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Gas hike of three cents a gallon on April 1

Islanders to pay for Victoria area bus service

Gas station operators threaten pump closure

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

Gas station owners on Salt Spring Island are threatening to close down their pumps April 1 if a three-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax approved Friday by the Urban Transit Authority goes into effect in the Gulf Islands.

According to Steve Nelson of Ganges Auto-Marine, all of the island's service station operators were of the same opinion on the matter at a meeting involving the Chamber of Commerce, Islands Trust and themselves Monday night.

"Why a gas tax?" Nelson said Tuesday afternoon. "If we have to administer that sort of thing and send in the three cents a gallon it'll be more bookwork for us. We're just not going to do it."

Nelson predicted that island residents will go to the trouble to travel to Crofton or Duncan to get their gas. Neither of those communities is included in the Capital Regional District, where the gas tax is to be imposed.

WITHOUT INPUT

"I don't know how they can do these things without input from the community," Nelson said Tuesday. "Why should the people who drive cars pay for the people in Victoria who ride buses?"

The story behind the gas tax dates back several months to the period when Jim Campbell of Saturna Island was chairman of the Capital Regional Board. The district had been looking at a proposal to levy a gas tax to district residents in order to meet transit deficits accrued by the Victoria-area system.

Although at that time the regional board members voted unanimously to include all areas within the regional district for taxation, the proposal was turned down by the Urban Transit Authority following protests from Vancouver Ald. Mike Harcourt, who had a summer home on one of the Outer Islands.

The issue was revived again recently and two weeks ago at a regional board meeting directors once again voted unanimously in favour of including the entire region in the transit plan. The proposal was once again put to the Urban Transit Authority and on Friday it got approval.

The gas tax, which goes into effect April 1, is only the first of three proposed measures to deal with the bus deficits. An equivalent amount will be added to B.C. Hydro bills in about two years, and in six or eight years the levy will include an increase in property taxes.

Victoria alderman William Tin-

dall, a member of the UTA, admits that it will probably be "quite some time" before Salt Spring Island is even considered for any sort of transit service. About the only benefit Gulf Islands residents would realize from the tax in the near future, he said, would be bus service from Swartz Bay to Victoria.

Salt Spring Island regional board director Mike Clement points out that the first attempt to have the Gulf Islands included in the gas tax plans was brought up before he was elected to the board. Clement did, however, support the motion to have the district "treated as a whole" when the matter came up again two weeks ago.

"Salt Spring Island can't expect to have the right to bus service unless it's prepared to contribute to the cost," Clement told Driftwood Tuesday. "I agree with the fact that we have reason for resentment because this was imposed from without, but I think this issue has been blown up a bit too hard and

fast. I think it's unwise for us, as Gulf Islands residents, to go from crisis to crisis. There's no order."

According to Clement's estimates Salt Spring residents drive about 500 miles per year. Based on the presumption that a person's car gets 20 miles to a gallon of gas, he points out that total gas tax would come to only about \$9 per year per driver.

"Speaking as Mike Clement, and not as a regional board director, I think it's a reasonable investment to gamble \$9 a year if there's a possibility of getting bus service on the island," he said.

Clement adds that he can't see why people are getting upset when "it won't be long before gas is over \$1 a gallon anyhow, whether there's a three cent tax or not."

Island MLA Hugh Curtis told Driftwood that he would "certainly want to review the situation."

Although the proposal has been approved by the Urban Transit Authority, it must receive Cabinet approval at the provincial level before becoming law April 1.

Blood donations

Monday top

217-pint record

A total of 248 donors showed up at the Ganges Legion Hall Monday to donate 220 pints of blood to the Red Cross.

The previous record set for Salt Spring was for 217 pints.

Competition for the President's Trophy, awarded to the local organization with the highest number of donations, finished in a three-way tie. Winners were the Ganges detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Rotary Club, and staff of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Private facility at Bennett Bay

Granting of lease for construction of dock arouses concern at Mayne

Granting of a foreshore lease to Mayne Island hotel owner Weldon Pinchin has left a number of Mayne

Island residents angry and concerned. The lease will allow Pinchin to construct a private dock and

floats on the foreshore below the Mayne Inn at Bennett Bay.

The lease was granted by the Land Management Branch of the provincial Ministry of the Environment and it has aroused some consternation that the concept of the Islands Trust could be ruined.

Weldon Pinchin's company, Pinchin Holdings, applied last year for a change in zoning that would allow for the construction of a public dock, or marina. Following a public hearing at Mayne in September, the Trust turned down Pinchin's application.

Pinchin said in a telephone interview on Tuesday that in his original application to construct a public dock, he was forced to use the word marina because the government would recognize no other term for the facility. He stated that he was "on record as being opposed to (the inclusion of) a gas float or boat hauling facilities".

HORTON BAY

The only tie-up facilities for boats at that end of the island, he explained, are at Horton Bay, and there were 160 boats there for the July 1 holiday last year.

He went on to say that he had had temporary floats in Bennett

Fraser fields variety of complaints

VICTORIA -- The provincial Minister of Transportation, Communications and Highways has offered to attend a public meeting in Ganges in an effort to acquaint himself with the ferry transportation problems faced by Gulf Islands residents.

The offer was made by Alex Fraser when he met in his office here last Wednesday with a Salt Spring Island delegation to discuss islanders' transportation problems. Fraser said he would like to appear at a meeting within the next six weeks.

The meeting, which lasted one and a half hours, was attended by representatives of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and the South Salt Spring Residents' Association, regional board director Mike Clement, Islands Trust representatives Bud Kreissl and David Lott, Islands MLA Hugh

Curtis, and ferry corporation officials.

Clement, who was the first to

speak, outlined his concern for the problems of Salt Spring residents commuting to Victoria on a daily

Extended service?

Gulf Islands MLA Hugh Curtis told Driftwood Tuesday afternoon that the B.C. Ferry Corporation and the provincial highways department are co-operating in an effort to provide extended ferry service on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run during coming weeks.

Curtis expects the final arrangements for use of a highways department vessel to be complete within a week.

"We don't know how it's going to be done, and the specific vessel isn't yet known," the MLA said. "But the two bodies are working together in order to find a solution to the problem."

Ferry traffic problems on the run during the refit and stretching of the Bowen Queen were a major concern of a delegation from Salt Spring which met with Curtis and Transport Minister Alex Fraser last Wednesday.

basis. Commuters with vehicles frequently miss ferries because of heavy traffic, he pointed out, and suggested that an express bus from Swartz Bay to Victoria during commuter hours might help alleviate the overload problem.

LESS CATERING

Clement also presented a brief on behalf of the Salt Spring Planning Association advocating better service for foot passengers and less catering to travellers taking their vehicles on the ferries.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, president Gavin Reynolds outlined several concerns of the group. Among them were adequate provision for ferry transport of commercial vehicles during the time that the Bowen Queen has been taken off the Fulford-Swartz Bay run for refit.

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Ferry overload problems increased as year progressed

Figures released by the B.C. Ferry Corporation reveal that during 1978 a total of 167,190 vehicle trips and 357,518 passenger trips were made on the Swartz Bay-Fulford Harbour run. The actual number of fares paid, however, are half of those figures due to the fact that travellers purchase a round trip ticket for the service at Swartz Bay or other Vancouver Island points.

Of the total vehicle trips made, 159,874 were made by automobiles, 4,238 were made by commercial vehicles and 1,780 were made by motorcycles. Trailers made 1,242 trips to and from Salt Spring last year, and the tally for buses came to 56.

The breakdown on passenger trips includes 325,682 adults, a total of 20,230 half-fare journeys and 4,222 trips at the party rate. A total of 7,384 passenger trips were made at no charge.

AUGUST PEAK

Vehicle traffic on the route peaked in August, when the run accommodated 10.1 per cent of the total year's traffic with a total of 16,872 vehicles carried during the month. Other high traffic months on the ferry were June with 9 per cent, July with 9.5 per cent, and October with 9.2 per cent. The least amount of vehicular traffic on the run was recorded in February, with 10,298 trips tallying up to 6.1 per cent of the year's total.

The most severe overloading problems on the run occurred during November and December, according to the corporation's figures.

During November, when the Queen of the Islands was in operation on the run for part of the month, a total of 52 cars were left behind on the 8:30 a.m. run from Fulford to Vancouver Island. The situation worsened in December, when 57 travellers were left behind. In November the overloads for that sailing were spread over six days, while December's totals

were spread over 10 days with one instance of 25 vehicles being left at Fulford.

AFTERNOON RUNS PROBLEMS

Problems also arose in December with many of the afternoon runs, with a total of 82 vehicles being left behind after they had attempted to catch either the 3:45 pm, 5:30 pm or 7 pm sailings from Swartz Bay to Salt Spring. The largest problem arose with the 3:45 pm sailings when 56 cars were left behind during the course of the month. Much of the overload problem during December has been attributed to the Christmas season.

Although overload problems on the two late afternoon runs from Swartz Bay proved to be minor during the first couple of months of January and February, things began to get worse in March, when 49 cars for those two runs alone were left behind during the course of the month.

