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Lawyers find equalization plan inconsistent with act

Province may owe district \$1.8 million

First phase set to go

Phase one of the Galiano school expansion is set to go and the Gulf Islands school trustees hope the enthusiasm of residents doesn't cause confusion.

The expansion, a conversion of the current covered play area to a classroom, a 1,500 square foot activity room plus various smaller rooms for storage and such, is awaiting ministry of education approval.

John Zacharias, trustee for Pender Island, said he welcomes community involvement but stresses that all communications about the project should be through the school board's secretary-treasurer, Wilf Peck.

"I regret very much that this has become necessary," said Zacharias. He is the chairman of the school board's building and grounds committee. The confusion has arisen from various people talking to the architect about plans for the building.

The decision by the ministry to fund the project has caused a "hurry-up in attempts to raise funds" by members of the Galiano project society.

"I don't want to discourage them," said Zacharias. "They are a terrifically enthusiastic group."

The Galiano group has been talking to the school board in an effort to have a community room and facilities included in the expansion plans. They have indicated a willingness to pay for the added features which would be used by the community.

The money from the school board to pay for phase one, \$236,000, is part of the 1981 budget and further funding will be part of the budget for next year.



Rice for lunch

A bowl of rice for lunch gave students at the Gulf Islands Secondary School an idea of what many people in the world have to eat every day. Scott Lawrence, left, had explained world hunger to students at an assembly Friday in the gym. Teacher Susan

Underwood, right, helped organize World Food Day at the school. Selling rice were, from left, Suzanne Schroder, Linda Hoover, Elaine Davies and Pam MacDougald. The sale raised \$80 for the Red Cross.

Valcourt free to seek re-election

Valcourt expenses issue was settled by the Capital Regional Board last week when the auditors, Thorne Riddell, made their report on claims.

The expenditures claimed by Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt over the past two years had been investigated at the

board's direction. A sum of approximately \$2,400 had been identified by board staff as an overpayment of expense claims. While the matter was under enquiry the island director was not permitted to file nomination papers for the November 21 election.

The auditor reported that he had examined the claims and payments during her term of office and he had pared the overpayment down to \$912.07. He told the board that Valcourt had offered to reimburse the board for that amount and he recommended that the payment be accepted.

A lawyer's letter accompanied the Thorne Riddell report. It came from R.J. Orr, of Bull, Housser and Tupper, of Vancouver.

Orr reported that the mistakes in claims for expenses had largely arisen because of the vague terms of the appropriate sections of the Municipal Act. He urged that the board immediately draw up a guide for directors as to what may be properly claimed and what is not permissible.

NO GUIDE

During the initial enquiry Valcourt had urged that there is no

Board to reclaim money with interest

A misinterpretation of the ministry of education equalization plan may have cost the Gulf Islands School District at least \$1,851,275 since 1977.

The ministry has been keeping various amounts of Gulf Islands taxes each year for distribution to other school districts in the province. A law firm, asked for an interpretation of two sections of the School Act dealing with the collection and distribution of taxes, concluded that the ministry has been wrong.

Yorkshires may not be served again

Yorkshire pudding may be struck from the menu at Greenwoods for a while following a fire at the intermediate and personal care facility on Sunday.

Fire broke out in the kitchen when grease in the Yorkshire pudding pans ignited. Volunteer firemen were called at 11:26 and one Greenwoods staffer expressed surprise at the speed with which they arrived.

Flames were quickly extinguished and the putrid smoke given off by the burning fat was exhausted from the building with a smoke ejector.

One employee at Greenwoods was hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

There was no damage caused either by fire or smoke.

School board chairman Strick Aust said the matter will be looked into and the money reclaimed, with interest.

The education ministry sets a basic province-wide levy to cover the costs of education and each school district can, if needed, collect more.

Each district, governed by such factors as population, has a basic education program set for it by the ministry. The difference between the cost of the basic program and the provincial tax levy is kept by the ministry to be spread around to other school districts which have higher costs.

The Gulf Islands School District is one of three in B.C. which contributes more in taxes than the school program costs.

The idea of equalization was phased in over a number of years and since 1977, the Gulf Islands has annually been paying out more than needed to run the program here.

In 1981 the ministry-set basic levy was 41.8 mills. The local school board required a further 12.24 mills to cover the extra costs of Gulf Islands education. Yet the ministry kept \$197,884 of Gulf Islands taxes for the equalization plan.

The B.C. School Trustees Association recently asked for the interpretation of the two sections of the School Act. The law firm to which the request was directed is considered to be knowledgeable on interpreting legislation.

'NOT FREE FROM DOUBT'

In its brief to the B.C.S.T.A. the law firm noted that "While the matter is not free from doubt, it is our considered opinion that this practice is not consistent with the provisions of Part 10 of the act."

The School Act does not specify that the difference between the basic levy and the basic program as set by the ministry must go into the pot for other districts.

In section 200 of the Act, the matter is covered by a statement to the effect that only money collected in excess of the amount budgeted goes into the common pot.

If the interpretation is correct, the Gulf Islands School Board stands to collect a large windfall.

Fisherman's catch took two men to get ashore

Wet a line in the waters of the Gulf Islands and be prepared for whatever is caught.

Cliff Ariss, of North Beach Road on Salt Spring, was fishing in Trincomali Channel when he latched on to more than he had bargained for.

Ariss hooked a large skate and the beast required two men to get ashore.

"When I caught this thing," he said, "I couldn't believe it."

The skate was too large to boat and Ariss said he couldn't

have let it go because of the way it was hooked. The skate was towed to shore, man-handled on to the bank and, with a cable through the gills, dragged to Ariss's driveway.

The skate, estimated Ariss, weighed from 45 to 50 lbs. He checked to find out if it was good eating and when assured that it was, he cut it up. The remains of the skate were buried in his garden.

"It tastes just like crab meat," was the verdict. "It's delicious."

Time change Sunday

The mornings will be lighter and the afternoons darker after Sunday when clocks are changed to mark a return to standard time.

Daylight saving time officially ends Sunday at 2 am and those who are still up at that hour can set their clocks back one hour.

Those who are not out late Saturday night will be changing their clocks that evening or when they arise Sunday morning.

Those who don't hear about the change may find themselves early for work Monday morning.

ELECTIONS '81

Students' education not their responsibility

BY BILL WEBSTER

The count-down to nomination day continues and rumours of runners vie with gossip of drop-outs from the race for school trustees, and both ebb and flow as the tides in Trincomali Channel.

This year voters get a crack at electing five trustees for the board of trustees for School District 64.

According to the School Act, any person on a municipal voter's list anywhere in British Columbia stands eligible to run for a school board in any district in the province.

But even with such a wide area of eligibility, local voters tend to limit the range of a candidate's search for a seat. A resident of Kamloops would probably have a difficult task being elected to the school board to represent Saturna, for instance.

THREE FROM SALT SPRING

While the make-up of electoral areas of the Gulf Islands can cause some confusion, the voters of Salt Spring Island will select three trustees. A trustee from Mayne Island and another from Saturna fills out the card.

Under one set of rules, Salt Spring Island and area includes such places as Prevost, Piers and Wallace Islands among others. According to the school board elections map, those islands are part of the Outer Islands.

The best advice for residents of one of the smaller islands is to check with the returning officer to ensure a vote.

Once elected the trustees perform a variety of tasks and bear responsibility for a variety of endeavours. But education of children is not one of those tasks or

responsibilities.

UNDER MINISTRY

The education of youngsters falls to the purview of the omnipotent ministry of education through the supervisor of education in each district.

The local school board has the onerous task of regulating and controlling the use of property owned and operated by that board.

What that means is the group of trustees gets to spend money, hire teachers, provide a school building and the means to bring children to that building. All, of course, with the approval of the education ministry.

By statute, all children in British Columbia between the ages of 7 and 15 must attend school. The guardian or parent of a hooky-player is liable for a fine not exceeding \$10 per day and according to ministry reckoning, each day is a separate offense.

Just so the local board doesn't feel left out, prosecution of absent-pupil parents proceeds with the approval of the School Board.

SET BY MINISTER

Even the money which the trustee spends is determined by Victoria. The basic tax rate is set by the minister, in his wisdom, with any extra needed by the district to be added on.

One of the largest expenditures of any school board goes towards salaries of teachers and staff. The school board members negotiate wages and other benefits with the unions involved.

Generally speaking, school trustees are over-worked, under-paid, and frowned upon by friend and foe but nevertheless, the position gets filled. With all this in mind, potential trustees should heed the words at the end of the ad for notice of election:

"Of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly."



Dancers raise \$1,400

They also dance who only stand and wait. Students at the Gulf Islands Secondary School prepare themselves for the start of an eight-

hour dance-a-thon held last week. The boogie set were bouncing to the beat to raise up to \$1,400 for the school's athletic council.

Thirty-six couples began the dance and 32 ended the affair late in the night.

Soccer player injured

Ken Marr was moved from the intensive care unit at Victoria's Royal Jubilee Hospital Monday evening.

