. He stopped, left his vehicle quickly, and headed for the woods. Suspecting foul play, we waited anxiously wondering what to do next.

Before we could exit, the RCMP was behind us with lights flashing. Thinking we might be hindering his apprehension of a desperado, we decided to turn left. After turning, we pulled over to the right to be out of his way.

Much to our surprise, he pulled in behind us with lights flashing. Thinking we might be hindering his apprehension of a desperado, we decided to turn left. After turning, we pulled over to the right to be out of his way.

Much to our surprise, he pulled in behind us. As he approached our car, Ed joined him. His speedy pursuit into the woods had been to retrieve our hub cap so that he could return it to us!

A special thanks from two Oregonians to an alert and thoughtful RCMP that was on duty Wednesday evening, May 9.

ED SMALL,
BARB COLUMBUS
Salem, Oregon
May 13, 1979

NO GAS TAX

Sir,

In view of the extremely strong letter from J.M. Campbell, former chairman of the Capital Regional District and now a director of the CRD, which appeared in Driftwood for May 9, I am obliged to reply.

First, it is to be regretted that Mr. Campbell could not direct his comments to the issue of gasoline tax for transit purposes in the Gulf Islands, rather than embark on a bitter personal attack.

Mr. Campbell has accused me of "half-truths".

In your issue of April 18, 1979 I was correctly quoted as saying "the three-cent gasoline tax will not be levied on the islands until such time as those islands have a bus service of their own".

I noted then that the mere fact that the Capital Regional District has seen fit to include the islands in the "transit area" is not the end of the story and should not be seen as the end of the story.

Sir, I was specifically referring to the legislation, wherein the imposition of the gas tax is only imposed upon the request, by bylaw, of the municipality (in this case the municipality is the Capital Regional District) and an order proclaiming the bylaw has been issued by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, who may, by order,

a) suspend the operation of an enactment proclaimed in force under subsection (1) insofar as it related to all or part of the prescribed area.

It remains a matter of government policy that the Gulf Islands will not be within the area of the

bylaw imposing the gas tax.

Clearly, the government under Section 14(2)(a) of the Urban Transit Authority Act has the right and authority to change the boundaries of the gas tax prescribed area.

In his repeated references to an order-in-council passed earlier this year Mr. Campbell has neglected to refer to the fact that a second and more specific order-in-council will be required to finally define the area within which a gas tax for local sharing of transit costs will be levied.

I must again suggest that he read the Urban Transit Authority Act and seek assistance in its interpretation, should that be necessary.

HUGH A. CURTIS
Minister.
May 17, 1979

AMPLE SUPPLY

Sir,

I was very surprised at Margaret Jessup's letter in the last Driftwood re the local library. I always thought the main function of a library to be the circulation of books. In our 12 years of residence here, my husband and I have always found an ample supply of reading matter to our tastes.

We have always been impressed at how many new books (mostly non-fiction) we have read from the local library that friends and relatives in the cities or towns served by regional districts have never seen or heard of.

As an ex-librarian I like to visit libraries in small communities where we have travelled. I have seen some attractive buildings, and "spaces" in Canada, the U.S. and England. The reading room of the Qualicum library even has a fireplace! But I haven't seen any better book stocks.

I might point out to Margaret Jessup that the local library now has a 1978 *Encyclopedia Britannica*. They will probably have magazines and newspapers when they get more space. They tried reserving books but people kept forgetting what they had reserved. In my 12 years of serving as a once or twice-a-month librarian, I have seen very few people sitting at the table available, and only one person has asked for a telephone!

Many people have worked, and are working in the library, and a really dedicated small group of people have, to my knowledge, spent thousands of hours behind the scenes.

Nobody gets paid. The library owns the land and building and hasn't been taxed. Mary Hawkins would be the last person to want this really successful co-operative local enterprise to be gobbled up by officialdom and immediately charged to the local taxpayer.

MRS. OLIVE CLAYTON
Box 413, Ganges
May 18, 1979.

FAVOUR RESTRICTION

Sir,

Congratulations to whoever is responsible for getting rid of high-powered boats on St. Mary Lake. Perhaps this year I and my family and friends can enjoy the lake.

I notice there is some opposition to the horsepower restriction. Obviously the people who oppose the restrictions have never gone for a swim and experienced the thrill of having a boat towing a skier pass within a few feet of them. In fact the skier passed on one side of me and the boat on the other.

They have obviously never watched a high-powered boat go full speed right through a group of

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Church Services

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1979

ANGLICAN

St. George's Ganges Family Eucharist 9.30 am
St. Mary's Fulford Morning Prayer 11.15 am

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Our Lady of Grace Ganges Holy Mass 9.00 am
St. Paul's Fulford Holy Mass 11.15 am

UNITED

Dr. V. McEachern Ganges Worship Service 10.30 am
537-5817 Sunday School during church for ages 3-10
537-5812 Box 330 Fellowship Hour 11.30 am

COMMUNITY GOSPEL

Rev. S. Hildebrandt Sunday Sch. all ages 10.30 am
Box 61, Ganges 537-2622 Evening Service 7.00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer 537-5757 Thursday 7.30 pm

MAYNE ISLAND

St. Mary Magdalene Sundays Rev. John Dyer 11.30 am
Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710

Sunday at 3 pm in school
Bible Study Friday in homes

GALIANO ISLAND

St. Margaret's Galiano Sundays 9.00 am

More letters to the editor

(From Page Four)

swimmers. They have not seen skiers, trying to see how close to shore they can get, weaving their way through a crowd of children.

They have obviously not been in a canoe or other small boat and had some idiot circling around trying to swamp them, or some moron on skis trying to see how much water he can spray into their boat.

How many of these people who oppose the restrictions have to put up with the noise of these high-powered boats hour after hour after hour, day after day each summer. On a day when there is no wind you can often see a blue haze hanging over the lake by mid-afternoon. This haze is from the exhaust fumes and it is not only ugly but stinks as well.

I can think of no reason to allow high-powered boats on a lake as small as St. Mary other than to see how much noise, air and water pollution can be produced in the least amount of time and with the greatest danger and inconvenience to the general public. Why should a few be allowed to ruin the lake for the majority.

Again, congratulations to those behind the restrictions. I had thought we would have to have someone killed instead of just maimed (remember the woman who got a ski in her face) before any action would be taken.

My only criticism is that all internal combustion engines were not banned. This has been done on other lakes.

K. BUTLER
St. Mary Lake
May 18, 1979

SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

Sir,
Miss Jessup's comments (Driftwood, May 16) on the library service would be more credible if she was speaking from experience of the present services being supplied by the library. She is not even a member of the library, let

alone one of the large band of island residents who have given of their time and money over the years to maintain and improve the service.

Ours is a community library and obviously not to be compared with the big city libraries (Los Angeles for example, or Toronto with its \$30,000,000 building).

The association has long been aware of inadequate space and has endeavoured in various ways to make the best use of what was available. The present campaign is designed to take care of this situation, so that facilities and services can be upgraded.

With regard to the remark about Mary Hawkins. She was on the library board and also a member of the committee which thoroughly investigated this same regional deal about 10 years ago and rejected the idea. I don't believe her reaction would be any different now.