The overloads for the two runs increased to 54 in September, 82 in October, 115 in November and 79 in December.

Bennett Bay lease

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Bay for two years, "and no one said a word" against them.

Driftwood was told by one resident that one of the major complaints about the facility was the possibility of it ruining "one of the nicest beaches on the island."

William Wilks said Monday that the dock would dominate the whole bay.

"There was no favour for a dock at all except from one or two people," he said with regard to the

original marina application.

Kay Carpenter echoed Wilks' feelings by saying Bennett Bay had the only good swimming beach on the island.

Pinchin, however, said that the dock could only be a benefit to the island. He explained that he was going to have to build a walkway 420 feet long in order to put in floats that would have five feet of water underneath them at a zero tide. The walkway, he explained, will be high enough so that a person could walk underneath it with his arms stretched upward and still not touch it. As far as swimming was concerned, he felt that no one was going to want to walk through the mud for 400 feet in order to get to the water.

"They will wait until the tide is high," he said.

LAUNCHING BOATS

He said there is a public road leading to the beach nearby where people launch motor boats to go fishing.

For years there has been no complaint about the dangers of motor boats being in such close proximity to swimmers, he said, and he asked why the structure he was planning on building should inhibit swimming.

Pinchin also brought up the fact that plans are being laid for an oyster lease in Horton Bay that will encompass seven and a half acres. He said floats will be used there for oyster culture but no one has complained about it.

Islands Trust spokesmen were

Ferry meeting

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Reynolds also expressed concern over the lack of parking facilities for ferry traffic at both Vesuvius Bay and Fulford, and suggested that if they could not be solved the ferry corporation should consider relocating the terminals.

Another problem considered to be major by the Chamber was the matter of delays on the Queen of Sidney runs during the summer. The Chamber brief pointed out that ferry passengers on that run were habitually held up two to three hours last year while the ferry ran late.

CO-ORDINATION PROBLEMS

Reynolds also noted that several other concerns had been expressed to the Chamber over the current ferry service. Among those were lack of co-ordination in schedules for ferries running out of Fulford and Swartz Bay, often causing islanders to miss connections for the mainland. Reynolds pointed out that foot passengers often miss their connections by mere minutes because of the long walk from the ferry to the ticket agent at Swartz Bay, which must be made in order to purchase passage for connecting runs.

Curtis agreed wholeheartedly with the Chamber's point.

"That's one I think we really have to find a solution to," the MLA told Fraser.

FOLLOWING REYNOLDS' PRESENTATION

Ferry corporation general manager Bill Gallagher pointed out that some arrangements have been made to accommodate commercial truck traffic during the refit period, but pointed out that other requests from the delegations were going to cost extra money. He also noted that some degree of fiscal responsibility had to be kept in sight.

Kreissl, however, said he felt the ferry corporation "should be congratulated for trying to ensure that essential services were covered during the interim period."

The Islands Trust member added that he felt the frequency and magnitude of the overload situation on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run had been "quite insignificant," and added: "If I choose to commute

unwilling to say much about the lease being granted until after the Trust meeting that is to be held at Mayne Island on Saturday. The matter is to be discussed at that meeting.

One island group is considering seeking an injunction against the lease, Driftwood learned last week.

that's my choice, and I must accept that and not burden everyone else with my problems."

SENSITIVE TREATMENT?

A brief submitted by the South Salt Spring Residents' Association outlined a wide variety of requests and annoyances, many of which were covered by other representatives at the meeting.

Association spokesman Bev Unger, however, stressed that her group's major concern was how people are being treated by the ferry corporation.

"The corporation does a marvellous job getting cars on, for the money expended," Mrs. Unger said. "But are people in general pleased with just that? Are humans being treated with sensitivity?"

Chamber of Commerce director Tom Toynbee said he was pleased to see that some measures have been taken to ensure that commercial vehicles would be able to get on and off Salt Spring with relative ease during the refit period, but asked that the situation be kept under close study.

"I'd like to see continuing reviews of the matter to be sure that that situation really is taken care of," Toynbee told the meeting.

Toynbee also expressed the opinion that there was a clear need for the co-ordination of viewpoints when it came to ferry service for the island. He suggested that the Islands Trust could be responsible for establishing a representative group in order that Salt Spring could speak with a united voice on ferry matters.

Fraser concluded the meeting by saying he felt that while Salt Spring Island was "a lovely spot", residents must remember that it at least has some ferry service.

"The island has a certain level of service now," the minister pointed out. "But we have five or six thousand people in the Queen Charlotte Islands with nothing at all. There's no passenger service there--there's scow service twice a week, and that's all. I'm sure that we can solve some of the problems faced by Salt Spring Island, but we have a lot of other problems to deal with as well."

Meeting cancelled

Owing to inclement weather the annual general meeting of Central Hall has been postponed.

The meeting will be advertised when the date has been decided upon.

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Olive Mouat honoured at tea



Olive Mouat, front left, was honoured Saturday at a tea marking her birthday. Held at the Ganges United Church Hall, the event attracted about 200 of Miss

Mouat's friends for an afternoon of visiting. The tea was sponsored by the Mizpah group of the Ganges United Church and her nieces, which included [back, left to right]

Susan Mouat, Dianne Clement, Louise Grant, Nancy Raven and Elizabeth Mouat. Seated with Miss Mouat is another niece, Anna Previte.

Island dog owners face licence, kennel fees under bylaw

Capital Region board directors will meet in the near future to work out a budget for dog control in anticipation of passage of a bylaw that will crack down on dog owners in unorganized areas of the Capital Region.

If the bylaw gets final approval the Gulf Islands will be included within its jurisdiction.

Under the proposed bylaw, which is expected to be in effect by March 1, there are provisions for individual licenses and kennel licences.

License fees will be set at \$15 for unspayed or unneutered animals and \$5 for each altered dog.

Islanders who own four or more dogs will be required to pay a \$15 kennel fee in addition to the individual license fee on every dog.

A penalty of \$5 per license will be levied for anyone who hasn't purchased the required tags by the March 31 deadline.

KEPT 72 HOURS

Animals impounded under the new bylaw will be kept 72 hours, after which pound officials will have the right to sell or destroy them. There is also allowance for spaying or neutering of animals sold by the pound.

Owners wanting to retrieve their dogs from the pound will be required to pay a \$10 impoundment fee the first time. If the dog is picked up again the release fee will be \$20 for a second impoundment, \$25 for a third impoundment and \$75 for each impoundment thereafter. A daily boarding fee of \$4 will also be levied.

The new bylaw will also allow for a \$100 fine to be levied against anyone interfering with a pound officer who is attempting to pick up a dog.

In addition, the bylaw will allow for the region to pay compensation to the owners of animals killed or injured by stray dogs. Owners of the offending animals will then be required to cover the district's costs.

Tape deck stolen

Ganges RCMP report the theft of a Sanyo tape deck from a vehicle owned by Thomas Gillespie, Fernwood Road. Theft was reported January 17.

The unit is valued at \$150.

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Students, teachers and parents meet at Ganges

Last Monday, Jan. 15, saw the first in a monthly series of meetings at Gulf Islands Secondary School geared to promote better student-teacher-parent understanding. Chairperson Marg Simons briefly outlined the topics to be discussed: student traffic, peer pressure, school lunches, bus transportation and attendance. People were invited to share their ideas or experiences during the informal discussion.

Bus transportation proved to be of particular interest at this time of year. High school principal, Bob McWhirter suggested that a more effective phoning system be established for alerting parents on the days when, for some reason, the buses will not be running. He noted, however, that the school will remain open regardless of weather. Only power outages would result in closure.

Some parents expressed a desire for the secondary school classes to return to the nine to three o'clock schedule. It was pointed out that the earlier class system is now the accepted standard for all the surrounding districts.

Most popular subject of the evening was peer pressure. Discussion was preceded by a short talk by Margaret Sitton, the school guidance counsellor. Miss Sitton noted the positive and negative aspects of peer pressure and their importance in a student's social development.

Some concern was expressed over the fact that many brown bag

lunches find their way into garbage cans in and about the school. Vice Principal Hugh Archer conceded that it was so, but added that the food does not go to waste since it is usually retrieved by the Aggie class to feed the chickens.

At the end of the meeting the participants stayed on to discuss the evening. The general consensus was that the meeting was a success, and the next is scheduled for February 19. Students, teachers and parents are welcome to attend, Driftwood was told.

Institute makes donation to Victoria hospital

Members of the Pender Island Women's Institute paid a visit to the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Children in Victoria recently in order to make a donation.

They presented the hospital with a cheque for a Prone Stander, a piece of equipment designed to help a handicapped child to stand.

Nineteen members of the institute made the trip to the hospital, which included a tour of the facility.

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T.V. violence: is it harmless?

"Why didn't we all grow up to be criminals?"

That question was asked in a story on television violence that appeared in a recent issue of *In Search*, a publication produced by the federal Department of Communications. The article, entitled *The Myth of T.V. Violence*, was written by Montreal radio and television columnist, Gilles Constantineau.

