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*Lack of parental supervision, use of alcohol also blamed*

## Boredom major factor in rash of break-ins

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

If there is one thing that we have learned during the course of preparing this story on the rash of break-ins on Salt Spring Island, it's that there is no single contributing factor behind the growing crime problem among youths here and that the community, as a whole, may have to re-examine its priorities and attitudes towards youth.

With 23 youths facing criminal charges thus far, and more arrests expected, it would appear that the community is the biggest loser in the five months of break-ins and assorted thefts.

Meanwhile, police investigations continue and unfortunately, so do the break-ins. The total for January alone stands at about a dozen.

There is no general consensus of opinion among those we have contacted and

its possible that the culprits themselves might offer 23 different explanations for their actions but it is beginning to appear that the causes, in many cases, may go beyond simply having fallen into a bad crowd.

Though reasons for the break-ins that have plagued Salt Spring Island businesses and residents seem varied, it would appear that boredom is a major factor.

Probation officer Neil Pearce says that teenagers here are "bored silly".

### LITTLE TO DO

"During the winter months there is precious little for these kids to do of a constructive nature," said Pearce.

Others, including nearly every Gulf Islands Secondary School student contacted by *Driftwood*, agree.

"I think that it's the community's fault to tell you the truth. There's not enough recreation on this island," said one Grade 11 student.

Though there are certainly other factors involved, lack of recreational facili-

ties is the one which cropped up time and time again.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of Ganges RCMP says that it's impossible to generalize about reasons for the increase in juvenile and young adult crime and that there are different factors involved in each case.

He cites lack of parental supervision, use of alcohol, lack of things to do and lack of respect for other people's property as several leading contributors.

### UNDER CONTROL

He says that while the problem is a serious one, it's a situation which the police have under control, and that their intensive investigation is continuing. More arrests are anticipated in the future.

The 23 arrested so far, five adults and 18 juveniles, range in age from 14 to their early 20's, and are operating in at least six individual groups, according to Sgt. Hanks.

He says that its a case of a few misguided kids giving a bad reputation to all

kids here and that most youths on the island are well behaved.

"It's wrong to judge the teenage population of this island as a whole as being bad," said Hanks.

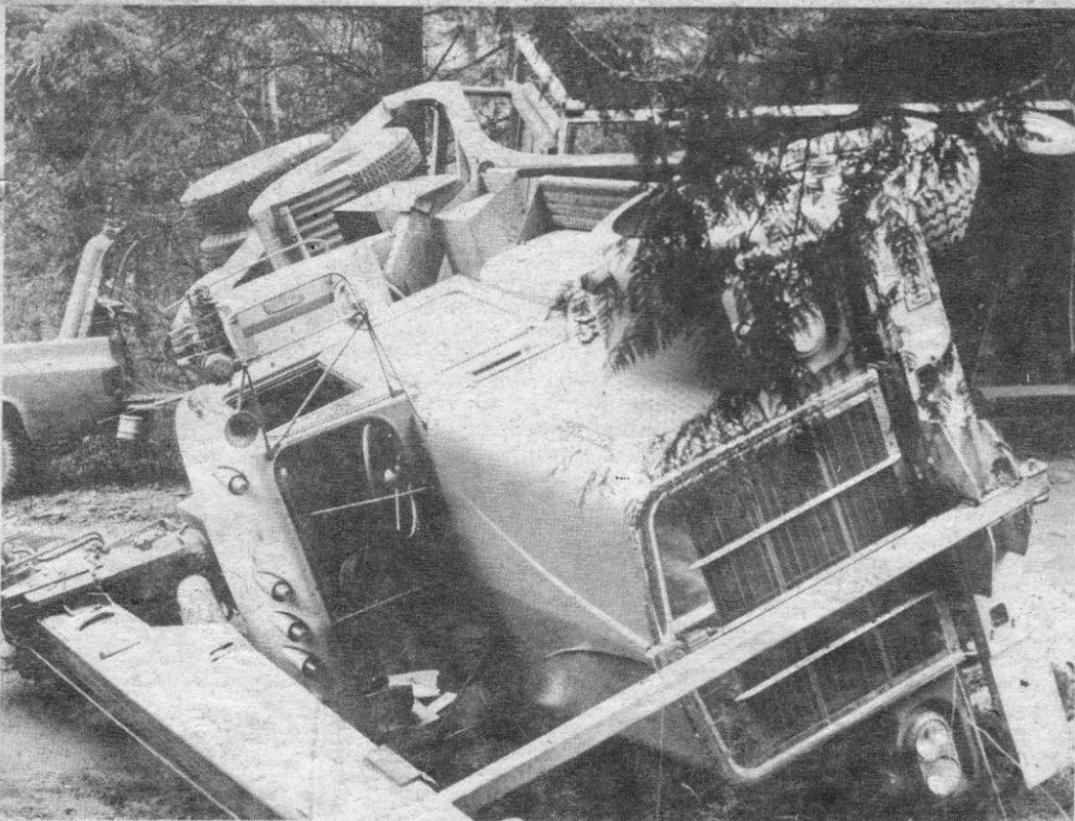
Pearce, in his work as a probation officer here and in Sidney, has found that there is an overall feeling of malaise on the part of youth on Salt Spring Island and he says that boredom goes hand-in-hand with alcohol and drug abuse.

### AWARENESS PROGRAM

So prevalent is this problem that he and members of the Peninsula Community Organization have just finalized details for creation of an alcohol awareness program on Salt Spring Island. The program, which is geared primarily for teenagers ages 13 to 18, is set to get under way for two days a week beginning in mid-February.

He says that people tend to downplay the seriousness of alcohol problems because of liquor's social acceptance, but

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Wrecker crews prepare to right truck after it rolled on Upper Ganges Road Saturday.

## Truck rolls near Ganges

A Duncan man escaped injury Saturday when the truck and trailer he was towing failed to negotiate a series of curves on Upper Ganges Road and flipped over on to its side.

The accident occurred at about 8:40 am and both Ganges RCMP and members of the fire department responded to the call. Driver of the vehicle was Andrew C. Poland.

Two trucks and trailers, both owned by Pacific Builders of Cobble Hill, were rounding the curves when Poland lost control of the lead vehicle on the wet and slippery road, causing it to jackknife and roll over.

It's estimated that the 1977 Kenworth sustained between \$8,000 and \$10,000 in damages. It cost the owners an additional \$600 to have the vehicle lifted upright and

dragged to the side of the road.

Salt Spring Island Garage and Bill's Engine Repairs each sent a wrecker to the scene to remove the vehicle from the road. The truck's brakes had locked up during the accident and this posed a problem for both teams of mechanics.

A quantity of diesel fuel also leaked on to the road.

## Islands to pay tax for seven months

Urban transit is the centre of a new debate this year.

For more than a year islanders pressed for exclusion from the transit area when the Capital Regional Board required that residents of the islands pay the levy towards maintaining city buses.

Last fall the regional board, after a history of vacillation, finally adopted a bylaw to leave the islands out.

Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm, then, rejected the bylaw for its severity towards com-

mercial and industrial operators. In order for islanders to be excused the levy back as far as April, that bylaw had to be adopted in the calendar year. When Vander Zalm was warned of the deadline, he assured the region that he would honour that retroactive feature even though the bill should not be finally adopted in the year 1980.

Last week the directors of the Capital Regional District heard a letter from the minister offering to reimburse islanders for the levy as

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## Car park opposed

Proposal to take out two homes and provide a parking area at Fulford has aroused considerable opposition among local residents.

At a recent meeting in Fulford Hall, the proposal to construct a causeway opposite the Fulford Inn met with unanimous support.

BC Ferry corporation has been contemplating the provision of a parking area at the foot of the hill in Fulford village. The old Patterson store building, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Patterson and the home above it, owned by Mrs. and Mrs. Powell, would be demolished and the bay would be filled.

Residents who feel that Fulford is a pleasant and attractive community have urged that alternative means be found to accommodate traffic.

The causeway proposal, to move the ferry wharf from the village, visualizes a masonry finger running out into the harbour for a quarter-mile or so. The ferry would then load and unload on to the Fulford-Ganges Road.

Many islanders have already protested the terminal plans to the provincial government.

Second alternative offered has been the acquisition of land near the junction of Fulford-Ganges Road and Beaver Point Road. Ferry traffic would then park a half-mile or less from the wharf.

Proposal to make changes at the bottom of Fulford Hill originated from the lack of parking space available and the objections of residents on Morningside Drive to having parked vehicles obstruct their driveways.

# Alcohol plays part in recent break-ins

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he says that alcohol is the number-one drug problem in North America.

"When people get bored there is a tendency to alleviate the boredom with either drugs or alcohol," said Pearce.

"The boredom among the juvenile element of Salt Spring Island is incredibly high."

### COMMUNITY TO BLAME

Camille Martin, co-ordinator for the alcohol awareness program here and in Sidney, echoes Pearce's assessment of the boredom among youth here but lays the blame squarely with the community for not providing adequate recreational facilities.

"It would appear that children here do not command a very high priority in the community," said Martin.

"It's the forgotten generation. As adults, we manage to survive, but they're damned if they do and they're damned if they don't."

Sue Douglass, rehabilitation program aide with Gulf Island Secondary School's Gipsy program, agrees with this analysis.

"I think that a lot of these kids are in need of something to do," she said.

Douglass would like to see someone take it upon himself to promote the idea of establishing a drop-in centre for youth, but she says that once the idea is put forward, it's really up to kids to support and organize it.

## Gipsy could get ball rolling

"There is the need for a drop-in centre but the kids have to recognize it themselves and if there is sufficient feedback we at Gipsy could get the ball rolling," said Douglass.

"Gipsy could take it upon themselves to organize one if there was enough support and feedback from the rest of the community."

Salt Spring Island has little to offer young people here in the way of recreational facilities, other than a movie house which is only open a few hours each week and a privately-owned recreation hall which is closed most evenings, according to Douglass.

A drop-in centre would get the kids off the streets and would provide an alternative to hanging around at Centennial Park, where alcohol and an assortment of drugs are readily available. Various organized social and athletic activities would be sponsored by such a drop-in centre.

Pearce agrees that a drop-in centre here would help to alleviate the boredom and provide an alternative to consumption, and he says that teenagers in Sidney have bene-

fited from the many activities sponsored by the drop-in centre there. They include campouts, ski trips, field trips to museums and movies, plus supervised overnights to Vancouver and Long Beach.

Pearce says that teenagers become particularly restless during the winter months since the colder weather limits outdoor activities. During the warmer summer months a good deal of their spare time is devoted to hiking, swimming, boating and other outdoor activities.

He says that secondary school students here are finished classes at 2.20 pm and that many find it difficult to make constructive use of their time.

## Stiffer penalties needed

Len Sokol, a teacher with Gipsy, says that while there is a need for a drop-in centre here, he would like to see the courts hand out stiffer penalties to juvenile offenders.

He says that there is little provision under existing law in this province to punish juveniles other than to place them on probation, which is really a toothless punishment.

He would like to see the provincial government reinstitute work camps for juvenile offenders, not only as a deterrent but also to instil a sense of responsibility.

At present, the only alternative to probation is jail and Sokol says that neither is a very effective deterrent or desirable course of action.

"You send somebody to jail only to have him learn how to become a better criminal."

### NOT BEYOND HELP

He says that the majority of those juveniles involved in crime here are not beyond rehabilitation and he would like to see the provincial government effectively deal with young offenders before they reach a point of no return and to where crime has become a way of life.

Pearce agrees that we are not seeing the emergence of a hard-core criminal element on Salt Spring Island.

The majority of those arrested so far are between the ages of 14 and 18 and the oldest is just into his early 20's.

"My hunch is that the majority of them are damned nice kids that need some direction. Of the 18 (juveniles arrested so far), the vast majority will be delightful children," he said.

"This problem will persist until the community takes responsibility for its own problems and looks

at what can be done."

### BRAZEN ATTITUDE

Both the principal and the counsellor at Gulf Islands Secondary School suggest that several adults charged in connection with the rash of break-ins have been so ineffectively dealt with in the past, that their younger peers have adopted a more brazen attitude towards the law.

They say that the public has focussed its attention on the issue and that many of those involved thrive on this sort of attention.

Both principal Bob McWhirter and counsellor Marg Sitton agree that students have a number of available avenues through which to pursue activities, and they say that most of those involved in the break-ins have shown little inclination to take part in these functions.

### STIFFER SENTENCES

McWhirter would like to see stiffer sentences handed out to juvenile offenders but he says that for most of the 18 juveniles apprehended so far, this will probably be their only brush with the law.

He says that everything considered, most students on the island are well behaved and that they've paid a high price because of the conduct of a few.

McWhirter says that this small group, or negative influence, as he refers to them have wrought havoc on just about every school organized activity they've participated in, and that their influence has had an adverse effect on younger, more impressionable students.

He says that the school has had trouble in the past at various activities, particularly dances, but that the instigators are generally former students or older kids from outside the school.

## Ringleaders command respect

He says that it's unfortunate that this negative influence tends to filter on down to younger teenagers. They are more inclined to participate in break-ins because they've seen that some of these individuals have been keeping one step ahead of the law for years, and that even if caught they are likely to suffer nothing worse than a probationary period.

Sitton says that the news media has drawn considerable attention to the situation here and that this has, to some extent, led the ring leaders to command a certain amount of respect among younger, more easily influenced individuals.

Most of those involved are lacking in self-esteem and self-respect, according to Sitton, and this usually stems from problems right at home.

"If they can't respect themselves,

how can they respect others?"

### LOOKING FOR ATTENTION

She says that many children here are suffering from want of attention from their parents, and are looking for it elsewhere. She says that what we are seeing is a breakdown of the home as we've known it and that parents, in many cases, are providing little supervision for their children.

As a result, they are left to run free, and in many cases they're running right into trouble with the law, she says.

Alcohol, drugs and juvenile delinquency are part of growing up for all too many teenagers on Salt Spring Island.

"I think that it starts in the home and it starts when they're very young.