What is there for Salt Spring to be proud of in buying at great expense (at least \$40,000 annually) a service provided from off-island, compared with our own home-grown product which island residents have developed from 1,300 books in a back room in Mouat's store to its present 12,000 volumes tailored to the needs of all ages on this island, even the school children who, in addition, have the two school libraries to cater to their special needs. That's something to be proud of!

Being no longer a member of the library board, this expresses only my personal views.

GEO. WELLS
Ganges
May 21, 1979

ANIMALS ARE QUIET

Sir,
Maracaibo is being "groomed", not "doomed".

We hear the owners, their groans of heavy taxation on land

locked in by zoning and slashed by Hydro easements, rippling through the machinery poised ready to deliver them from this burden. We hear the bleat of animals so cruelly banished from Banner's garden and have brought them comfort by inviting them to feed upon the vast pastures within the Hydro easements.

We have eased all their fears by assuring them that roads and water will help to fight against the careless campers who steal into their forest and heartlessly start fires which will not preserve their lives.

Even now the animals are quiet for they have met many of those who will build their homes here and have been assured that they will never be asked to go to the other side where they will be heartlessly driven from garden to garden and finally destroyed.

CEC BADER
Box 349
Ganges, BC
May 21, 1979

SHE COULD JOIN

Sir,
I am sorry that Mrs. Margaret Jessup has chosen to condemn the local library in such a wholesale way without making sure of some of her facts. There was so much she could have said to encourage the volunteers who run the library so efficiently. Instead, Mrs. Jessup appears to believe in the principle that if you throw enough mud some of it will stick.

Contrary to her belief the library is efficiently managed by a dedicated committee and a group of voluntary assistants. She charges that the library has only a "semblance of a catalogue". The stock is in fact fully catalogued in a standard card index. If she had cared to visit the library she could have satisfied herself on this point. Mrs. Jessup asserts that there is no reference material whatever. There is in fact more reference material than one could reasonably expect in a small library and this is systematically added to.

For those who want books beyond what the library possesses, there is the Open Shelf Service which will obtain on interloan any book available in Canada, provided it is not too valuable or frail to risk

noticed a man sitting at the side of the road hitchhiking. They may have thought it was an unusual position to be in while trying to obtain a ride.

Maybe they should think again. The fellow had a broken ankle and couldn't stand up, let alone walk.

He hitchhiked until someone he knew stopped and picked him up. ***

What is an environmentalist?

The term seems to have become a common one these days, and is being used to describe people who exhibit some concern for the environment.

It is unfortunate that such a distinction is necessary.

Surely anyone who is not concerned about the environment is a fool.

Let's try and eliminate the term and the distinction it creates by everyone of us becoming environmentalists. ***

Some people are having a hard time remembering what is green about Greenwoods.

In recent weeks, stories have crossed my desk with two other names for the new intermediate and personal care facility at Ganges.

The first was Greentrees, which is fairly close, and the latest was Greenweeds, which couldn't really be considered as a complimentary appellation.

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Perhaps adjacent islands are in need of better library services but such is far from the case on Salt Spring. That's why I say, Hands off the Library.

DUNCAN WHITECROSS
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Tony Richards

The provincial tourism ministry must be doing well.

A news release arrived this week from Victoria, but unlike most releases, which are printed on light bond paper, this one was on Krypton Parchment, 100% cotton and flax. A price on this paper was not readily available on Monday, but it used to be roughly double the price of bond.

In a province that exploits its forest resources to the extent that B.C. does, it seems more than just a little ridiculous to use paper made from cotton.

In fact, it's utterly absurd. If this is the beginning of a pattern of frivolous spending which we are to see for the next four years, God help us.

A Ganges man is offering some prime view property in exchange for a small parcel in Mouat Park.

Luke Harrison has said that he will trade 20 acres in Harrison Heights (on Transmission Tower Terrace) for a mere two acres in the park. An excellent deal (for Luke) and a marvellous idea (for me, because I get 25% for advertising it).

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Wedding followed by large reception



Some of the people who attended the large wedding Sunday.

A wedding on Salt Spring Island Sunday was followed by what was probably one of the largest receptions ever to be held on the island. Pauline Sigurgeirson, daughter

of Christine Donnelly and Bill Sigurgeirson, was married to Robert Walker, son of Alfred and Jean Walker of New Zealand.

Wedding took place at the home of the groom on Garner Road and the ceremony was conducted by Rev. Vern McEachern. Best man was Jeff Rosser and bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Lisa Sigurgeirson.

Over 200 people turned up for the reception, for which a pig was barbecued for a meal that was served throughout most of the afternoon. Jack Roland's clam chowder was on the menu as well as barbecued salmon and other dishes.

Entertainment was provided until dusk by the local band, Sea Biscuit.

Distinction costs fine

When a Salt Spring Island man told Ganges provincial court last week that he did not understand the distinction between a charge of failing to file a tax return and one of refusing to file a return, the judge expressed some mystification.

Judge D.K. McAdam imposed the minimum penalty of a \$200 fine on Peter Thomson.

Lesser charge carries a \$25 penalty.

Sandra Klein

To be awarded for her rescue work

As Sandra Klein sat reading the official notification of her regional Transportation Award of Valour, a telephone call informed her that she had also been given a national award. It will be presented to her by Governor-General Ed Schreyer in Ottawa on May 25.

Sandra will fly to Ottawa on the 24th.

Her parents, for whom plane tickets are not provided, decided to drive to the capital. They will call at Boston on the way home to pick up a new 20-foot whaler, the type of open boat they use for rescue work.

In their absence, Sandra is holding the marine rescue fort. So far she has had seven incidents, all of which she describes as fairly serious.

On Monday she spent 11 hours on the job after Ted Hopkins' 41-foot motor vessel *We'll See* struck a log in Georgia Strait.

Hopkins' pumps worked well enough to get him into Active Pass, where, realizing he was sinking fast, he called for assistance at 10.40 am.

Sandra brought the whaler with the new salvage pump just received from Provincial Emergency Program stores. Despite all efforts, the *We'll See*, with an eight by eight-inch hole in her side, sank on a beach.

Further assistance was called and the *We'll See* was raised as Sandra kept ferries and other passing craft to a moderate speed.

By 8 pm, the boat had been towed into Philbrook's ship yard in Sidney, which was her original destination.

Sandra says there are several stand-ins alerted in case there are any boating mishaps while she is away.

Pender's Sandra Klein has been unanimously voted a Transportation Award of Valour by the Regional Awards Committee for National Transportation Week. The award will be presented at the Vancouver Board of Trade luncheon on May 31.

In order to be eligible for the award, the candidate must be currently engaged in transportation or a closely related field of endeavour, and have made an outstanding contribution to the industry and/or shown outstanding leadership ability in group action.

On December 29, 1979 a may-day call was picked up by the *Queen of Storm* and the Rescue Co-ordination Centre requested the Boston Whaler to proceed to the



SANDRA KLEIN

scene. Horst Klein and his daughter Sandra put on wet suits and in the Whaler crossed Georgia Strait from White Islets to Winchelsea Island with a gale blowing and temperatures below zero centigrade. The salt water spray froze on contact with the crew and vessel as they were travelling at full speed in spite of the conditions. It took but 27 minutes to cover the 17-mile trip to the vessel in distress. Upon their arrival, Sandra jumped into the water to assist someone who had gone overboard. She just reached him as he lost consciousness, but with the help of her father, managed to pull the victim into the Whaler.