The 16-year-old Salt Spring youth was injured in a soccer game Sunday and underwent emergency operation on his spleen.

Spencer Marr said his son was "perky" by Monday and seemed to be in good spirits. The injury, while serious, may not end the young man's sports career.

"I hope not, for his sake," said the elder Marr. "Sports form a very large part of his life."

Marr junior is in grade 11 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

For a report on the game and the incident see Page 11.

To run for school board

A former chairman of the Maple Ridge School Board, now living on Salt Spring Island, has announced he will run for office here.

Arthur Botham, 60, of Scott Point, has lived on the island since July, after moving from the mainland.

Employed as a businessman in Maple Ridge, his experience there included serving as trustee of the Maple Ridge Hospital, chairman of the school board and chairman of the Maple Ridge Advisory Planning Commission.

Botham is married with three children and has owned property here since 1978.

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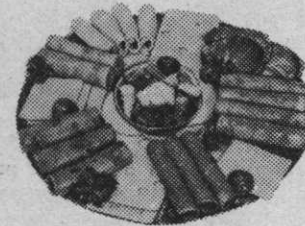
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To Be Frank

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Passengers aboard the *Queen of the Islands* are no longer permitted to remain in their vehicles during the short crossing between Fulford and Swartz Bay. Last week cards were presented to passengers warning them that they would be liable to prosecution if they stayed put. One passenger suggested that she was liable to persecution. Despite her critical heart condition she climbed the stairs to the upper deck of the ferry. The requirement leaves the handicapped traveller to resolve a challenge. If the stairs prove beyond his ability and he falls, whose responsibility is any ensuing injury? If a passenger is incapable of climbing the stairs, will the ferry corporation arrange he be carried up? And if the handicapped passenger defies the B.C. Ferries and remains on the car deck he is contravening the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code. The more handicapped, the more dangerous he becomes, it appears. This regulation is reasonable where an elevator is part of the ship's facilities. On the *Queen of the Islands* it seems a heavy responsibility for the ailing and the aged who represent a substantial part of the ferry's load, as well as for the ship's crew to make a decision.

It was about 5:30 pm and it was a dead fish. I think it was a salmon and I was in a hurry and merely glanced at it. Which was not the carefully thought-out procedure of any aging newsman. After all, the first question should have been, what was a dead salmon doing on the road? Mind you, it was only a little fish. About three pounds, I would think from a passing glance. If it had been a cat I would have said it was hit by a car. And of course it might have been. But surely there are not many fish hit by cars in British Columbia? I have no statistics. What was the fish doing on a highway in North Saanich at half-past five in the afternoon? And do many fish use that particular highway? The questions are legion. A grey, fat fish. A grey, fat, dead fish on the travelled portion of the road. Did it fall from a motorcycle? But where was the motorcycle? The only quick conclusion I could reach was that it was thirsty. An old friend of mine lived close to where the fish expired. He left a few weeks ago and maybe the salmon didn't know. Maybe the salmon had called in for a quick Manhattan and my friend Eric Vickerman is murder on Manhattans. So the salmon may not have died in a fatal road accident. He may have expired from frustration. The bar was closed and he faced a dry weekend. And that's a really serious matter for a fellow like a fish. Which is my own quick conclusion on just how that particular fish came to be dead on that particular road on that particular day. You see, I have no other particulars.

The mornings were foggy the past week and after the *Queen of the Islands* had moo-ed her way across Satellite Channel the journey continued through a grey morning with Patricia Bay Highway a vague grey shape ahead. It wasn't so foggy I didn't see the bus on the far side of the median reaching out for the ferry terminal in his hurry. It was Airporter. And there is no reason why an Airporter shouldn't be hurrying for the ferry at eight o'clock in the morning. But which airport did the Airporter serve? Was he carrying passengers to Vancouver because the planes were grounded? And if so, would he take them straight to Vancouver Airport and let them pretend they flew there? Or would he take them downtown and pretend he was the Vancouver airport bus? What about unions? What about regulations? Would they allow a Victoria bus, even a Victoria airport bus, to get involved in the Big City traffic? Or was he empty and going to the ferry for a refit? It was a week of questions without answers. But, gee! I wish I knew!

When a retired provincial judge was speaking at Saanichton during the weekend he told his audience that his late father restricted his conversation to two words during the last six years of his life. He had one invariable comment on any activity, said the judge, "Silly b--s!" As he grows older, said Les Bewley, he swings steadily towards a greater sympathy with his father's conclusions.

Ripley heard of the island and his continent-wide audience learned of the island. Lola Brookbanks produced a clipping, the other day, from an eastern newspaper. It showed a group of black people clearing the woods and explained that Salt Spring Island lies off the east coast of Vancouver Island, between Nanaimo and Victoria. The first people to settle this beautiful part of Canada migrated from the United States in the 1850's and they came to escape the oppressions imposed on them in the land of their birth because they were black. The clipping didn't go on to explain that the descendants of those early settlers are still on the island and still a highly respected segment of the island population.

Gulf Island students share awards



AMY NEWMAN

The British Columbia government has opened the coffers to help students fight off poverty. Provincial Secretary Evan Wolfe announced 222 arts awards and scholarships amounting to \$169,500. Three students at the University of Victoria from the Gulf Islands will share \$1,550.

Amy Newman of Ganges received a junior tuition award of \$500 for her studies in drama.

Bruce Cobanli, also of Ganges, was awarded \$350 for a junior tuition award to pursue visual arts.

Mary Howard of Mayne Island gets \$700 for a senior tuition award for music studies.

The junior tuition award provides bursaries for fine arts studies by high school or college students and can be used for study up to and including the second year of university.

The senior tuition awards assist career-oriented studies at university and professional diploma levels.

"British Columbians can be very proud of these talented students," said Wolfe. "The government

recognizes the personal sacrifices they must make to further their studies and I am pleased the B.C. Cultural Fund is able to provide assistance and encouragement."

The grants are awarded annually to B.C. students for study at accredited institutions anywhere in the world. They are made possible from the interest generated by the \$20 million endowment of the B.C. Cultural Fund and lottery revenues.

On Sunday

Quartet to perform

BY DWAIN PROSK

The Salt Spring Concert Society is presenting the Tone-Art String Quartet with guest artist Jerry Domer, oboe, this Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2 pm in St. George's Church.

Domer and the Tone-Art Quartet have been engaged to fill in for Kathryn Eli, harpist, who unfortunately has injured her thumb.

The Tone-Art String Quartet is starting its second season and its first as Quartet in Residence at Vancouver Community College. All members of the group have performed and toured extensively as soloists and with many fine Canadian orchestras and ensembles.

Fredrick Nelson, concert master with Symphonie Canadienne and former member of the Purcell String Quartet, is the leader of Tone-Art.

Guest oboist Jerry Domer is the head of the music department at Vancouver Community College and is conductor of the Vancouver Philharmonic. He has many credits as principal oboe and is well known throughout North America for his solo and ensemble playing.

The concert program will feature a string quartet by Haydn, Opus 64#5 (The Lark), the Quintet for oboe and strings by Arnold Bax and the Quartet in E major Opus 80 by Dvorak.

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What can we buy with \$1.8 million

The matter may well go before the courts before a conclusion is reached, but in the meantime, many Gulf Islanders will dream of the projects which could be undertaken with \$1.8 million.

The findings by a law firm that the education ministry's equalization plan is not consistent with provisions of the School Act could well mean victory for school boards, past and present.

The plan, whereby tax money is siphoned from the islands district to aid those less fortunate in other areas of B.C., has been regarded as morally unjust by school trustees for over four years.

Now, it turns out, it may be legally unjust as well.

If the government agrees that the tax was improperly collected and returns the money (with interest), school trustees could go on a spending spree unprecedented in the province's history.

But let's not be hasty in drawing up plans for swimming pools, ice rinks, theatres and the like.

If the government were to cough up the money without any argument, that too would be a move without precedent.

Up we go!

In an era of spiralling costs and soaring interest rates we would be naive indeed if we expected to travel into the hereafter on the rates that have prevailed over the past several years. The ferry rates have been raised and there is little to be said that has not been said.

We might well repeat the oft-told fact that the ferry is our highway, but the government has heard that long enough and might equally well retort that the price of gasoline is going up on the highways.

Reluctantly, we must accept the inevitable.

But while the province and the ferry corporation are happy to look closely at rates and tolls, perhaps we could urge a close look at the pattern which prevailed from time immemorial on the Gulf Islands ferries until well after the province took them over. Islanders lived with ferry fares and ferry books. The day of the commuter's ticket has gone. Now is an excellent opportunity for the government to reinstate the commuter's book.

The only commuter's ticket offered at present is the monthly ticket which must be used up in a fixed period of time. The traditional book had no expiry date.

The government sees islanders as a liability and has withdrawn those tickets. Could we not persuade the government that we are no liability and have them start again?

The government well knows islanders for quiet, peaceable, long-suffering citizens. Should we not expect a reward?