"Parents have the ultimate responsibility for their children."

## Police need more support from community, courts

She would like to see the police given more support by not only the community but also the courts, with stiffer sentences handed out to juvenile offenders. It's important that they learn early in life that crime doesn't pay.

Sitton would also like to see the RCMP patrol Salt Spring Island roads on a 24-hour basis.

She says that it's a mistake to give too much publicity to the offenders because it's not the kind of attention that they need.

Sitton would like to see an open forum in the community to discuss the problem because ignoring it is not going to make the situation go away. She would like to see representatives of the RCMP, the schools, churches, business, parents and students participate in such a forum and propose ways of curbing the escalating juvenile crime wave and coming up with ideas to meet the needs of young people here.

### PETITION

Tom Gossett, proprietor of Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, has made his feelings well known that 17-hour police patrolling of Salt Spring Island is not enough, and he recently handed Sgt. Hanks a petition bearing the names of several hundred residents who agree with him.

"It's common knowledge to both the public and would-be opportunists that the RCMP is asleep during those hours."

Gossett says that he has received confirmation from sources with the RCMP that they usually do not patrol between the hours of 1 am and 7 am.

Sgt. Hanks refused to reveal the hours that police patrol here.

Gossett says that the petition gathered about 369 signatures in just one week and that he personally presented the petition to Sgt. Hanks last week.

He also sent a letter to the provincial attorney-general and he feels certain that the petition will end up on the attorney-general's desk after working its way up through the RCMP's chain of command.

### AFTER THIRD BREAK-IN

Gossett decided to circulate the petition after Foxglove was broken into for the third time in four months.

He isn't critical of the RCMP detachment here and he says that officers are doing everything that they possibly can to bring the break-in situation under control.

"I think that the RCMP are feeling a little bit harassed by this and

are feeling the burden of the investigation," said Gossett.

"We are not at loggerheads with the RCMP with this thing."

He would like to see the RCMP increase its staff from its present number of five in order to permit full 24-hour police patrolling. He says that then, and only then, will area merchants, particularly those in Ganges, see any let-up in the number of break-ins.

Gossett says that not only do police not patrol roads during early morning hours but that calls placed to the RCMP during those hours are transferred to the Nanaimo RCMP detachment.

Sgt. Hanks confirmed this and said that Nanaimo RCMP in turn put out a radio alarm to whichever Ganges officer is on standby duty.

### TIME LAG TOO LONG

The time lag between the time when a Salt Spring or Outer Island resident places a call to RCMP and when a sleepy-eyed police officer finishes dressing and races to the scene of a crime or accident, simply is too long, according to Gossett.

"If they do that (institute 24-hour patrolling) a lot of the break-in troubles will eventually evaporate. Anyone thinking of committing a break-in will think twice if he has to deviate around a random police patrol."

He said that the psychological effect of knowing that there is 24-hour police surveillance would also have tremendous impact.

"People are reluctant to cast a shadow over the place where they live but hushing it up doesn't really help solve the problem"

Gossett also spoke last week to the *Victoria Times-Colonist*, the *Vancouver Province* and CBC radio.

Sgt. Hanks says that he was misquoted by the *Times-Colonist* and that he did not characterize the burglaries as "pretty minor," as reported in that paper.

"These are violations of the criminal code," said Hanks.

"Certainly it's a concern and a deep concern, not just for the victims, but also for the offenders," he said.

On the subject of Gossett's petition, Sgt. Hanks said, "We're in the process of reviewing the manpower situation here."

## Thieves hit K & R store

Thieves hit the K & R food store last week and removed about 50 cartons of cigarettes and a quantity of packaged meat after forcing their way into the building.

The break-in occurred some time after midnight Thursday and was discovered about 8 am by Ben Greenough, an employee at the store, when he arrived for work.

The culprits gained entry after smashing the front door. Police estimate value of the stolen property to be several hundred dollars and are still investigating.

Thieves attempted to break in to the K & R several weeks ago by smashing a window, but were prevented from making their way in by a quantity of merchandise which employees had left piled up in front of the window.

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# To Be Frank



by richards

Trustee John Young, of Victoria, proposed that all school trustees take the test in English which is required of new teachers. And he backed his proposal with a challenge. It was reported in a news column: Young went one step further, moving that any trustee not passing the test with flying colours undertake appropriate studies to correct or rectify any weaknesses they may have in either spoken or written English. If that was a verbatim quote, guess who would be first on the course!

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Think how quiet the news channels will be when the constitution is in Ottawa, the energy dispute is settled, profit-sharing between Ottawa and the provinces is settled, Barrett has endorsed the Bennett plan for patriation and the first giant tanker has sunk in Juan de Fuca Strait. Then we can really argue sewers!

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It is a strange quirk of a chauvinistic age that a man demands more of his masters than his mistresses. He expects his masters to be literate. And few would demand that she spell busses any other way. But the city of Vancouver consistently refers to its traffic as busses. And what master more demanding than the city fathers? Are there no city mothers? Then the B.C. Ferry Corporation gets into the picture with its urgent caution to travellers at Swartz Bay, Drive Slow! A literate passenger must shudder each time he reads it: if he reads it good. And what master more autocratic than the ferries? Or more literate than an island passenger?

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Bud Kreissl nearly suffered a serious loss on Friday. He left his pipe at Driftwood after discussing highway routes. The staff nearly suffered a serious loss when it was mooted one of the girls might smoke it. Fortunately, the owner came back to claim it. But Bud Kreissl without his pipe might never speak again!

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I found some papers. They were used as packing and most were from Ontario. So I figured they would make a good comparison with local prices. But it isn't so easy. You can pick up an eastern newspaper and compare the price of bacon with bacon. But the eastern brand could be better or poorer than the brand advertised in the west. There were some surprises. Wieners, by Burns, were cheaper on Salt Spring Island than in a store at Borden, Ont. Other commodities compared well, but the brands were not the same. So, if the Ganges housewife bought her grocery order from an advertisement in *Driftwood*, this is what she would have paid: (in January) 1 lb. bacon, \$1.89. (This was advertised as 500 grams and 1 lb. is approximate). 1 lb. bean sprouts, 49c; 2 lbs. frying chicken, \$1.29; 1 lb. sausage, \$1.79; 5 lbs. fresh picnic ham, \$4.40; margarine, Imperial, 3 lbs. \$1.89; Heinz kidney beans, 14 oz., 59c; sirloin tip steak, 1 lb., \$3.89; grapefruit, 5/89c. If the Ontario housewife, or husband, had gone shopping a couple of weeks earlier she would have paid: 1 lb. bacon, \$1.79; 1 lb. bean sprouts, 39c; 1 lb. sausage, \$1.48; 2 lbs. frying chicken, whole chickens, frying or roasting, were 98c per pound so 2 lbs. would represent \$1.96; 5 lbs. picnic ham, \$4.35; Imperial margarine at 3/\$2.59; Heinz beans, 14 oz., 55c; sirloin tip steak, 1 lb., \$2.99; grapefruit, 6/89c. The Salt Spring Island bill for this short list of groceries would add up to \$17.12. In Ontario, the bill would be \$16.99. Surprising feature of the comparison is not the amount that would be paid on the island, but the cost in Ontario. In view of the price and wages differential across the country, the island total is unexpectedly low. Making allowance for the discrepancy in margarine prices, the difference would be still less.

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The prices east and west were mildly interesting but not startling in terms of food prices. They were unbelievable in terms of property values. How about these? One-bedroom apartment, partly furnished, \$185 per month, includes all utilities. Or building lot, 1/2 acre, partly treed, \$10,000; three-bedroom brick bungalow, \$29,500; four bedroom brick bungalow, full basement, family room, all hardwood floors, fenced lot, patio and swimming pool, \$41,900; (both on city lots in Angus, Ont.) Two-storey brick home, owner occupies living room, kitchen and five bedrooms and rents two-bedroom apartment: with 50 x 25 ft. insulated garage used for auto repairs, all for \$35,900. But figure the heating bills in winter!

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# Local Coast Guard base answered 124 calls in seven-month period

The Ganges base of the Canadian Coast Guard answered a total of 124 calls during the last seven months of 1980, according to statistical information released by their office last week.

The information is based on the seven-month period beginning June 4 when the base first opened, and consequently there is no other comparable time period with which to compare the figures.

The breakdown of the 124 calls with which the Coast Guard provided assistance is as follows: 48 mechanical breakdowns, 23 boats overdue, 18 run aground, 10 boats adrift, eight sinkings, two medivac runs, two fires, one person overboard, one aircraft crash and 11 miscellaneous calls.

### PLANE CRASH

The single fatality to which the Coast Guard responded was that of a Nanaimo pilot whose single-engine plane crashed on Galiano Island December 4.

The Coast Guard, at that time, conducted a water search near the entrance to Active Pass for signs of debris or a fuel slick in order to locate wreckage of the missing plane. It was eventually located by aircraft which conducted an air search.

The Coast Guard also assisted an additional 24 vessels experiencing minor difficulties in Ganges Harbour.

Slightly more than half the calls were in response to incidents involving pleasure craft. Many of those were the result of engine failure, having run out of fuel or having run aground.

### PYLADES TO OAK BAY

The six man Coast Guard crew answered calls as far north as Pylades Island, where they rescued a pleasure craft which had run aground, and as far south as Oak Bay, where a fishing vessel was reported broken down and lost in heavy fog.

The Coast Guard cutter 122 and its crew also ventured into U.S. waters on numerous occasions to assist vessels, through an overlapping agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard, according to Coxswain Frank Wilkins.

A 20-year Coast Guard veteran, Wilkins alternated between bases at Vancouver and Bull Harbour on Hope Island, at the northern tip of

Vancouver Island, before being stationed here.

He says that the joint effort by coast guards from both nations permits them to assist one another in local waters. The Canadian Coast Guard, last year, towed back many Canadian boaters who had been stranded in American waters.

### COULD BE AVOIDED

Wilkins says that many incidents, particularly those involving pleasure craft, could be avoided if boaters paid more attention to boating safety and good navigational practices.

Many incidents, such as those involving breakdowns and running aground, are due to carelessness, according to Wilkins.

"It's important to have proper charts and don't let your friends

draw any lines on them," quipped one crewman.

Although the start of the boating season for most pleasure boat owners is still several months away, Wilkins says that it's a good idea to start thinking now about boating safety.

He recommends that all motor boats be inspected to ensure that fuel lines and filters are free from silt and sludge after months of remaining idle in cold weather, and that all fuel connections are tight, otherwise gas could drip into bilges making for a potentially explosive situation.

Wilkins also invites owners of any type of vessel to take advantage of a free courtesy inspection by the Coast Guard, a service they provide to ensure safety on the water.

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## Waiting for a ferry

The ferry wharf at Fulford was under fire some 20 years ago when the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce pressed for its removal to Isabella Point.

Opponents of the proposal were quick to challenge the extensive road work they saw as an ingredient of the move. The opponents also feared for the survival of the Fulford village as a service area for local residents.

At that time the then premier, W.A.C. Bennett, came to the rescue of the opponents of a move and assured islanders that as long as he was premier there would be no thought of going to Isabella Point.

In the meantime, the ferry terminal has been enlarged, the ferry vessel has been enlarged and the population served by the ferry has leaped.

The effects of the changes have been to place greater pressure not only on the vessel sailing into Fulford but on the facilities it uses. The parking space available in the ferry compound is adequate for the ferry crew, who must have somewhere to leave their cars, and for passengers' vehicles when the load is not too great.

There is no accommodation for vehicles parked at the wharf while their owners take the ferry.

This situation is aggravated by the annoyance of local residents, who, very naturally, resent the parking of vehicles on the road in such a manner as to restrict their free access.

What to do?

The BC Ferry Corporation has proposed the removal of two houses at the foot of Fulford Hill, filling the foreshore and providing a parking area in that bay.

Large number of islanders are indignant. There are neighbours who feel that the residents' rights should be paramount. This view is emphasized by the spoiling of the aesthetic attraction of the village.

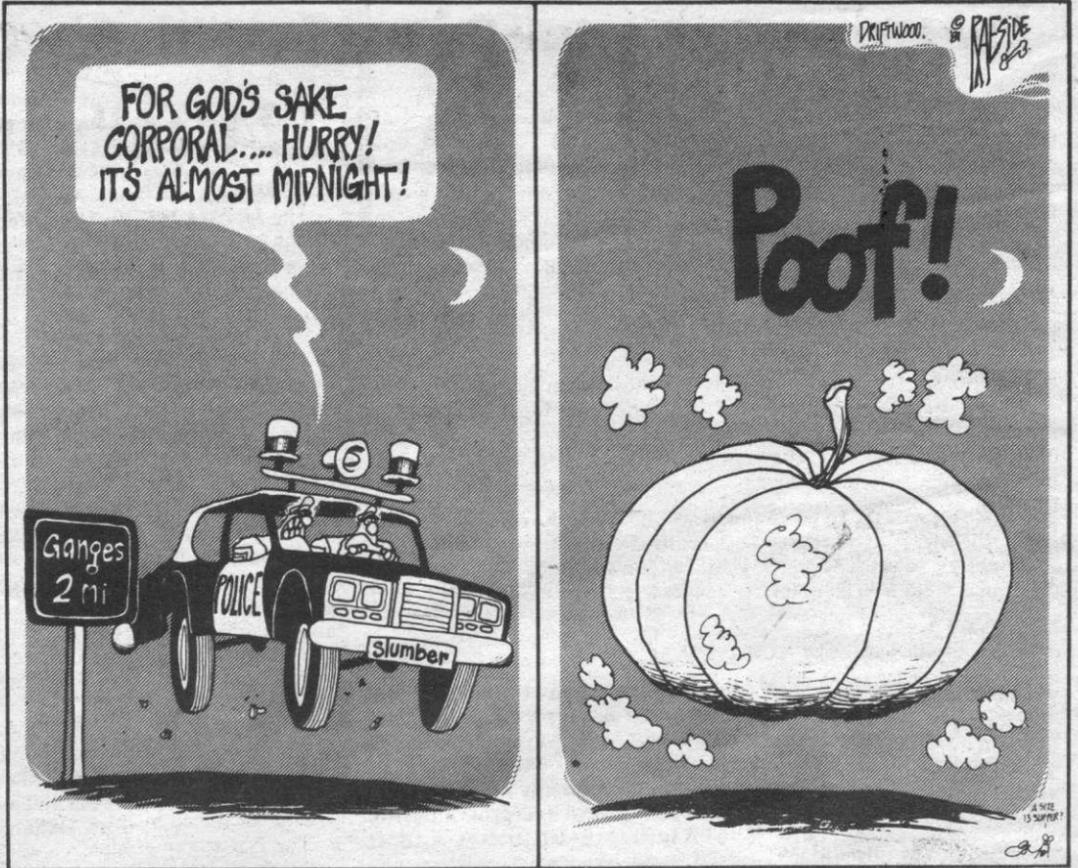
Second proposal for dealing with the question has been submitted by a group of residents. They have urged the construction of a causeway out from the head of the harbour, opposite the Fulford Inn. The causeway would run out into the harbour and reach a point approximately level with the present mooring area.