ON TO NAVY VESSEL

The Whaler crew attempted to contact the helicopter on VHF radio but failing to make contact went alongside the Navy vessel YMR4, and insisted they take the victim on board. The open Whaler was no place for a wet, unconscious person in below-freezing temperatures. Sandra accompanied the victim on board the YMR4 giving artificial respiration as he appeared to have ceased breathing. The Whaler

crew was eventually able to attract the helicopter with hand signals, and the victim was finally airlifted off the Navy vessel. Sandra stayed on board the navy boat to stay warm and assist in expediting the search for other possible survivors until the search was officially called off, and she returned to the *Queen of Storm*. The victim's vessel which was on fire, later sank. During the whole incident radio communication was difficult and the weather was very bad.

The Pender Islands Chamber of Commerce recommended Sandra Klein to the Awards Committee for the B.C.-Yukon Region, Centre for Transportation Studies, U.B.C.



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Annual meeting of Meals-on-Wheels



Volunteer drivers for the Salt Spring Meals-on-Wheels group.

GARDEN CLUB NOTES

BY OPTIMIST

Visitors to Mr. and Mrs. P.G. James' garden this month were given lots of ideas on the planning of a vegetable and flower garden, the rhododendrons being especially fine at this time. Anyone wishing to visit this garden in the coming months is welcome.

Mr. K.B. Hinks gave a talk on vegetables at the monthly meeting of the club.

Our president, Mr. Orchard, with the assistance of Dorothy James and other members, replanted the round bed in front of the hospital, and have agreed to landscape another bed near the main entrance.

The topic at the next meeting will be problems of pests and diseases with Jack James at 8 pm, June 20, United Church Hall.

Three gardens are open to the public May 26 and 27, from 1 to 4 pm. All are located on Ganges hill at Alders Ave: the McDonalds, Edwards and Wood's.

Anyone with Chrysanthemum questions is especially welcome. The annual picnic will be held at Ruckle Park July 18 starting at 5 pm (pot luck)!

Meal-on-Wheels deliveries average near 300 a month

Thirty members of the Salt Spring Island Meals-on-Wheels organization attended the group's annual general meeting last Thursday afternoon. Also in attendance were a number of representatives of the Lady Minto Hospital staff who plan, prepare and package the meals delivered three days a week by the Meals-on-Wheels volunteer drivers.

Retiring president Roma Sturdy reported a most successful year of operation with meals delivered to home-bound recipients averaging almost 300 per month. She noted that the island's four delivery routes have been subject to and are continuing to undergo significant change, principally as a result of the new Greenwoods intermediate care facility which has become home to a number of former Meals-on-Wheels participants.

Day-to-day co-ordination of the

organization's activities was handled during the year by Margaret Kaufman and Kay Smith. Dorothy Cummings is the present co-ordinator.

Elected and installed as members of the executive were Annie Barnes, president; Elma Rubright, vice-president; Nell Bushby, secretary-treasurer; and Florence Hepburn.

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Big find brings big fine

When Rodney F.C. Filtess pleaded guilty in Ganges provincial court last week to possession of marijuana, the fine was heavy in proportion to the quantity of marijuana found.

The accused was checked coming off the ferry on April 30 at Sidney, court was told. A bag containing approximately two pounds was taken from him.

It is cheaper to buy in larger quantities, Filtess told the court.

"It is not cheaper now," observed Judge D.K. McAdam, imposing a fine of \$200. He added a caution to the accused man that the larger quantity can be a more serious offence.

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Meeting at Cowichan

Local fishermen are not with Le Blanc

At least one local commercial fisherman was not impressed with federal fisheries minister Romeo Le Blanc following a meeting with him last week at Cowichan Bay.

Stephen Ball of Ganges described Le Blanc as "very vague" and said he "wouldn't get down to specifics" when questioned about fisheries policies on the west coast.

Ball was accompanied by Bruce Hildred, Arthur Connor and Alan Hoskins on Thursday when they met the minister at a coffee shop in Cowichan. About 30 people attended the informal gathering, at which the chief topic was environmental concern over the Cowichan Estuary.

The meeting lasted 1½ hours and the estuary issue was discussed during most of that time.

Ball said he was the only one who managed to get a word in on commercial fishing. He said he asked Le Blanc about the recently released Sinclair Report, which deals with the commercial fishing industry in Canada. The minister said he wanted to adopt some of the recommendations in the report, but wouldn't go into details.

ELECTIONEERING

One of the things he did say was that his government was for the individual fisherman and not the big companies, reported Ball, and added that LeBlanc was "electioneering".

With regard to the Sinclair Report, Ball said he felt it was "generally good" in its approach and that some of the recommendations were valid. Too many fishermen and not enough fish was the general view, said Ball.

One suggestion, however, was to eliminate both "B" and "C" licenses.

"A lot of little guys are going to get shafted," observed the Ganges fisherman.

Finally, the minister said that he was planning on holding meetings to discuss the report with fishermen during the coming summer.

Ball observed that most fishermen would not be able to meet during the summer because they will be out fishing.

His final observation on Le Blanc was that he was "not too clued in".

THE TIDEPOOL

Sea urchins belong to the starfish family

BY PEARL MACALLISTER

Sea urchins look like little round scrubbing brushes, but a look at one under a microscope reveals an animal covered with long movable spines, long thread-like tube feet and small pincers called pedicellaria. Everything seems to be moving at once in what looks like organized confusion. However, if you turn one over, it will very quickly start pulling in one direction and right itself in minutes.

A sea urchin is closely related to sand dollars, which are like flattened urchins; both belong to the starfish family.

Sea urchins live in deeper water but can be seen in tidepools during very low tides. They are often found in holes they have dug for themselves in the rock and it's believed they dig the holes by constantly turning around and around and wearing the rock away with their teeth.

The teeth of the sea urchin are held together by a structure called Aristotle's Lantern, which is made

of up to 40 moving parts and is very complicated. It enables the urchin to graze along the rocks and eat the algae and sponge as it goes.

The skeleton of the urchin will often be found on the seashore. It is called the test and the spines have all fallen off as the soft tissue disappeared.

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Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

We got quick response from a story in last week's paper. It seems that we have three men in the Hall of Fame for Sports. We were told that the late George Rennie, of Galiano and New Westminster, was inducted in the early 1950's for lacrosse. And now we have Mervin Ferguson and his charming wife who now live in the Rennie house on the island. A home with two winners!

Don Taylor, the Conservative hopeful for the federal election, was over to the Golf Club on Sunday and did some door-knocking on the island.

We will not attempt to name all the visitors that came over to the island for the holiday. A number of them had their boats along hoping for some early fishing, no doubt.

The island was jumping with activities and we tried to take in as many as we could. First, the Painters Guild of Galiano held its annual exhibition and sale on Saturday, with many fine paintings done by this talented group.

Then on down to the children's School Faire, where they had many articles for sale. All the mothers, friends and teachers did a great job. The Cake Walk was very popular with Greg Foster in costume, playing music on his mandolin, until one lucky person, unknown to anyone, got the prize, a lovely homemade cake. The auction, of which Jim Ripley was in charge, was popular, too. He even fixed a mower which was not working before asking for bids on it.

