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No injuries in minor plane crash at Fulford



Booths for May Day

A number of groups and organizations will be setting up booths on the school grounds for the Salt Spring Island May Day celebration and they are welcome and will add colour to the proceedings, reports Bevis Walters.

"In order that orderly allocation of space takes place, please telephone 537-9821 and give details," urges the chairman of May Day.

Booths may be for the sale of items or refreshments, by individuals or groups, regular commercial enterprises will be excluded.

No one was injured when this light plane crash-landed at Fulford Airstrip about mid-day Monday. Pilot was Edward Reilly, of Victoria, who was accompanied by his wife at the time.

Having flown from Victoria, Reilly landed on the runway at Fulford but lost control. The 1966 model Alon Air Coupe veered off the runway, ran between two other planes and was stopped by a fence.

Driftwood was told that the plane was going fast when it touched down and, in addition, there was a strong westerly wind blowing.

It is the second incident at Fulford airstrip in the past 12 months. Last year an aircraft was damaged when a hang glider landed on the wing. Since its inception, the airstrip has catered to thousands of visiting planes.

Froze three times at Salt Spring

Weather observer on Salt Spring Island is Tarri Horel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Horel of Cusheon Lake. She took over the job from Howard Carlin last year.

She reports that during the month of April, the highest temperature was 19 degrees (Celsius) on the 25th. Lowest temperature was 0 degrees on the sixth, 12th and 23rd.

Total rainfall was 65 mm; average temperature was 8.2 degrees.

Lions annual project

Walkathon on Saturday at Salt Spring Island

Saturday is the day to get exercise at Ganges....and at Fulford. Salt Spring Lions annual Walkathon will be staged on Saturday, when walkers will cover the distance between Ganges and Fulford in an hour or so or more.

Walkathon is the Lions' annual project to raise funds for projects in many fields.

It will commence at 1 pm, with classes for various walkers, chariots and others.

Starting point is Centennial Park and the finishing line is Drummond Park.

Every participant is invited to have others pledge any sum they please for every mile covered. Pledges go to the service club.

The club will set up Centennial Park for the race during the morning on Saturday. By noon many walkers will already be in position waiting for the starting signal.

Millions syphoned off

Chamber to study tax procedures in islands

Where do islands school taxes go?

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is aiming to find out.

At its general meeting on Wednesday evening last week, the Chamber agreed to initiate a study into the school tax pattern on the island and the heavy taxation imposed by the province to support off-island school districts.

President Gary MacPherson noted that the amount of money taken off the island by the provincial government this year will be sufficient to pay the entire cost of construction of the new Fernwood school.

Meeting was in Harbour House Hotel and dinner speaker was the

president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Vancouver Island, Dr. Brian Perry-Whittingham, of Sooke.

Dr. Perry-Whittingham explained that as a medical doctor he has little to gain in his business from membership in the Chamber of Commerce.

STRONG VOICE

He sees the Chamber, in the community, in the region and across the nation, as a strong voice to the government for the small businessman and for others in the community.

The Chamber heard a report on the activities of the past months,

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Islanders have shouting match with region representatives

Region outlines sewer plan at heated meeting

BY TONY RICHARDS

There was evidence of a pronounced division in the Salt Spring Island community at a somewhat heated information meeting on the Ganges sewer system Thursday evening. More than 150 people went to the Activity Centre to hear representatives of the Capital Regional District outline their proposal for a sewer system.

During the meeting, various accusations were made against the region for the manner in which the sewer proposal has been handled. Charges included falsifying public documents, imposing the will of outsiders on the island community and an unreal handling of the sewer question.

Regional board chairman Jim Campbell opened the meeting, saying that the region wished to set out its position with respect to the sewer.

"I have to make it clear from the outset that the region has been given the mandate and the responsibility to install a sewer system," he said. "It doesn't seem to me we have any choice in the matter."

Looking back, he said that because of the petition being challenged in the courts, the ensuing delay "was of great concern to us as well as to the director of the Pollution Control Board". The director, said Campbell, had advised the region to seek an order

to install the sewers.

'TOLD US THE PROCESS'

Campbell said the director had wanted to see the problem resolved and "told us the process to follow".

Regional district engineer Norman Howard was the next to speak and explained that the first thing to do was apply for a permit from the Pollution Control Board. But before applying, he said, an environmental assessment study was required. The region is cognizant of the fact that the harbour has no flushing action, said Howard. The state of the receiving waters has to be ascertained as does the effect of the discharge. The discharge, said the engineer, would be equivalent

to six three-quarter inch taps running all day long.

TYPE OF TREATMENT

He said the type of treatment to be utilized is not yet known: it will be dictated by the degree to which the contaminants must be removed, which in turn is dictated by the flushing action and the state of the receiving waters.

The impact of the discharge on the environment, the contaminant dilution and dispersion and the effect on the shores and sea life all have to be studied, he noted.

Executive director of the region, Denis Young, explained where the money would come from. The community would be responsible for \$412,000 out of the total of \$2.7

million, he explained. The remainder would be obtained through various types of assistance from the two senior levels of government.

The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) will provide 50% of certain capital costs, said Young and that percentage would amount to \$905,000. That corporation will also provide the sum of \$270,000 in the form of annual forgiveness payments.