Experiment in transportation

On an island which has been highly vocal in its opposition to paying for city buses, the new Legion proposal to operate a volunteer bus service will be closely watched. The Royal Canadian Legion is planning its service to aid the elderly and the infirm to reach shopping and services even when they have no car.

The proposal is an experiment. It will be offered by Legion funds and volunteer drivers. But if it should flourish and prosper to the degree of needing a wider input, there will be some transit officials looking down their noses at Salt Spring Island.



Bill Webster

Music preference is like choice of underwear

Fog levels the Gulf Islands and swathes the highlands in an off-white fluff. Distance disappears leaving a close-up scene defined by a softened clarity. Sounds emerge from the fog as auditory evidence of life beyond vision.

Sounds: the haunting cry of a sea gull, the cheerless cough of a chainsaw, the desolate wail of a ship's whistle. Bleak sounds to be sure but which nevertheless allow us knowledge of sharing amid the imposed isolation of the blanket of blur.

Uplands fog, snagged on the points of trees, adds a chill to the damp of a Gulf Islands October. Indoors, a fireplace exudes comfort while flames crackle and chew charred bits from logs of alder. Shadows dance on the walls and the aches of life melt in eased warmth.

SENSUOUS ENDEAVOUR

To sit near a snapping fire and stare into the depths of blue-centred flames ranks as one of the more sensuous endeavours of the day.

Such was the case last weekend when a group of us gathered on Hemlock Lane to seek warmth and solace in front of Louis Bolivar-Finchley's fireplace.

Beauregard Ming favoured us with several renderings on his one-note trumpet. Mr. Ming, a 42-year-old short person, possesses the ability to pass himself off as an 11-year-old. He also claims ability on the trumpet.

That evening he played true to form, cascading his one note through three tunes of the same tone and, on occasion, threatened to come close to being on key.

As the last echo faded into the fog, we stared into the flames enveloped in a profound relief. Annie Bedahlia broke the silence.

"I enjoy most forms of music," she said. "But I can't stand nasal country singers. They sound as if their boots are too tight."

She then asked, considering the concert just completed, an apt question:

"What music can't you stand, and what is it that you don't like?"

"Disco," answered Louis promptly.

He sat back puffing on his pipe and the silence descended upon the group. We watched the flames and savoured the sound of the fire.

"Tell us why, Louis," said Annie.

ANCHOVY'S REVENGE

"It's mind-numbing revenge," he said, "brewed by a crazed anchovy for being left off so many pizzas."

Silence again crept over the group as each groped for a musical dislike. To look at the tall cedars, standing in silhouette against the fog, one could be persuaded that the world ended just past the dark branches.

Talullah Twinkle avowed a dislike of rock of any rolling variety but could not be coaxed into saying why.

Betta Hedron confessed she would walk a mile to avoid Italian opera which she claimed reminded her of zucchinis.

Each around the circle of warmed and ruddy faces expressed a negative opinion of music of one type or another. Suitcase, relaxing from his many and varied adventures in the real world, said he was

partial to female singers but couldn't abide to listen to a brass band.

Mr. Ming, continuing his imitation of a boy, squirmed in his seat and said nothing.

LOATHING OF MUZAK

In my turn, I admitted to a loathing of muzak.

Canned and bland, musak stands as the proper anthem for those who would be all things to all men. Why anyone claiming to creativity would bother to reduce music to its lowest common denominator continues to baffle me.

My one fear while scrambling through the towers of Toronto revolved around an aversion to being stuck in a stalled elevator with piped-in sterile muzak slowly driving me sane.

And so it went. The pet musical peeves of each came forth as we sat and stared into the flames. Music may soothe the savage beast but not all music pleases everybody.

PERSONAL THING

Listening to comments on melodic tastes can often reveal aspects of personality which would otherwise not emerge. Music preference, as with choice of underwear, is a personal thing. Only the listener knows what is heard.

And so we pursued the discussion of our musical dislikes around the circle and into the night. The fire ebbed to orange and red embers as it slowly died.

We had relished the warmth, physical and spiritual, of the flames and the fellowship.

But Louis must build a room around his fireplace. Outdoors as it is, the fire toasts the front but leaves a distinct chill in what remains behind.

Letters to the Editor

Attendance figure was conservative

Sir,
As chairman of the famous sewer meeting I feel compelled to comment on Mrs. Richards' dispute with our demographics. Our estimate is that the meeting was attended by 800 to 825 persons. If we then take into account those we were forced to turn away, the actual figure for those who attended or made an attempt to attend would be between 850 and 900.

However, we decided to be conservative and use 700 because we knew it was absolutely irrefutable. There were exactly 400 chairs (all filled). One back wall and side held over 175, the other back wall and side about 200. There were an extra 50 milling in the entry way. We also know that we had exactly 750 programs. The supply was exhausted long before the meeting commenced.

These figures were corroborated by CBC, CTV, the *Sun* and the *Times-Colonist*. We all agreed at the end of the meeting to set "over 700" as the official figure.

The advertised intent of the meeting was to inform the citizens about the oppressive nature of Bill 31 and how our legislature chose to deprive us of our rights by hiding under the protection of "rule of law". It was this same rule of law that the Americans used to deprive blacks of equal justice and equal access to things even as mundane as a city bus.

If all Canadians, new and old, valued their rights as much as we do there would have been 5,000 out at that meeting. If Mrs. Richards is so concerned about the numerical support for the sewer alternatives committee, perhaps she should give us a hand in changing the Municipal Act to extend referenda for major projects to all those affected rather than limit them to owner-electors. If we lost an all-island referendum on the sewer, we would all shut up and go away just as supporters of the rec complex did.

Until that time, however, the fight continues. All final decisions must be made by the people not experts who in the case of the sewer seem to think that health hazards,

phony or just imagined, can be used to trample on us. In addition, we should all support the removal from office of MLA Hugh Curtis and CRD executive director Dennis Young. Should we win a legal order for the demolition of the immorally installed sewer, we must also fight to have the costs borne by Victoria and not directly by islanders.

Spencer Marr will no doubt figure this will cost all Canadians 25¢ each. So think positively folks, justice will prevail if you really want it to.

DAVID E. SKINNER,
R. R. 1,
Ganges.
October 10, 1981.

Someone did care

Sir,
Several months ago I wrote a letter to this paper, concerning the plight of a widow and two children who were in need of shelter. "We are supposed to have an organization on the island that is concerned about helping people in distress." Where are they? I am so fed up with these bleeding hearts, all mouth and no action.

I am also bringing to the attention of these people, that someone did care. Yes, I refer to Rita, we all know her, and may she

be repaid in full for the help that she gave to this destitute family.

This family was living under a cedar tree when Rita found them and she went to work and took them in until she found a home for them. They are OK now and again thanks to a good citizen. God bless you Rita and may those that didn't care, be forgiven for being Christians.

BOB CREAMER,
Fulford Harbour.
October 9, 1981.



Tony Richards

YOU MAY NOT BE interested in reading any more about dental problems, particularly my own, but consider these statistics from the British Dental Health Foundation (supplied courtesy of Salt Spring author John Healey):

In England four tons of teeth are removed from the mouths of under-15-year-olds every year. Ninety per cent of adults in England and Wales have gum disease and 50% of British adults have some false teeth by the time they reach 35.

So I don't feel quite as bad even though I learned through my recent ordeal in the dentist's chair that it's time to say good-bye to what's left of my own.

The last paragraph in the clipping which John Healey gave me notes that the frequency of sugar nibbling is what matters when it comes to dental health.

My fondness for sugar has diminished in recent years but I can look back with horror at some of the sickly sweet foods I used to love.

Anyone who has used a British cookbook will know why the aforementioned figures are not really very remarkable.

A typical British meal would consist of meat and vegetables and, of course, dessert. Sounds fine, doesn't it?

But the key to cooking the main course is that you boil the hell out of the ingredients. The fact that it has no flavour to speak of is of little importance because the strong, sweet flavour of the dessert will quickly make you forget what it was you had for a main course.

I must hasten to observe at this point that my mother never cooked like that — my father did.

His specialty was syrup tart — a pie which appeared normal in every respect until you took a bite. It consisted of a pie crust filled with sugar syrup. And I loved it.

Later, while in my teens, I replaced syrup tart with another tooth destroying concoction which must have been equally bad.

Living in South America for a time, Peru to be exact, I discovered that a favourite among the natives was sweetened condensed milk. I adapted readily to the lifestyle and soon became a confirmed addict of the stuff.

Purchased in what must have been a six-ounce can, this dairy (?) product made an extremely tasty snack several times during the course of the day (one can for each snack).

Followed by a bottle of the national soft drink Inca-Cola and a Sublime chocolate bar, each of those tasty snacks was a meal in itself, albeit a somewhat sweet one.

I think it's fairly obvious why I'm about to lose all my teeth.

TODAY I'M OF THE OPINION that there's really only one good use for sugar and that's for the production of alcohol.

But what a mess they make of it, particularly in the brewing of beer.

Makers of home brew will know what I'm talking about. It is possible for the home beer maker to produce a brew which is immeasurably better than the store-bought stuff at a fraction of the price.