Then a rush up to the plant and

book sale at the Fire Hall, where a large number of plants and books were sold. This is always a popular event, as all who go know how hard these volunteers work to "keep our island green". In the evening a dance sponsored by the Galiano Club was held, with a live orchestra from Ganges. It was also well attended, and well organized.

On May 14 the Galiano Ladies Service Club held its 12th annual birthday tea at Galiano Hall.

The tables were tastefully decorated by Mrs. Joan Carolan, Miss I. McKerihien and Mrs. Ron Ree. On the large cake there was a scroll saying, "Any good that I can do, let me do it today, for I shall not pass this way again." It was made by Miss Kay Johnson.

There was a record turnout of members and visitors. In welcoming all the ladies, president Mrs. Kathy Benger presented Miss Johnson with a corsage in recognition of her work in making the birthday cakes for several years. A corsage was also given to Mrs. Jay Marchant, who has not left the island for the mainland after many years of help to the service club. She also presented a corsage to Miss Jean Lockwood, who was the speaker for this day.

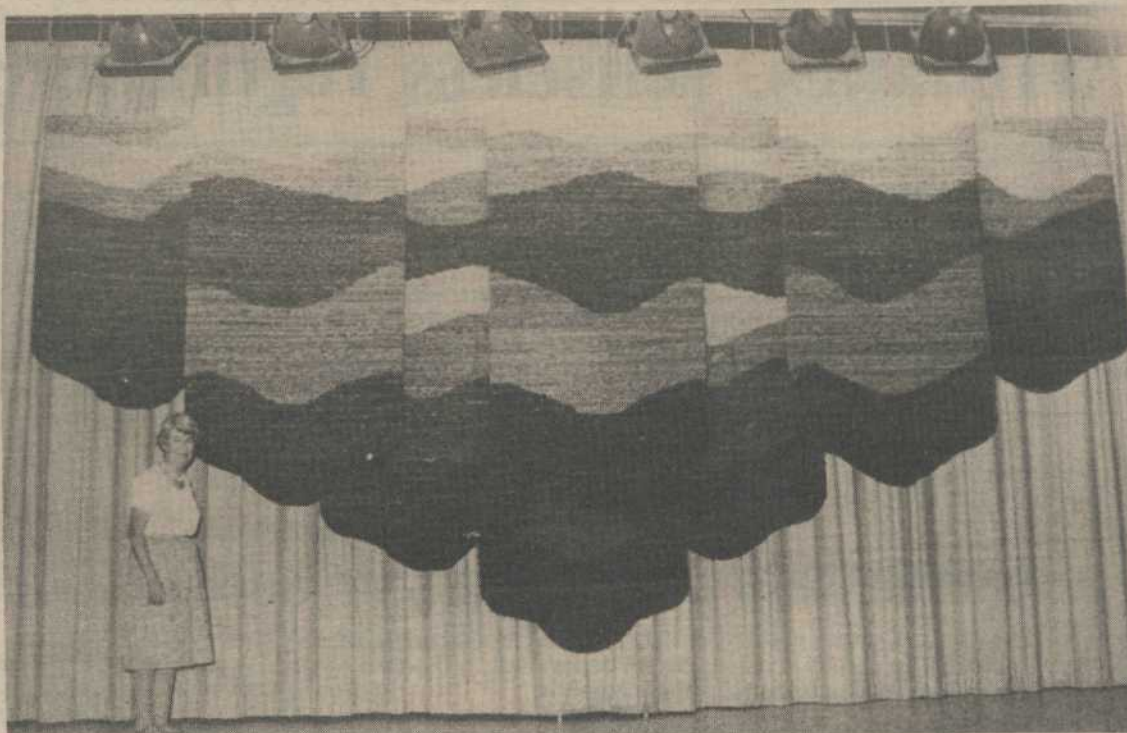
Following a short meeting, Mrs. Benger asked Miss Lockwood to speak. She told of many things happening in past years on the island. She mentioned that several people had given land on which to build public buildings, calling it "caring and sharing". The community is only as good as its people, and we are genuinely concerned about each other's welfare. Miss Lockwood told of the beginning of this service club, and how it has worked for 12 years.

"There is still much to be done for the sick, the lost, the lonely," she said.

Mrs. Benger thanked Miss Lockwood for this most thoughtful and interesting speech.

It was decided then that the June meeting will take place as a garden party at the home of Mrs. Jessie Bellhouse on June 11. There will be a home-baking stall at the Fiesta in August.

Jose Clement shows result of months of work



This is the woven hanging produced on Salt Spring Island for the Royal Bank of Canada. The three-dimensional hanging was the work of island weaver, Jose Clement, standing by her work. On Saturday it was displayed in the Activity Room at Ganges before being shipped to Victoria to take its permanent place in the foyer of the new bank on Fort St. The months-long project was carried out on the island.

The contours represent the undulating profile of British Co-

lumbia mountains and the sea. Jose Clement was commissioned to produce the hanging by the Royal Bank. The wool was spun and dyed here before the final weaving.

About 60 people attended the

showing on Saturday and some \$80 was raised for the Mendies Fund.

Two weavers who participated in the original design, Wendy Coombs and Judith McKenzie have left the island.

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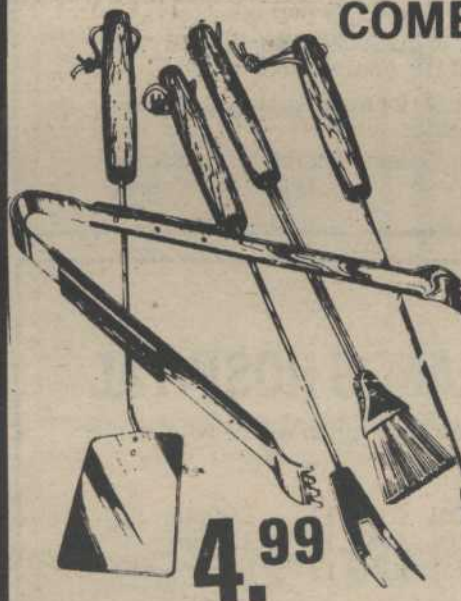
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Mistakes, senseless regulations says Horst Klein

BY GELI JOHNSTON

Relations between Gulf Islands Emergency Program volunteers Horst, Joyce and Sandra Klein and authorities such as the Rescue Co-ordination Centre and the Coast Guard have always been fragile and sensitive. This is partly

because the Kleins are so keen. They suffer from the same lack of popularity with their peers as bright kids at school.

Their biggest fans are the hundreds of boaters they've assisted over the past five years. Horst Klein has little patience with

bureaucracy and the problems which arise from trying to co-ordinate a vast and disparate group of workers. In his eyes, there are too many mistakes and misunderstandings made in communications on the job and too much is risked during rescues because of sense-

less regulations. And he's not afraid to say so.

Just as firmly as he accuses the coast guard of competition for rescues, they return his accusations, saying it takes two to compete.

However, all is not lost. Klein has a good working relationship with Major Stan White of Rescue Co-ordination Centre. He met with White following two recent incidents which, in Klein's view, were not handled in the public's best interest.