Mr. Constantineau gives some very interesting statistics that were gathered through various studies of television broadcasts and, though he doesn't come right out and give his wholehearted support to the screening of violence on the tube, he comes damn close.

And he goes as far as to say that those who feel t.v. violence can be held responsible for increased violence and aggression in today's society are alarmists and, what's more, "self-important amateur psycho-sociologists".

Before we go any further, let's look at those figures.

In 1961, the National Association of Educational Broadcasters in the United States did a survey based on one week of viewing all programs broadcast by Los Angeles t.v. stations in November of 1960. It must have been a poor season for comedies.

Here's what they saw: 144 murders, 143 attempted murders, 52 justifiable homicides, 14 cases of drug addiction, 48 miscellaneous thefts, 12 prison escapes, 13 kidnappings, seven scenes of torture, six cases of extortion, five cases of blackmail, 11 murder conspiracies, four lynchings and one massacre scene showing hundreds of deaths.

And Mr. Constantineau asks: "...hasn't man been exposed to violence since time immemorial? What makes us so different from our forebears that we become nervous about a few violent images viewed on small electronic screens?"

The author does not seem to consider the almost unlimited power that belongs to television.

Isn't advertising a good example of that power?

Look at t.v. news broadcasts: if there is a battle on the streets of Northern Ireland, the battle can be brought right into our homes. The same goes for a murder on one of those crime drama shows: it's almost as if the murder was taking place in your own living room.

Here is a suggestion for Mr. Constantineau and any who share his views: observe a three or four-year-old child who is just beginning to take an interest in t.v. and take note of his reaction upon seeing his first murder.

After that, the chances are you'll think twice before you go as far as to say television violence is harmless.

Letters to the Editor

CUDDLING INDEED!

Sir,

Something ought to be done to protect young folks like me (I'm not even 80 yet) from fraud and deceit. Here was this bonnie Scottish lass (not Scotch, that's whisky) whose eye was brighter than the dewdrop on the rose and when she spoke, 'twas like the mavis singing its love song to the dawn.

She turns to me and says, right out of the blue, just like that, "Would ye like to come cuddling with me?"

Well, it fair took my breath away. I turned the colour of beet from head to feet and all I could do was stammer.

"Well!" she exclaimed. "Don't stand their gawking! Do ye want to come cuddling or no?"

At last I found my voice.

"Oh, I'd love to," I murmured. So she took me by the arm and led me to the bus and we got off, of all places, at the skating rink, with me full of wonder and my heart all a-flutter. Then we started sliding rocks with handles on them over the ice.

After a while she asks me, "Well, how do ye like it?"

"Oh, it's very nice," I replied and then, in a whisper, "but when do we start cuddling?"

"Oh, ye ninny!" she cried. "And what have we been doing for the last half hour but cuddling! Do ye no ken the great game, cuddling, mon?"

Cuddling? Shoving rocks over the blithering ice! Just as bad as "love" in tennis. They've no business using misleading names for their games! Isn't there a law to protect the innocent? After this, I'm going to insist on a demonstration before I close a deal! And I had to pay the bus fares, too! Cuddling indeed!

Yours disgustedly,
F.H.A. COLLINS
Kamloops, B.C.
January 17, 1979

P.S. For a' that, I trust you had a verry happy Hogmanay.

THANKS FROM FIRE VICTIM

Sir,
I would like to thank all the people on the islands and else-

where who came to my assistance both financially and materially following the fire which almost destroyed my boat, the *Sophia*.

Thanks also to those who have pledged their time for rebuilding the boat and those who staged the benefit coffee house; in particular, Marianne Grittani and Valdy.

DARRELL GEORGESON

Ganges

January 22, 1979

TWO FINE MEN

Sir,

The people of Greater Victoria have lost two fine men in the last two weeks.

Restoration architect Peter Cotton added flair and wit to our city. He saved and re-created some of our finest buildings, including both Emily Carr house and Government House. But apart from his profession, his personal work also added to the quality of human life in Victoria.

Peter served for years as the president of Cool-Aid, and lent all the tact and talent of his personality. He resolved disputes, added imagination, and made us look more respectable than we ever really were.

Bill Scott, friend of outcasts and new thinking, has also passed away. Bill gave generously to hopeless causes, and gave his own drive and energy to us as well. He also served on the Cool-Aid board and provided learning and laughter and a remarkable insight into the Victoria we never knew.

Bill was a friend, a bright critic, a stern believer in moral truths, and in love with ideas. He had more friends and admirers than he may ever have known.

We've lost two great gentlemen, and were lucky to have had them with us for a while.

CHARLES BARBER, MLA

Victoria, B. C.

January 17, 1979

RESIDENTS PRESSURE

Sir,

In the January 3 issue of *Gulf Islands Driftwood* there was an admirable article regarding library service to Ganges by their local volunteer library. However it alleges that pressure has been felt to get Salt Spring to join the Vancouver Island Regional Library System. I wish to say that the pressure is not from the Regional System, it is from the residents of Saturna, Mayne, Pender, Galiano and Salt Spring itself. Regional library service is available to all of the islands but only as the package unit, School District #64 (Gulf Islands).

'No it isn't a blackout, they just recalled the power!'

If Ganges wants to keep its volunteer library it makes it extremely unlikely that the other islands can get any service at all. Many Gulf Islands residents belong to the Vancouver Island Regional Library through belonging to the branches at Sidney and Duncan but this is an awkward and expensive business. These borrowers are now asking that the Regional investigate the possibility of bringing good public library service to the Gulf Islands. It can be done and done inexpensively through branch libraries, deposit stations, bookmobile routes and direct mail to borrowers.

In our efforts not to bring any pressure to bear on the Gulf Islands as alleged, we have not given the picture of what the residents can get simply by asking the Regional Library to come there and speak at ratepayers meetings or any other gathering. Perhaps we have done a disservice through this policy.

The article in your paper shows that more information is needed on the subject of the Vancouver Island Regional Library. We are now prepared to provide that information if asked.

FRED T. WHITE

Director

January 17, 1979

Awareness class features wide variety of speakers

The second session of the Native Indian and Inuit Awareness class will feature as speakers: The Chief of the Cowichan people and the head of the Native Courtworkers in B.C. Alex Nelson. Nelson works to establish Native Brotherhood Clubs in prisons and will be bringing a slide presentation.

Also featured as speakers will be Jose Arreak, an Inuit and a representative from the Native Student Union from the University of Victoria. Project North will be sending representatives from the

Dene people, the Inuit and the Council of Yukon Indians. The Akwesane Mohawk group, Voices from the Earth, may also be coming in the Spring. They have singers and speakers in their group.

No muffler

Driving a vehicle without a proper muffler on December 22 cost Leo Geary \$20 in provincial court last week.

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Weekly: Wednesdays

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Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710
Sunday at 3 pm in school
Bible Study Friday in the homes

GALIANO ISLAND

St. Margaret's Galiano Sundays 9.00 am

For 30 years he has informed, entertained

The following article appeared in the December-January issue of *The Publisher*, the official publication of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association. It was published upon the retirement of Frank Richards as president of the B. C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association, which office he held for two years.

It is reprinted here because Richards is also retiring as editor of *Gulf Islands Driftwood*.

BY KAREN RALFS

It's easy to find Frank Richards in a crowd. Look for a group of people laughing and he is probably the one right in the middle. The retiring president of the British Columbia And Yukon Community Newspapers Association is anything but retiring, being blessed with an enormous wit and charming enough to be able to use it outrageously.

It was the opening reception of the recent B.C.Y.C.N.A. Convention, so Richards, as the retiring president of the organization was everywhere-greeting old friends, waving his cigar and scattering his dry wit through the crowd. There didn't seem to be anyone there who was not absolutely delighted to see Richards.

But at the first opportunity, he took time out to give me an interview. He settled back in his chair, lit the stub of his cigar and took an extravagant puff. Leaning forward, he fixed me with piercing blue eyes and entreated me to "never be serious if you can avoid it."

"My purpose in journalism is to inform and entertain," said Richards. In the 30 years he's been in the business he has done just that. **FROM ENGLAND IN 1948**

Richards came to Canada from England in 1948 and found work in the Sidney Post Office on Vancouver Island. For the princely sum of \$95 per month, the 30-year old Richards toiled 66 hours per week and wondered why he had come to Canada. He had already written to his father asking for passage money home, when Clair Rivers bought the Sidney Review. When Rivers came into the post office and told Richards he needed one good man to work on his paper, Richards was the one good man.

"I wrote a story on a local soap box derby to show what I could do," said Richards. "I ended up working for him for 17 years."

Richards again lit the stub of his cigar and smiled. "When I left for my own paper, Rivers said he knew two things about me. The first was I never tie my shoe laces. The second was that one should never try to talk to me before 10:00 a.m."

TO GANGES

When Richards left the Sidney Review, it was to purchase the Gulf Islands Driftwood in Ganges on Salt Spring Island. Richards had been hoping to purchase the Sidney Review, but it was the Driftwood that was for sale.