The reason, I suspect, is that the majority of beer drinkers are accustomed to what they're drinking and don't know any better.

But one bottle of good home brew is enough to tell anyone who enjoys beer that the commercial product is sadly lacking.

It is for that reason that we should welcome the news that the provincial government is considering the legalization of cottage breweries. It could and should do wonders for the quality of beer on the market today.

Suitcase saga continues



Suitcase makes his way up Clanton Road to North Galiano.

BY ALISTAIR ROSS
...of Galiano Island

It is reported that Suitcase, citizen of Menander Island, has arrived on Galiano!

According to the story going the rounds here, our hero was last seen in the Sidney Post Office wrapped for parcel delivery. His stay there was short, due it seems, to a certain unpleasant odour which had filled the sorting room upon arrival of the two parcels from Menander.

Very soon he found himself and his suitcase of belongings on the *Mayne Queen* bound for Montague Harbour.

The ferry crew also alarmed by their peculiar aroma, decided these two odd looking parcels would be better on the open deck.

SEPARATED FROM MAIL

And so it happened they got separated from the rest of Her Majesty's Mail, and so it also happened that an oil-rich visitor from a nearby province noticed them while wandering the deck to take in the view. Examining the parcels carefully the visitor is reported to have removed a piece of their wrappings.

Suitcase had used the previous week's *Driftwood* for this purpose, and our well-oiled friend, looking

for an island retreat, had spotted the advertisement announcing a new land development on the west side of Galiano — "Menander Heights". I believe it was the latest subdivision of that excellent firm, Goat Island Lands. At any rate he did remove some of the parcel's wrappings and Suitcase was exposed!

MET BY POSTMASTER

In due course the *Mayne Queen* arrived at Montague Harbour and was met by the Galiano postmaster, there to accept the latest batch of Hydro bills and other odd items.

It is sad to report he could not take delivery of our hero and his suitcase. You guessed it, they were improperly wrapped and so no longer the responsibility of Her Majesty's minions.

So it was that poor Suitcase found himself at Montague Harbour, forsaken and homeless. A man of resource and spirit as always, he decided to make his own way to North Galiano.

He was last seen starting up, Clanton Road, poor fellow. Some folk here figure he may never be heard of again!

(With apologies to Bill Webster and others on island, and off).

Municipalities do not provide funding for SPCA

Sir,
At the start of our fund-raising campaign I would like to clear up a common misunderstanding. It is often thought that the SPCA is funded by municipalities. This is not the case. The funding for the SPCA humane work comes from the public.

In order to provide for cruelty investigations, lost and found services, injured animal care, education of the young, spay/neuter assistance, euthanasia, animal ambulance service and general education of the public on animal matters we need public support. Hence the whole reason for the campaign.

The SPCA receives no grants from any municipalities for humane matters. The Society does contract for animal control and impounding in most areas because it understands animal problems and can provide the best and cheapest animal control. One of the objects of this campaign is to educate the public on the free services we provide and to point out in particular that we are not

funded by the municipalities.

The taxpayer saves money because the SPCA volunteer labour and the Community Service Youth Program, both of which provide a service for the community and free labour to us.

We are proud to offer the services we do and to remove the burden from municipalities. We need more space to keep up with the requirements. The number of cats and dogs abandoned by the public is appalling. The cost of caring for them, finding homes if possible or providing humane euthanasia is escalating.

We need monetary support in order to provide these services. We depend on memberships, donations and legacies to operate. Come see us at the Shelter, 3150 Napier Lane, Victoria, to see what we do and get further information. All donations and legacies are tax deductible.

JOSEPH F. HEALD,
Secretary-Manager,
B.C. SPCA, Victoria Branch.
October 1, 1981.

Employment advertising guide

A contest between justice and semantics

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Human rights are an important part of living and the inevitable balance against human wrongs.

The Guide to Employment Advertising and the Human Rights Code published by the ministry of labour constitutes a firm attack on imaginary wrongs. The English language is under attack!

To specify the age, race, colour, religion or sex of the person sought is a no-no and there is nobody to argue. The regulation seeks to avoid the employment of males rather than females or whites rather than Indians or Anglicans before Buddhists. There are other angles and mostly they are generally accepted by employers and employees.

The Human Rights Branch of the ministry of labour has accomplished a change in the pattern of employment and prejudice.

And to celebrate this accomplishment the ministry has published a prayer card. It is beautifully executed, with a red border around the text and beautiful black printing. It is a guide. It says so.

The card is a dictionary of employment, but it bears no seal of approval from a provincial etymologist. It is a dictionary, unsigned and unacknowledged; a prayer card designed for the guidance of the unfortunate public. It is the ultimate bureaucratic attack on semantics.

GOOD AND EVIL

The ministry has carefully examined every possible word in connection with employment and rewritten them to be acceptable to the minister. It tells you what you may not advertise and it tells you the new word, sanctioned by the full solemnity of the British Columbia government.

Elsewhere in the Commonwealth of Nations a man may seek a parts man. In this Great Province he may only employ a parts worker.

Bartender? Aaarrrrgh! Never! At least, never in British Columbia. The acceptable alternative to the lieutenant-governor-in-council is bartender or bar waiter/waitress. Note the oblique bar in bar waiter/waitress. That is British Columbian for "or". Or, of course, "ou". Although in the far west we don't use it. After all, in British Columbia, ou says

"ou"? And there's another no-no.

Never try to employ a bell boy. He's a bell hop, according to law. And there is logic to it in modern usage. After all, how could you tell your grandchildren that their grandmother used to be a bell boy? They'd have visions of her clanging her way through many a stormy night, this odd bell-buoy grandad wedded!

INTERESTING

A body man is a body worker. It sounds more interesting that way. I must confess. Bear in mind that it would be very naughty, indeed, to call for a young body worker. Very naughty! Mustn't specify age!

A busboy is right out. A traygirl has been given the B.C. government stamp of disapproval. They are now busboy/girl. That oblique stroke gets into some very tight spots under B.C. law.

Likewise the cameraman. He is now a cameraman/woman. You might think he looks different, but those around the office look just about the same as they used to when they were men or women.

There shall be no cleaning women or cleaning ladies. They are cleaners. And that's fine, because the term has already come into use quite naturally. But it's nice to know what you don't need to know just to know you were right all along.

The doorman is replaced by a door attendant. I once knew the former doorman from the Waldorf-Astoria. He was a distinguished naval officer and I'm sure that his delight in his doorkeeping experience would have been obliterated in his attendancy.

Draftsman is out and draftsperson is in. Now why would British Columbia legislate draftsperson rather than draft attendant, draft worker, draft hop, drafter or draftsman/woman? The pattern of consistency is getting inconsistent.

NEVER KNEW ONE

Farm man is out as well. Me? I never knew it was in. Hired man isn't listed, but doesn't that have closer constitutional ties with the Canadian farm?

Never employ a host or hostess. You must employ a host/hostess. Oh, let us weep for the dead little English word that has been so nearly rejected by the British Columbia government! That little word, "or".

A foreman is a foreman, male or

Guide to EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING and the HUMAN RIGHTS CODE.

The British Columbia Human Rights Code prohibits the publication of discriminatory job advertisements. Specifically, no advertisement may express directly or indirectly a preference or limitation on the basis of **RACE — RELIGION — COLOUR — PLACE OF ORIGIN — ANCESTRY — SEX — MARITAL STATUS** or **AGE**.

PROHIBITED TERM

ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE

| | |
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| Auto Partsman | Auto Parks Worker |
| Bartender | Bartender, Bar Waiter/Waitress |
| Bell Boy | Bell Hop |
| Body Man | Body Worker |
| Busboy, Tray Girl | Busboy/Girl |
| Camera Man | Camera Man/Woman |
| Cleaning Woman, Cleaning Lady | Cleaner |
| Doorman | Door Attendant |
| Draftsman | Draftsperson |
| Farm Man | Farm Hand, Farm Worker |
| Foreman | Foreman, Male or Female |
| Girl Friday | General Office Worker, Person Friday |
| Handyman | Handyperson |
| Host, Hostess | Host/Hostess |
| Housewife, Mother | Homemaker |
| Janitor, Janitress | Janitor/Janitress, Custodian |
| Journeyman | Journeyman — Male or Female |
| Leadman | Crew Leader, Shift Leader |
| Masseur, Masseuse | Masseur/Masseuse |
| Maid | Domestic Help, Housekeeper |
| Maintenance Man | Maintenance Worker |
| Man, Woman, Girl, Boy, Male, Female, Lady, Gal, Gentleman | Person, Individual, Applicant (M/F) |
| Nurse | Nurse (M/F) |
| Partsman | Parts Worker |
| Phone Girls | Phone Canvasser |
| Pressman | Pressman (M/F), Press Operator |
| Repairman | Repairworker |
| Salad Girl | Salad Maker |
| Salesman, Saleslady | Salesperson |
| Sheet Metal Man | Sheet Metal Worker |
| Stewardess | Flight Attendant |
| Switchman | Switchman (M/F), Switcher |
| Tailor, Seamstress | Tailor/Seamstress |
| Usher, Usherette | Usher/Usherette |

female. And I never knew! All those years and I thought he was simply a male! Wait till I see him!