There would be ample room for parking, the advocates have stated, and the pressure would be lifted from the village.

The causeway proposal would undoubtedly serve the ferry. It would eliminate one of the island's notable feeding grounds for sea birds and it could jeopardize the shoreline and its present facilities.

A third alternative, in face of the lack of property at the foot of Fulford Hill, would be to offer accommodation at the top of the hill. The ferry corporation, or the province, could acquire land at the junction of Beaver Point Road and Fulford-Ganges Road and set up a parking area. The cost would probably be no more than the acquisition of two homes and filling the bay. The space available would be expandable in future years if the traffic merited it and the short walk to and from the ferry would be healthful to those who could undertake it. For the older people or those handicapped in some way, a formal service might be instituted, or a voluntary help might be forthcoming.

The picture is under close scrutiny from the province and the ferry corporation.



## Letters to the Editor

### Small businesses should not be slapped with unnecessary, restrictive licence fee

Sir,

I am wondering where Hugh Curtis, our MLA, was last July when the Business License Act was being perpetrated on the small-business entrepreneurs in the region he represents? (I am wondering, too, where was the Press?) On an issue that affects everyone who creates his own livelihood, we heard nothing!

A small-business person is a contributing citizen. He takes his name off a payroll when he starts his venture, thereby creating a job opening for someone else. He may soon come to create more new jobs as his business expands. He removes himself from the security of unemployment insurance payments should his business fail and he finds himself unemployed. He gambles his money, his dreams and his time that his business will grow and succeed.

I am opposed to the principle of being licenced for the privilege of creating my own livelihood, and even more so when this licencing is not based on any sensible, economic indicator, but rather an arbitrarily levied flat fee. A large business may absorb a fee of \$37.50 to \$225 without much effect. But a craftsman, a flea market or garage sale vendor, a farmer selling his produce at market, a small retailer or service enterprise cannot but feel the new licence fees to be a hardship. There are many small businesses that have no taxable income in their early years. But those of us who believe in the future growth of our communities and are willing to sacrifice immediate financial returns for future success are the basis of this province's well-being and should, if anything, be encour-

aged, not slapped with an unnecessary and restrictive fee.

The present government professes to encourage business in B.C. It would appear this means only "big business." I can certainly say this price of legislation will do more to swing the small business vote away from the Socreds than any promise from another party.

I have written Hugh Curtis, MLA, asking that he propose an

amendment to the Trade Licence Act, basing fees on net income, or to do away with the legislation altogether. And I ask everyone whom the Act affects to swamp the government with your letters of position.

ANNIE SHUTTLEWORTH,  
Box 333,  
Ganges.  
January 27, 1981.

### Director finds that too many stories not factual

Sir,

In reply to your front page report of January 28, *Investigation Clears Sewer Petition*, I feel this can be classified as yet another one of *Driftwood's* incorrect and unsubstantiated reports.

I have asked you to give me the name of the person who gave you this report, you have not complied with my request, you were not sure who he was, or where the report came from.

I have taken all the abuse of your *non-factual* reporting that I am going to take. The people of this community have a right to read the true facts and not fiction under the guise of newspaper reporting. Several members of the community have accompanied me to the CRD meetings, and they have stated most of the time, that they cannot identify your reports with the actual facts or happenings at the CRD.

Perhaps the best excuse I can offer on your behalf, is that possibly you need a hearing aid, and if that is the fact, then two choices must be made, either get a hearing aid or Stop Reporting.

Surely you are not a member of the small group of dissidents who have vowed to apply pressure in any way they can, in order to make me resign as Regional Director? I do not

intend to resign!

I have made certain promises to the people of this island, and I intend to carry them out to the best of my ability! One promise was "equal rights". So, just because a few people who feel that I personally pose a threat, simply because they cannot make me jump to their tune if they were to pull the strings, is no reason for the local newspaper to play their game along with them, if that is what is happening!

Let's have the facts or nothing at all!

The matter of the Ganges Sewer Petition is before the Courts, and the Courts will decide the merits of it all, not you, and certainly not your newspaper.

There has been too many articles printed in your paper that are not factual, and it is a well discussed topic in the community, what a shame! because the newspaper could be of great service to a community like ours, and certainly a good source of information. Please make a belated New Year's Resolution to print the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!

Your optimistic regional director,

YVETTE VALCOURT,  
February 2, 1981.

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this week,  
says the Salt Spring  
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of Commerce.

# Two 'disastrous mistakes' seen in sewer

Sir,  
I must again express my total dismay at the prospect of treated effluent being disposed of in Ganges Harbour. It is obvious to me that, the responsible offices in government are not won by the wise thru the exercise of good judgment on the part of an informed public.

I see two disastrous mistakes being made; the first is the polluting of the harbour as a means of disposing of the unwanted product of human life on earth; the second is the total waste of an unending supply of a most valuable resource, namely fertilizer, that we in fact desperately need yet have not realised.

Every one of us, if we are healthy, creates waste several times each day of our lives. The more of us that live here the more waste will be made. Using the harbour as a disposal site is not a creative solution to the problem of what to do with it all. On the contrary it is a highly destructive and wasteful effort that will bring in its wake an endless necessity that further measures be taken to counteract the effects of such poor planning. All we have to do to see the truth of this, is look around us in the world at any one of the hundreds of places that have taken this course of action before us and learn. Victoria for instance. They have just completed their 13th extension to their outfall. Why??? Because the unmentionable commodity that was supposed, by all calculations, to just disappear in the great void of ocean, insists upon washing up on their beaches. They have spent a lot of good people's hard-earned cash and have not successfully dealt with the growing supply of potential fertilizer.

After years of conducting my own study of health and sickness, its causes and cures, it has become obvious to me that there is a very direct relationship between health and soil fertility. (Soil fertility, I define as a condition of soil that produces plants rich in essential

minerals and nutrients vital to human and animal survival.) Every good dairy farmer knows that cows grazing on a depleted pasture will produce low quality milk and unhealthy offspring. Human beings are no different. I quote from the work of Dr. Weston Price, a brilliant dental surgeon and researcher. He watched and recorded the effects of the introducing of the modern refined foods into numerous native and primitive societies' diets all over the world. On *Nutrition and Physical Degeneration* he had this to say:

"The most serious problem confronting the coming generations is the nearly unsurmountable handicap of depletion in the quality of foods because of the depletion of minerals in the soil."

In this body of work alone Dr. Price demonstrates beyond a doubt a relationship between "... a progressive increase in skeletal deformities, including arthritis, tooth decay, reduction in stature, mental deformities and the progressive depletion of the soil."

We collectively consume tons of food daily and only a few among us return what we cannot use to the earth.

## Volunteers thanked

Sir,  
I'd like to thank Ron Stark for the meal he supplied us with at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night. Roy Lee barbecued the goat and helped in innumerable ways. Oscar Reilly supplied the sound system on the spur of the moment.

Thanks too to the many other people who helped make the evening.  
**REID COLLINS,**  
Fulford Harbour.  
February 2, 1981.

Jacques Cousteau, the great oceanographer, has said, "Oceans can die and if the oceans should die it would be the final catastrophe in the story of man and all of life on the planet ... maybe 50 years later the last man would take his own last breath."

I, as a food gardener and a landscaper, would be very generous in the distribution of non-toxic treated sewage sludge. In San Francisco, California, the city distributes, free, upon request, its own brand of treated sewage sludge to hundreds of local farmers and fruit growers and gardeners. Actually, they were doing that 12 years ago.

At the risk of belaboring the point, in this endeavour to bring to your attention these most serious implications of this intended action, I would like to borrow the words of Theodore Roszak who writes in his *Person/Planet*, "... we realize that both person and planet are threatened by the same enemy. The bigness of things ... the real culprit is the world industrial economy as a whole as it races toward a global integration.... Here we have an economic style whose dynamism is too great, too fast, too reckless for the ecological systems that have to absorb its impact. It makes no difference to these (ecological) systems if the oil spills, the pesticides, the radioactive wastes, the industrial toxins they must cleanse are socialist or capitalist in origin; the ecological damage is not mitigated in the least if it is perpetrated by a good society."

Come Salt Springers. It is your living body that it is proposed to be polluted. Support the search for alternatives. Stay the execution of the harbour.

**LES BRADEN,**  
Box 1074,  
Ganges.  
January 20, 1980.



Tony Richards

**I DON'T KNOW** why Basil and Kathlyn Benger are so concerned that we didn't include the Galiano news in our reader survey.

Perhaps it's because they don't realize that every Tuesday, before we plug the news from their fair isle, we send a reporter up Ganges Hill to make sure that Galiano is still out there, off in the eastern horizon.

Galiano residents ought to realize by now that Salt Spring relies heavily on their island to provide a much-needed buffer zone between ourselves and the fearsome metropolis of Vancouver.

After all, we provide them with a buffer against Vancouver Island.

**THE GREATER VICTORIA** School Board's English testing program would provide interesting results if applied to the University of Victoria.

A news release from UVic this week contains that most common of errors today, a misplaced apostrophe.

"The University of Victoria Senate and Board of Governor's have approved three new scholarships..."

**I WAS AMONG ONE OF** a few people who missed out when the food was served at the Beaver Point Hall dinner on Saturday night. It was disappointing to find little more than a few spoonfuls of rice in the bottom of a pot, some raw broccoli and bread and cheese.

But it was even more disappointing, disgusting is

perhaps a better word, to see all the half-eaten dinners which were left afterwards. Especially since I learned that many of those who got to the food first dished themselves heaping portions.

I'm not directing my complaints at the organizers. If Reid Collins should try it again, there's no reason why it shouldn't be very successful. As long as some precaution is taken to prevent people from pigging out and leaving nothing for those who are near the end of the line.

**AN ABERDEEN, WASH.,** reader may or may not have been looking for a duck for Christmas dinner when he opened his *Driftwood* January 18.

Nevertheless, he found an advertisement for such a duck in that paper before he realized that the issue was dated November 26, almost two months old.

Perhaps if Mr. J. L. Bigelow were to call the advertiser he could order a bird for next Christmas. We would advise him against it, however, if he should intend to buy it as a gift for the post office.

**WHERE WILL IT END?** A 12-acre property on Salt Spring Island sold for \$30,000 last May. Today it's on the market for almost \$90,000.

But while the prices of raw land are escalating by leaps and bounds, prices of smaller lots with houses are climbing at a much slower rate.

If the federal government were to sell the Gulf Islands to a foreign country, deficit spending would become a thing of the past.

## The Anarchist

# Letter to Londonuk

H.M. Queen  
The Palace  
Londonuk.

Dear H.M. Queen

I dont like to bother you much but I think you should know that after all these years someone is trying to interfere in our relationship which if I may say so has been a source of much pleasure to me as I trust it has been to you - and your husband of course.

I do not have the knack of the diplomatic language and besides I dont like to beat around the bushes literarily speaking so I'll give it to you straight.

I dont know whats going between your Maggie and our Pierre behind closed doors and all nor even less how if he is intent on having his way with her she can resist at all - be that as it may - I wish to assure you that Pierres marbles are bought and paid for by the members of this family and if your Maggie things she can raise a great stinkin row about the bag hes carrying them in because he happened to find the moldy old thing in your yard then H.M. Queen it pains me deeply to have to inform you that you will have to tell the girl shes off her rocker

The thing was lying there behind the clock on the Guy Fawkes Memorial Cairn just down the river from your palace and it was unused and quite useless to members of your household since the days before Grampa built the outhouse before the last one on our place so it seems reasonable to assume that if the crummy bag will serve to carry Pierres marbles around till we find another one for him then he should have the use of it without your Maggie getting the wind up her knickers.

I dont like to think of us getting into a row about it and I thank you for explaining the facts of life to Maggie - what goes on behind closed doors and all and how it would be most unfortunate if she became with child just about the time when that nice young Charlie is set to marry Lady Di - but please H.M. Queen tell the girl shed

better not listen to them other kids that want to mess around with Pierres marble bag and make trouble between us.

With Affection  
Your distant cousin and well-wisher

P.S. Incidentally if you are looking for a likely thing where young Charlie could get some more experience at meeting members of this branch of the family and maybe make a bit of money on the side then I think I know just the thing for you.

I have this neighbour named Boomchain who is a bit weird but always looking for a way to make a buck and he has this Ukrainian friend and they are all set to go on a new prospecting trip. Now I thought that being as how you and Charlie come from Londonuk that Charlie might be able to get on OK with the Ukrainian though I doubt that he could stand much of Boomchain. Anyhow the way I have the story they are on to a good thing and they should all make a bundle.

It seems Boomchain has a secret treasure map which he bought from a guy on the dock in Ganges for a lot of money. The guy wouldn't show me the map but he told me about it while he was standing there counting Boomchain's money just before he took off in his speedboat.