The total contribution of the CMHC will, therefore, amount to \$1,175,000. Sewage facilities assistance from the provincial government will provide 75% of the annual costs in excess of 2.5 mills

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Silver Maynes tea Saturday

BY ELSIE BROWN

The Spring Tea and Sale sponsored by the Silver Maynes, Saturday, April 29, at the Agricultural Hall was an outstanding success.

Vi Hamilton was convener, assisted by the following:

Tea tables: Marlen Fousek, Blanche Anderson, Irene Halliday, Lillian Wardle, Doreen Ferguson, Alison Duncan and Verlie Cooter. The tables were tastefully decorated with spring flowers arranged by Blanche Anderson.

Bake table: Sophie Betts, Ina Iwasaki, Millie Paton and Clara James.

Lapidary: Mable Johnston and Clare Hamilton.

Ceramics: Ann Connors and Doris Gardner.

Plants: Frank Cooter, Harry Adams, Roy Crispin and Albert Wardle.

White elephants: Babs Wilson,

Nancy Sutton, Foye Miles and Dora Wood.

Tea tickets: Edith Griffiths. Raffle tickets, Roy Betts, John Dought, Vi Hamilton, Doris Gardner, Clare Hamilton and Effie Piggott.

Floater were Vic Griffiths, Sally Burden and Clara James, who helped out wherever they were needed.

Winners of the various prizes were: 1, Chris Jeffries, Food Slicer; 2, Mrs. Morritt, hamper of groceries; 3, Gillian Schramm, special prize.

Other winners were, hanging basket, Millie Paton; ceramic cookie jar, Mrs. Sue Williams; swag lamp, Roy Betts; glasses, Elaine Lane.

The Bowling Group was responsible for the first three prizes. Thanks to George Wainborn for the donation of the glasses.

"Be safe! Buy a smoke detector"



Where there's smoke there's fire!

Fire Chief Paddy Lambert at Mayne Island is looking for smoke before there's a fire.

The Mayne Island Fire Department has already opened its campaign to sell smoke detectors. Last week firemen sought the assistance of the Mayne Island school, by means of a poster contest.

The theme was the simple message, "Buy a smoke detector

and be safe".

There were three groups and winners were Angelique Harris, Jim Aiken, Philip Pugh, Shane Lorenz and Jake Van Dort, seen in the picture; Lesley McArthur, Ross Burden, Val Somerville and Tara Bryan and Jenny Hughes, Stacey O'Bray and Kathy Templeman.

Response has been very good, reports Paddy Lambert, and sales are likely to go up as soon as the summer residents flock to the island.

NOT THE SAME

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Things are looking down.

Unemployment is woefully up and the economy is way down: like the dollar.

The opposition parties in both federal and provincial arenas are convinced that they have the answers and that the parties in power are the culprits. It is to be hoped that they are not wholly right. It would be criminal to have the key to worldwide misery and to fail to use it.

There are many factors which contribute to our dilemma. The theory of the annual increase has been one culprit. The principle of an increase in wages each year is also the principle of an increase in prices each year. One chases the other.

Free enterprise is probably less than free once such an economic philosophy takes hold because it represents a new influence on the enterprise beyond the simple law of the market place. If they are simple.

WORKING WIVES

It is probable that the biggest single factor is the number of working wives.

When Canada faced disaster 50 years ago, the work force consisted, largely, of one breadwinner per family.

The 20th century practice, where Dad and Mom both go out to work has changed the entire picture of the domestic hearth. It has brought carpet to the living room floor: and the kitchen: and it has brought lonely children to the empty house.

The advantages are evident everywhere. The disadvantages only reveal themselves at irregular intervals. The advantages bring prosperity, possessions, status and good living. The disadvantages bring social changes.

THREE WAYS

The level of unemployment today is measured in true figures and adjusted figures. It could also be measured in living-unit figures.

Where the family still enjoys the income of one breadwinner, the burden is lightened.

Similarly, when the household enjoys the income of two breadwinners, payment of unemployment benefits to both represents an excessive drain on the national coffers.

The year, 1978, has opened a shaky economy and a high unemployment rate. The two-breadwinner; three-car family is one of the factors which exerts a brake on the economy in times of stress.

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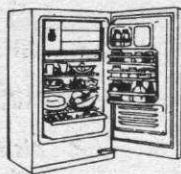
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On The Penders

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Pender Island now has a baseball team of its own! Players are aged eight to 12 years and are entered in the minor league of the little league baseball and will be playing each Saturday afternoon in Sidney and Saanich during the months of May and June.

On Pender the co-ordinator of arrangements is Ted Dever, manager of the team is Bill Hanson and the coach is Danny Martin, assisted by Dave Watson.

The president of the Sidney Little League is Jim Puckett and it is through his co-operation that the

Pender team has been able to join the league. What a pleasant way for Penderites to spend a lovely spring afternoon: cheering our team on to victory, so let's join them for the ferry ride and game.

Pender Island Women's Institute was honoured at the meeting on Tuesday afternoon, May 2, to have present Mrs. Ina McDowell, the South Vancouver Island District president of the Women's Institute, and with her three guests from Women's Institutes on Vancouver Island.