A handyman is a handy person to have around and that's legal. But a handy person is probably a handy man to have around, but don't ever advertise it!

And you mustn't, not ever, advertise for a housewife or mother. It must be a homemaker: not a homeperson and not a homeman/woman. How did the provincial etymologist ever come up with that one?

I don't argue. I daren't argue. But I'll see through the janitor/janitress or custodian and the journeyman, male or female (they found the "or") and the leadman who is crew leader is that or go to jail.

OR BODY WORKER?

But masseur? Not unless you want to be pinched! You can't look for a masseur or a masseuse. You must take what comes and ask for a masseur/masseuse. I feel that British Columbia is establishing entirely new meanings in some areas. Why not ask for a body worker?

No maid, maintenance man or man or woman or boy, girl, male, female, lady, gal or gentleman. Not in this province. They are persons, individuals or

applicants. A nurse is a nurse (M, F). You know, I married one and it's all new to me!

No phone girls. No pressman, no repairman, no salad girl, no salesman. The sheet metal man is a sheet metal person. Sounds like the Tin Man (he is now, of course, a Tin Person). No stewardess. She is a flight attendant. On a ferry?

The list is interesting and its intent is clear. But it misses the boat to reality. It is a silly foray by government into the hazardous maze of semantics. Words are to be part of a legislated morality.

It will probably work. Person and obliques will be part of the English language, one day under fear of punishment.

I'm scared already! And anyone in the newspaper business has reason to be scared. If the advertiser is thrown into the dungeons for advertising for a "draftsperson, male/female, familiar with residential construction and willing to wear skirt provided", then the publisher is next into the dungeon.

If it's to be a contest between justice and semantics, my money is on spelling it right and the hell with freedom!



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Preventative action needed to combat sexual offences

This year a series of child murders involving sexual assault has shocked and sickened British Columbians. Most of us don't know how to react except with horror as we are confronted by the brutal reality of the slayings. We fear the possibility of similar atrocities threatening our communities.

People become very angry when they learn that suspects in custody have a history of previous sexual offenses. They begin to question our basic system of justice and ask what protection it provides for ordinary citizens.

In the Duncan area a group of citizens have decided to do something about it. They have formed an organization and are attempting to have federal and provincial authorities provide stricter control for the release into society of sexual offenders. I have written to Robert Kaplan in support of their concern.

Very obviously there are some people who should not be allowed to be at large; for whatever reason, these sick and distorted personalities are simply not equipped to function in a normal community.

WHO ARE THEY?

It is not always easy to determine who these people are and this becomes an extremely serious problem for the parole board and for prison authorities. The problem lies deeper than a tightened-up prison system. If we want to create safe communities we must attack the problem at its roots, not simply hack away at its branches.

Sexual murders are an extreme manifestation of a problem that is wide-spread in our society; much more so than most of us know.

The National Advisory Council on the Status of Women has determined that in Canada some woman is sexually assaulted every six minutes. One woman in five will be sexually assaulted during her lifetime and one woman in 17 will be raped.

Because of the sense of indignity, violation and fear most victims of sexual assault never report their attack. Rape assault centres are helping to change this by providing support and counselling to these women.

Even so, rape victims face the trauma of appearing in court, combined with unsympathetic public attitudes that either blame the victim or make tasteless,

insensitive jokes about the subject. Every time we laugh at such jokes we contribute to a public attitude that refuses to recognize the serious nature of sexual assault. There is nothing funny about rape — ever.

Bill C-53, currently before Parliament, will amend the criminal code to drop the term "rape" and use the terms "sexual assault". The old offense of "rape" was very difficult to prove in a court and was strictly limited to acts involving vaginal penetration. **EASIER TO CONVICT**

The changes should make it easier to convict sexual criminals who at present have a 94% chance of never being arrested and a 98% chance of never being convicted or sentenced.

Under the present law a woman victim can be forced to testify about her own past sexual conduct but similar questions cannot be raised about past offences of the accused rapists. Bill C-53 would make it impossible to question the complainant except under certain conditions but many lawyers think that this has to be strengthened.

Ottawa report

BY JIM MANLY, MP

Sexual assault must be recognized as a crime of absolute violence and aggression not one of passion.

The victim's past sexual history must be considered irrelevant by the courts. We hope that Bill C-53 will get speedy passage through its second reading so that necessary improvements can be discussed and adopted in committee; Bill C-53 is a long overdue step in the right direction.

But in the long run the answer to our fears will not be found in better laws — but in better care for our people. We need to take preventative action so that young boys don't grow up to be sexual predators. This means we have to be willing to spend more money on day care centres; we have to be more concerned about battered children; we need to provide more

counselling and support for parents under stress so that they don't become involved in child battering.

We need better diagnostic and remedial programs in our schools. We need to replace some of the violence and sexism on the TV screen and help our children to develop a healthy and accepting

attitude toward their own and other people's sexuality.

And when we do find it necessary to send people to prison we should insist that the prison have enough facilities for training, counselling and socializing so that when prisoners are released, they will be better able to cope in our society.

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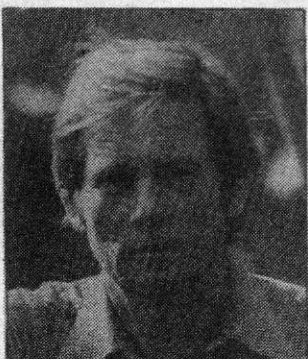
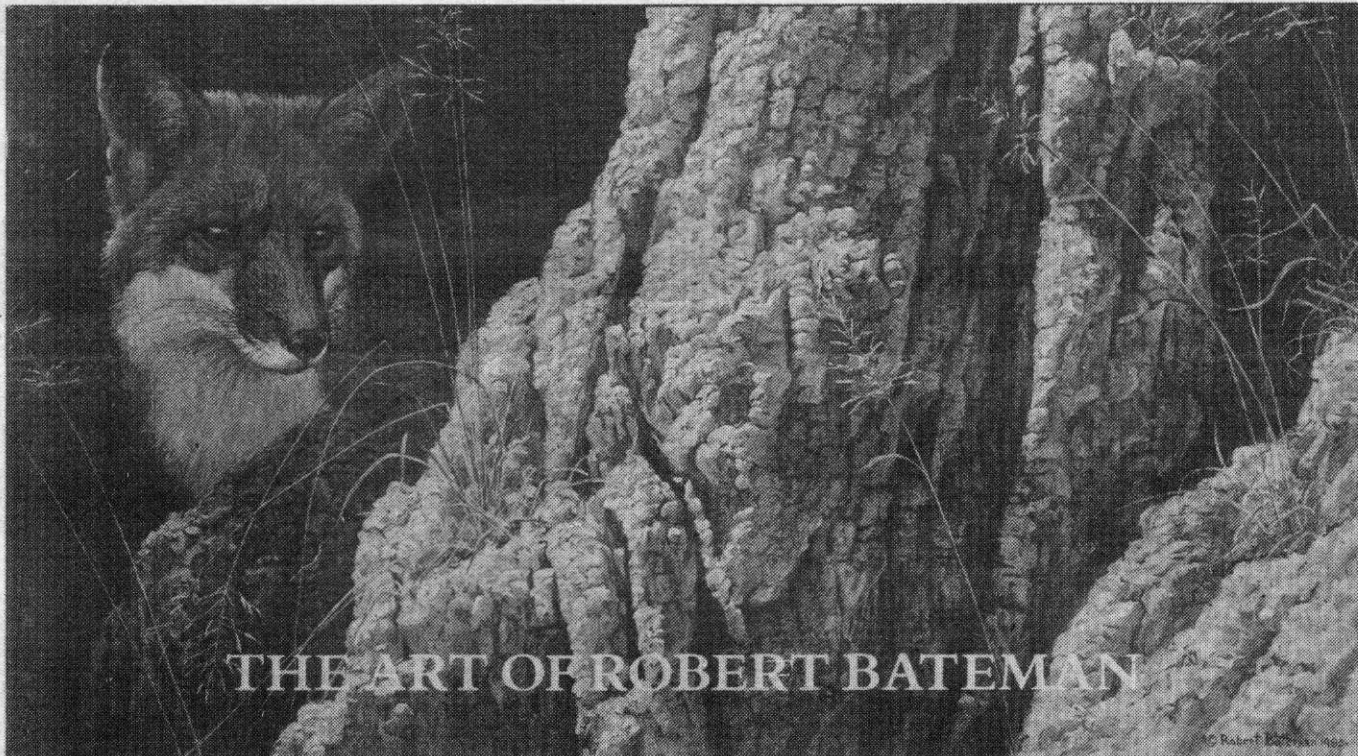


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More than 30 countries are actively engaged in war

"Thanksgiving" was the name of our first home on Salt Spring Island. Sadly, the rustic sign was among property damaged when we stored our furniture during a move, and our subsequent homes have been nameless.