You must have heard the news on the radio about how General Motors lost 700 million dollars and Ford lost 1 billion 600 million dollars and Chrysler lost 1 billion 700 million dollars well now Boomchain has the one and only original map showing exactly where they lost it so he and the Ukrainian and your Charlie too if you are interested should do okay and I dont think it would cost you much from the Palace treasury since Boomchain is a nut on titles and you could have Charlie make him a marquis or something.

Hope it works out well for all of you.

P.P.S. I dont know what Charlie can do about the Ukrainian.

## Some Canadian Crust

Sir,  
Some thoughts on last week's dyspeptic diatribe by "Anarchist," entitled *American Pie*. (At risk of mine being dubbed *Canadian Crust*.)

Unwary first-time readers of "The Anarchist" must have concluded that they were being treated to an excerpt from the writer's personal "hate list." The sample seems to include:

- 1) Americans:
  - a) "presidents"
  - b) "soon-to-be-ex-presidents"
  - c) "soon-to-be-free-hostages"
  - d) "Superbowl attendees"
  - e) mass media events in general, and
  - f) presumably others who might find any merit whatsoever in Items "a" through "e".
- 2) Canadians:

- a) Joe Clark and staff
- b) "Ottawa" (government)
- c) "someone promoting the interests of minorities, women, Native Rights, consumer protection and the environment." (Not to misunderstand here, it is

noted these are "projects or programs which, in most ways, I would wish to support." Anarchist's hackles are up since "someone" (else) is promoting them...who knows but they may become popular causes!).  
d) "Native"(Indian) speakers who sound like "corporate vice-presidents"  
e) "the pseudo-scientific noises" of Greenpeace's Dr. Moore.  
f) "money and lawyers."

I can hardly wait for the next instalment. Who is left for J.R. Anarchist to pick on? Ultra-rights? Ultra-lefts? Middle-of-the-roads? The Mafia? Mother Theresa? Whatever, you may be sure, to quote the Anarchist, "the contents are guaranteed to induce nausea."

Another Rabid Fan of the Anarchist,  
**BARBARA ARMSTRONG,**  
Box 64,  
Ganges.  
January 30, 1981.

P.S. Where is the Anarchist's "by-line"? No guts??

# Canada has been slow in field of research and development

If Canada is to take its rightful place in the ranks of modern industrial nations we must direct much more of our money towards research and development.

Studies show that industries that invest in research and development have almost triple the growth rate, twice the productivity, less inflation in prices and significantly greater rates of employment than industries that do not invest in research and development. It has been shown as well that for every dollar spent on research and development a return of at least \$30 is produced.

Yet Canada has been slow to spend money on research and development. We lag behind the other industrialized countries of the world. In 1968 the government set a goal of two percent of the gross national product to be devoted to research and development. In 1972 a senate committee set a goal of 2.5% to be reached by 1978.

In June of 1978 the minister in charge lowered our expectations and said we should reach 1.5% by 1983. Last week the minister, John Roberts, announced a plan to reach the goal of 1.5% by 1985. The percentage of money spent on research and development has fallen in the last decade.

### BRANCH PLANTS

Our major problem is the make-up of the industrial sector in Canada. Most of our important industries are nothing more than branch plants - too much of our

## Ottawa report

BY JIM MANLY, MP

industry is controlled from beyond our borders.

In terms of public funds, Canada supports research and development relatively the same as other countries. It is the private sector that has not pulled its weight.

The government's announced plans for research and development call on the private sector to increase its allocations to research and development by 27% per year for each of the next five years. So far, the government has not announced any methods by which it will either encourage or require industry to do this. Other figures suggest that private industry will not come near the goal set by the government.

Some business leaders have stated that the research and development policy announcement will not happen until an overall industrial strategy is set in place to direct such investment. It is precisely in this area that the government has failed.

A research policy will only bring results if it is directed towards

specific goals - goals which are in accord with the general direction of the economy.

### INTO ENERGY

Specifically, considering the coming crunch in energy supplies, we should be directing much more research into the field of alternative energy and conservation. We need to step up research in basic resource industries, such as forestry and fisheries. With the widespread introduction of new chemical processes we need to protect the health of our workers by a more adequate process of testing these new products.

Vancouver Island is an ideal place to live. As such, it would make an excellent site for the development of new, high technology industries which neither destroy our environment nor deplete our resources beyond the point of renewal.

Research and development is not a fringe item, not a luxury, not something that can be forever postponed with pious phrases. In the future, the research and development component of a nation will be as vital to development as roads and railroads were in the past. Research and development is a bread and butter issue which will affect the welfare of every Canadian.

Now is the time for the government to establish a comprehensive industrial strategy in which research and development take their rightful place.

## Pernicious garbage

Sir, After reading your issue of January 21, 1981 I feel that I must express to you my feelings regarding the column contributed to that issue by someone who operates behind the phony nom-de-plume, "The Anarchist".

To me, some parts of this item were in the worst possible taste and I cannot understand why you would lower the usually decent standards of your publication to print an item labelling the newly-elected President of our friendly neighbour country a "silly old nut" and a "geriatric generalissimo".

I note that you require that writers of "letters to the editor" identify themselves and I gladly do

so above and below. In keeping with this requirement may I ask, sir, what, apart from the dubious distinction of writing pernicious garbage such as that quoted above, is the identity and proven success story of your so-called columnist "The Anarchist"?

PHILIP H. KNOWLES,  
174 Lower Ganges Rd.  
Ganges.  
January 27, 1981.

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### You and the stars

## AQUARIUS

BY FRANK BOSTOCK  
Certified Astrologer

If you were born between January 20 and February 18, you were born under the sign of Aquarius. This gives you a quiet, patient, determined, unobtrusive and faithful nature as a rule. The Aquarian is refined, pleasant, friendly, generous, charitable, dignified and humanitarian.

Also fond of art, music, scenery and literature, the Aquarian is cautious, steady, intelligent, intuitive, discriminating, concentrating, studious, thoughtful and philosophical. You are a good reasoner (practical as well as theoretical), have strong likes and dislikes, often have radical and advanced ideas, being cheerful and honest and easily influenced by kindness, slow to anger, but will not be driven. You love liberty and are fond of occult research.

The good indications of your

ruling planet, Uranus, show a good influence for travelling, in the interests of business or science, also good for making changes. Keep the mind active, study new thought, ideas and inventions, investigate all things new, curious and mysterious. Practice telepathy, work for social reforms and humanitarian principles, take interest in Masonic and new thought affairs -- it makes you active, independent and businesslike.

You can benefit from people of advanced thought.

Aquarius rules the ankles and calves, is inclined to internal disorders, falls, sprained or broken ankles, or swollen ankles, nervous diseases, heart weakness or cramps. Aquarius has much to do with the blood stream. The blood should be kept in good condition, any signs of impurity must be given prompt remedial attention. Fresh air, good water, with plenty of vegetables and fruit are necessary.

Brain and blood-building foods are required, but stimulants and fat or greasy foods should be avoided; the eyes should be given proper care.

In 1981, you will feel more outgoing during this intriguing year, but long distance travelling is not really favoured. Take up a hobby or become interested in a subject that will affect your outlook in a positive way. Do not let minor irritations become annoying. Retain a cheerful outlook.

Health matters improve between the 5th through the 29th of June. Do not be easily imposed upon by the hard luck stories of others -- you are naturally humanitarian in helping others, but be cautious in being imposed upon.

Take some time in studying the philosophy of the great teachers. This will bring out your natural talents and will give you great pleasure and happiness.

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# Joyful work and ample harvests or drudgery and pitiful results

This article shall be about soil again, for soil is the one major factor of our success or failure as gardeners. It also makes the difference between joyful gardening with ample harvests or drudgery with pitiful results.

Good soil is lovely to work with, easy to cultivate, weeding is light and easy, it retains moisture well and it is very productive. If we look after our soil, the soil will look after the growing things.

In good soil growing carrots is as easy as it says on the back of the seed package.

Sow, weed and water occasionally and harvest. It is as easy as that, really.

Good soil for gardening should consist of about 45% minerals, five percent organic material, 25% water and 25% air. This kind of soil is a priceless asset which will provide you with an abundance of produce.

### TWO KINDS

Now, on the islands, we have basically two kinds of soil. One type is gravelly, loose and well drained. The other is mucky clay, which is either soggy and wet, or dry and hard, depending on the weather. Both soil types, as are all except midden soils, are acid. Both soil types are also deficient in organic content, unless they have been upgraded.

Now how do we upgrade our soils? All islands soils will benefit from the addition of organic material, such as manure, compost, rotten leaves, seaweed, straw, sawdust, woodchips (no cedar!), grass clippings, shredded bark (again, no cedar) and peat moss. In other words, anything which is or was at one time, a green growing thing.

Green manures, such as clover, buckwheat or winter rye, contribute substantial amounts of organic material as well as fertilizers.

### MAKE IT PRODUCTIVE

In fact, you could start out with

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

a heavy clay soil, and just by growing buckwheat and turning it under, turn it into productive soil within a few seasons.

Heavy clay soils also require good drainage. This may be achieved by raised beds or drainage ditches. Drainage ditches need not interfere with your garden layout at all. Just dig about a 2½-foot deep trench, fill with 18" coarse gravel and/or drain tile and cover with 18" of topsoil. This provides an effective underground drainage system. It will extend your gardening period at both ends of the season. You can start earlier and finish later, and in a protected spot you could grow greens all year round.

Once we have good drainage and five percent or better organic content we are well on our way towards what gardeners refer to as "Black Gold." This kind of soil, now a friable loam, can be tested by making a ball of moist soil with your hands, and when dropped from waist level, it will disintegrate completely upon hitting the ground.

If you can't make a ball with your soil, or if it does not disintegrate upon hitting the ground, you need more organic material.

### TWO REMAIN

Two major items remain in our

quest for the perfect soil. The Ph level (the balance of acidic and alkaline elements), and fertility.

Only midden soils are alkaline and would benefit from the addition of peat moss. All other islands soils need sufficient lime added to bring the soil to near neutral balance. A Ph of 6.5 with 7 being neutral will be ideal for the great majority of garden crops.

Hydrated garden lime acts immediately upon the Ph balance and dolomite lime has slow but long-lasting effects besides adding magnesium as well. To raise your Ph level one step, i.e. from 5.5 to 6.5, apply about 35 lbs. of hydrated lime per 1,000 square feet to very sandy soil, 50 lbs. to sandy loam, 70 lbs. to heavy loam and 80 lbs. to clay loam.

Spread it on top of the soil and let it leach down. Liming has to be repeated periodically, approximately every two years, as our winter rains leach alkaline elements away, leaving our soils in acid condition.

That leaves fertility. If you have sufficient or better organic content in your soil you will also have some of the basic fertilizers, probably sufficient trace elements, especially if you use a variety of organic materials to upgrade your soil.

Use organic fertilizers whenever possible as this is nature's way and it enriches the soil and its life. Chemical fertilizers are man's way and it depletes the soil and its life, as it is becoming more and more apparent.

Strive for a balance in the fertility of your soil as in all things.

# Pre-natal courses offered to prospective parents

Three Salt Spring Island women are offering seven-week pre-natal courses to prospective parents.

Maggie Ramsey, Anita Snell and Heather Martin are members of the International Childbirth Education Association and the National Association for Parents and Professionals for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth. They suggest that women can make their pregnancy a happy one and childbirth an experience they will cherish for the rest of their lives.

They point out that the experience of birth and the well-being of the mother and infant are greatly affected by the mother's lifestyle during pregnancy and before conception, and by her understanding of what is taking place within her.

The pre-natal courses cover the

process of labour, and delivery, breathing techniques, relaxation and massage, exercises, labour coaching, the role of the father, nutrition and infant feeding and variations from the normal.

Classes include discussion, films and active practical training. Attendance of both parents is encouraged, and single mothers are urged to take a friend.

Lady Minto Hospital has offered the use of the board room in the nurses' residence for the classes. Details are available this week in the classified section.

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**RECORDING ARTISTS Sandy Lawson and Dave Adams are appearing this weekend at the Fulford Inn. The duo have produced an album and two singles and play country, rock and soul music.**

## Fiddler cast look, sound like seasoned professionals

**BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON**

An amateur, by popular definition, is one who engages in an endeavour or activity for love rather than money.

Nowhere have I seen this love evidenced more than at the rehearsals of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

On Sunday night more than 50 islanders sang, danced, acted and played as though their lives were dependent on it, when they ran through the first third of the musical on the Activity Centre stage.

It was a remarkable performance.

After barely three weeks of work, these dedicated people, none of whom can or do devote more than a small part of their days to their thespian sideline, looked and sounded like seasoned professionals.

### THEY LIVE THEM

Conspicuously absent, however, was the complacency, the boredom, which often mars professional rehearsals. These people don't know how to "walk through" their parts. They live them. They sing, dance and play with all their energy. There's an excitement, an

enjoyment, which is contagious.

They are having fun. And it takes a lot of love to turn hard work and long hours into fun!

Look at the February rehearsal schedule, and you'll understand a little more what I mean (it's in the Classified section).

Sure my job is to publicize the show. But if it weren't...if I had just happened by Sunday night, I'd still write this appreciation. I'd have to. It's the least I can do, to match the stupendous efforts being put forward by the cast, the production and directing staff and the backstage crew.

I once wrote that *Fiddler* is a dialogue between God and Tevye. This production is also a celebration of life.

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### Board to borrow millions

Capital Region directors last week approved a bylaw authorizing the borrowing of \$10 million for public works.

Included in the total was \$3,615,000 for the islands.

Sewers account for \$3,450,000; \$1,790,000 for Ganges and \$1,660,000 for the Magic Lakes sewer project at North Pender. The remainder is set aside for the water system at Magic Lakes in the amount of \$165,000.

Of the total for the region, nine projects are for the installation of sewer systems and six for water.

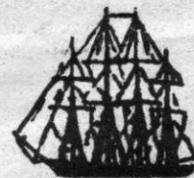
### Left licence at home fined \$15

A Fulford Harbour woman was told in Ganges provincial court last Wednesday that the roads in this province would be swamped with

traffic violators if police officers agreed to every request not to issue a traffic citation.