The paper was in a mess when

Richards took over. Today the tabloid which originates "at the end of the yellow dirt road behind the government liquor store" is read and enjoyed by people all through the Gulf Islands. In the homes I have visited on Salt Spring over the past 10 years, the daily papers from Victoria and Vancouver are read and then used to light the fire. The Driftwood is usually lying beside the most comfortable chair in the living room to be enjoyed all week.

Richards' greatest journalistic fear is losing the support of his community. He takes another thoughtful puff at his cigar, but it has gone out again. The cigar is down to about two inches now, and I fear for his elegant moustache as he re-lights it. The ritual completed he looked thoughtful. "Support is an odd thing," he said. "I'm not asking people to share my views. All I want is for them to read my paper."

CAPTIVE

"We have a population of 4,500 on Salt Spring Island, with a circulation of 1,800 on the one island," he said. "On a small island you are a captive, so residents are thrown into each other's path. Most of my readers are my friends, much more so than in any other community I've lived in. Therefore, it is much harder to lose readership. You feel it more."

Richards' paper is intensely personal and his personality comes across just as strongly in print as it does in person. He prefers to leave them laughing, but not at the cost of avoiding community issues.

"Simultaneously to my going to Salt Spring, regional planning came to the islands," he said. "I ran into trouble with the millionaire faction, as I supported the community as the paramount authority. I came out quite strongly that uncontrolled development would ruin the islands."

Richards re-lights his cigar in an effort to recall the verse, but remembers only the last line: "Don't speak for this island again." Richards grinned. "And Gaglardi (the government minister) didn't. Not because of my editorial, but because he was involved in one too many scandals."

EDITORIAL ATTACK

Richards recalled another fight with Gaglardi while he was editor of the Sidney Review. The town wanted a divided highway to the Patricia Bay Airport, but the province built an undivided highway. Within a week there was a fatal crash, and Richards began a twenty-week editorial attack with: "There's blood on your hands, Mr. Gaglardi." After three weeks of editorials on the same topic, people called Richards a fool. After 10 weeks, Victoria asked him to quit. After twenty weeks of editorial attack, Victoria agreed to install a concrete divider on the highway.

But not all Richards' journalistic recollections are triumphant ones. He has the ability to fall asleep instantly, anywhere, anytime-including right in the middle

of an interview. While interviewing a woman on a story, Richards fell asleep between his question and her answer. "It was difficult talking my way out of that one," he said.

Richards is well known at conventions for his ability to lighten even the most ponderous series of after-dinner speeches. "I get a tremendous satisfaction out of standing up in front of a crowd and having people laugh with me," he said.

IDENTICAL TWIN

But Richards hasn't always considered himself a public speaker. He has an identical twin in England, "like me, only more so," Richards said. His twin had always been the outgoing one and in 1952, when Richards made his public speaking debut, he had never spoken to more than a dozen people at once. The McCarthy furor in the United States had led to the banning of the CCF party up here and Richards, as editor of a local paper, was asked to represent the press at a conference in Victoria on censorship. "I was delivering a carefully-prepared speech, when a determined nee-der in the crowd finally got to me," he said.

The remark that finally got to Richards was: "What about all those pictures of half-naked women in bathing costumes we see in the paper?"

Richards' voice turned disdainful as he remembered his reply: "What do you suggest? That we leave the bathing costume off?" It brought down the house and Richards has never been afraid of public speaking since.

Nothing fazes him now. At the final dinner of the B.C.Y.C.N.A. meeting, Richards said he would be delighted to introduce the new executive. "Only I don't know who they are. Could somebody give me a list?"

TURBULENT CHANGES

Richards was the first president of B.C.Y.C.N.A. in 37 years to serve a second term, and members said his casual friendly nature was needed to guide the association through some turbulent changes, including allowing free distribution

papers into the membership. Richards has the respect of both the younger and the more senior publishers.

"It was Richards who instigated quite a change in the association," said one young publisher. "He changed it from a conservative organization into a group of people willing to consider innovations."

Is he ever serious? Yes, when he talks about Canadian unity. Richards describes himself as a "very vigorous Canadian Unitarian," and puts across the message whenever he can.

His welcome to the delegates to the August Canadian Community Newspapers Association conference in Vancouver stressed that Canadian unity is not dead, but alive and vibrant.

A TRIAL

When people talk about Frank Richards they look happy and fond.

Talking about the irreverent Richards brings smiles. Although his wife, Barbara assured me that he "has always been a trial to his mother." Is he a trial to Barbara? She smiled. "I'll never tame him."

When you go to Salt Spring Island, follow the yellow dirt road to the government liquor store and listen for the roar of a Fiat Spider (bright red). That will be Frank Richards, with his hair blowing in the wind and his probably unlit cigar waving expansively.

Richards said the time taken up over the past two years with his presidency will now be free, but not wasted.

"I shall devote all that spare time to teaching Canadians to speak English as it should be spoken."

Again Richards looked at his cigar and again I trembled for his moustache. But he stubbed it out firmly.

Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dural, of Dinsmore, Saskatchewan, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Garner, Mr. Dural is a cousin of Mrs. Garner.

Miss Townsend, a resident of Page Drive, has left for London, England, en route to the Holy Land. She is really looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful sights on this trip.

Miss Clare Bennett has returned to her home at Georgeson Bay after an extended holiday in Hawaii.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. C. Farrel, of Lords Hill, is ill in hospital in Victoria.

With deep sorrow we record the sudden death of Al Austin, of Vancouver and Galiano. His many friends share this sorrow, as he and his wife have been coming to Galiano for many years and have a lovely home at Georgeson Bay.

At the golden wedding party for

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. (Bill) Maier, last Saturday, January 13, special guests coming from Vancouver were missed. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eshom, their daughter, Catherine Kepper, and Mrs. Kepper's little daughter, Jennifer made a special trip for this occasion.

The South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department annual meeting will be held at Galiano Hall on Saturday, January 27 at 3 pm in the afternoon.

EAGLES

People driving down the valley road these days should look over the big field of the Rees', where they will see many huge bald eagles at the pond there. We understand that more than 30 were seen on Sunday, and also a huge flock of Canada Geese came down along with several snow geese. Snow geese in flight are not too easy to find along this part of the coast.

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POSTSCRIPT

Clement should know better

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

If Mike Clement's performance at last Wednesday's meeting between a Salt Spring Island contingent and Transport Minister Alex Fraser is any indication of the way the former represents Salt Spring on the Capital Regional Board, it's time we got ourselves a new director.

The meeting, held in Fraser's office in the legislative buildings in Victoria, was called in an effort to clarify some of the major problems of ferry transit that plague Salt Spring residents. All Mike Clement appeared to be interested in were the problems facing commuter traffic.

Clement picked and nagged away for endless minutes on the woes of people living on Salt Spring and working on Vancouver Island. The lecture ended momentarily when Islands MLA Hugh Curtis injected a reminder that the meeting had been called to deal with major problems. But, tenacity undiminished, Clement was back at it later in the meeting requesting any number of concessions for commuters.

What Clement seems to forget, however, is that no one has to live on Salt Spring Island and work somewhere else. If he, as a commuter, and a small minority of other island residents choose to operate that way that's their prerogative. But it's also quite evident that if they're going to try for the best of both worlds they're going to have to put up with occasional inconveniences, and that includes missing ferries when traffic is heavy.

As the old saying goes, you

can't have your cake and eat it too, and Mike Clement should be old enough and wise enough by now to be fully aware of that.

I like Clement-he's an affable enough gentleman, and I think he's doing his best to keep the people of Salt Spring Island informed on

what's happening at the regional district level.

What rankles is seeing someone under the guise of an elected representative crusading for what is essentially a private cause. And that's what Mike Clement was doing last Wednesday.

Continuing Education draws instructors from all over

Several instructors offering courses through Continuing Education this spring are from off-island.

Ursula Connelly of Galiano Island will be teaching Drawing and Painting on Tuesday afternoons as well as a special Sketch and Sail course for Outer Islanders. She attended UBC majoring in Painting, Graphics, and Design, and graduated in 1976. She has had four years teaching experience in Continuing Education for other districts.

John Crawford from Vancouver will be presenting Acting on Tuesdays. He is founder and director of Explorations Workshops, an organization devoted to teaching basic theatre skills, improvisation, and scenework to adults and young people.

Besides teaching, Crawford has directed productions for Green Thumb Players, Metro Theatre, West Van Theatre and various other amateur groups in Vancouver and Calgary. As an actor he has performed with groups in Calgary, Toronto and New York, where he studied with Sanford Meisner.

Other studies in Canada and the States include directing, voice, music, dance and mime.

Dance instructor Ron Taylor will offer a two day workshop on February 10 and 17 in disco dancing. A director of the National Dance Board - approved Rolando Dancer's Club in Victoria, he has also presented complete ballroom dance instruction at Camosun College, University of Victoria, and the YMCA.