We certainly have much for which to give thanks. Although I no longer believe that my home, my native land is a faultless cradle of Christianity or an impregnable bastion of democracy, it certainly, like the curate's egg, has its good parts, and we live in one of the best of them.

We must give thanks for peace. In spite of occasional violent happenings, we are not, by definition, at war. And that is precisely the state in which much of the world lives.

When we were told at the disarmament conference that on any day during the past 35 years, six wars were raging, I thought the brigadier was exaggerating just a tad.

MORE THAN 30 AT WAR

Well, guess how many wars are going on right now! A war, defined by *The Pacifist* is a state of armed conflict involving government troops. By this definition, there are more than 30 countries actively engaged in war right now.

So we have much for which to give thanks — that we are not among them. But watch out! At any moment the headstrong policies of one leader or another could drag us into conflict with

More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

each other, our neighbours or an alleged "enemy" half way across the world.

The price of peace is vigilance! *Canadian Ecumenical News* is a fairly bland publication, occasionally provocative. The latest issue repeats its objective — sharing the Good News.

"What is the good news for the 25% or more of the Canadian population who live below the poverty line?"

"Or what is the good news for the majority of the world's population who do not even know what a poverty line is? For these the difficulty is to survive.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO CARE

"The beginning of good news for these people is perhaps the discovery that there are those who care. It is the discovery that they can do something constructive about their situation and that others will help, those others being you and I.

However, words are easy to write. Actions are more difficult. The following poem was printed in *The Promise* of St. Faith's Anglican Church, Vancouver:

I was hungry,
and you formed a humanities
club and discussed my hunger.

I was imprisoned,
and you crept off quietly to your
chapel and prayed for my
release.

I was naked,
and in your mind you debated
the morality of my appearance.

I was sick,
and you knelt and thanked God
for your health.

I was homeless,
and you preached to me of the
spiritual shelter of the love of
God.

I was lonely,
and you left me alone to pray for
me.

You seem so holy, so close to God,
But I'm still very hungry
and lonely
and cold.

(Author unknown)

The column continues:

ALL-TIME RECORD

"Strike is the word of the year. For we may in 1981 set an all-time record for days lost because of strikes. And who is able to strike? Those in middle and upper income ranges.

"The poor, for the most part, do not any more belong to unions — they can't afford it or they don't qualify. So others get better settlements and they get poorer living conditions — and even health care is threatened! It seems we are great at knowing how not to help the poor.

"But surely an educated, caring people like we are in Canada can reverse the trend. Then having learned how to do it here at home, we'll really have something to share abroad. At least we can try."

Amnesty International has a local meeting on Salt Spring Island on Friday, Oct. 23 at 8 pm. Further information at 537-2322 (evenings) or 653-4256.

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Bim:

A folk musician in truest sense

BY MICHAEL ARMSTRONG

Some think Roy Forbes is just a guy from Dawson Creek with thick glasses. Others know him as Bim, one of the finest folk-rock performers on the West Coast.

He is a folk musician in the truest sense. His songs chronicle his own changing social milieu: from the high school dances in northern B.C. to the disillusionments of the big city.

I have heard Bim many times over the last five to six years and have noticed his changes.

He has become more confident on stage and more open to his audience. His guitar work has improved immensely to the point where I would venture to say he is one of the best Canadian folk guitarists.

And what can one say about his crystal-clear high voice. It is like a choirboy's but capable of a great range of emotional expression; from raunchy blues and folk-rock to the soft cry of Hank Williams' *I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry*.

Bim appears this Sunday night in Ganges. The show has been changed from the activity centre to the more comfortable surroundings of Mahon Hall. Showtime is 8 pm.

Tickets are \$5 (\$4.50 for I-PACS members) and are available at Annie's and et cetera.

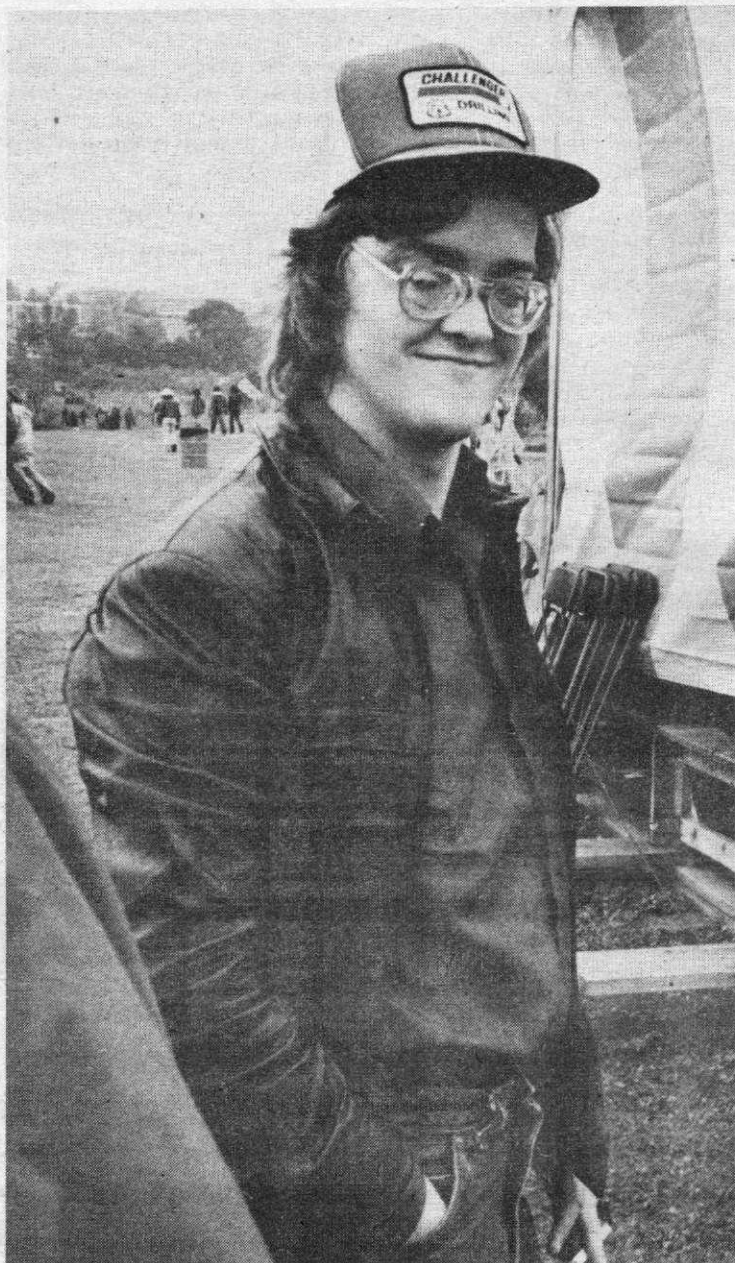
Don't miss this talented British Columbian performer.

Sawmill damaged

A sawmill on Salt Spring has been damaged to the tune of \$800 by vandals, Ganges RCMP told *Driftwood* this week.

Vandals took a dog (a device on the mill used to hold logs in position) and smashed the radiator, leaving between 20 and 30 holes in it. A tube of grease was also smeared all over the mill.

Vandalism took place at Tassaday Farm on Sharp Road some time between September 1 and October 9. Owner of the mill is Mike Hunt.



Bim coming to Salt Spring.

VESUVIUS INN

ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEKEND, OCT. 16-17

Tom and Sue Bowler



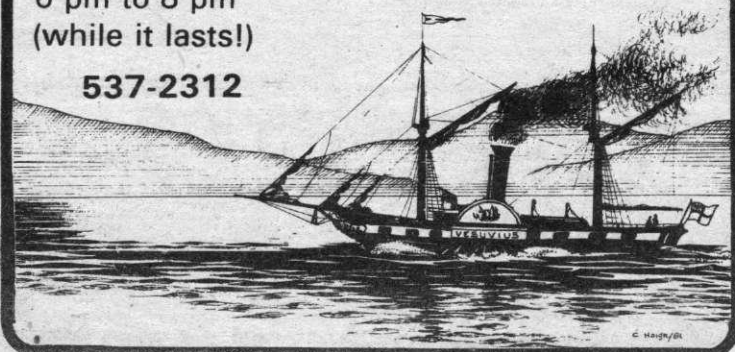
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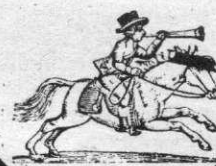
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GALIANO NEWS

BY BASIL AND
KATHLYN BENDER

A two-day women's self-defence workshop has been especially planned for Outer Island females. The two sessions will take place on Pender Island in the school gymnasium on two Saturdays, the 14th and 28th of November from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm, and any female resident of Galiano and the other Outer Islands from the age of 12 years and up may attend.

The course will be taught by Gaye Ferguson, a well-trained teacher from Wen-Do West, Vancouver. The workshop will include training in the improvement of awareness, in verbal self-defence as well as physical activities. There is no upper age limit for participants.