Retired and former W.I. members and friends had been especially invited and whilst quite a number were unable to come, the institute was pleased to welcome

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WINNING NUMBERS FOR APRIL 1978

The Provincial APR. 30 DRAW
\$1 MILLION WINNING NUMBERS

2	8	9	6	7	0	7
1	3	4	5	9	3	1
5	7	1	6	9	4	6

\$100,000 WINNING NUMBERS

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5	3	4	1	7	2	2

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1	0	6	2	7	8	2
1	7	1	2	6	2	9

APRIL 19 DRAW
\$100,000 WINNING NUMBERS

0	2	2	1	5	3	8
2	2	6	0	1	3	6
2	8	8	1	3	2	1
1	2	8	4	8	8	6
0	6	5	1	3	8	8

last 5 digits win	\$1,000
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TO BE FRANK...

by richards

Only a ting-a-ling would try to eat a fingerling!

It was lost and well-wishers arrested the stray dog and took it to the RCMP office in Ganges. You've got your shot gun, explained Hal Leighton, Here's your police dog to go along with it. The dog was a Doberman Pinscher and Ace Mainwaring didn't seem overly grateful.

When Cliff Harrison won a big lottery prize a few weeks ago it wasn't all Harrison gravy. The ticket was among those which Cliff has sold on a community-share basis. The \$100,000 was split about 15 ways. That same week he had more than 150 different prizes for ticket holders, says Cliff.

I drove from Crofton to Ladysmith at 7.30 one morning. As I came into Ladysmith I encountered the 10th Japanese pick-up I had seen that morning.

You can't publish a lady's age! Not decently. But the story is still there. A young lady of Vesuvius reports having hitch-hiked down through the United States. Not bad for a youngster of 61.

That guy Healey gets me going. But a parody is merely a second-rate corruption of the original: If noble intrepid Great King Rameses Had lived in Ganges, You may be sure He'd've built a sewer!

Apropos of absolutely nothing, I was thinking of spies and wars the other day and I remembered an incident long gone and forgotten. The intelligence officer explained that enemy planes were reaching their target too accurately. Investigation revealed that the road in the vicinity had been recently resurfaced. In the English style, that meant a spreading of tar and sprinkling with gravel. In the gravel layer could be seen a pointer directing planes to their target. It just makes you wonder how you go about arranging things like that.

And back to nursery rhymes: Meat Or a laundered sheet Is hung. Thief Or a brigand chief Is hanged. And the man who knows, or at least who oughter, Is the ordinary working news reporter!

The Cook Bicentennial is of significance because Capt. James

Cook discovered British Columbia in 1778. And that is significant because Perez had discovered it in 1774 and it must have been lost in the meantime. Then, again, according to the Indian reports, it wasn't discoverable. They had known where it was for centuries. The only direct link with Capt. Cook on Salt Spring Island is believed to be the Happy Cooker, discovered about 1974.

I went there last year. And the year before! It's on the Welsh border, a place called Leintwardine. Women's Lib grew up not many miles from the little village with the river running through it all summer and over it sometimes in winter. Then I am informed by a Salt Spring Islander that she was told it is not called Leintwardine, like having dinner, but Leintwarden, like the Queen. But I daren't tell my folks, they might not believe it.

Don't mention pigs when Pat and Marguerite Lee are around. It's because of the pigs they were very nearly not around any more. That's why Pat is favouring his back and Marguerite is getting around with a gammy leg. Alan Gear raised some pigs. They cleared his land like nobody's business. So, when the land was cleared he wanted out. He had the truck and he needed help to get the porkers away. The sow was heavy, ornery and determined to stick around. She liked her home. Eventually Pat heaved her up and that was the end. His slippery disc slipped. A week later Alan was still eager to move out the pigs. So he called his sister Marguerite and suggested she pinch-hit for Pat, whose sore back was still griping him. Gladly, she went dashing through the woods and never noticed the hole as she sped after a reluctant pig. Down went the foot and that was it: torn ligaments and a broken heel. You can bet every time the Lees have bacon and eggs they'll delight in getting their teeth into that pig!

If a Social Credit government is elected, says the new national leader he will make an end to abortionists, homosexuals and unscrupulous bankers. And, presumably, if the A's, H's and U.B's are elected that will mean an end to national Social Creditors.

It's not always so much better south of the line. An island pilot reports landing at a Washington airport after waiting for a truck to leave the runway. When he was on the ground, he asked the young lady in the truck whether this was in fact, the airport listed on the

Wanderers conclude successful soccer season



The Wanderers, Salt Spring Island girls' soccer team enjoyed a

very successful season last winter. Here they are at one of their last appearances before the softball

season broke out. Standing behind them is Malcolm Legg, the girls' coach.

charts. She didn't know it was an airport. So he taxied over to some others and posed the same question. It was exactly that, he learned, truck and driver and everything.

It's as natural for a Canadian to be wary of damaging the environment as burping after a big meal. Both conditions are a natural consequence of what has taken place. It gets them the same way in Tofino. The West Coaster published some anonymous limericks last week that have a direct bearing on Salt Spring Island's current problems:

*With a whimsical look in its eye
A deer to its Mommy said "Why
Can't I go down to the creek
When taking a leak?"
She said, "You'll make coliforms in
Tofino's water supply."*

and

*There is a young bear we'll call Ben.
For some water he had a great yen.
While taking a snort
He was caught rather short
But he swears it won't happen
again!*

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The heat of the moment!