Ryan Murraygreen of Richmond will teach Papermaking in a one-day workshop on April 15. He is Canadian creator of paper art works and will be presenting in 1979 a one man tour of the prairie provinces and showings in Hamilton, London, and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Naomi Rachel, also from Richmond, will conduct a Poetry Workshop on April 15. She has a Master's Degree in Creative Writing, a subject she has taught in California, Mexico, and at UBC. Her poetry has appeared in Contemporary California Poets, Major Women Writing, Malahat Review, Hawaii Review and Anthology of Long Poetry, among others.

Bruce McAllister of Victoria will be using information and material approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Canadian Department of Energy, Mines and Resources in his two Solar Heating workshops, Panel Building on February 24 and Solar Greenhouses on March 10. Research and development was conducted while he was associated with the Victoria Centre for Energy and Conservation, and now is being continued through Warmhouse Designs in Victoria, of which he is a director.

Farmers' group elects new slate

Alan Gear has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Salt Spring Island Farmer's Institute for 1979.

Gear and a new board were elected at the Institute's annual general meeting Wednesday, January 17.

Merv Walde will serve as vice-chairman for the coming year, and Bev Byron has been named secretary-treasurer.

Other directors elected to the board include Rob Wiebe, Tom Gossett, Bert Barber, Joe Clarke and Mike Byron.

Walde said Tuesday that the Institute hasn't yet made a final decision as to what to do with a \$30,000 grant received from the provincial government.

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It's that time of year again. Lambs are beginning to arrive on farms all over Salt Spring Island, and the McFadyen place on Baker Road is no exception. Curtis Chmielewski makes friends with a lamb who arrived unexpectedly last week.

Gulf Islands heart foundation elects new executive for 1979

The annual meeting of the Gulf Islands Unit of the B. C. Heart Foundation was held on January 16.

The following officers were elected: Dick Toynbee, chairman; Ray Bush, treasurer; Heather Rainsford, secretary; John Lees, publicity chairman.

The fund raising campaign gets underway in February. The committee would welcome help from anyone wishing to volunteer.

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Players adopt official guidelines in constitution at annual meeting

Salt Spring Players have adopted a constitution and by-laws governing future activities of the local theatre group. Principal feature of the guidelines is a separation of administrative functions from theatrical planning and production, and the establishment of vice presidencies for each of the two divisions. Also called for is the announcement early each year of the group's planned activities for the coming 12 months.

Action was taken at the annual general meeting held January 16 at St. Georges' Church Hall and was followed by the election of Ernie Rubright as president. Hugh

Cummings and David Fitchew will be the two vice presidents with Pat Desbottes serving as secretary and Catherine Faulkner continuing as treasurer. Also elected to the executive were Reg and Marilyn Taylor, Dorothy Cummings, and John Lomas.

Members voted to support Peter McCalman's production of

"Jesus Christ Superstar" scheduled for April 7-8 in the Activity Centre.

At the next general meeting, scheduled for February 6, the members will be asked to approve the annual production plan, a membership dues schedule, and the general meeting schedule for the year.

Esperantists visit Galiano — For wedding anniversary

BY MARY HARDING

Maier Golden Wedding special party.

On Sunday, January 14 friends of Bill and Alice Maier came to Galiano from Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle to honour them on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary.

This group of Esperantists also represents the countries of Latvia, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Austria, Belgium and Germany.

Leader of Esperanto of Canada, Wally Du Temple of Sidney, with his wife and two children, were present and told us of an article written in 1933, which he kindly interpreted for me.

Here are some excerpts of that most interesting article.

"In 1910, Alice and a lady friend heard of the Esperanto Congress being held in Antwerp, so they attended and became most interested. They studied the language, and in 1911, Alice sang and played her violin at the next congress in Antwerp.

To begin, the originator of Esperanto, Dr. Zamenhoff, was met at the train station by a huge crowd of Esperantists.

A golden carriage drawn by two horses and decorated with garlands awaited the great man. When Dr. Zamenhoff stepped from the train the enthusiastic crowd unhitched the horses and many of them carried the carriage through the streets. Alice was one of them.

Alice was also at that time

corresponding with 12 people, one of them an English gentleman. She was interested in meeting him at this congress, and imagined him to be a tall man. Not finding a tall Englishman, she met a rather short, modest man, whom she couldn't find love for. She did not meet the man of her dreams until 1923, at the Universal Congress in Nuremberg, Germany, where she met Bill Maier.

They married on a wintery, snowy day, January 12, 1928, in Germany, beginning a most loving and colourful life. They had one son who was killed in World War II, and one daughter, Anneleis, who now resides on Galiano. They moved to Canada in 1949, where they lived for 30 years, during which time Mr. Maier was at the University of B.C.

Upon retirement, they moved to Galiano, where they now live in a nice home near Sturdies Bay.

At this gathering of Esperantists at Galiano Lodge on Sunday, they received many lovely gifts, among them a most interesting candle fashioned in the shape of a log, with two little bears clinging to it. They also received several books written in Esperanto from their admiring friends.

We have been told by Mr. Du Temple that anyone interested in learning this language may write to Box 2067 Sidney, to receive more information. A correspondence course is available as well as free pamphlets.

Suitability of horse stressed in Riders' Club talk

On Thursday night members of the Salt Spring Island Riding Club gathered to hear guest speaker Fred Ball and Victoria farrier.

Fred's informative talk was on "Buying the Correct Horse." He stressed that suitability of horse to rider was one of the main objectives. Too often inexperienced people purchase a horse only to find later they haven't the knowledge to handle it. Fred recommended to take, if possible, an experienced rider along to examine and ride the horse. An untrained eye can miss both physical and temperamental problems, he said. He also stressed that any horse should be carefully examined by a vet before purchase.

The talk continued with a discussion of leg and foot problems, supplemented with actual bones and horses' hooves. It was a very informative meeting especially for those owning a horse for the first time.

On Wednesday three club members attended a jumping clinic in Victoria. The instructor, George Morris, is reputed to be one of the finest jumping instructors in North America. It was a fascinating experience to watch an instructor of this calibre.

Morris emphasized strict discipline and control are most necessary to ensure the safest ride possible.

A reminder that club meetings are the third Thursday of every month during the winter. They are held at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church Hall.

The February speaker is Mrs. Harriet Gordon of Victoria, who will speak on the conditioning of horses.

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SPORTS

It wasn't World War III, it was a rugby game at Ganges

The high school field at Ganges was a sight to behold Saturday, Jan. 13 with bodies flying this way and that; grunts and groans oozing from the generous quantities of mud that lay here and there; the cries of battle as troops reformed and pressed to the attack; and the scream of spectators who ringed the field.

This was not World War III, but

none other than the long-awaited return of rugby to Salt Spring Island.

For several years the Victoria Cartaways used to make an annual visit to the island to play a local side, but this tradition came to an end some years ago. In an effort to revive the game on the island, Eric Donnelly, the local rugby enthusiast, has been busily organizing a group of ex-players and energetic novices.

CAME TO FRUITION

His efforts came to fruition Saturday as nearly 200 people were entertained with a wide open, hard-hitting, exciting brand of rugby as Salt Spring battled Cowichan. Although Salt Spring came up on the short end, 14-0 (3 tries, 1 convert), it was by no means a one-sided game as play raged from

one end to the other, with both Cowichan and Salt Spring coming close on several occasions.

Following the game, as players and spectators alike retired to the Fulford Inn for an infamous rugby beer-up full of song and chatter, several Cowichan players were heard to express surprise that so few of the Salt Spring players had game experience. Arrangements are already being made for a return match, as well as games against other clubs. All in all, the future for rugby on Salt Spring is definitely looking better.

Marshall Sharp trophy awarded



At the annual awards dinner of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club the Marshall Sharp trophy for the 1978 Around Salt Spring Island race was

awarded to Doug Foerster, left. The presentation of the impressive award was made by Jim Sinclair.

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and Jim Glenn with 357. The bowlers of the week were Nellie Miller and Ken Collins.

Many thanks to all the people who have spared over the past few weeks. This flu bug has really taken its toll of a lot of regular bowlers and we had to rely on a lot of spares to make up the teams.

Don't forget the 10 game bowl-a-thon February 3, starting at six in the evening. There is still time to get in on it, just leave your name at the desk.

We are still waiting for an 800 triple from the Ladies' Department. Come on ladies, who's going to be the first one?

Here is a simple tip that might stand you in good stead if you are having trouble finding the headpin. Lane conditions can vary quite drastically. For instance, if the lanes have recently been dressed, your ball will not break as much as it usually will. Therefore, the golden rule is if you miss the headpin on the right side, move to the right side on the approach before you start your walk up. Most people tend to move the wrong way only causing the ball to miss the headpin by a wider margin. Try it, you'll be surprised at the difference it can make to your game.

Duncan team top place in volleyball

Alex Aitken Elementary from Duncan won the first annual Salt Spring-Fernwood Boys' Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

Alex Aitken completed the round-robin play undefeated, winning all 10 games. Salt Spring A finished second with six points, followed closely, by the Pender Pirates with five points and Salt Spring B with 4 points. Following in fifth and sixth places were Mt. Brenton of Chemainus and the Fernwood Flyers.