Susan Beckley was handed a \$15 fine by provincial court Judge Frederick G. Giles after pleading guilty to failing to produce a driver's licence. She had been stopped by police officers on Fulford-Ganges Road June 7 and had requested that she not be given a ticket since she did possess a valid B.C. driver's licence but had left it at home.

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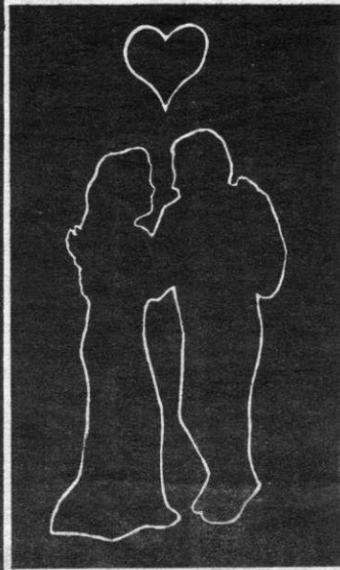
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# Farmers and fishermen invited to meet Francisco Campbell Sunday

A most urgent invitation is hereby extended to all farmers and fishermen on Salt Spring Island to come and meet Francisco Campbell on Sunday next, February 8.

Sheila Reid and I met him in Nanaimo, and we are eagerly looking forward to seeing him again.

He's an impressive man, with a keen sense of humour and great expertise in both agriculture and fishing. He works in the Bluefields area of Nicaragua, and the itineraries planned for him on Vancouver Island will expose him to these industries in B.C.

He will also meet union leaders and government officials in Chilliwack and the lower mainland. We've promised him only one of our famous pot-luck suppers, a ride on a sea plane and plenty of interesting people! So help us make good our boast, and your reward will be a first-hand account of life on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua.

We had another treat in Nanaimo, meeting again Bishop Remi de Roo and Sisters Marie Zorowny and Bede Sullivan. Another guest, whose name we were asked not to reveal, added to our knowledge of Christianity in Central America in a charming and personal way.

## NOT COMMUNISM

*"It's not communism that kills Christianity, but consumerism!"*

I didn't say that, it was a Roman Catholic priest! But think of the implications. If Consumerism overcomes Christianity, then Communism overthrows Consumerism, perhaps love could conquer Communism? It certainly finds Consumerism very resistant!

Having spent Saturday shivering in the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre, I found St. George's equally chilly on Sunday morning! It only was the furnace on the blink, but the epistle was enough to freeze the blood in a Christian revolutionary's veins!

Paul wrote to the Church in Rome:

"Everyone must obey the state authorities, because no authority exists without God's permission, and the existing authorities have been put there by God. Whoever opposes the existing authority opposes what God has ordered... etc., etc." Read Romans 13 for the whole passage. I've used Good News for Modern Man version.

Well, that's not only nonsense now, but it was nonsense when

Paul wrote it. Although he was a Roman citizen, Paul was first and foremost a devout Jew, living in an occupied country, and writhing under the rule of oppressive military dictators. I suspect he was

## More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

writing with tongue in cheek.

### MEET WRONG EYES

Perhaps, knowing his letter would be passed around and might meet the wrong eyes, he popped phrases like that in to try to get the addressees off the hook. After all, the early Christians were held to be a bunch of fanatics who were so threatening to the establishment (both Roman and Jewish) that their leader had to be executed! Alas, we are no threat to anyone these days!

I have been astounded, however, to read the lengths to which the church went to prevent the vernacular bible from reaching the people. I had forgotten the revolutionary aspect of the gospel until reminded of it a few weeks ago by Remi de Roo. That's why the revolution in Nicaragua came as no surprise to those who know their gospel. We urge you to come and hear the good news from Francisco Campbell.

This Tuesday we will have seen a film about the literacy campaign in Peru. These are the methods used in Nicaragua, and it seems obvious that a government which is willing to spend money, time and effort on educating its people can only have good motives and nothing to fear from a literate population. Which led me on to figure out the opposite. Can we judge the worth of a government by the amount it spends on education?

### RETROGRADE STEP

We're told President Reagan wants to abolish the federal department of education (along with energy - he's already closed the Price Control Commission) relegating responsibility to the individual states. Which would be O.K. if they were all enlightened and responsible. But it's a retrograde step, which is bound to widen the gap between rich and poor states.

We're also told that our own provincial government is prepared to spend only one-third as much as the school districts have asked for! Any comment?

I remember Somoza's government in Nicaragua, which spent twice as much on the National Guard as on education and health.

Defence is necessary, in this troubled world. Although there is no defence against the ultimate weapons we have devised, and there is only one sure defense against the troubles which beset us

from within. And that includes the highest quality of education! Which we will not obtain if we cut budgets in education, health and welfare, and all the human components of government which are the first to suffer.

This is the year of the handicapped. Let us try to persuade our rulers that they increase our handicaps when they reduce the level of our educational, physical and emotional nurture. Let us persuade our religious leaders to get more involved in the process of educating those outside the church as well as the minority inside.

Paul also said to the Romans: "As the scripture says, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how can they call to him, if they have not believed? And how can they believe, if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear, if the message is not proclaimed? And how can the message be proclaimed, if the messengers are not sent out?"

The location given last week was incorrect! The Potluck Supper will be at Ganges United Church, 5:30 pm, Sunday, Feb. 8.

There will be a no-host luncheon for Francisco Campbell at Kanaka Place, Sunday at noon.

## Lumber stolen

Ganges RCMP report that a large quantity of lumber was stolen from the Fulford Sawmill on Isabella Point Road January 30. The mill is owned by Tim O'Donnell.

O'Donnell has listed about 250 lineal feet of cedar and a quantity of two by four's and four by four's as missing with an approximate total value of \$100.

Police are still investigating.

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## Group to meet weekly

A Sidda Yoga meditation group will meet at Pender Island each Thursday evening at the home of Ravi Strassner from 7.30 to 9 pm. Anyone interested on both the Penders or on Salt Spring is invited to phone him for further information.

On January 24, Strassner was host to interested people who went to learn something of what Sidda Yoga meditation is all about.

Joan McNaughton from Victoria introduced the evening's talk. She told the group how meditation had benefited her life experience. Charlie Coleman, also from Victoria, gave instructions in meditation, and explained what the word "mantra" means and illustrated from his experience how it can be used in everyday situations.

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# Island could become exclusive reserve of rich

## Planner sees difficult issues to contend with in years ahead

### THE ADMINISTRATORS

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

Despite projections by the Islands Trust that Salt Spring Island's population will eventually swell to more than 15,000, nearly three times its present number, Trust planner Dean Strongitharm says that residents here can expect to experience some uncomfortable growing pains along the way.

He says that Salt Spring Island will have to contend with some pretty difficult issues, unique to this area, in the years ahead, in addition to coping with problems generally associated with booming urban centres.

A particularly contentious issue will be that of an established population that is forced to move elsewhere because of skyrocketing property values here, according to Strongitharm.

#### EXCLUSIVE RESERVE

"It's going to make it an exclusive reserve of the rich," he said.

With property values soaring at an annual rate of between 30 and 50%, Strongitharm says that it's going to get worse before it gets better and that a lot of young people who can't even afford to make a decent down payment let alone pay cash for property here, are going to be driven away.

He predicts that the typical Salt Spring Island resident in years to come will be even richer and even older than he is today.

Approximately 30% of residents here are over the age of 56, the planner said, and that compares to a national average of about 12%.

It's a seller's market here and people are getting their price with little or no bargaining. Real estate is exchanging hands on strictly a cash basis and it's a matter of take it or leave it.

#### CANT AFFORD IT

Most young people starting out in life can ill afford to part with anywhere near that kind of money and consequently a number of sales have been made to retired or nearly retired people, primarily from the lower mainland but also throughout B.C. and even Alberta.

This continues to drive up the market, according to Strongitharm, and owning property is pushed even further beyond the reach of those under 56 years of age.

As a result, an increasing number of services here are geared to an increasingly older population.

Strongitharm says that there's bound to be a certain amount of resentment among long-time residents and their families who are forced to go elsewhere because they can no longer afford to live here.

The Islands Trust is charged with the task of preserving and protecting the rural character of the islands for its residents and residents of this province, but the Trust is not well equipped to manipulate the distribution of wealth to shelter people here from the winds of change, he says.

#### HAS SOME INFLUENCE

The Trust can, however, exert some influence over the laws of supply and demand through enactment of amendments to zoning and subdivision bylaws.

The Islands Trust was established in 1974 but it was not given any real power until 1977, when the legislature amended the Islands Trust Act to give it jurisdiction over land use control in the Trust islands.

Prior to 1977, the various regional districts exercised authority over planning matters in the area.

The 13 designated, or main islands including Salt Spring Island, within the Trust each elect two local trustees who serve a two-year term. These 26 local trustees in turn elect three members to the General Trust and this body decides on overall policy for the islands as a whole.

The three members of the General Trust committee, together with the two local trustees from each island, form the local Trust committee for that particular island.

#### REGULATE LAND USE

It is their responsibility to regulate land use for each designated island, through zoning and subdivision bylaws, in keeping within the guidelines of the community plan as laid down for each island by its local Trust committee.

Strongitharm, 29, and his wife of eight years, Janet, have lived in Victoria for the past five years.

Born and raised in Nanaimo, the Strongitharm family moved to Victoria when Dean was 12, and he attended high school there and later the University of Victoria, where he earned his undergraduate degree in community and regional planning.

He later earned his graduate degree at the University of British Columbia.

#### PLAYS SQUASH DESPITE SCHEDULE

A member and ex-director of several squash clubs in the Victoria area, Strongitharm still manages to compete four or five times a week despite his busy schedule and other commitments.

"I've won tournaments but I've lost a lot more than I've won. It's a lot easier to lose than to win."

The co-owner of a 28-foot Newport 28 sailboat, Strongitharm competes in several races a year, but usually aboard another friend's vessel.

Prior to landing his position with the Trust, he served for five years with the City of Victoria's planning department as a junior planner. He now works out of the Trust's downtown Victoria office on Courtney Street.

#### ONE OF FOUR

As one of four planners with the Islands Trust, Strongitharm has held his present position since April and is, therefore, still familiarizing himself with the Trust and its functions.

He is most directly involved with Salt Spring Island and its 28 designated islands and most of his time is occupied with research and running leg work for this island's two trustees.

They are Leonard Kreissl and David Lott.

With Salt Spring Island comprising about 50% of the total population and about 25% of the total Trust area, the remaining designated islands are split between two other planners.

A lot of his time is spent preparing reports for the advisory planning commission, for the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee and for the General Trust.

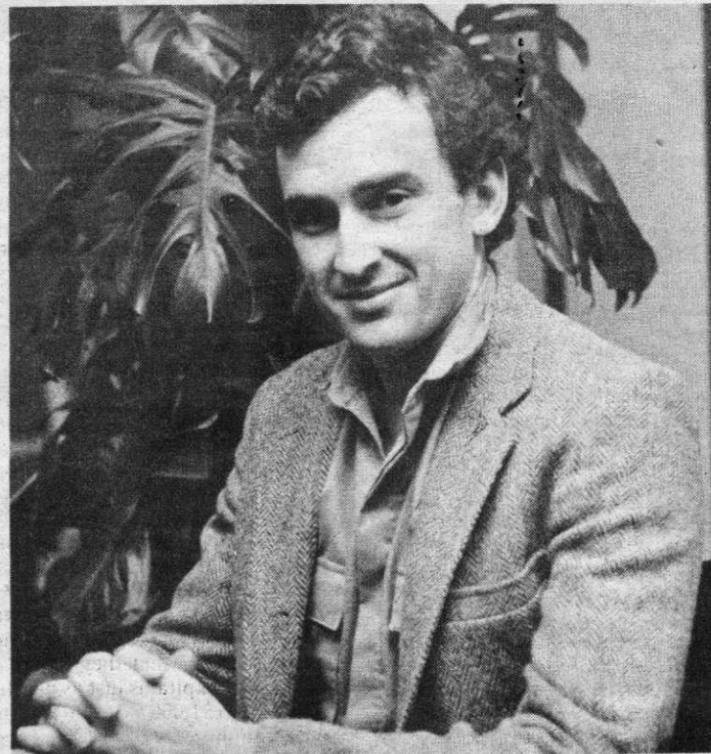
He writes various reports on amendments to zoning and subdivision bylaws, on regulatory problems when bylaws are inadequate and he attends to assorted in-office administrative responsibilities.

#### PAPERWORK

Then there's the day-to-day paperwork involved with any administrative position with the government, and this includes processing subdivision and rezoning applications, development permit applications, approving building permit applications and processing agricultural land reserve applications.

"There's really a varied amount of work so you at least get your feet wet in a number of areas," said Strongitharm.

He says that under the present Salt Spring Island community plan, which was drawn up by the local Trust committee here and has been in effect for the past two years, it's envisioned that Ganges,



DEAN STRONGITHARM

Fulford Harbour and Vesuvius will continue to support the lion's share of the population here.

Strongitharm says that the most difficult challenge facing Salt Spring Island is preserving the rural character of the land in the wake of a major population increase.

#### CONFLICT WILL ARISE

He said that it's crucial that the Trust and developers resolve the conflict that is bound to arise between the needs of man and the laws of nature.

"We should be attempting to keep the island as rural as possible but the general scenario is that there should be more development around Ganges," he said.

"I think that the community plan, if adhered to, will do as good a job as can be expected in preserving the rural characteristic of the island."

He said that there will be increasingly greater demand upon the Trust to release agricultural land to meet housing needs and that the Trust will have to adhere closely to the community plan in order to avoid haphazard development.

#### CAN SUPPORT 15,000

He said that the total area of Salt Spring Island is roughly equivalent to Victoria and the Saanich Peninsula, which supports a population of about 250,000, and that with effective planning this island can support about 15,000 people and retain its rural character.

In order to support a growing population, Salt Spring Island will have to resolve its water problems, which Strongitharm says are severe and could stand in the way of future growth.