Twice in a week the residents of Salt Spring Island have been presented with a series of facts on a sewage disposal system for Ganges.

The program is not new on the island. Audiences have been gathering in Ganges to consider almost every aspect of sewers and sewage for the past 15 years. In its humble way, effluent is popular in the community. The newcomer might well gain the impression that sewage is popular on the beach.

At the base of all the furore and the excitement generated by the sewer schemes lie two considerations.

The cost is a matter of prime concern to the property owners of the community since the provincial government has ruled that they must pay for the facility whether they favour it or not.

The quality of the effluent to be discharged into Ganges Harbour affects not only those living in the designated sewer area, but everyone within smellable distance of the treatment plant.

Whether one area or another should be serviced or the possible benefit of small, separate plants are very secondary to the two basic considerations, price and quality.

The price of the project will affect all property owners in the Ganges area. The parcel tax will not be felt by the owner whose property taxes are absorbed by Home Owner Grants. But the pensioner whose grant exceeds his tax liability is still concerned with the user tax, levied against the use of the facilities and not met by the Home Owner Grant.

The question of spending money will invariably bring sharp concern to the property owner. His pocket book is usually his tenderest spot.

In a community already well-aware of the problems of controlling the environment, the question of sewage disposal rouses an immediate concern. The oft-repeated principle of Regional Board Chairman Jim Campbell that the sea is the proper place for effluent strikes an unhappy note with many islanders, perhaps less educated, but still vitally concerned with the effect of noxious discharges on fresh or salt water.

The conviction of many islanders that no government at any level has given serious study to sewage disposal affords another cause for concern. The people who live on the shores of Ganges Harbour have little faith in the ability of government biologists and engineers to foretell the effect of any project. They envy the Regional Board its confidence.

There are islanders who are committed to the principle of returning sewage to the land.

Those who want it on the land and see it on the shore react unfavorably to the project. It is these factors which justify some concern on the part of islanders when the sewers come up for debate.

In addition, there are people on Salt Spring Island who want no sewers near their property and there are others who contend that their own properties have no disposal problems and should be excluded from the overall program.

The final fear that the presence of a sewer area will clear the way for unprecedented population growth brings still another emotional factor into the discussions.

Fear of high taxes and an utter lack of confidence in the country's approach to one of our oldest sanitation problems contribute to an initial hollow community stomach. The rest comes easy.

Less acceptable is the division of the community into small camps of concern. The installation of sewers affects every user, commercial, residential, academic or hospital patient. The nature of the disposal system affects every resident of Ganges Harbour shoreline.

An exciting, emotional meeting is good fun, but it accomplishes nothing that an orderly rational meeting could do in a fraction of the time.

Letters to the Editor

NO CAPER!