STOOD DOWN

Klein's specific complaint concerned his being "stood down" during an incident when he was by far the closest rescue agent to the vessel in distress. The reason given by RCC for relieving him of duty was, in effect, that "the public would rather be saved by a government vessel for which they pay". This statement relates to the Coast Guard *Interim Policy Directive #1* issued on July 28, 1977 concerning "specific conditions for use of auxiliary craft".

The directive states: "The utilization of auxiliary craft as a routine matter when Coast Guard facilities are available is not authorized". White said that his officer at RCC was under the impression that a Coast Guard ship, the *Ready*, was much more "available" than it actually was. He admitted that the officer had mistakenly understood the *Ready* to be on scene when, in fact, it was over half an hour distant.

White also pointed out that the directive is not in use and has never been authorized by his department. He said it was a "proposed" policy which, to his knowledge, has never been officially adopted.

OPEN TO INTERPRETATION

The seriousness of each situation is open to interpretation and allowance is made for that. Within the directive itself is the rider, "Auxiliary craft should be employed if the emergency warrants". Klein cites a section from the Coast Guard's notices to mariners from which the directive was in part derived: "Consistent with timely and efficient action, government-owned vessels will be requisitioned by RCC for rescue purposes before private vessels." It is the first phrase which Klein feels supports his claims.

At any rate, Klein and White had a friendly and quite successful meeting at which Klein submitted a rough copy of his proposed search and rescue manual and made several other suggestions for the improvement of communications between rescue agents. The manual was being reviewed and is being kept for further consideration.

White, a genial and diplomatic forces officer, told *Driftwood* that operations may well have improved

as a result of Klein's criticism.

"We welcome it; it keeps us honest," he said. "If he has a better idea, we'll adopt it."

Unfortunately, White was unable to cite an instance in which Klein's advice had been taken, but did mention that as a result of lobbying by up-island rescue volunteers, a much-needed 70-foot cutter has been approved for the Campbell River area.

LACK OF FUNDS

White pointed out that the Coast Guard puts out an annual search and rescue plan which identifies and recommends action on service and equipment shortfalls. The problem, he says, is lack of funds.

Klein's frustrations rise when he hears this; many of his suggestions, he says, involve cost cutting through efficiency and co-operation.

To even begin to understand Klein's relationship with the Coast Guard, one must know that the Coast Guard, although a government agency, is, like Klein, just one of the many resources called upon by RCC in case of emergency. RCC may also requisition fisheries department and department of the environment vessels and "all Canadian registered ships, by the terms of Section 445 of the Canada Shipping Act".

Klein is quick to point out that many Coast Guard employees, in his opinion, do an excellent job and that the problems lie in certain specific areas. One of his chief complaints is with the hovercraft service, which he feels is being used for jobs beyond its capacity. He also contends that the hovercraft personnel are unwilling or unable to work effectively with volunteers and says that coast guard vessels, and the hovercraft in particular, do not always use radio channels available to his two rescue vessels when on incidents.

Matters came to a head recently when Klein received a letter from the Department of Communications, requesting him to desist from using the special VHF channel 19A on board the *Queen of Storm* and the *Boston Whaler*. Klein also has a copy of a memo requiring all Coast Guard auxiliary vessels to shift from 19A to 22A, but feels that the order was particularly directed at him.

AFFRONTED

On the basis that he would not be able to operate efficiently without using the channel, Klein's reply was an unequivocal "no!". He has used 19A for emergency communications for some years now and feels he has had consent to do so. As one to whom conscientious use of VHF radio is of prime importance (his eight-page article on the subject appeared in February's *Pacific Yachting*) Klein is affronted.

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NOTICE

THE GULF ISLANDS

Intermediate & Personal Care Society

The Annual General Meeting of the above-mentioned organization will be held on the following islands at places herein designated, immediately following the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Annual Meeting.

MAYNE ISLAND	MEDICAL CENTRE	MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1979
GALIANO ISLAND	COMMUNITY HALL	MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1979
SATURNA ISLAND	COMMUNITY HALL	WEDNESDAY JUNE 13, 1979
NORTH & SOUTH PENDER ISLANDS	SCHOOL HALL	WEDNESDAY JUNE 13, 1979
SALT SPRING ISLAND	ACTIVITY CENTRE	
	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MONDAY, JUNE 18, 1979

AGENDA

1. To receive the President's Report.
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1979.
3. To elect five members to the Board of Trustees, four members from Salt Spring Island (Zones 1 and 2), and one member from North and South Pender Island, Prevost Island and all islands immediately adjacent thereto (Zone 3).
4. Appointment of Auditor.
5. SPECIAL RESOLUTION: That the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Society shall be held on a day in June determined by the Board.
6. Any other business that may come from the meeting.

VOTING PRIVILEGES

- (1) All Zone Members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1-North Salt Spring Island, Zone 2-South Salt Spring Island, Zone 3-North and South Pender Island and Prevost, Zone 4-Saturna Island and Samuel Island, Zone 5-Mayne Island, Zone 6-Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who had made written application for membership in the society. Applications will be made available prior to the call to order of the Annual Meeting.
- (2) Annual members: Members who have paid \$1.00 for membership during the year 1979 to May 11th/18th, 1979 as applicable.

(Signed) M. Pinteau, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Trustees

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NOTICE

THE LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL

The Annual General Meeting of the above-mentioned organization will be held on the following islands at times and places herein designated.

MAYNE ISLAND	MEDICAL CENTRE	MON., JUNE 11	1.00pm.
GALIANO ISLAND	COMMUNITY HALL	MON., JUNE 11	3.30pm.
SATURNA ISLAND	COMMUNITY HALL	WED., JUNE 13	1.30pm.
NORTH & SOUTH PENDER ISLANDS	SCHOOL HALL	WED., JUNE 13	3.30pm.
SALT SPRING ISLAND	ACTIVITY CENTRE		
	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MON., JUNE 18	8.00pm.

AGENDA

1. To receive the Chairman's Report.
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31/79.
3. To receive various reports.
4. To elect Society members and 3 members to the Board of Management, 2 members from Salt Spring Island (Zones 1 and 2) and 1 member from North and South Pender Island, Prevost Island and all islands immediately adjacent thereto.
5. Appointment of Auditor.
6. Special Resolutions will be presented to amend the Constitution and Bylaws. A copy of the revisions is available for inspection at the hospital or by contacting Outer Island Board members.
7. Any other business that may come from the meeting.

VOTING PRIVILEGES

- (1) All Zone Members (persons who own land and pay taxes thereon in Zone 1-North Salt Spring Island, Zone 2-South Salt Spring Island, Zone 3-North and South Pender Island and Prevost, Zone 4-Saturna Island, Samuel Island, Zone 5-Mayne Island; Zone 6-Galiano Island, or spouses of such persons) who had made written application for membership in the society.

Applications will be made available prior to the call to order of the Annual Meeting.

- (2) Annual members: Members who have paid 50¢ for membership during the year 1979 to May 11th/18th, 1979 as applicable.

(Signed) M. Pinteau, Secretary
Board of Management

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THE LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY is offering

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Application forms may be obtained from: Mrs. A.G. Laing, Box 804, Ganges, V0S 1E0 or Miss M. Sifton, G.I. Secondary School and must be received by June 15, 1979.

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New Valcourt Centre opens with two stores

New Valcourt shopping centre on the old Malcolmson property, at Ganges, opened its doors last week, with the launching of the new Marshall Wells hardware store and the news and tobacconist shop.