The two major sources on the island are surface water and well water and Strongitharm says that in many areas of the island people

are forced to drink water of questionable quality.

He said that in general, the problem here is not of quantity, but of quality.

#### QUESTION IS HOW MUCH

"I don't know how much water there is left on Salt Spring Island but the question is how much ground water is available and how good is the quality," said Strongitharm.

He said that well water at several spots, particularly at Scott Point, is so brackish that it is hardly fit for consumption.

"With surface water it's possible to exercise control over the source from which water is entering the lake, but with ground water you can't see it and you have no control where it's coming from," he said.

He said that the quality of St. Mary Lake is deteriorating due to neglect by residents along its shores. As the largest source of surface water here, Strongitharm said that steps will have to be taken to safeguard against continued pollution of the lake.

#### KILLING LIFE

He's particularly concerned about increasing amounts of detergents and fertilizers that are dumped into the lake and says that these are killing life in the lake.

Strongitharm said that the lake is going through a normal cycle with a build-up of algae but that it's human activity that's having the greatest impact.

He is also concerned about septic tank effluent seeping into the lake.

Strongitharm said that time will tell how effective the community plan is, but he would like to see it reviewed with a formal public hearing every five years or so.

"I agree with the basic philosophy of the community plan as it was adopted two years ago, but it's difficult to appraise it after this length of time," he said.

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# Financiers look askance at taxes

## Salt Spring Islander at New Orleans

When a large gathering of American businessmen in New Orleans considered the monetary policy of their government recently, they were accompanied by at least one Canadian.

Not the least of the Canadians who might have attended was Walter Luth of Salt Spring Island. He was one of 4,750 delegates who sat in a hall the size of a football field and took a close and a cold and, often, a critical look at the monetary policy being followed.

They didn't like what they saw, said Delegate Luth when he spoke to Salt Spring Island Rotary Club last week.

The meeting was called by the National Committee for Monetary Reform. It included many world-famous figures in economics and finance.

"They were there because they wanted to keep what they've got and not to have it swindled away by some government," summarized the island traveller, of their motivation.

Luth made his address in the form of a series of anecdotes and comments on the information offered and the opinions expressed. He was also insistent that he was reporting what took place and what was said, but he was not necessarily advocating anything.

### FAMILY CHANGE

The gathering deplored the change in the order of living. At one time the family had been the centre of society, it was recalled. There was a link drawn between the permissive society and the increasing burden of welfare costs. The family kept care of all its members, at one time. It kept a close check on children. But there

is no longer the same discipline and a sense of responsibility is gone, delegates were told.

When a delegate urged that people on welfare should not be permitted to vote, Luth reminded Rotarians that he was merely reporting what took place, not endorsing it. The delegate had explained that welfare recipients would simply vote for more welfare.

He was staying in the French quarter of New Orleans, said the retired ferry captain. Despite the persistence of the name, nobody there spoke French, he told the club members.

Looking back on the conference, he did not challenge the desire to keep what they have.

"Loss of capital is just as painful to me, with \$1,000 as it is to anyone with a million dollars when people have worked for it."

### TAX AVOIDANCE

One prominent means of keeping money is through tax avoidance, suggested the island delegate.

"The Inland Revenue Service employs 87,000 people to chase the dollar out of your pockets," the southern convention was told.

"It's the same thing up here," warned Luth. "They're all tarred with the same brush!"

He extended his thought with the comment that the delegates had been told that Trudeau and Carter were of the same brush and that both thought corporation profits were obscene.

He didn't go into the accuracy of the statement, but Luth reminded the Rotarians that this conclusion by a large sector of the money world would not benefit Canadian business.

Luth outlined one man's problems in industry.

He described the situation of a prosperous businessman who entertained a very large gathering to his anniversary dinner. When the time came for the host's address, he paid warm tribute to his wife. He went on to thank all those who had been associated with him in business.

### TWO ROUGH SONS

Then he paused. He wished he could say as much for his two sons, he told the dinner party. They had been anything but a source of confidence and joy. The two boys were unscrupulous in their conduct of their affairs and they had been blatantly dishonest. The diatribe listed incidents which had caused family friction.

The party was stunned and

started to break up. The following day brought the announcement that both sons had instituted proceedings for libel and that there remained an irreparable rift in the family.

The judge agreed with the two sons. The attack had been bitter and unjustified, he ruled. He suggested that each son was entitled to damages amounting to five million. But the family assets were only six million, exclaimed the defendant. The judge promptly amended damages to the entire fortune of the defendant.

### DIED SMILING

Several years later the industrialist died. He left no money. His widow survived him as did his sons. And he died with a smile on his face. Each son already owned three million dollars, tax-free.

In the United States, court damages are not taxable.

That, explained Luth, is an example of tax-avoidance.

The atmosphere at the convention was not wholly optimistic. One delegate warned his audience that there was no return on money anywhere in the world; that the United States is the most corrupt country in the world and that there are 400,000 drug addicts in the country.

Invest in commodities, he was urged. No government can print commodities as they print money.

And if a man is in small business, get out of business! There is a slump coming, Luth was assured.

His final advice from the convention was, listen to what the politicians say and act on what they do!

## Legion meets

# Committee heads named

### BY W. HUNT-SOWREY

A regular meeting of the Gulf Islands branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was held at Mayne Island on January 26. The chair was taken by the president, Foye Miles.

In one way this was a meeting of rather unique importance. This year the branch enters its 53rd year, and although through most of this time we have had lady members, this is the first time that a lady member has held the office of either president or secretary, and the first time in any mixed membership branch that both these offices have been held by lady veterans.

We had hoped to have Bob Harman, our present zone commander, with us for the opening meeting of a new year, but his engagement list prevented him from coming. However, he will be at our February meeting in his official capacity.

The usual opening ceremonies were observed and at the silence special mention was made of the late Bernard Dixon. A member of a Calgary branch, he had been spending some time on Saturna Island, and had come with our Saturna members as a visitor, to our December meeting. Just before Christmas his house caught fire during the night. He escaped, but later tried to get back into the house to rescue his pet dog, and was killed in his rescue effort.

The secretary announced that the following committee members

had been nominated by the executive, and all had accepted these offices:

Service officer, Hugh MacFarlane; membership, A. Aveledo; poppy campaign, Pat Patterson; entertainment, Hugh Campkin and Betty Klatt; sergeant-at-arms, A. Wardle; zone representative and publicity, W.W. Hunt-Sowrey.

As at the moment our branch accounts are being transferred from one treasurer to another, and also being transferred by the new treasurer to another bank for convenience sake, the reading was postponed to a later meeting.

Because of this transfer, two resolutions put before the branch for consideration were also tabled, and will be discussed at a later meeting. Both referred to dona-

tions that the branch was considering. However, a motion that the branch purchase a typewriter for the incoming secretary was left for the president to deal with.

There was one transfer that was accepted by the branch. This was from Willard McClennan, who is transferring from the Richmond branch.

The next meeting will be on Mayne, the date February 23. This date still awaits final decision. The March meeting is expected to be held on Galiano on a date to be announced later.

We would like to draw to the attention of all members that 1981 memberships should be renewed. If you have not already done so, please mail your cheque, payable to Branch 84, Royal Canadian Legion, to the secretary, Mrs. A. Aveledo at Mayne Island. They may be paid directly at her home at Le Tour Road., Village Bay.

## One dissentient

# Director resists motion to finance sewer plan

Sewer loan bylaw in respect of the Ganges sewer project was passed by the Capital Regional Board on Wednesday afternoon last week despite the vigorous opposition of the regional director for Salt Spring Island, Yvette Valcourt.

"I want it entered in the records," stated the director for the island, "that as representative of the area affected, I am totally opposed to the introduction of this bylaw."

Hers was the only negative vote. Community affected is largely in favour of the plan, according to presentations made to the regional board.

If the project failed to go through, what happens to the funds borrowed, enquired Valcourt.

The money and any interest gained must be reserved for the project listed, explained treasurer Ken Ball. This is a requirement of the Municipal Act. It would all be in a trust fund and reserved for that project.

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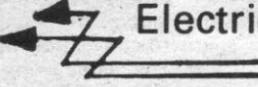


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# Cyclones in first place with 10-game winning streak

**BY BRUCE CASPAR**  
Salt Spring Cyclones, 3; Gordon Head, 0.

Salt Spring Cyclones have run their winning streak up to 10 games with a win over Gordon Head. The Cyclones were looking forward to the game against the second-place team because they knew if they could win they could clinch first place in the league.

Gordon Head gave the Cyclones a good game but in the long run proved to be no match for the Cyclones.

The game started off at a good pace with play going end to end. Play continued on like this for most of the first half but towards the end the Cyclones started to pull ahead, controlling most of the play. With five minutes left in the first half the Cyclones opened the scoring. With the Gordon Head goalie down in a scramble, Aaron Minvielle took a shot at what seemed to be an empty net but the shot was blocked by a Gordon Head defender.

It looked as though he would clear it but fine pursuit by Dan Utter ended up with him blocking it and deflecting it in the net. The half ended with the score 1-0 for the Cyclones.

In the second half the Cyclones clearly took over the play, with every member of the team playing well and hustling 100%. The next goal came on a nice combination between Gordon Hitchcock and Kerry Walker. Kerry and Gordon worked really hard beating several players, with Gordon putting it to Kerry.

Then Kerry put a beautiful cross into the middle where Bryan Casper drilled it into the net. Nelson Graham put in the third goal on a cornerkick that the Gordon Head goalie misjudged so the cornerkick went right in.

The rest of the game the Cyclones' defense controlled, turning back any last effort that Gordon Head tried, securing the win for the Cyclones.

# Blues down Castaways

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**  
Salt Spring Blues, 2; Castaways, 1

It took the Blues a month but the locals finally put a solid effort together to pick up their first points of the new year. What made the victory even sweeter was that the Castaways are second place in the league and had beaten the Blues earlier in the season.

The difference between this game and recent matches was that the Blues had a full complement of players and the players gave a full effort for 90 minutes. The Blues also played more as a unit rather than individuals and it showed in the opening half as they threw the ball around with a lot of their old class.

One of the biggest differences came in defence, a defence that had given up 19 goals in the last three games, as they played a very sound game.

Derek Walker showed great sureness in the net and almost stopped their only goal with a brilliant diving save. Graham Tweedle, Trevor Tamboline, Ron Hatch and myself played with a lot of poise in the back wall, rarely allowing the Castaways any room to move.

### NEW LOOK

The mid-field had a new look as

Mark Hughes and Bruce Hume teamed with Nick Bergnack and all three had solid efforts. Mark's aggressiveness and Bruce's play-making combined with Nick's ball-handling to give the Blues variety in the middle.

The biggest improvement came up front, probably due to the return of Arne Hengstler, but also due to the forwards putting out the effort. Arne controlled the middle with strong support from Alan Webb and Julian Valcourt and found time to score a beautiful goal on a cross from Bruce.

On the wings Jim Taylor and Dave Toynbee played very aggressive games, causing problems for the Castaways' defence all afternoon. Ysa Mach filled in on the wing when needed.

The forwards created many good scoring opportunities but importantly showed a willingness to back-check, something lacking in previous games.

With the team regaining its winning touch it is hoped that it will continue, especially now that the boys realize hard work and cohesiveness for 90 minutes wins games, not luck and a lazy attitude. Next week, off to Duncan and the start of a new winning streak.

# KICK-OFF

By Malcolm Legg

The Kick-A-Thon program is the subject of the article this week. You are probably curious about why I am discussing a program we ran back in late October, but our main fund-raiser has taken a great deal of time to complete.

At present most of our players have turned their funds in and we have applied their credit, therefore it is a good time to outline how the credit works.

Firstly, congratulations must go to Tony Mason of the Salt Spring Strikers, who was our top individual fund-raiser and thereby has won a 10-speed bicycle. His team, the Strikers, raised the largest team total with the Kanaka Cosmos running second, but all in all the response from all our teams has been good.

The Kick-A-Thon program is run to raise funds for our association but also enables players to raise money for soccer equipment, in the form of a 25% credit of their total funds raised. Also this year we offered a free club jacket to any player raising \$70 or more with the 25% credit applying to all funds over the \$70 base.

At this time our association plans to order the equipment players have requested, based on their credit raised. Strick Aust and myself will take care of the jacket measurement and ordering while the managers will look after finding out what players want for their credit.

Each manager will have a players' credit list, a cost of equipment list (balls, jackets, soccer guards, etc.) and they will detail the three purchasing methods which are:

- (1) purchase item within credit limit
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- (3) purchase item and present receipt to Strick Aust who will refund credit.

We hope over the next week to

get all the purchase requests in and then order everything at one time. If you still have not turned in your money, do it now, before it is too late to order.

If you have any questions about the program feel free to give me a call.

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- 2. Panthers 5 (Drayson Akurst 2, Damian Akurst, D. Guilbault, J. Scott); Kanaka 0.
- 3. Rowdies 2 (K. Smith 2); Fury 0.

The Panthers are living up to their reputation of being the team to beat. Two weeks ago they crushed the Fury behind Andrew Aust's three-goal performance and last week they proved their strength with a solid 5-0 demoli-

tion of the Cosmos.

The Panthers played without their two top guys, Andrew Aust and Charlie Hume, but the remaining cast, led by Drayson Akurst and Corbin Scott, picked up the slack.

Last Thursday the Rowdies found the win column with a 2-0 victory over the Fury. Kevin Smith scored both goals and left the Fury the only team without points, but there is a long way to go yet.

In other news, congratulations to Strick Aust and his 5C Strikers as they are the first team to clinch first place in their division this season - hopefully the first of many.

Also, watch those Selects. They have yet to lose in 1981 and are improving rapidly under mentors Nick Bergnack and Gary Hartwig.