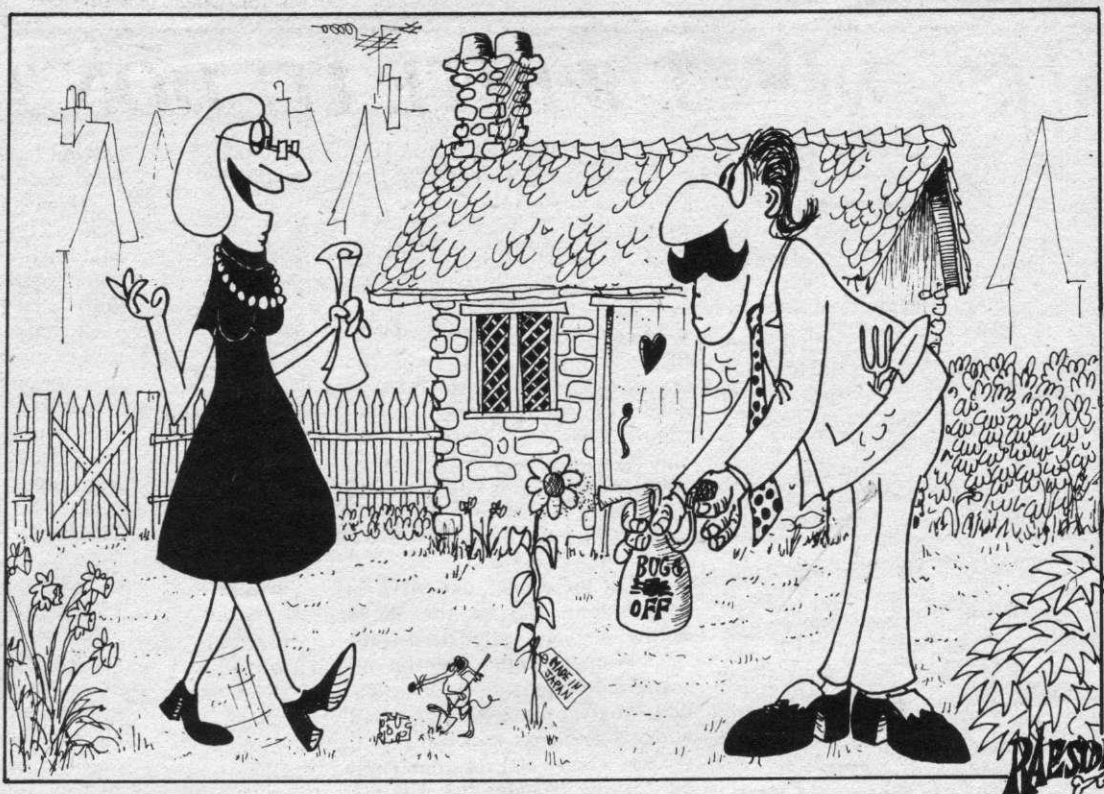
Sir,

In response to two letters in the May 3 issue of the Driftwood I would like to take the opportunity of clarifying the position of Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce in regard to Salt Spring Sea Capers.

1. Salt Spring Sea Capers is a total community effort and not an event sponsored by the chamber. We are only one organization

among many that will do their part to help make "Sea Capers" an outstanding event. To date the Sea Capers committee has managed to enlist the support of over 100 island residents to work on the various Sea Capers events.

2. As far as a "Beauty Pageant" event is concerned, this idea was only one of many ideas that were proposed as part of the overall "Sea Capers" program. The "Beauty Pageant" or "Miss Sea



"Some nice man from the Highways Department just gave me the Lions Gate Bridge in exchange for our house and lot."

Queen" idea was deleted from the program very early in the planning stage and therefore does not exist.

On behalf of the chamber, its members and all of the people that have volunteered their time and talents to assist in the "Sea Capers" week-end I would urge all Salt Spring Islanders to participate and enjoy this festive week-end June 9, 10, 11. The Sea Capers committee have developed an outstanding program of events that offers something for everyone, islander and visitor alike.

GARY MACPHERSON
President, Salt Spring Island
Chamber of Commerce
Ganges,
May 4, 1978

PAT ON THE BACK

Sir,

I read with interest the letter by Ed Davis in last week's Driftwood. I agreed with much of it except the hiring of the principal.

I, for one, give the school board a big pat on the back for the hiring of Tom Watson. It would be nice to see more people like Tom Watson brought in to clean up some of the dead wood.

PATRICIA HARLAND
R.R. 1, Mountain View Dr.,
Ganges,
May 8, 1978

Editor's Note: No further correspondence will be accepted on this subject.

PARENTS' MEETING

Sir,

In view of the fact that Fernwood School is in the process of being built and in light of the problems that will be encountered at both Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood Elementary, the parents have taken it upon themselves to organize and informational meeting for the purpose of hearing the details of the board's plans for the school and to allow all interested persons to have their questions answered.

A request was made by the parents at the last board meeting and trustees readily agreed to meet at Mahon Hall on Wednesday, May 17, at 7 pm.

Communication between the board and the public is the only way to ensure the success of our school district and this meeting is designed to give everyone who is affected by school board decisions a chance to have their opinions heard.

Every person who pays taxes, either directly or indirectly; every parent of school aged children will benefit from attendance at this meeting.

Only through a direct exchange of ideas and information can we as parents and taxpayers expect to

give direction to our school board representatives and ensure that they do their jobs in the best interests of our community and achieve the results that they were elected for.

PAT MACPHERSON,
Fernwood Parents' Group,
R.R. 1, Ganges,
May 8, 1978

NONSENSE!

Sir,

I had forsworn writing letters to the Editor of your prestigious journal. For one reason, I am growing old and tired, and the constant bending forward to erase typing errors in my compositions was starting me on the road to a hunched neck and arthritic shoulders. Besides, there are a new and more active groups available who appear more than willing to pick up their spears and enter any of your journalistic causes, regardless of the odds.

However, I have waited three weeks now, and no more able

advocate from among the non-school elements have ventured to joust with your writer, Alice Schodt, who wrote last April 12th to complain both of the conditions of the animals in the School Aggie Class, and the lessons being learned by the students.

I do not consider her remarks respecting the care of the animals deserve any response, other than to refer her to the great egg and milk factories surrounding any of our major cities. The care and attention lavished on our local Aggie animals place them in the position of pampered personal pets.

But when she casts aspersions upon the Aggie class, and upon its indefatigable instructor, Mr. Byron, by the implications of her conclusions, then indeed, she passes the bounds of tolerance established by many years of Island indolence-my indolence, that is, not that of Mr. Byron and his early-rising cohorts.

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Nature's Store

The last warm rays of sunshine are gleaming through the trees -- My memory book is filling with memories such as these:
A rustic bench beside the path, a squirrel, intent on dinner;
To have such joy in simple things, makes me an all-time winner!
When first the humming-bird arrives from his winter far away,
I feel like saying, "Little friend, I'm glad you've come to stay!"
You're welcome as the Springtime, you may sip at every flower;
I'd stand to watch your beauty flash, hour after hour.
A deep blue sky, white fleecy clouds, and sunlight over all --
When I am old and doddering, they'll hold me still in thrall.
I cannot visualize a time, when I shall be so old,
That I won't find all Nature, more precious far than gold.