Anyone who can walk will be trained to the limit of her individual ability. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and bring a soft pillow or old sleeping bag.

Interested and concerned women should contact Virginia Newman at 537-2822, or Maria Watson at 629-6153 by October 20. The fee for the two days of instruction is a very reasonable \$15. It is hoped that the valuable information learned on this course will later be transmitted to others who will be unable to personally attend.

Musical Notes

Those who love singing enjoyed a special treat October 3 when Pat Weaver arranged a musical evening at the Golf Club. Cam Trowsdale displayed his virtuosity and versatility on the violin, as Lorna McPhee conducted community singing while playing the accompaniment on piano or ukelele.

Reg Cornwell contributed mellow melodies on the saxophone and Pat played his accordion. On occasions like this, hidden talents are displayed in impromptu performances and these served to heighten the evening's enjoyment. Particular thanks go to the north end guests, Cam and Lorna, for giving up some of their precious weekend for our delight, and to Pat for making the arrangements.

Choristers, warblers, those who enjoy singing or playing an instrument are urged to join the school children of Galiano to put on *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* for the Christmas season. This hour-long musical, which tells the Bible story of Joseph, is by the authors of *Jesus Christ, Superstar*. It has been performed in St. Paul's Cathedral and ran for seven months at the Aldwych Theater in London's West End.

Weekly rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the school. Musical director Elizabeth Brinson and producer

Ken Gaylor need the help of every interested islander, so please volunteer your services by phoning the school or attending the next rehearsal.

Senior Citizens

The cool, showery weather produced extra vim and vigour among Galiano groups. On Monday afternoon, October 5, the senior citizens dodged the heavy raindrops to meet in Page Drive Lounge for their first fall session.

They noted that the weekly carpet bowling, for all ages, in the Community Hall is in full swing each Tuesday afternoon at 2 pm and that military whist will be played every second and fourth Wednesday beginning at 7:30 pm in Page Drive Lounge.

The members also heard that, following 1½ years of patient negotiation, they may now apply for the lease of five acres of crown land on Ellis Road near the golf course. This lot has been specially rezoned for community use by the Islands Trust.

There is still the possibility that this site may be used for a senior citizens centre which would also be available for use by other community groups.

Galiano Painters

Last Wednesday, Oct. 7, 11 members of the Artists' Guild, fortified by a meal at the Pink Geranium, wended their way northward to the Devina Drive studio of Galiano painter Thelma (Jean) Beattie.

Their hostess showed the group how she made silk screen prints by masking with tracing paper or tape to produce sharper edges, photographic stencils. It is interesting to see how Jean's style in painting has evolved since she came to live full-time on Galiano, from very abstract geometric themes to the inclusion of Gulf Island flora, albeit stylized.

The visitors were impressed by Jean's prowess in other crafts, for example her ability to lay bricks and build a couch.

Sports

The Outer Island Schools' Soccer Tournament was played on Wednesday, Oct. 7 with Mayne Island as the host school. The people of Galiano would have been proud of the performance of their

school team, which went undefeated and had only one goal scored against it, thanks to the sterling play of Gordon Crocker between the posts.

Galiano defeated Pender and drew with Saturna and Mayne. Rodney Crocker was high scorer with two goals. Most improved players were Drew Hardy and Zach Gilson who, after a few weeks of practice, were able to outwit and outplay most of their larger opponents.

Special credit should go to the defense, particularly Alison Stafford and Carol Minette who stood up to strikers of the opposing teams, boys nearly twice their size. In November there will be a replay of the tied games.

On the weekend of the 17th and 18th of October there will be played the third annual soccer tournament for the Galiano Cup. Anyone in the community who wishes to take part should contact the school for details. Teams are mixed and range in age from six to 60, selected to produce balanced competition.

The two previous competitions saw an excellent turn-out of both players and spectators and a very enjoyable afternoon for all. Doctors and nurses will be in attendance but so far their services have not been required, a compliment to the sportsmanship and consideration of the more athletic competitors.

GOLF

Winnie Liver and Linda Carpin did well in Victoria last week. They entered the Victoria and District ladies two-ball Foursome competition and reached the final of their flight by beating three other pairs, all by scores of 2 and 1. Despite losing their final they enjoyed the week, playing on five different city and district golf courses and winning a consolation prize of five golf balls.

In order to be able to concentrate on her game, Mrs. Liver dispatched her husband John to England, from where he returned safely 10 days later. Perhaps if she had sent him to China she might have been even more successful.

SLUG

The following item of news might be classified under Nature Notes or Gastronomy, but in *Driftwood* any reference to Slugs comes in the sports pages. "Biting the Bullet" is a metaphorical cliché

describing something Canadians are expected to do in these troubled times.

A more original metaphor is "Swallowing the Slug", a feat recently performed by Pip Finnis. Pip informed us that the gastropod slipped down quite easily, but that he would have preferred it well marinated in beer. Pip should be invited to become an honorary member of the infamous Salt Spring Slugs.

ROD AND GUN CLUB

The Galiano Rod and Gun Club Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot took place on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11 as an excellent turn-out including many off-island shooters who competed in 22 separate

shoots for prizes of turkeys, hams and steaks.

The Garner family collected enough prizes to start a butcher shop; author Joe and son Jerry from Nanaimo, brother Oli and brother-in-law Fred from Galiano, and nephew Don from the mainland. Mayne Island winners were Charlie Rainsford and Allan Steward.

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Her driving was erratic, not skilful

The RCMP constable said the driving was erratic while the defense attorney claimed the manoeuvres to be skilful.

Constable Glen Hanna told the court that he watched a green Vega as it wended through Ganges traffic last June on Sea Capers weekend, cutting off at least three cars including the officer's patrol vehicle.

When the Vega stopped at the fire hall, Hanna said the driver, Margaret Ryles, 18, showed signs of intoxication. She was unsteady on her feet, spoke with a slur and smelled of alcohol, he said.

The constable took Ryles to the police office but was unable to obtain a breath test because an authorized operator was not available. He asked the woman to perform two balance tests, which she could not do.

The defense asked the court to

consider the accident-free course through the heavy traffic that weekend as a feat of skilful driving. The faulty performance came about because, Ryles said, her balance is "not all that good at the best of times."

Judge F.C. Giles chose to believe the police officer and fined Ryles \$150 for impaired driving or 10 days in jail for default of payment.

She also lost her driver's licence for the mandatory three months.

John Gaines enters race

John Gaines, of Saturna Island, has thrown his hat into the Regional Board ring. He will be the first islander to seek a seat on the Capital Regional Board while serving on the Islands Trust.

Gaines will vie with South Pender's Vern Roddick who has already announced his candidature.

The Saturna candidate told *Driftwood* that he could see no

conflict. Although he has served as a general trustee, both named to that position by the province and elected general trustee when the appointment system was withdrawn, he is now local trustee for Saturna only.

"I don't believe there is any conflict in holding the two positions," he said, "and rather than bring about a by-election, I would serve out my term."

Gaines is also an airplane pilot of considerable experience.

Galiano news

FROM PAGE TEN

Gun fraternity who were successful included Lloyd Baines, Peter Denroche, Dan Basarab, Gary Biggar and Ken Silvey. John Georgeson finally defeated his rival, Charlie Head, and won a prize. Refreshments in the clubhouse followed the shoot.

BRIDGE

A popular winner of the Monday evening progressive bridge last Monday was Clare Bennett. Clare has been competing for many years without achieving the highest score. She is to be congratulated on her well-deserved success.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving weekend was blessed by perfect weather for holiday-makers and islanders alike.

On Saturday evening a six-piece band, the Phoenix Jaggers, came from Vancouver to play for an appreciative audience at the South End Hall. Fresh from the Hot Jazz Club, the Vancouver centre for dixieland jazz, they performed with trumpet, trombone, clarinet, bass and drums. It is a measure of their appeal that they were urged to play on and on after their scheduled closing number, *When the Saints Come Marching Home*. We look forward to a return visit by the Jaggers.

On Sunday a full congregation assembled in St. Margaret's Church to sing the harvest hymns and hear a harvest festival sermon by the Rev. John Dyer in a flower-decked setting.

Coming Events

Saturday, Oct. 17 is a day for islanders to be out and about. In the afternoon between 2 and 4 pm the Women's Auxiliary to the Fire Department will hold their monthly Book Sale in the South Galiano Fire Hall.

Home for supper or dinner and then up to the Community Hall in good time to obtain a seat for the meeting organized by the Community Centre Society to begin at 7:30 pm when the directors will show blueprints and discuss costs of the proposed school-community project.

On Monday, Oct. 19 the Ladies Service Club will hold their postponed meeting at 2 pm in Page Drive Lounge to formulate their plans for their forthcoming annual bazaar.

The week may be rounded off in a most pleasant way by an excursion to the North End Community Hall on Saturday, Oct. 24 to view a film show beginning at 8 pm and to inspect a pictorial display on the recent jamboree by a phalanx of famous photographers.