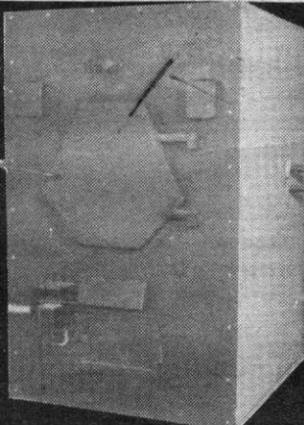
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# Down the Gutter

With KEN COLLINS

We had a full house of 20 bowlers entered on the weekend for the Bowl-A-Thon. The results were as follows: in the scratch event it was this writer taking first place, followed by Carol Kaye, and Julie Collins third. In the handicap event it was Leo Toutant coming out on top, with Peter Lucas second and Vic Dodds third.

This time around saw some very good scores produced, especially by some of the lower average bowlers. Most of the results were not decided until the last game was rolled.

Here are the better scores for the week ending January 30: Joan Badesso, 700 (318); Daryl Little, 723 (307); Peter Jacquest, 751-702 (309); Terry Jenkins, 705-839 (318); Marleen Slingsby, 732; Randy Webb, 765; and this writer with 757 and 726.

The bowlers of the week were Marleen Slingsby and Terry Jenkins.

In golden-agers last week it was Ruth Bedford with 640, and Ed Miller with 665 who came out on top.

Terry has some new rental shoes that he would like your opinion on. If you happen to get a pair and you form an opinion on them over your three games, let Terry know what you think of them. He will sure appreciate it.

**Tip of the Week**

Always wear a short-sleeve shirt, because you don't want any pull on your arm.

**Y.B.C. NEWS**

Teams and singles bowlers in the Four Steps to Stardom Tournament are now complete and we will advise you of all the names in our next Y.B.C. News.

Top scorers for Saturday were: Jets: Rebecca Stratholt, 76; Aaron Slingsby, 81; Bridget Underwood, 68; Shane Eldstrom, 53.

Pee Wees: Tammy Sloan, 139; Tanya Slingsby, 115; Chelsea Eldstrom, 75; Tracy Underwood, 60; Clinton Helfrich, 105; Adam Baines, 104; Brett Marshall, 101.

Bantams: Lisa Jorgensen, 176; Christine Spencer, 171; Jodie Harrison, 152; David Jacquest, 167; Justin Williams, 157; Arlys Stratholt, 105.

Juniors: Denise Harrison, 264; Kara Cruickshank, 214; Suzanne Cottrell, 174; David Cates, 182; Charles Rose, 158; Eddie Ruckle, 127.

Seniors (Wednesday, Jan. 28): Cathy Coe, 223; Cindy Corcoran, 189; Janet Foerster, 144; Robert Messam, 270; Steve Marleau, 239; Steve Martens, 235.

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# Strikers league champions after victory over Lakehill Saturday

**Salt Spring, 1; Lakehill, 0.**

The league championship for Division 5C was decided Saturday at Reynolds Park in Victoria. The game, between Salt Spring Strikers and Lakehill Cedar-Hill Esso, was to break a tie for first place in that division.

When we last met at Portlock Park in October, Lakehill had beaten the Strikers 3-2, but like all teams with confidence in themselves, the boys never really accepted the fact that Lakehill could beat them, and had been waiting ever since that game to prove their point.

Lakehill, on the other hand, had moved down from the "B" to the "C" level last year and were determined to move back up this year with the "C" league cup under their belt.

Salt Spring put early pressure on Lakehill's defence and for the first fifteen minutes kept them bottled up in their own end.

**GOOD SCORING CHANCE**

The first drive up the field resulted in a good scoring chance for the Strikers, but Lakehill's keeper made an excellent save, his first of many in that initial 15 minutes. Lakehill brought their mid-field line back on defence every time the Strikers moved forward, and every drive found their goal packed with six defenders.

The boys tried every trick, frontal attacks, attacks from the wings, push back to the midfield and long kicks to the top corners of the net, but what Lakehill's defence didn't block, their keeper did.

Finally, 18 minutes into the first half, their efforts paid off, and Brad Terrick scored the only goal of the game. The ball was brought up the left wing and crossed to the front of the net to Stuart Lyon. Stuart dribbled back over to the left side, drawing the defence with him. As the defence shifted over, Brad rushed into the vacated area from his right half-back position. Stuart turned and pushed the ball back across the goal-mouth, and Brad made no mistake, rocketing the shot low, to the corner of the net.

**TYPICAL**

This type of heads-up anticipation is typical of the way in which Brad has played all year, as he always seems to be in the right place at the right time, and it is fitting that his goal should win the league cup for his team.

Initially, the goal seemed to deflate Lakehill's resistance, and for a short time it seemed that the Strikers would run rough-shod over them, but their goalie wasn't ready to give up and his heroic efforts during the next 10 minutes sparked his players into putting out that little extra effort.

As the second half began, it was like the two clubs had switched jerseys during half-time. Now it was the Strikers who had six men in defence, and Lakehill who were threatening. But unlike Lakehill in the first half, the Strikers' defence could not be punctured.

With the exception of three or four break-outs by the Strikers, Lakehill kept constant pressure on

our defence for the whole second half, but by the end of the game, the defence had allowed only four shots on goal and all of these had been excellently handled by keeper Erin Fewings, who registered his seventh shut-out of this season.

Congratulations to all the Strikers, who faced the stiffest competition of their two years, and through 100% effort by every player, came out on top to bring home Salt Spring's first league trophy of this season.

## Bridge winners

Gulf Islands bridge club winners January 26 were:

First, Mary K. Thomas and Fred Melhuish; second, Evelyn Moore and Gordon Best; third, Shirley Love and Phyllis Henderson; fourth, Bess Stafford and Norm McConnell.

## Window broken

RCMP report that someone smashed a window at Ganges Auto Marine over the weekend but police are treating it as a case of vandalism rather than an attempted break-in.

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**Slugs wipe Nostrils**

**BY CHRIS CROSSBAR**

Reeling from criticisms in many quarters as to their recent one-game nose-dive, and concerned over indications that injured star Pat Gaines may have had the wrong operation, it looked for a time Sunday that it would be touch and go whether or not the Slugs could rebound and overcome the ever-dangerous Nanaimo Nostrils.

Starting in their usual manner, the Slugs were soon behind the eight-ball, as the Nostrils pumped three quick goals behind startled goaltender Wild Bill Hitchcock early in the first period, while they held a wide edge in territorial play. **FULL-LENGTH RUSH**

With the Nostrils pressing the attack, however, Gene Scown suddenly made a fine full-length rush, decking the goalie before setting up Tom Watson for a picture goal. The Slugs were back in the game.

Moments later, with the momentum turning and the Slugs on the attack, defenceman Ray Bush took a short rest from benchside financial negotiations to move up into the slot and score on a quick wrist shot that gave the Nostril goalie no chance.

Scant seconds later Ron Moger fed Pat Akerman with a fine lead pass and the score was even. **CHIPPY AFFAIR**

The game then settled into a rough, somewhat chippy affair as both teams faltered and spent most of the second period giving the puck away and generally stumbling over one another. Only some fine saves by Wild Bill kept the Slugs in the game.

**Motion for legal aid fails**

A motion introduced in parliament by Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands MP Jim Manly to provide legal assistance to Greenpeace failed to get support last week.

Manly moved that the government make available legal aid to help those members of the environmental group who were arrested for "attempting to protect our coast".

Charges have since been dropped against the Greenpeace members, who defied a U.S. Coast Guard order to stay clear of the supertanker which was used to carry out manoeuvrability tests in Juan de Fuca Strait last week.

Manly's motion needed unanimous consent of the House of Commons in order to pass.

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With time running out in the period, newcomer Allan Somebody took a short pass and moved in to cleanly beat the Nostril goalie and the Slugs moved ahead for the first time.

The third period was something else, as the Slugs (pardon the pun - I just couldn't help it) blew the Nostrils out of the building, scoring six goals and coasting to an easy 10-6 victory. Third period scorers included Mel Topping, Watson with his second, Peter Utter, Danny Akerman, Ron Moger and Pat Akerman. **ARTISTIC FLAIR**

Adding an artistic flair to the game was Ian Jukes' magnificent performance of the Slugovian Death Dance in front of a rapt audience after receiving an errant elbow to the midsection. Indicative of the team's care and concern for Ian's health were the sensitive thoughts of Mel Topping, who upon observing his fallen teammate commented, "Hurry up Jukes - you're delaying the game." Fortunately Ian recovered sufficiently to keep the Nostrils in the game.

A new feature added to the Slug repertoire was the cheerleading of Linda "The Animalette" Sokol, Summerland's contribution to the Crazy George School of Broadcasting. Her vociferous encouragement meant absolutely nothing to the players. **ANOTHER KETTLE OF FISH**

The return of Pat Gaines was another kettle of fish, though. Upon observing Pat enter the dressing room after the game carrying a purse, there was some concern expressed as to exactly what operation Pat did have, and if so, did he notice any difference.

Anyway, next week our favourite opponent, the Duncan Old-Timers, reappear for another meaningless encounter. Whether you care or not though - be forewarned - the Slugs will soon be revealed.

**University Day Friday**

On Friday at 10 a.m. the Gulf Islands Secondary School will host the annual University Day. All are invited to attend the school and hear representatives from Simon Fraser, U.B.C. and University of Victoria along with British Columbia Institute of Technology and Camosun College.

The counsellors will present a general information period about their various institutions, followed at 12:30 to 2:30 by small group or individual question period.

Parents and interested persons are encouraged to attend along with students from Grades 10 to 12. For an appointment call Marg Sitton at the secondary school at 537-2213.

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Police report that two car stereo speakers valued at about \$240 were stolen from an automobile parked in Ganges last week.

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**Tie game for Kicks**

**BY MEL COATES**  
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The Kicks did manage to field a full team this week, although the whole forward line and part of the half-back line were missing. Even with the regular forward line missing, the Kicks were controlling the game by the end of the first half and continued to do so well into the second half.

The veteran players on the team worked well with the newcomers, and on occasion there were some beautiful moves made, ending up in excellent scoring opportunities. Again and again the Kicks came close, but not quite close enough.

By the middle of the second half the Titans began to realize that perhaps they could defeat the Kicks. The last time they met, the

Kicks scored eight goals in the course of the game. This time was obviously very different. With a great deal of encouragement from the sidelines, the Titans came to life, and the Kicks had to work harder than ever. On several occasions, only the skill and determination of Lyle Brown stood between the Kicks and defeat.

For once the outcome of the game was very much in doubt right until the last whistle. It was good to see that happening. The Kicks have been really tested only once before this season, and that was in a game that had very little to offer player or spectator.

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**Div. 3B:** S.S. Kicks vs Bays United, Sun. Feb. 8, 12:30 pm, Windsor Park.

**Div. 4B:** S.S. Selects vs Gordon Head, Sat. Feb. 7, 1:00 pm, Portlock Park.

**Div. 5C:** S.S. Strikers vs Sooke, Sat. Feb. 7, 1:00 pm, Ganges School.

**Div. 6C:** S.S. Wranglers vs Bays United, Sat. Feb. 7, 11:00 am, Portlock Park.

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Game #7, Tues., Feb. 10: Winner #5 vs Winner #6, Portlock Pk.

Game #8, Thurs. Feb. 12: Loser #5 vs Loser #6, Portlock Pk.

Game #9, Tues. Feb. 17: Winner #7 vs Winner #8, Portlock Pk.

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# WHAT MAKES THE ISLANDS TICK?

## All you wanted to know about local administration

BY FRANK RICHARDS

What makes us tick? The Gulf Islands are a beautiful part of British Columbia. And they are administered by the government of British Columbia. But what then? Who is responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the islands? There are two main administrations in the Gulf Islands. The Capital Regional Board is responsible for all those functions which apply equally to various parts of the region. The Capital Region is the banker for the islands and administers funds for community projects. Among its functions are health, recreation, building inspection and certain controls such as protection of domestic animals and protection against excessive noise. The Islands Trust is responsible for the twin controversial functions of planning and zoning. All matters of land use lie within the responsibility of the Trust. The Gulf Islands School District is the local authority on education and schools. The school trustees administer the schools, build them, heat them, clean them, staff them and maintain them. All these functions are performed under the tight control of the ministry of education.