- Celia V. Reynolds

Church Services

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1978

ANGLICAN

St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

UNITED

Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of Sharing and Caring		6.30 pm

COMMUNITY GOSPEL

Mr. L Sheppard	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30 am
537-2622(church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm

MAYNE ISLAND

St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
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Bible Study, Friday in the homes 7.30 pm

GALIANO ISLAND

St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am
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DON'T WRITE IT! DON'T EVEN SAY IT!

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Think it: don't write it!

If you have a thing against the fellow next door, keep it to yourself. Don't write it. Don't tell it. Forget it. Or it may cost and plenty. The guy next door probably beats his wife. You know he is born out of wedlock and you suspect that he sees round corners easier than he can keep to a straight line. You wonder why anyone would employ him and you know the odds are he'll end up in jail, where he belongs.

Truth of the matter is that you don't overly like him.

Keep it that way and keep it to yourself.

You write your opinion and pass it around; first thing you know he's going to sue you. Even if you like him and yet you figure he couldn't hold down a job sifting sewage, don't let on, it costs too much.

He reads what you said about him and he goes to see his lawyer, steaming and complaining.

He hasn't beaten his wife in

public for years. So you got proof he beats her? No? Better you didn't say it then!

Out of wedlock? Here's his mummy and daddy's wedding lines. Boy! You are getting into trouble!

He's never been under the slightest suspicion of anything, not even crossing a double white line. So how come you figure he's a crook? You better be able to prove it or you're in more trouble.

No one will employ him? He's got a string of degrees and diplomas a mile long and here they are.

Exactly how did you figure out his degree of competency? Unless you can challenge his certificates your lawyer will be weeping by this time.

So he belongs in jail? Let's have your reasons, Buddy-boy, and they better hold up in court!

THE AWFUL TRUTH

By this time the awful truth is dawning. You can't say just what you think, or suspect, or believe,

without having to argue it out in a court and prove your point.

Which is fair enough, because if that worthless, no-good character said anything like that about you, you'd see him in court before he knew what had hit him!

Of course, if his wife is seeking refuge with the welfare authorities in defence against her brutal lord and master, then you are in luck. That means that you were right. It was true. It might not have been actionable, but the courts will decide.

THERE IT IS!

And lo and behold, here's a copy of his birth certificate and it reveals a bar sinister! Are we ever in luck?

Next thing you know, here's a press clipping reporting the last time he was prosecuted. What next? Here's the judge commenting that he's more crooked than even a wild dog's hind leg and should rightly be in goal all his life. Are you ever one lucky little litigant!

But, even then, the court listens with sympathy to the plea of the

guy next door who explains that you only raked up his past to get your own back for the way his little boy (little b.....) pulls faces at you at seven o'clock each morning. And that is very wrong, agrees the misguided judge.

The whole thing might cost you less than \$50,000. If you're lucky! This is a free country?

You're free to listen!

DON'T WRITE!

But if you're going ahead to write all these things, don't write to a newspaper. If he publishes your comments, the editor will likely face a bill for \$50,000.

And why should he carry the can?

Don't ask me, I didn't write the law!

But don't forget, you have as much liberty as the next fellow. You can take the guy next door to court just the same way if he writes like that about you!

And there's another headache for some newspaper editor!

Good turn-out

Play day for riders for first time

BY CHRISTINE FLEMING

On Sunday, May 7, the Salt Spring Riding Club held its first playday of the year.

We had a very good turnout including a number of new riders. Through the afternoon an assortment of games were played. Listed below are the first place winners.

Ride-a-Buck, Janet Foerster, on Jody; Slow Walk, Tricia Cannon on Alpine; Judge Says, Sandra Lee, on Cochese; Lead and Trot, Tracey Slocombe, on Muffin; Tire Bending, Marvin Foerster on Kim; Egg and Spoon, Tracey Slocombe on Muffin; Cup of Water Jump, Amy Marr on Blazer; Keyhole, Donna McFadyen on Ragety Ann; Novelty Race, Amy Marr on Blazer.

The star attraction was seven-year-old Janet Lacey on her pony. This peppy little rider proved strong competition for the older riders.

A black curry comb and blue shirt were found afterward and can be claimed at the Flemings'.

The riding club now has its own crest available. The attractively

Letters to the Editor

[From Page Four]

Alice Schodt should feel privileged to reside in a community where there is an instructor to pass on to young people, not only his knowledge and gentleness in the handling of farm animals, but also to impart to all of them his good-natured and fun-loving work-ethic. We are all going to need a great deal more of that latter item of Mike's spread out all through the community.

Thank you for your space.

C.R. HOREL,
Ganges,
May 8, 1978

LAND RESERVE

Sir,
We were most interested in reading the well documented article by Mr. Alan Steward on the subject of farming in the islands.

There was, however, one minor inaccuracy in the story which your readers may wish to see corrected.

The Islands Trust has no power to remove or include island land in the Agricultural Land Reserve. Although we took over the role previously enjoyed by the Regional Districts of assisting in the processing of A.L.R. applications and

designed crest will advertise our riders locally and off-island.

A very busy summer schedule is starting with the Heather Woods' English Equitation and jumping clinic on June 3 and 4. Anyone interested may call Anne Caldwell at 537-2950.

making recommendations on them, the final responsibility for A.L.R. boundaries lies with the Land Commission and the Cabinet.