Play during the tournament showed continual improvement with all teams more skilled in play at the end of the day. This is the first year Salt Spring and Fernwood have had competitive volleyball teams.

In the playoffs, Alex Aitken defeated Salt Spring B 7-11, 11-1 and 11-5 and Pender defeated Salt Spring A 11-5 and 11-9.

All teams were awarded certificates for participation. Thanks were expressed to Kevin Kline, Gerry O'Sullivan and Mike Hoescmann for refereeing.

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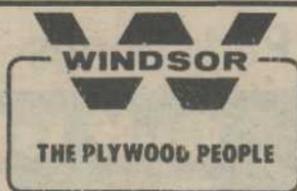
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Dinner draws 200

Burns Night marked at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Robert Burns' 220th birthday was celebrated in traditional manner on Pender Island on Saturday evening at the School Community Centre. Approximately 200 people attended the dinner put on by the Lion's Club of the Penders. Gordon Wallace, president of the Lion's Club, presided at the head table and Douglas Harker acted as master of ceremonies. Eighteen guests were seated at the head table and among them were George and Edith Pearson, initiators of the Pender Island Care Tree, which in the past few years the Lion's Club has been operating. Mr. Pearson gave a short address in appreciation and told the gathering that over \$10,000 was raised this past Christmas. It helps in the feeding of 20 million people every day throughout the world.

The dinner was delicious, the

food being prepared by Lion ladies and friends of the club, and served by our delightful Pender Island school girls who are so adept at this job.

The haggis was carried in from the kitchen by Gordon Berry and Rob Barrica, with the bagpipes, piped the head table guests to their places. The address to the Haggis was given by Jim Cowan and it would be a dull person indeed who wouldn't be thrilled by his wonder-

ful rendition in true Scottish dialect.

Bob Allison, with his lovely Scottish accent, made the toast to Robbie Burns, in which he reminded us that it would be hard to find another poet whose 220th birthday is still celebrated and has been for all these years. Mr. Harker thanked all who worked hard to prepare the dinner. Ray and Virginia Newman's orchestra from Salt Spring supplied music for dancing

Weather forces soccer cancellation

BY MALCOLM LEGG

With the weather continuing to play havoc with the soccer schedule players are probably wondering if they will ever play again. After two straight weekends of cancelled games Salt Spring's teams are becoming frustrated at the lack of playing time.

But one must give credit because the local teams tried last

However, our teams are keeping occupied practicing and holding a "disco". Through an arrangement between the association and the Harbour House dining room the teams can hold discos to raise funds, another example of community involvement. But even though practicing helps and discos certainly show some different moves by the players, there is nothing like those games.

Found guilty on two charges

Failing to appear in Ganges provincial court on June 14 of last year cost James Clarke \$75 on Wednesday last week. Clarke, who had previously entered a not guilty plea to the charge, told the court that he had been fishing at the time and that a friend was to appear for him. He also said that his sister-in-law was to have phoned the courthouse to get the court date changed.

There had been no notification from either person.

Clarke was also found guilty on a charge of driving while his license was under suspension.

Clarke argued that he hadn't realized his license was suspended because, the court learned, he hadn't finished reading a letter from the superintendent of motor vehicles.

Judge D.K. McAdam fined him \$25.

Bastion Theatre delights Galiano audience

On Thursday, January 18, most of the children on Galiano Island and a fortunate group of adults were held spellbound for an hour of marvellous entertainment by four young players who comprise the Youth Touring Group of the Bastion Theatre.

Their play "There and Back Again" was a tale of adventure complete with lost treasure, a fearsome dragon, wicked goblins and a timid hobbit who turned into a true hero to the delight of the wide-eyed audience. The two actors and two actresses displayed great versatility as they skillfully portrayed 11 different characters

dressed in an amazing array of costumes.

The Galiano audience is looking forward to seeing more of this fine group, hopefully as an annual event.

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Bob Whittle has a multitude of ideas for community projects

Friday night's disco for the girls' soccer group on Salt Spring Island was a success, according to its sponsor, Bob Whittle, and plans for another are in the works. The next disco will be for the boy's soccer group and it, too, will be held in the dining room at the Harbour House Hotel.

But that's not all Bob Whittle has plans for.

Whittle, who came to Salt Spring from Victoria last November, is the dining room manager at Harbour House, but his work at the hotel has not prevented him from getting involved in community events nor has it prevented him from coming up with a multitude of ideas in the way of community projects.

At one time a professional cricket player, Bob Whittle hails from England. His travels have taken him around the world and he has lived and worked in many different countries, including India, Burma, Singapore and Australia.

When he arrived on Salt Spring he "found a void" in community-oriented events and, since then, has been working to overcome that void.

RAFFLE FOR BAND

Having helped out the soccer association with disco dances, Whittle's next plan is to assist the high school band with a raffle. Already on order is a three-foot high Easter bunny made of chocolate and another identical bunny,

but only half the size. The big bunny is the prize, but it will be suggested to whoever wins it that they donate it to a children's group or the hospital.

"One person couldn't eat it all," explained the raffle's organizer.



BOB WHITTLE

If the winner does decide to give it away, he will be given the smaller bunny: a lot of chocolate perhaps, but still not too much for one person.

Members of the school band will begin selling tickets about a month before Easter.

Another plan that is hatching in Bob Whittle's mind is a championship shoot that he wants to arrange with the island's Rod and Gun Club. The shoot would take place on the beach in front of the hotel.

He would also like to see something done for the New Year's baby. In his home town in England, he explained, it was a tradition that the first baby of the new year was

given a silver spoon and he would like to see something similar done on the islands. He has already begun by giving a teddy bear to this year's first baby.

A Punch and Judy show to be held in the hotel at Easter and a country and western music festival are two more ideas that Bob Whittle is considering.

But, he said, he needs help and asked that anyone interested in any of the aforementioned ideas contact him at the hotel.

Blasting is blamed for damage

Blasting in the Isabella Point area has caused some damage to the home of Harry Heiter, RCMP told Driftwood this week.

Mr. Heiter reported a crack eight feet long in a 10-inch thick concrete wall in his basement.

Blasting occurred January 8 and 11.

Memorial service held January 16 for Mrs. Randall

A memorial service was held for Mrs. Joan Patricia Randall January 16 after she died in Victoria General Hospital on January 12.

Rev. Peter McCalman officiated at the service, which was held at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Ganges.

Mrs. Randall had been a resident of Old Scott Road on Salt Spring Island.

Ex-islander is author of play

Driftwood received some news recently from ex-Salt Spring Islander Charles Tidler, who is now living in Comox.

He wrote that a one-act play he has written is being produced in Vancouver and will be staged in February.

Impaired charge is dismissed

Vancouver man is fined \$750 for refusing to blow

A Vancouver man was fined \$750 in Ganges provincial court Wednesday after he was found guilty by judge D.K. McAdam of refusing to comply with a demand for a breathalyzer test.

Dr. John Layng of Vancouver appeared in court for trial on that and a charge of impaired driving; the impaired charge was dismissed.

RCMP Const. Burt Allison told the court that on the evening of May 28, 1978 he had followed the accused from downtown Ganges to Harbour's End Marina, and had observed him cross the centre line when he made the turn on to Upper Ganges Road.

Layng stopped at Harbours End Marina, said Allison, who subsequently formed the opinion that Layng's ability to drive was impaired.

He was taken to the police station for a breath test, at which time Dr. R. Dixon was called to examine Layng. The accused claimed that he needed medication for a heart condition and that the necessary pills were on his boat, the court learned. Dr. Dixon testified that he told police he could see "no reasonable justification for holding them (the pills)" and an officer was sent to get the pills from Dr. Layng's boat. Dixon also told the court that it was impossible at the time to draw any conclusion as to whether or not Layng was impaired.

HEART ATTACKS, STROKES

In later testimony by Dr. Layng, the court learned that he had suffered a number of heart attacks and strokes in the past few years.

RCMP Sgt. Ray Stelter said that the accused had taken the mouthpiece of the breathalyzer machine but hadn't blown into it.

The accused said he had no diaphragm or neck muscles and was for that reason unable to blow, testified Stelter.

In handing out the verdict on the impaired charge, judge McAdam noted that although the evidence of the two officers "basically amounted to some characteristics of alcoholic consumption" on the part of Dr. Layng, Dr. Dixon's opinion left some doubt.

The charge of refusing to blow was an "entirely different situation", said McAdam. He said there was a discrepancy in the evidence of the accused that indicated "a certain breakdown in his credibility..." The defence, he continued, raised a question of incapacity to blow but the evidence was not sufficient to show such an incapacity.

Prior to sentencing, crown coun-

sel Donald Laughton observed that Layng had a previous conviction for impaired driving and that a jail term would be mandatory.

Defence counsel Peter Butler pointed out, however, that McAdam was not bound to impose a jail term. The notice of intent to proceed by way of second conviction that was served on the accused specified that a jail term would be mandatory only under sections 234 and 236. Refusing to blow comes under section 235.