Advance notice is given of the Galiano premiere of *The Only Jealousy of Emer* by the noted Irish poet and playwright, W.B. Yeats. The entire company of actors, director, stage manager and scenery designer are Galiano residents.

Advance tickets, at \$2.50 may be obtained from Heather Martin, 539-5413, or Christa Weiss, 539-2165, for either of two performances on Sunday the 25th or Friday the 30th of October, both at the South End Community Hall.

Now is the time for all Galiano children and their parents to be planning their Halloween costumes ready to appear in the grand parade at the Halloween party to be held at the South Galiano Community Hall on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Mothers are asked to bake Halloween cakes and cookies to donate to this annual event, put on for many years by the executive of the Galiano Club. The evening will culminate in a pyrotechnic display created by Oli Garner and assisted by Peter (Fireworks) Rabatich.

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Volunteer drivers needed for Legion bus

The Royal Canadian Legion on Salt Spring Island is planning to help fellow islanders who have no transportation.

A transportation system for the elderly and the infirm is planned by the Legion to cover all of Salt Spring Island.

There will be a regular transportation program operated and administered by volunteers on the very island that has vigorously resisted any attempt to levy a bus transit fee.

The Legion committee responsible for the project has based its new plans on the fact that Salt Spring Island is a community of retired people.

On Thursday evening last week Legionnaire George Heinekey attended the dinner meeting of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club to invite volunteers to drive. A

volunteer must be qualified and prepared to obtain a Class 3 or 4 driver's license, he said.

The Legion committee includes Heinekey and Colin Mouat, who is a member of both groups.

"We are asking the Lions Club to supply drivers for the Legion

bus," explained Heinekey.

He noted that Legion and Rotarian drivers had responded warmly to the proposal. At the close of the meeting he expressed his gratitude for the prompt response of many of the Lions.

There is no age limit for

volunteers, who must be able to pass the physical examination as well as the driver's test. Any costs involved will be borne by the Legion.

The new service is intended for those who cannot drive or who have no car, explained the Legion spokesman.

It is a very good project, commented Bob Nicholson, in the chair, and one that has been needed on the island for many years.

The service club already operates a small bus. Lions Bunny Bus is provided mainly for the benefit of Greenwoods and the extended care ward at Lady Minto Hospital.

The Legion bus will accommodate 12 passengers. It will not have facilities for wheelchairs, explained Heinekey.

Concerned over slide area

Erosion of the hillside adjacent to a stretch of North End Road on Salt Spring Island was one of the topics discussed at the Chamber of Commerce executive meeting last week.

The highways department, the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District will be contacted by the chamber with regard to the situation. The area has been the scene of two slides which left the road blocked with debris.

The chamber has made plans to stage a dinner November 5 at the Harbour House in appreciation of the work done by volunteers at the tourist information bureau.

Finally, it was announced that the judges of the beautification contest in Ganges have reached a decision. The results are to be made known when the engraving is completed on the plaque which is to be presented to the winner.

Heinekey waited 25 years to congratulate Mouat

When George Heinekey came to the Salt Spring Island Lions Club on Thursday to speak on Legion matters he opened his comments with a warm commendation of a distinguished member of the service club.

"This club is extremely fortunate to have him as a

member," said the visitor, "and I have been waiting for 25 years to congratulate Colin Mouat."

He described Mouat as the man who has worked quietly in the community.

Colin Mouat is a past president of the service club and a past district governor.

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Storms lash the Gulf Islands from time to time and two years ago Terry Dow lost his boat in just such a tempest. The craft broke moorage near Walker Hook on Salt Spring and drifted on to the

rocks. She filled with water from the stern and sank. Dow and his son refloated the vessel with the aid of barrels and pulled it up to the beach in the bay at the Hook. Vandals have since completed the

damage done by nature and the boat sits as a forlorn spectacle of the havoc of nature and the nonsense of man.

Saturna Scene

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

Ann Rose Sims caught a huge spring salmon last week. Mr. Lawson kindly kept it in his cooler and regularly exhibited it to the clientele, a fish with a lot of exposure.

It was an awesome beast, truly cause for thanksgiving.

The woman's group last Thursday had a good discussion on human sexuality. That's a hard topic to start with (someone suggested it was akin to a lost leader) so things were slow to start. About 12 women were there, which is a good number for a discussion.

Don't forget the book fair at the school, October 19 to 27! The books will be on display after school and for two evenings. They range in price from 50 cents to \$5. This is probably a reasonable amount of money for children and

adults to spend on gifts.

The book prices are lower than bookstore prices and Saturna School gets a commission on every sale. The money will be used to buy a drum for the music department.

Big news this week! The marriage of the queen's representative and the island electrician took place in Victoria last Tuesday. The families and close friends witnessed the civil service, which was performed with sincerity and enthusiasm.

The wedding party then had a bang-up celebration and feast 'til late in the night.

Jeannette Carpentier married Rodney Wall October 10 in Langford. The shower that Geri Davidson and Beatrice Carpentier gave for her, on Wednesday night, was very enjoyable — everyone had a good time.

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Half the world is starving, says Wakely at Lions dinner

The west dines well and half the world dies of hunger.

Cec Wakeley told Salt Spring Island Lions Club on Thursday evening last week that the need for help in the Third World is very evident and that those in the west who are not concerned for themselves should be concerned for their grandchildren.

The soaring world population is destined to have a tremendous impact on resources the world over, he warned, and this will affect sources of food as well as drawing on educational and other services.

Wakeley cited the population figures which are bringing new demands on the world.

Twenty-five per cent of the world population is hungry and 25% is dying, he warned.

And the prosperous nations spend \$600 billion on arms and \$60 billion on food for the relief of the stricken people of the world.

Adding to the problem as it appears today, continued the speaker, is the 75 million net increase in world population each year. This means that every three years the world is filled with 225 million more people to feed, help and provide for.

He looked back into history.

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In 1830 the world reached the billion mark in total population. By 1930 the population was two billion. In 1960 the world population was three billion. In 1975 the four billion mark was reached. By 1987, the population will have come up to five billion and the six-billion mark is forecast by the year 2000.

"The good Lord made some very selfish people when he made the world," suggested the speaker.

This week of Thanksgiving is being marked by many British Columbians as a reminder of other countries' need. And British Columbians are invited to fast, to go without food from 7 am to 7 pm.

"It is to try to make us realize how it feels to be hungry."

Wakeley, knows what hunger means. He's been there and he's seen it in all its ugly forms. "How many have seen a child suffering?" he asked.

He described the distended stomach and all the other characteristics of the child who is born to hunger and deprivation and want.

In the suffering lands of the world one child in four dies before the age of five. The other four may look ahead to a life span of 50 years.

Hunger walks hand in hand with suffering, disease and death.

And he looked around home.

Canada produces 3% of the world's food. Canada is one of the world's rarities, a country that exports food. Few lands grow sufficient to have such a surplus, suggested Wakeley.



Cec Wakely speaking to Lions Club last week.

The speaker has visited throughout the world. He has seen the ravages of hunger, he is familiar with the stench of want.

He is also too familiar with the frustration of trying to tell of the need for helping such countries; to tell of the need for food and the need for help.

There are too many people content with their plenty and so sure it can never change, he warned.

But, he is convinced, the next decade is destined to bring great changes. "We have an unfair share of resources."

The Lions clubs send money to ailing countries for a variety of purposes, he noted. Like the Rotary Club to which he belongs, the Lions collect funds for aid and relief in various countries.

If the club asks for assistance from the Canadian International Development Agency they will get

additional funds on a 2:1 or a 3:1 basis, he explained.

Canada has aimed at a target of seven per cent of the gross national product as a figure for aid to the less fortunate peoples of the world. The current assistance program is achieving three per cent of the national production figure. Service clubs, community organizations and churches are all supported in any help they offer to the third world.

He didn't ask for anything. He didn't press for any particular assistance. The speaker explained that he came to ask for a recognition among his fellow islanders of the pain and suffering that could be relieved by an awareness and a sympathy on the part of those who have never heard a child weep for lack of food. And he offered his reminder that there are matching funds available from the federal government.

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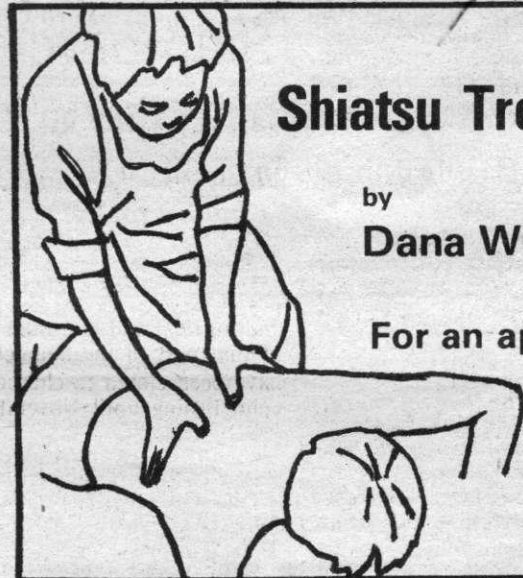
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