TONY ROBERTS,
for Marc Holmes,
Chairman,
Islands Trust
Victoria,
May 5, 1978

TRAFFIC FLOW

Sir,
Whoever thought up the plan for a cut-off road in Ganges certainly did not have the well-being of Salt Spring Island citizens at large in mind.

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Riding a motorcycle without a helmet cost Douglas McDonald \$35 in Ganges Provincial Court last week. He had previously entered a plea of not guilty but on Wednesday, changed his plea.

The charge was laid after McDonald was seen riding without a helmet on the back of a motorcycle December 31 of last year.

Another charge of taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent was withdrawn by the Crown.

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N.J. Mannie is one of the District Managers serving this community for the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, a non-profit organization of over 48,000 independent business owners dedicated to the preservation of free competitive enterprise.

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As direct result of C.F.I.B. efforts, a great deal of far reaching legislation to assist our local independent businesses has been passed. For instance, the recently revised Small Businesses Loans Act makes loans available from the chartered banks at 1% over the prime lending rate.

This, plus many more equally vital initiatives by the C.F.I.B. will assist local businesses and merchants in this community to create more job opportunities.

For more information write Norman J. Mannie, 2446 Cadboro Bay Rd., Victoria, B.C. V8R 5H6.

Cubs draw for big prize



It's a winner!

When the Ganges Cub Pack sponsored a draw for a side of beef, Mrs. Gail Robertson asked Frank Richards, of Driftwood to make the draw. Here are two members of the Pack, David McWhirter, right, and Patrick Robertson holding the can

of tickets. Mrs. Robertson expressed the gratitude of the Cubs and their leaders for the support given to the project. She also thanked Don Harrison, of the Trading Co. for cutting and wrapping the meat at no cost.

Inflation is evident in sewer costs

Inflation is very evident in the latest cost figures for the proposed Ganges sewer project. Last fall, the total cost was estimated at \$2.3 million; that figure has risen to \$2.7 million.

The collection system was to have cost \$733,000 (Phase I); it is now up to \$1,025,000. Cost of the treatment plant and outfall was \$950,000 and is now \$1,151,000.

Some people would call it

Baloney ... by Tony

The scene was disgusting; the atmosphere was depressing; the outcome was disappointing. It was a public meeting on Thursday of last week and it left not a few islanders, myself included, with a feeling of despair over the whole situation.

How does the average islander feel after witnessing shouting matches between the governors and the governed? How does he feel after seeing his neighbours prepared to fight tooth and nail over the implementation of a sewer system? How does he feel after seeing a display of arrogance on the part of those who are supposed to be acting in his interest?

I imagine he feels as I do now: overwhelmed by a sense of disgust.

If the region had gone to the meeting with some information to offer, it might have helped. But apart from the cost figures, which are all rather hazy anyway, islanders didn't learn much except that Victoria is somewhat ignorant over local matters. Jim Campbell said that the idea of a population of 6,000 in Ganges was based on ignorance or irresponsibility. Yet it was the Capital Region that drew up the plan projecting the population at that level. The boundaries of the sewer area were developed on the island, we were told, but the chairman of the sewer committee himself was unaware of the reason for the sewer area having become enlarged over last few years.

Islanders did learn of the extent of the division in the community. It is a strong and lasting division that will remain for a long time to come. The sad part is, no one seems to care about it: that was made very clear on Thursday.

If I hadn't already decided to leave Salt Spring Island, I would certainly have made that decision after Thursday evening.

Some people are apparently under the impression that I covered the Ganges sewer meeting on Thursday for a Victoria daily. Firstly, I didn't, and secondly, even if I did, I wouldn't write under a pen-name such as Nancy Brown.

I know it's hard to tell the guys from the gals these days, but I do think a beard is a sufficiently distinguishing feature.

Talking of whiskers, why are the makers of Bic lighters giving away razor blades? Either they are concerned that bearded users of their lighters might set fire to themselves or they have an aversion to beards.

A Bic lighter (in Victoria) costs \$1.79 but if you buy one with two razor blades, you pay only \$1.49. I heard this from Rob Mollison, who has a beard longer than Rip van Winkle's. He bought the cheaper lighter and left the razor blades on the counter. (He had thought of giving them to his wife, but I'd better not say anything about that).

I hope someone is keeping an eye on the softball games, the women's league in particular. My wife has joined a team and players should be reminded that gambling is illegal in a public place. If she starts gambling away my money on softball as well as poker, our bank manager will find it necessary to install a direct telephone line to our house, put a lien on my new truck and get a special computer to handle our account.

Absolute

discharge for bad cheque

Ernest Fisher was given an absolute discharge in Provincial Court Wednesday when he appeared for issuing a worthless cheque. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

Court was told that on March 4, Fisher had asked the Harbour House Hotel to cash a cheque for \$10. He received the cash and on March 10 the cheque was returned, there being insufficient funds in the bank to cover the amount.

Fisher had since paid the \$10 to the hotel and a \$5 fine to the bank for the worthless cheque. The accused told the court he had been expecting money to be sent in the mail and deposited in his account but the money had not arrived.

Judge D.K. McAdam advised Mr. Fisher that in future he must be less careless with his cheques.