The centre consists of a large grocery store which is not yet occupied and a number of smaller units. The grocery unit, covering 11,000 square feet, is the largest store on the island.

The hardware store is already

in operation by Mr. and Mrs. Denis Corcoran and the news agency is run by Dick and Dot Clark.

Delicatessen is opening shortly and an insurance office is ready to move in.

The centre has been built by Phil and Yvette Valcourt as part of their shopping centre. It stands to the north of the original Valcourt property and was formerly the location of Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply.

Phil Valcourt last week ex-

pressed satisfaction at the manner in which the centre is gaining support. He was confident that the grocery store will be opened before very long, although no lease has yet been signed, he noted.

BIGGEST SERVICE

The property boasts the biggest electrical circuitry as well as the biggest area on the island. Valcourt is proud of the 3,000 amp. service which he formally switched on last week.

The power comes to the structure at 12,000 volts and runs underground to the local transformer. It then enters the building underground. Switch room is a unit to itself.

The switching will carry sufficient power to build an extension in the future, explained the owner.

Hardware store came here from Ashcroft. The Corcorans were operating a Marshall Wells store in the mainland city before coming to the coast.

They arrived here a few weeks ago with their three teenage children and took up residence in their new home in the island.

It was an accomplishment. For many years Carole has been pressing her husband to move to the island. They are already glad they did.

NO NEWCOMERS

Dick and Dot Clark are no newcomers to the island. Dick is the son of a former island artist, the late Scot Clark, who lived on Drake Road.

His customers all tell him how closely he resembles his father, said Dick last week. The news agency specializes in pocketbooks, magazines, cigarettes and candies.

The front of the building is stuccoed, but the final decor will not be evident until the frontage has been paved, said Valcourt. As soon as the grocery store is leased, the final touches will be added.

Duplicate Bridge

Canadian Legion Duplicate Bridge Club winners May 15 were: first, Shirley Love, Norman Best; second, Vera and Alf Nichols; third, Mary Clements, Marg Macintosh; fourth, Mary K. Thomas, Bunny Jordan.

crowded). It will have full facilities for the handicapped, key lights in most places so there will be no pranksters turning off and on the lights, sky-lights in every room. The space will also have a medical room, learning assistance room and storage rooms in a separate wing that can be cut off from the rest of the school by a soundproof door. More on the school later.

New family at new store



Denis Corcoran is happily serving G.M. Day in the new Marshall Wells Store at Valcourt Business

Centre. Standing at the cash register is Carole Corcoran.



Dick and Dot Clark are obviously enjoying their new role as storekeepers in Ganges.

Fernwood School news

BY DAVID BREMNER
School Editor

Coming Events

The day is set for the move to Fernwood. Our first day at Fernwood Elementary will be June 4.

On the eighth of June the local RCMP will be putting on a bike rodeo at Fernwood. I think that we will do well because of the very successful Canada Safety Council Safe Bicycling Course held recently.

The local Coast Guard from Victoria will be coming on June 4 to talk to the students about Boat Safety and water safety.

Don't ever let anyone tell you teaching is easy, especially when you are a substitute. Mrs. Smith is going in to the hospital for a short while. Mrs. Byron will substitute for her. I hope Mrs. Smith will be back with us soon and I wish Mrs. Byron the best of luck.

Awards

This year there will be book

awards for top academic student, top citizen and top effort. There will also be a Citizen of the School Shield and a Top Academic grade seven shield.

On Friday the 18th the grade five students went to Fort Langley and the Vancouver Game Farm. Many protested at being put in with a group of younger children on a tour of the Fort, but all in all we enjoyed the trip.

On Thursday the 17th the IODE ladies presented a new book to the Fernwood Elementary library called *Men of the Saddle*. About real cowboys who live and work in British Columbia and Alberta. This book is quite special to Mrs. Volquardsen because she taught at the Douglas Lake camp.

I, like everybody else, am eager to move out to Fernwood. It will be much better than the cramped quarters we now share with Salt Spring Elementary (not to reject their hospitality but we are rather

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Breath-taking BATmobiles to be busy in blitz

A province-wide road-check blitz as part of the war against impaired drivers has been ordered for the weekend of May 26-27 by Attorney-General Garde Gardom.

The Attorney-General announced today that municipal and RCMP detachments throughout B.C. are preparing for this year's second co-ordinated blitz, conducted as part of the ministry's drinking and driving Counter Attack program.

An estimated 40,000 motorists will be checked throughout B.C. during the three-day blitz. And by Sunday B.C.'s quarter millionth

driver will have passed through the checks, instituted on a regular basis last October.

Road checks are scheduled to begin at 6 pm Friday in all communities and will continue through Sunday evening.

Auxiliary forces, the breath-taking BATmobiles, and daytime road checks will be in operation throughout the weekend.

During this year's March blitz over 500 people received impaired driving charges or 24-hour license suspensions. In 1978 alone, 45,000 people were charged or suspended.

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It could be long, legal battle deciding Bennett Bay issue

BY GELI JOHNSTON

Mayne Inn owner Weldon Pinchin said last week he will comply with any injunction brought against the wharf he is building at Bennett Bay. He told *Driftwood* that he does not intend to break the law.

He is confident however, that he can have an injunction lifted "in seven to 48 hours" and he indicated that he means to bring at least one counter-suit against Islands trustees should they order him to stop work.

"This is the mistake we've been waiting for them (the Islands Trust) to make," he told *Driftwood* on learning of the imminent injunction.

Pinchin is in a tough spot and, looking at it objectively, it's not too hard to see why he's angry.

He bought the commercial enterprise in November, 1975 with the clear intention of developing it, of adding a dock and attracting more boating business.

He claims that he was told there would be "absolutely no problem" with his getting zoning permission for a dock and proceeded accordingly.

POOR TIMING

Unfortunately, his timing was poor. Pinchin, like many speculators caught in the land freeze some years ago, made his investment only to find himself halted by the sudden surge of environmental concern.

Another disruptive factor may have been the administrative changes when the Islands Trust took over from the Capital Regional District in January, 1978. An overall community plan, laying out permissible zoning for the whole of Mayne Island, was also in the works.

Gradually, local opinion mounted against the proposed development. A residents' group calling itself the Bennett Bay Preservation Committee launched a successful anti-dock campaign and two public hearings came out against commercial development of any sort or scale in Bennett Bay.

Weldon Pinchin feels victimized.

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ed and is not prepared to succumb. He says he is going to fight it out "all the way to the supreme court" if need be.

When Pinchin cited the BNA Act in his defence, he was referring to the question of his "riparian rights"; the rights he has as a "riparian proprietor" or owner of waterfront property.

RIGHT OF ACCESS

Pinchin showed *Driftwood* a section of a treatise on constitutional law regarding "Municipal control over users of river and sea" which states, "moreover, a riparian proprietor has a right of access over the shoal water in front of him to the deeper water where navigation practically begins and a right to provide a landing place or other convenience for the use of navigable waters."

Pinchin pointed out a case in which an individual's riparian rights had been upheld against no less a body than the City of Vancouver. Lawrence Fast, lawyer for the BBPC however, cited a recent North Saanich case in which a dock, judged "illegal" was ordered dismantled.