In addition to these three main administrations, there are improvement districts throughout the islands providing for fire protection, water distribution, street lighting and other services. These locally elected bodies are the basis of island administration, within the provincial guidelines. The provincial government is directly responsible for highways, policing, welfare and courts. In addition to the maintenance of roads, the ministry of highways also acts as approving officer for applications for subdivision and issues permits for access from provincial roads on to private property at its own discretion. **ONE OF MOST AUTOCRATIC** For example, you have a driveway on to the road outside and you would like to have it curve round, with a second outlet on to the road. You're probably out of luck. The ministry doesn't like more than one access to a property. The ministry of highways has no local, elected spokesman and remains one of the most autocratic administrations in the province, according to reports from many local representatives. Policing is not under local administration. The provincial government has an agreement with Ottawa whereby the Royal Canadian Mounted Police staffs the provincial detachments, mostly rural. The police are under federal jurisdiction, but administer the provincial laws as well. This extends to certain local ordinances too. While parking restrictions are not normally policed by the detachments, an anti-noise bylaw might be enforced if there were complaints of noise. The provincial responsibilities are administered from the court house at Ganges and information on provincial matters may be obtained there, or from any other provincial office. **BETWEEN PROVINCE, MUNICIPALITIES**

The Capital Regional District would have been a county if British Columbia were divided into counties. It is a government halfway between the province and the municipalities. It administers

various services which extend to more than one area. The Capital Region embraces all the area from the five Gulf Islands, south to the southern tip of Vancouver Island and around the west coast to Port Renfrew. The municipalities of Victoria, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, Saanich, Central Saanich, North Saanich and Sidney are responsible for their own administrations. Such functions as sewage disposal, health, regional planning, urban transit, where the service crosses municipal boundaries, are the responsibility of the region. Two prominent exceptions are policing and fire protection. In the islands the region does not concern itself with land use regulations or planning. The board is elected from the components. Municipalities name directors from their own councils. The electoral areas, or non-incorporated areas, elect their own directors. The region is the only level of government which allows for representation in the absence of the elected or named member. Each director may name an alternate who will sit in his place. In the case of the municipalities the alternate is an elected member of the council. In the case of electoral areas he is named by the director and serves with that authority. **THREE EACH** Saanich and Victoria have three directors each on the regional board. Oak Bay, Esquimalt, Central Saanich, North Saanich, Sidney, Colwood, Langford, Metchosin, Sooke, View Royal,

Salt Spring Island and the Outer Islands each have one director. In addition to the strength of representation, the various components have a vote weighted according to the population of their communities. By this means a straight majority of directors may or may not carry a resolution. Saanich has 15 votes; Victoria, 13; Oak Bay, 4; Esquimalt, 4; Langford, 3; Central Saanich, 2; North Saanich, 1; Sidney, 2; Colwood, 2; Sooke, 2; Metchosin, 1; View Royal, 1; Salt Spring, 1; Outer Islands, 1. Thus, if the Victoria and Saanich directors all favour a resolution, it will be passed even if all other directors oppose it. The population of the component communities decides the strength of the vote. The directors from Salt Spring Island, Yvette Valcourt and the Outer Islands, Jim Campbell, are named for two years and the regional board election is staged every two years unless a by-election becomes necessary. All matters relating to the regional board may be raised with the executive director, Dennis Young, at the board office in Victoria at 524 Yates, or through the regional director for the area concerned. **TWICE A MONTH** The regional board meets twice monthly at the Yates St. offices. There are no meetings, normally, on the islands. The Islands Trust is a smaller operation. It is geared to local meetings and its function of land

use control is the most controversial of all administrative functions. Each island has a community plan. This is the philosophy of islanders in connection with planning and zoning. The plan represents a compromise. It is the pattern of development that the majority favour. It allows for the maximum of development with the maximum of restriction. The free-development exponents have made their contribution and the ultra-conservationist has also made his point. This plan is registered with the ministry of municipal affairs and may not be changed without a public hearing. Each island has a subdivision bylaw which sets out the regulations governing land use in order to conform to the plan. Every change in the use of land must be approved by the Islands Trust. Every change in zoning must be approved by the local community. **OVER 13 ISLANDS** The Islands Trust extends its authority over 13 designated islands and all the smaller islands as far north as Howe Sound. The designated islands each name two trustees. The 26 trustees thus elected then name their own chairman and two vice-chairmen. The three elected by the Trust are then termed the general trustees and hold office with jurisdiction over all the islands. The remaining "local trustees" have authority within their own islands only. When the Trust considers

matters relating to one island, only part of the elected council takes part. The three general trustees and the two local trustees form the local Islands Trust Committee. To complete the planning picture in accordance with established provincial procedures, each island has an advisory planning commission. This consists of a local body, called on to examine each proposed change in land use and to offer advice to the Trust. This advice is provided in order that the Trust may enjoy the local opinion on a proposal before taking action. The function of the commission is purely advisory. It has no administrative powers. The Municipal Act empowers councils to appoint or authorize the appointment of such commissions. It does not require their appointment. It then leaves the manner of appointment and procedures to the local authority. **OPEN OR IN CAMERA** On some islands the commission sits in open meetings. On others, almost every move is made in camera. The manner of appointment rests with the local Trust committee. When a change is sought: use of residential property for a store, or splitting of a parcel requiring changes in the zoning or classification or any other change, the application is made to the Islands Trust, either through the local trustees or through the Trust office in Victoria, at 848 Courtney St.

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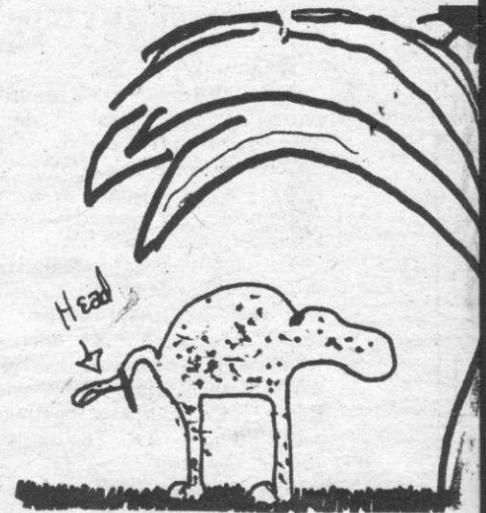
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## Fall

BY CANDACE CROCKER

In the fall all the trees fall off the trees as unawares. When I look down in the deep blue sea I see leafs floating in the deep blue sea. I always wish to float on a leaf going down the stream.

When I go for a ride on a boat it feels like a dream going down the stream.

## The Canoe

BY MIRANDA SWIFT

Age 6

I had a canoe and Mum said we had to give it away and so we gave it away and I cried so much that my neighbours came over and they gave me a canoe of my very own and I said I wanted to have it for my very own and my Mum said I could and I was so happy that I cried and the next day it was so sunny that my Mum said I could go out in my canoe with my sister and Dad.

## The Elf Story

BY MALINDI CURTIS  
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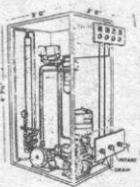
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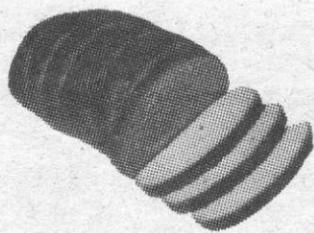
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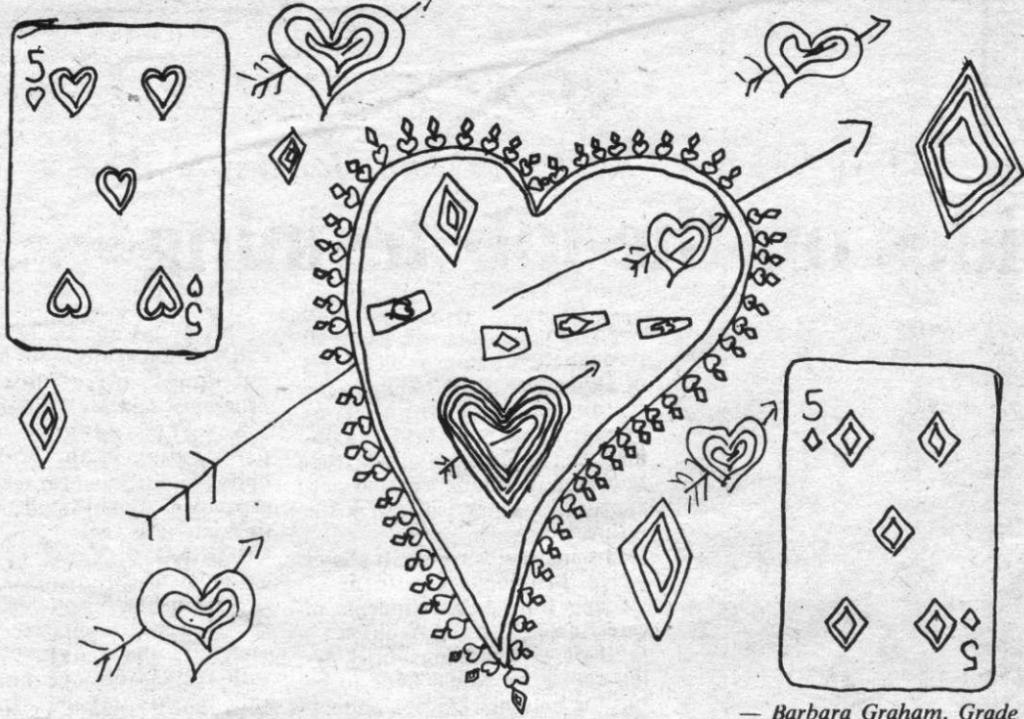
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Galiano

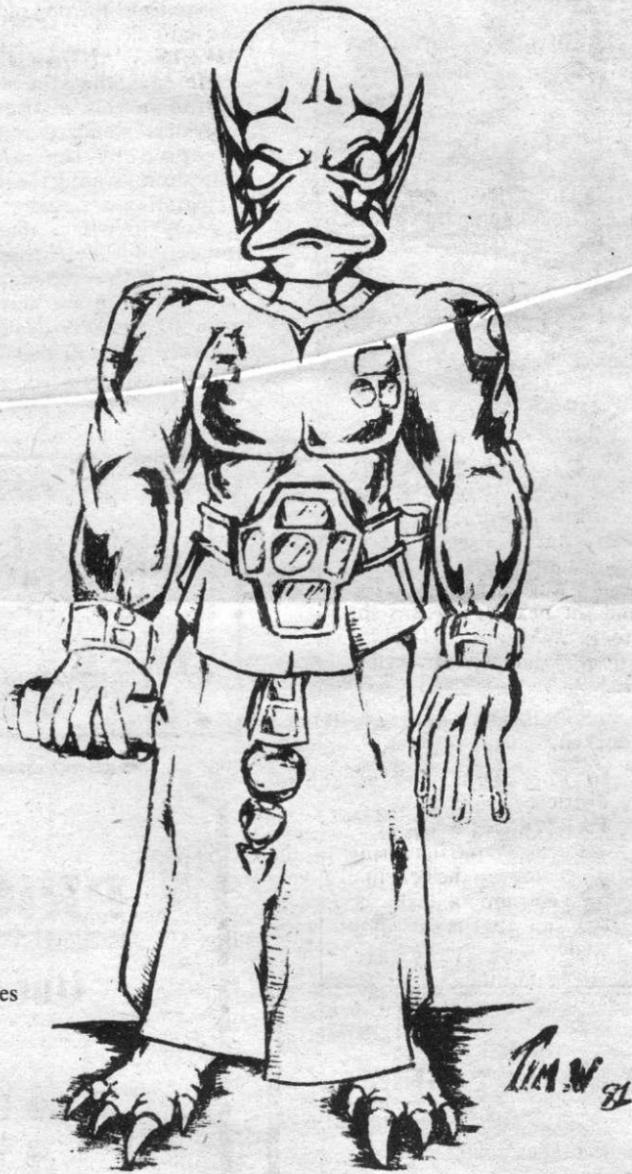
Sliding down the wind.  
Sweeping the sky of cobwebs.  
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Stark in the sky  
yet light as a puff on a feathery breeze.

His great dark form hurtling towards the waves  
only to rise screaming  
with a silver drop in his clutching beak.

Gliding away through the last light,  
a lone figure in the golden clouds.

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**Agriculture, hospitality options already under way**

**Program provides on-the-job training**

**BY SCOTT WEBSTER**

More than four months after its introduction, results would seem to indicate that the initial phase of a three-part career preparation program for students at Gulf Islands Secondary School is meeting administrative staff expectations, according to principal Bob McWhirter.

About 15 Grades 11 and 12 students are participating in the agricultural option, which is the first part of an overall career preparation program which was begun last September to give secondary school students an opportunity to gather on-the-job training in areas of interest with businesses in this district.

It's expected that a business administration option will in September join the agriculture option and the hospitality option, which is already under way on a limited basis.

**MINISTRY FUNDING**

The career preparation program is being set up and administered by the Gulf Islands School District even though the program is funded, to the tune of \$28,000, by the ministry of education. This amount goes towards setting up the program and meeting staff and transportation costs.

Under the direction of teacher Mike Byron, the agriculture option is run as part of a regular agriculture program in which about 100 students spend several hours a week studying and working at a farm the school board leases at the island's north end.

The 15 students taking part in the agriculture option spend about 50% of their time, or about three hours a day, attending regular academic classes at the school and the rest of their time working at various jobs at farms in the district. The academic classes include mathematics, English, social studies and physical education.

**EXPERIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY**

It's the hands-on experience gained and the sense of responsibility that comes with having joined the work force, albeit on a limited basis, that McWhirter hopes the program will impart to students.

Although students are not paid for their efforts, they are covered by workers' compensation. Most are engaged in performing various farm duties on Salt Spring Island, although a few have been placed outside the district for periods of up to several months.

Two students have ventured as far away as Kamloops and Dawson Creek for three-month



Jamie Sinclair holds a young lamb waiting its turn to have its tail docked.

periods in order to take advantage of types of agriculture not found in this area.

McWhirter says that the beauty of the program is that it doesn't cost farmers or students a red cent and that it is flexible enough to allow for the exchange of students

to and from distant school districts.

**FARMERS BENEFIT**

Farmers participating in the program reap the benefit of having time-consuming tasks performed free of charge by enthusiastic students.

The 15 students are exposed, through the program, to all aspects of agriculture, from toiling in the fields to the economics of operating a profitable farm, including mechanics and construction of farm equipment and new approaches to agriculture in the future.

"I think that it's great. It allows us to provide some form of training for selected students in career areas," said McWhirter.

"If we were running a bricklaying course we would hope to be turning out bricklayers and by running the agricultural course we expect to be turning out people in the agriculture field."

**MEETS STANDARDS**

He says that the agriculture option in this district has met provincial standards and has been accepted by the ministry of education as an accredited career preparation program.

McWhirter says that an early indication that the program is meeting with some success is that two graduates are now pursuing agricultural courses at the University of British Columbia while another six are enrolled at regional colleges taking agricultural studies.

"It's been a success in the past and with the new options it will be even more of a successful program," said McWhirter.

Several students are now participating in the hospitality option and it should reach its full capacity of about 15 students some time later this year.

**COOKING**

Commercial cooking skills are stressed in the hospitality option and students are directed toward careers in that industry, usually with restaurants and hospitals, although they are familiarized with all aspects of operations.

Six secondary school personnel, including McWhirter, are involved in the program and these include counsellor Marg Sifton who sets placement requirements, directs selection of students and programs courses of study.

Others include Mike Byron, in charge of the agricultural option, Hugh Spoor, who hopes to set up the business administration option subject to school board approval, Linda Hoover, in charge of the hospitality option, and Scott Bergstrom who serves as liaison between the program and similar career preparation programs on Vancouver Island.

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 Ganges Sales Representative

If no answer, call our main office at Brentwood Bay - ZENITH 6327

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**OUR PRICING POLICY**

**Our landed cost + 10% = Your Cost**

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