"The notice is deficient," said Butler, "because it refers to the wrong section."

McAdam agreed that the notice was inadequate and imposed the fine of \$750.

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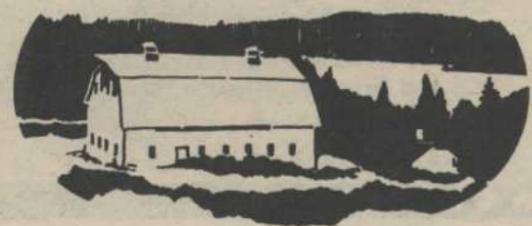
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Purcell program includes wide variety of music

Several widely-known works are included in the program to be given by the Purcell String Quartet when it performs here Sunday, February 4, at 2 p.m. Haydn's Quartet in C Major, Op. 54, No. 2; "Italian Serenade" by Hugo Wolf; Divertimento in F by Mozart; Percy Grainger's "Molly on the Shore"; and Schubert's Quartet in D minor, "Death and the Maiden."

The concert will take place at the Schubart home on Old Scott Road. The quartet played in there in December, 1972 under the aegis of the Community Arts Council when that organization was making some of its earliest efforts to enrich the cultural opportunities for Salt Spring Islanders.

Each CAC member was phoned with an advance reminder about the event; homemade delectables, tea and coffee were served at intermission and the audience had the opportunity to ask questions or exchange views with performers between selections. This was all free to CAC members.

After several intermediate phases, the concert series is now a joint effort of the Community Arts Council and the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island which provides a

congenial setting for most of the events at St. George's.

The ambience is still informal and friendly but the expense of bringing performers to the island must be met with a paper collection at the door. A very touching gesture was made by Salt Spring's Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble who most recently performed in the series and volunteered to donate their fee back to the concert series to help towards the rather heavy expenses for the balance of the season.

Presenting a group of international rak such as the Purcell, is somewhat beyond the financial capabilities of the group, but each time they have played here there has been some supplementary factor that helped out. Last year the CBC was interested in recording the performance and participated in the financing. This year the quartet will be playing for the schools the day following the public concert so that assistance is forthcoming from the B.C. Cultural Fund. The Canada Council and Simon Fraser University where the Quartet is in residence, the Western Lottery Foundation and the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation.

Putting all the bits and pieces together is the local committee which includes Joan Stace, chairman, May George, Jean Knight, Laurie Neish and Maggie Schubart.

Religious gaps shrinking

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

I celebrated World Religions Day on Sunday with some of the local Baha'i community. A celebration indeed! A group of delightful, dedicated, well-informed people who are so open to what we have in common with other religions, that they make me ashamed of the schisms between Christians! But I do believe that the gaps between Christians are very gradually being reduced. If only that were true of the rich and poor worlds, or the haves and have-nots in our own society.

This Communion prayer was on the back of Sunday's United Church bulletin:

"Oh Lord God, you who have given us so much; we are thankful for your gift of bread, by which our stomachs have been filled, our bodies nourished and strengthened to meet the needs of daily work. But our hearts are heavy with the needs of brothers (and sisters) who are hungry this day, who have never known the feeling of being filled. It is not in us to want to share their hunger, but grant that we may learn to share with them our plenty. Open our hearts and our hands that the resources of our world may be divided more fairly; until daily bread for all mankind becomes the symbol of your love, and that bread, broken by all the world's hungry, becomes the symbol of Communion shared by the body of Christ. So make the whole world a Communion table for the breaking of bread to restore a shattered world."

UNEMPLOYABLE

In part of Germany, if you criticize the ecological damage caused by industrial development, are a member of Amnesty International, have a history of actively opposing the Vietnam war, take part in a peaceful demonstration, are presently involved in a certain legal organization (or have been in the past), you may be deemed unsuitable for employment in the civil service!

Some 4,000 civil servants, teachers and public service employees have lost, or been refused, jobs on the grounds that their loyalty was suspect. Participation in legitimate movements for social change and the exercise of what are generally accepted rights in a democracy are all it takes to be branded subversive.

An independent tribunal, set up to investigate human rights violations, held hearings last spring and condemned the government's policies. In most cases, they found, the extensive intelligence service is not forced to prove its allegations in open court and often the accused has no chance of self-defence.

Ninety-five-thousand informants are estimated to be employed by the 15 intelligence units and an example of their thoroughness came to light when German librarians voiced concern that intelligence services were using borrowing lists to discover what certain suspects were reading. (Comedian George Carlin once said that "military intelligence" was a contradiction in terms! What would he have to say about civilian intelligence on this scale?)

The Minister of the Interior denounced the Human Rights Tribunal as subversive, and it is reported that the government considered trying to stop it by forbidding meetings, prohibiting entry, suspending the rights of organizers on the grounds of abuse of freedom of speech, press and assembly.

But none of this is news, you say? This is the danger of communism and police states? I'm sorry - did I mislead you? All the above is happening in West, not East

Germany. In fact "Germanization" is a term being used in European political circles to describe the conservative and repressive trend that seems to be gaining ground in a number of countries. It refers to the 'German model' in which all real opposition to the status quo is suppressed, marginalized or criminalized.

CHAMP PERSISTS

Henry Champ is at it again! This is the man who gave such a distorted view of the World Council of Churches' grants to Combat Racism. Sunday night on W5 he gave a very brief and very prejudiced view of life in China, contra-

More Food for Thought

dicting reports brought back during the last five years by friends and famous people like Shirley MacLaine. His absurd statement that "the revolution had not improved the life of the Chinese appreciably ran counter to my own personal knowledge, gained nearly 20 years ago. His smug assumption that Canadians are so much better off with all their freedom is unrealistic, to say the least. Full employment is a freedom we've not known for quite some time!

Did you know that our government resisted pressure to sign the U.N. Human Rights Covenants for 10 years? We did not sign until 1976, and only Eastern Europe's endorsement that same year brought the total to 35, the number needed to put them into effect. (The U.S.A. has still not ratified the Covenants.)

Incidentally, "The Right to Work" is specified in the U.N. Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

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BY DEVINA BAINES

I must apologize to my readers for my long absence.

After spending a day out at Long Beach on the west coast of Vancouver Island, we decided to take a trip to the east coast of our beautiful country. Now, to you people who are world travellers, that probably doesn't seem like much, but we took the C.N. Train from New Westminster on September 8 and we landed in Toronto on Tuesday morning around 7 am. It was a wonderful trip.

Although many people had told us discouraging stories of the train we really enjoyed it and met many interesting people. The porters and train crew along with the stewards and waitresses were all most obliging and friendly on both our trip east and back home again.

At Toronto we hired a car and our son Harry Jr. and daughter, Tillie Bamford, took turns driving so neither got too tired. We drove through New Brunswick and went by ferry to Nova Scotia, over to the Cape Breton Islands, where we did the Cabot Trail and visited many fish processing plants. We spoke to a lot of east coast fishermen and decided we liked our west coast the best.

There were huge waves the whole three weeks we were travelling. We visited Prince Edward Island on our return. Their red soil made beautiful pictures with a white house at the end of the roadway. We visited the home of Lucy Maude Montgomery, of "Anne of Green Gables".

Everywhere we went we met the most friendly people. En route home we toured "Old Quebec City" with the nicest tour guide, Richard. While in Glace Bay, we were taken inside a coal mine, where my father had once worked. We all had to put capes and hard hats on.

On our return to Toronto we visited Niagara Falls again and the home of Alexander Graham Bell. I spent my birthday in Oakville, Ontario with two cousins, Major and Mrs. Vincent Kenyon.

On our train ride home we met a sweet young lady, who was news editor of an American newspaper.

She was Miss Mary Anne McEnery and her paper was The Bergen Record. We spent a lot of time comparing notes on our respective papers. Hers is huge compared to our Driftwood, but we promised to exchange copies anyhow.

While in Prince Edward Island I was happy to visit and bring back greetings from Rev. Benjamin Fream, one of our former ministers on the island. I think he remem-

bered and asked for everyone on the island, including some of his Mayne Island parishioners.

We arrived home on October 6 where Jack and Jeanne Silvey had been staying and holding the fort down for us.

On November 13, I landed in the Royal Jubilee Hospital with a stroke and remained there for a month. While in hospital I made some more new friends. From Saturna, Mrs. Laura Coombes, who is home now and I hope enjoying good health, also Jeanie Morgan, the postmistress from Saturna. She was a lonely lady and I enjoyed her friendship so much. She is in Gorge Hospital now and I hope will soon be home.

From Salt Spring I met Frank Bostock, whom I shared my Driftwood with then a lady borrowed it and took it home and sent it to her son in Edmonton. The Driftwood really gets around, even in hospitals. I hope Frank is doing well. We had mutual friends on Salt Spring and at Pioneer Village.

In October, Mark Matthews held a no-host farewell party for Anita Baaken and her sister, Norma, prior to their leaving for South America for a few months. The hall was crowded as all wished Anita bon voyage. She had been the clerk at Porlier Pass Marina all summer and made many friends during her stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Silvey had their son, Lorne and daughter, Sylvia, on the island for Christmas and New Years.