John Rich, chairman of the Islands Trust, wonders if "the federal government wish him to construct a dock against local decisions".

There was some concern about the soundness of both the design and materials being used in the dock. R.B. Ingram of the BBPC recently told *Driftwood* that they had raised this issue, at least in part, as a delaying tactic. Also, Pinchin flatly denies that he is using second-hand pilings from a demolished government dock at Miners Bay. He bought his pilings new, he says, from Vancouver Island.

But an interesting issue has arisen out of the BBPC's questioning. It involves the fact that there is apparently no authority with the jurisdiction to carry out building and safety inspection on docks.

NO POWER

After careful research and legal advice, the building inspection department of the Capital Regional District came to the conclusion that they have no power to act in such matters. Nor is any other provincial department empowered to inspect docks.

A secretary in the engineers office said there was "a loophole somewhere".

Pinchin's plans were approved by a federal authority, the Navigable Waters Protection Act office of the Coast Guard, about two years ago. But this office is only concerned with avoiding potential hazards to navigation. When, or if, the dock is finished, the NWPA will check that it conforms with the original plans and arrange to have the structure indicated on marine charts.

As far as the actual structure is concerned, "He can build it any way he wants to," says Robert Sim (NWPA officer). Sim said he supposes that local authorities look after building inspection.

There is little reason to suppose that either Pinchin or his contractors, Dolphin Piledriving of Sidney, would want to build an unsound structure. But some people may find it a bit unsettling that there is no way to be sure about any non-government dock.

EPIC STRUGGLE

Meanwhile, it appears that all the protagonists are settling in for an epic struggle to determine who, finally, has jurisdiction over water zoning.

The Islands Trust has instigated legal proceedings, the BBPC is considering legal action and so is Pinchin Holdings Ltd.

Barry Wilks, of the BBPC says, ".....we're going to fight it strongly; I feel the law will prevail."

Fast, who at first had hoped that Pinchin's "voluntary compliance" with Islands Trust zoning bylaws would keep the matter out of court, is now resigning himself to "a long and interesting battle."

Fast told *Driftwood*, "I expect it will be litigated on several fronts over the next year."

Driver is not guilty

Driver pleaded not guilty in Ganges provincial court last week to a charge of impaired driving and his plea was upheld by the court.

Charged was Richard A. Denman.

RCMP Constable Donald Geistlinger reported following the Denman vehicle and stopping it on Fulford-Ganges Road. He gave some tests and asked for a breathalyzer test.

Results of the test were not submitted to the court.

Judge D.K. McAdam ruled that there was not enough evidence to convince him that Denman was incapable of driving a motor vehicle.

Local group sends team

The Salt Spring Achievement Centre sent a team to the 13th annual VIRA Bowling Tournament held this year in Port Alberni on May 16. It was officially opened by Gary Merton, vice-president of the Port Alberni Association for the Retarded.

Marvin Austyn brought home the most points over average award for bowling 36 points over his average.

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They spoke French (and Franglais) for two weeks

BY AMY NEWMAN

"Parler seulement en français pour deux semaines?" (speak only French for two weeks?)

This is what seventeen students from Gulf Island School District were told at the commencement of the school-organized trip to Quebec for 14 days.

"You mean all the time? Even if we don't understand what's going on?" was the general reaction.

"You'll catch on, don't worry," the supervisor, Mrs. Irene Wright, informed us. "After Montreal no more English".

We all looked at one another in apprehension for the coming trial.

Homemaker

Service

sends delegates

The ninth annual convention of the Community Homemaker Service Association of B.C. was held at Naramata, B.C. on May 9, 10 and 11. There were representatives from 74 homemaker agencies from all parts of B.C. in attendance.

Salt Spring Island Homemaker Service sent four delegates: Annie Barnes, Mary Miller, Daphne MacLeod and Margret Kaufman.

Seventeen students, ages 13-16 upon landing at Montreal, boarded a private bus for Trois Rivières (Three Rivers). At this point we met our co-ordinator, Mario, from

Island student writes of journey to Trois Rivières, Quebec

the University of Quebec at Trois Rivières, where we would be spending most of our time.

PLUS LENTEMENT

Mario began to explain to us the general program planned for us, when we all shouted in a chorus: "Plus lentement, Mario, plus lentement."

He smiled at our request and started again, speaking much more slowly and articulately.

Our activities consisted of classes at the university, sightseeing tours of Trois Rivières, Quebec City, and Montreal, sports games, folk dancing and songs of Quebec (all in French of course).

A typical day in Quebec went as follows: 7.30, wake-up time at our motel room, which gave half an hour for two people to be ready and awake (ha! slim chance!) for our minibus to arrive and transport us to the university for breakfast.

DEUX TOASTS

The cook Pierre would take our orders in a sing-song voice. "Deux

oeufs, deux toasts et bacon. o.k. ah oui, ah oui."

Soon he tired imitating us by saying "yup, yup."

An hour for breakfast ("dejeu-

were always eating!

VOLLEYBALL, DANCING

After an exciting evening of playing volleyball or learning how the French folk dance, Claude

I was sure that I was in the future then. However, we all tried to appear as nonchalant as possible, as the natives did, riding so quickly underground, just like another completely different world.

The day of departure was a grim day for all of us. Everyone wanted to stay, such a strong feeling of attachment was there for the place, the culture, the people especially, so warm towards us with our funny accents and strange ways.

FELT PRIDE

I think what got to me most was, at the end feeling like I was and could become part of that society, that I did fit in. It was amazing, this realization. I felt pride at having taken part in two weeks of Quebec life and very much look forward to returning to this area of Canada's birth.

I would like to thank all those who have given assistance and encouragement for this trip and most importantly, Mrs. Irene Wright. Without her, the trip would have been merely a futile dream.

Students who came with us to Quebec are: Alex Hele, (grade 10), Penny Wright (grade nine), Kim MacGregor, Ingi Temmel, Leah Wiebe, Marnie Dammell, Ellen Box, Melinda Jones, Tanya Van Ginkel, Hugh Coleman, grade eight, all of Salt Spring Island, Cherie Oldenberg, grade eight of Mayne Island, Schon Hardy grade eight of Galiano Island, Shelley Crooks, grade nine of Saturna Island, Angela Byrnes, Katherine Templeman, and Ann Dixon, grade nine, all of Galiano Island.

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"Don't parler that way to me."
"Je ne understand pas."
"Let's aller to the cafeteria pour manger some food, maintenant."

Afternoons were usually spent in more lessons until "souper" when "le groupe" tiredly tramped back to eat again. It seems as if we

TOPS loses

36 tons in B.C.

The Mayne Island TOPS members attended two events this last month. In April the club turned out almost 100% to a luncheon at the 5 Roosters to honour our queen, Anna De Rousie, and to re-instate Nora Garrick to KOP status.

Eleven members went to Nanaimo for Provincial Recognition Days May 11 and 12. Anna De Rousie again was the star of our club. A quilted banner made by Doreen Tamboline was taken along to the affair.

Provincial Recognition Days are held each year to honour the TOPS male and female members who have lost the most weight during the preceding year.

In 1978 the loss for all of B.C. was 72,683 1/4 lbs.