We are sorry to hear of so many friends and neighbours ill with the flu - but we hope the nice weather will bring good health to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Coward were on the island for Christmas.

Evan and Pat Hughes spent Christmas in North Vancouver with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Quesnel spent two days on Galiano visiting friends and relatives.

Harry Baines Jr. spent the weekend in Nanaimo helping Verna and Reg Hume celebrate their wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thompson, of Nanaimo, have been visiting Donna's parents, the Angus Crockers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Beatty, of Vancouver, have been spending some holidays at their lovely home on Devina Drive.

Congratulations to George and Shirley Appleby on becoming grandparents on the last day of 1978, also congratulations to Colin and Devina Smith, of Ladysmith, the parents.

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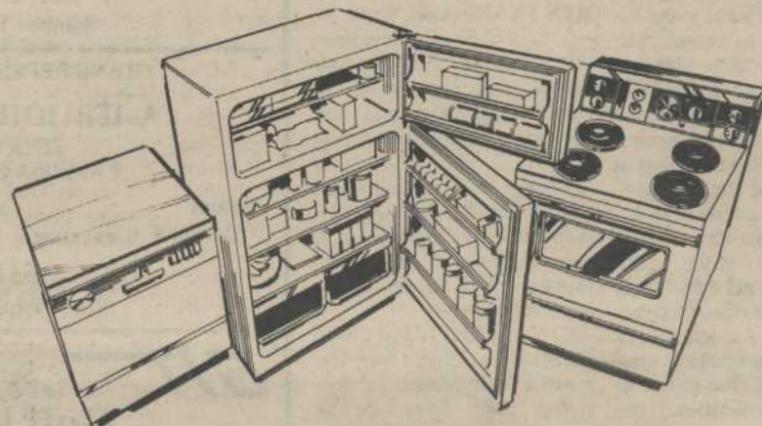


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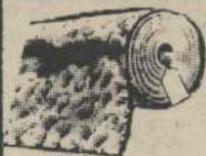


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ALL OVER B.C.**Schwartzs spread conservation gospel****BY SHIRLEY CULPIN**

Ellen and Bill Schwartz are teachers. Not, mind you, conventional teachers who teach the basic three R's and encounter the same faces in the classroom day after day. In fact, during their past two months of teaching the couple haven't seen even one familiar face in any of their classes.

The reason the Schwartzs don't recognize any of their students is because every bunch of youngsters they teach is a different one—they are travelling energy conservation ambassadors, and they don't have any particular school as a home base.

The Schwartzs were in Ganges with their colourful Energy Van last week, spreading the energy

conservation gospel to students ranging from kindergarten age right through the upper echelons of high school. And, not surprisingly, the kids were not only interested but enthusiastic.

"The kids are always interested," said Ellen during a lunch break. "Really, one of the big parts for us is trying to get the teachers interested so that there'll be some follow-through once we've packed up and left. We need them to carry on and keep the students working on the idea."

ALL AGES

The couple have programs geared to virtually all age groups, with the talks on conservation becoming a little more sophisticated with the increase in the students' age. Films, slide shows and a variety of other educational material supplied by the government and the Schwartzs themselves help to illustrate the talks. To date, the couple figure they've reached 5,600 school-aged students alone with their message.

The Schwartzs' Energy Van is one of several scattered throughout the provinces right across Canada.

The project was designed to encourage Canadians to conserve energy and has been operating on a

country-wide basis for the past three years. Funded by the conservation and renewable energy branch of the Department of Environment, Mines and Resources, it supplies vans, audio-visual materials and booklets for the travelling teachers who work under contract to the government.

The Schwartzs who make their home in the Revelstoke area, fell into the job quite naturally. Both provincially-certified teachers, they had been working prior to this project at the community conservation centre in Nelson. When the couple who had been employed by the federal government quit, the Schwartzs applied for the job.

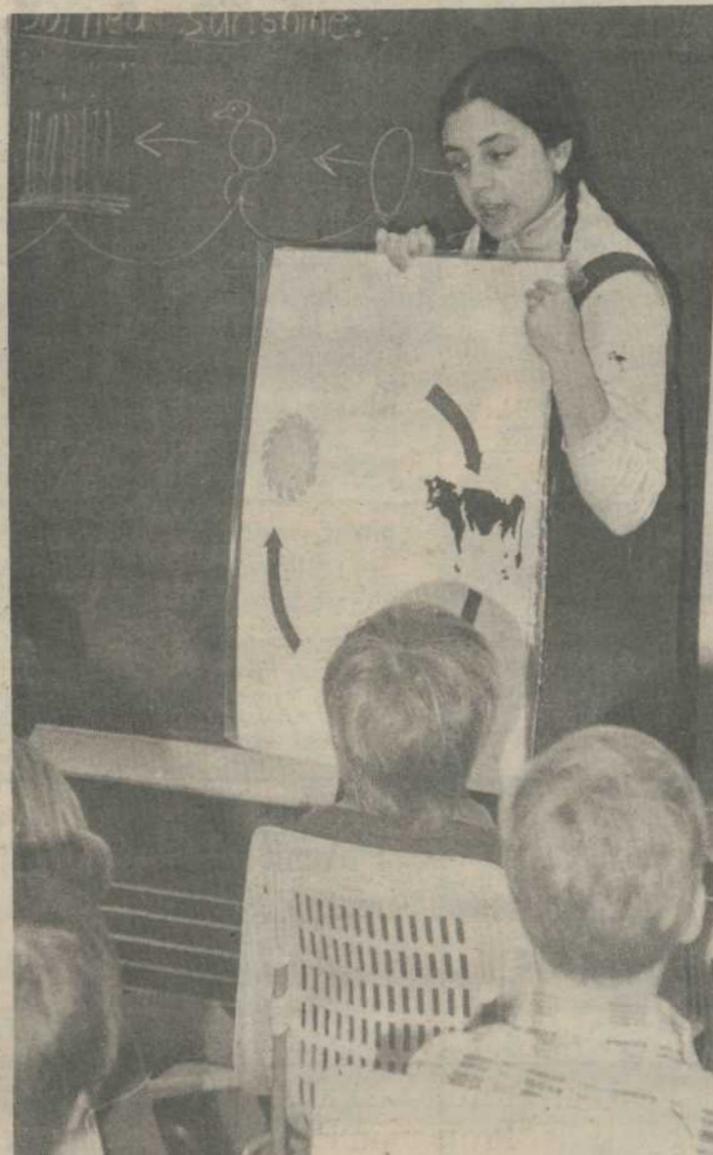
"I guess it was a combination of our being teachers and having worked at the conservation centre that did it," Ellen said.

TRAVEL UNRESTRICTED

After a three-week training period in Ottawa the couple returned to B. C. to begin their odyssey.

"One of the nice things about the job is that we can go wherever we want to," Ellen pointed out. "We wanted to see north central B.C., so we started in Prince Rupert and Prince George."

That stint took the Schwartzs from mid-November to the school holiday break in December. With the beginning of the new year they travelled to the Victoria area to work in schools there, then came to Ganges. From here the couple were heading to communities in the central and northern parts of Vancouver Island, then over to Powell River.



Ellen Schwartz gives a simple lesson in conservation to grade one

students at Salt Spring Elementary with the assistance of posters.

What's it like, leading such a gypsy life?

"Being on the road hasn't been bad at all," said Ellen. "We were told by the previous couple who had done this that the travelling was terrible, but we've enjoyed it. It's allowed us to see places we wanted to see."

The Schwartzs make it a rule to try to stay in each community for at least a week in order to cover not only the school system, but community college and adult audiences as well.

ENJOY JOB

"And that makes it easier for us, too, because we're not packing up and moving off to another place every day," observed Ellen.

Indeed, the couple have enjoyed the job so thoroughly that if it

weren't for Ellen's advanced pregnancy they would like to renew their contract when it runs out at the end of March.

Do the Schwartzs honestly believe that through their work they're helping to make people more aware of energy conservation?

"Yes," said Ellen. "We think we're going to make a difference. We're both optimistic pessimists."

"The thing is," Bill concluded, "the scene, if things don't change, is going to be horrendous."

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WINTER COATS & JACKETS	40% OFF
PENTIMENTO JEANS & CORDS	30% OFF
BRITANNIA JEANS & CORDS	30% OFF
ROADRUNNER JEANS & CORDS — Reduced 30%	
NOW ONLY \$13.95	
U.S. TOP JEANS & CORDS — Reduced 30%	
NOW ONLY \$14.75	
MEN'S DRESS PANTS	20% OFF

Many more unadvertised specials

DOWNTOWN OLDTOWN

Across from Et Cetera and Village Specialty Shop



Harbour House Hotel
WEEKEND SPECIAL
Fri. - Sat. - Sun.
Jan. 26 - 27 - 28

* Seafood
Thermador with rice,
vegetables, soup & beverage.

Dining room will be closing at 9 pm
Friday and Saturday during January.