Saturna Scene

BY MARJORIE RATZLAFF

Saturna Islanders enjoyed a most palatable pork barbecue at the Community Hall Saturday, sponsored by the Fire Hall committee, Saturna Island Community Club.

Stella Coutts has returned feeling improved from Surrey, where she was ill in hospital. Later she convalesced at the home of her daughter, Randy Robinson, who returned to Saturna with daughter Jennifer to spend a few days till Stella got back on her feet.

There were many visitors on Saturna over the long weekend. A few were the Peterson boys visiting with grandparents Jim and Lou Money; Nancy and Jim Harrower;

Marion and Rex Publicover; Don and Jean Jamieson; and Mike and Maggie Hayes with Katlin and Patrick.

There will be a public meeting sponsored by the Islands Trust on Friday, May 27 at 1.30 pm in the Community Hall. At this meeting there will be a discussion of the government marina to be built on the south side of Lyall Harbour, as well as the Senior Citizens Housing Project to be built on Saturna. Please come with questions and comments.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the church service that was to have been held on Sunday, May 20 was postponed to Sunday, May 27, at 2 pm.

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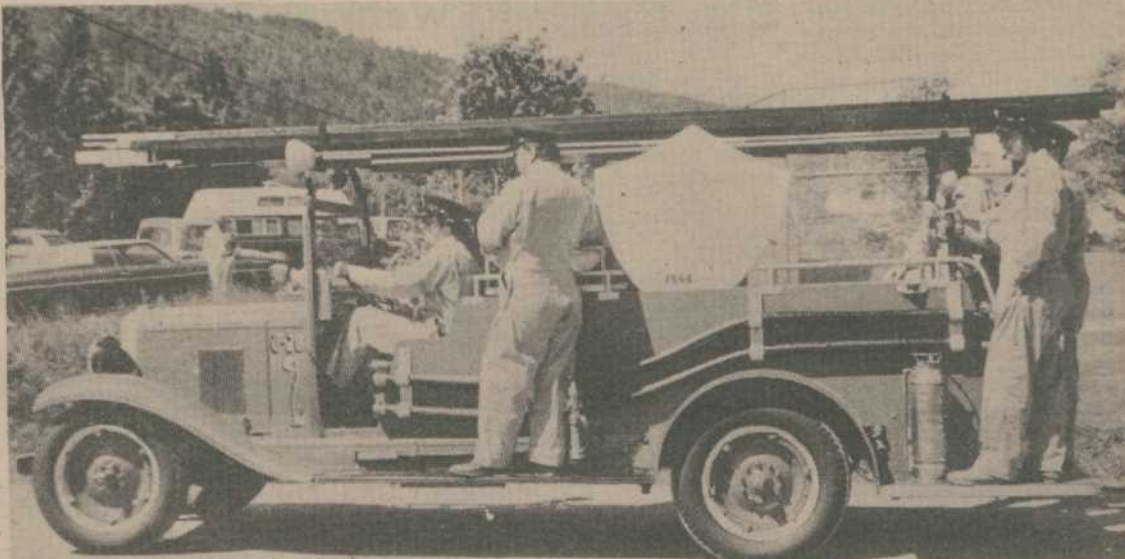
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May Day draws large crowd to Ganges



The Salt Spring May Queen, centre, and her princesses. They are Michelle Thomas, Geraldine

Hagan and Sarah Wiebe, from the left.



Crofton firemen brought their 1929 Chevrolet fire truck over to Salt Spring for the May Day parade.

Info-Health

BY DR. BOB YOUNG



Opting out and balance billing are terms that have been finding a place in the medical news lately. What do these terms mean?

It is apparent that government is unhappy about the increasing cost of health care. Most of these increased costs are related to inflation, but the increases are perhaps more noticeable in the medical field where hospital employees were underpaid previously and have only recently caught up. Sophisticated and expensive medical equipment and modern types of care also increase expense.

The costs of doctors have also gone up when expressed in dollars, but inflation has eroded the value of these dollars. The amount of money that the country spends on doctor's fees (as expressed as a percentage of the gross national product) has actually declined in the last few years — one of the few things to have done so.

Although relatively minor contributors to health care costs, the physicians are in a vulnerable position when cost-cutting attempts are made. Our refusal to strike makes bargaining difficult, and recent settlements have not been very satisfactory to many.

Sure, the dollars are there, but the doctor's costs have climbed and most of us find that we have to work longer and see more patients just to maintain the take-home pay of a year or so ago.

The doctor starts to look for other sources of income. About 600 physicians moved to the USA in 1978 — a third of the output of Canadian medical schools. There are problems there too, of course, but those doctors who do write back generally feel that they are much further ahead — more income for each unit of work allows more leisure time.

Those remaining in Canada may elect to opt out of the medical plan, or balance bill. If your doctor has opted out (legal in some provinces), you will pay him his fee and then be reimbursed a portion of it from the plan. The doctor will set his own fee, usually more than the plan will pay.

Alternatively, the doctor may accept payment from the plan, and balance bill the patient for the difference between what the plan will pay and what the doctor considers to be a fair fee.

Info-Health is written by a practising B.C. physician and is provided by the B.C. Medical Association.

May Day celebrations drew a large crowd to the school grounds in Ganges Saturday. The annual parade, which featured about 10 entries, moved off from the grounds at about noon and returned about 20 minutes later after going through the village.

First prize was taken by the Salt Spring Fire Department, second by the Women's Institute and third by the island's Nursery School.

Parade was led by a car carrying May Queen Geraldine Hagan and her princesses, Michelle Thomas and Sarah Wiebe.

Sports events were held during the afternoon and refreshments were served by various island organizations.

Co-ordinator Gavin Reynolds said that both the Rotary Club and A and B Construction deserved special thanks for their contributions to the event.

He was also grateful to the Crofton Fire Department for its entry in the parade, a 1929 Chevrolet fire truck.

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FIVE YEARS AGO

According to the Capital Regional District, there are 6,990 persons scattered through the six Gulf Islands. Of this total, 3,892 live on Salt Spring Island and 3,098 share the Outer Islands.

Police reinforcements, additional park rangers and two police boats will be brought in at the week end to cope with holiday traffic to the islands. In past years hundreds of youthful visitors have come to the islands to live it up and run riot. Cold, wet weather will deter them this year, it is hoped.

TEN YEARS AGO

Taxes are down! School taxes in the Gulf Islands have dropped by about three mills this year. This year's rate for schools is 27.25, against last year's figure of 30.45. Average through the province is 31.72.

Salt Spring Island will be floating in a sea of bishops next week as Bishop Remi de Roo will lead the parade. Second to arrive will be

Bishop H. Hives, of Victoria. Bishop J.O. Anderson is on his way, but is delayed in Winnipeg by sickness.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Lady Minto Hospital will mark its 50th year this month. It was started in 1913 and opened by Provincial Secretary H.E. Young in May, 1914.

Two major considerations will be placed before the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce meeting on June 6. Members will discuss the desirability of establishing a community planning machinery for the island. They will also look for a suitable centennial project to mark the 100th birthday of Canada.

Mrs. Ivy McGill, well-known on Salt Spring Island, was killed in a head-on collision on Saturday night near Mount Vernon, Wash. Her husband, J.H. McGill, suffered chest injuries, broken knee cap and lacerations. The couple moved to Washington from Salt Spring Island four years ago.

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