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Letters to the Editor

[From Page Five]

The proposed road may very well serve part of the business community in Ganges, but it does nothing to solve the serious existing problem of Ganges Hill, i.e. the bottleneck between Beddis Road and the bottom of Ganges Hill, and the ever-increasing flow of traffic over this section of road.

This section of road is the only road connecting north and south Salt Spring. There is no other way through. All traffic travelling from any part of one end of the island to any part of the other end must pass over this section of road. Building a small cut-off road in downtown Ganges is not going to solve this major problem.

I have no idea of the cost of building this proposed road, but it is certain, in these days of high prices, that the cost will not be small. And what benefit will the citizens as a whole receive? Perhaps an open air mall on the water side of the road for the benefit of commerce? And how efficient would such a road be in reducing traffic congestion in Ganges?

It is to be hoped that the Department of Highways, the Islands Trust, and the Capital Regional District will not hesitate to dismiss this plan as inadequate.

ELSIE MACDONALD,
Ganges Hill,
Ganges,
May 5, 1978

DISGUSTED

Sir,

If they can't buy bread, let them eat cake!

This was the theme of the sewer meeting last week.

The Martini Set were close-packed and applauded each other on cue every time a head rolled into the basket of apprehension for the poor and fixed income citizens.

The board, headed by Campbell, were unrelenting. Their minds were made up before they arrived; Ganges is to have a sewer, where and whenever the board says we are, like it or not.

The outfall will end up in our harbour.

From the reports of other installations this group are responsible for, I have no faith in their statements that no pollutants will go into the ocean.

Mayor Young of Victoria was right when he is reported to have said the "Capital Regional Board were a bunch of clowns".

Neither the engineers at the meeting nor the financial wizard had a clue as to what they are getting into. Even with today's high prices can you imagine what two million, seven hundred thousand dollars looks like to service nine hundred people?

This is your money. And that is only the start.

We tried to suggest a smaller, but adequate system at less than half the cost, but under a dictatorship you do not suggest, because you are not heard. To all those who have put their time and energy into the fight for democracy and lost, I extend my most sincere thanks and gratitude.

Perhaps some day there will be a change.

However, I cannot conclude without stating my disgust at the Hyena-like disrespect when Mrs. Valcourt had the floor. She deserves a complete apology.

JOHN G. WATSON,
Reid Rd., Ganges,
May 8, 1978

THEY MUST ANSWER!

Sir,

Several observations made during the sewer meeting called last week by the Capital Regional District have prompted me to read up on the matter in the papers that appeared during my absence from the Island last winter.

What emerges as an issue quite separate from the sewer controversy is the question of integrity of the C.R.D. administrators.

Mrs. Yvette Valcourt accuses the secretary-treasurer, Denis Young, of having furnished an inaccurate summary to the Board about the number and percentage of the people who signed the petition in favour of the sewer proposal for Phases I and II; and, by implication, the administrators of neglect of duty through not verifying the report given.

This is a serious charge indeed. I am disturbed to see that neither

Mr. Young, nor the Island's representative, Mr. Bryce, nor the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Campbell, has satisfactorily refuted Mrs. Valcourt's statement, and equally disturbed to have seen both the secretary and the chairman at last week's meeting refuse to answer her challenge, evading it by asserting that "the petition is no longer an issue" (Mr. Campbell).

The petition, maybe, is not; but the credibility of C.R.D. administrators is.

Until such time as they do refute Mrs. Valcourt's accusation, by publishing the relevant documents, their credibility stands in doubt; and no official statement of theirs can be accepted.

HERMAN KIRCHMEIR
RR 3, Ganges
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BY BEVIS WALTERS

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At each meeting there was a glass jar on the president's table, and all the pennies saved were placed in it.

Last week it was full, so it was sent along to Central Hall Treasurer Margaret Cunningham, who counted them and took them to the bank. The old saying, "Look after the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves," bore fruit: and they did, a whole 100 of them!

DONATIONS

Central Hall also received some generous donations from anonymous givers this week: \$500 from one party and \$173.69 from another.

There were also gifts and donations from Dr. Bud Kreissl, Mrs. S. Humes, Grace Wright, Nancy Wright, Mr. Saunders, Nora Kropinski, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvander,

W.S. Anderson, and Grace McKechnie, all of whom have helped us to get nearer to our goal of providing our elder citizens with a permanent headquarters.

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Death of former resident of Salt Spring

Hilda B. McKenzie died in Surrey on May 3, in her 90th year.

Mrs. McKenzie was a former resident of Salt Spring Island.

She leaves her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Chris Beddis; three grandchildren, Margaret, Charles and Anne and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral services are arranged for Thursday, May 11 in the Fleetwood Memorial United Church in Surrey.

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Home for children in Nepal



Two views of Nepal: the upper picture shows the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mendies in Kathmandu. It is their home and that of the numerous children they have adopted. The house needs a lot of repairs, says Miss Anderson and all water is carried upstairs. The lower picture

shows some of the children living with them. Pictures were taken by Doris Anderson during her recent visit to the Orient. Many Island residents have contributed towards the cost of acquiring and keeping the home for lost children.



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Sewer meeting draws angry comment at Ganges

[From Page One]

in the sewer area. That contribution will equal \$1,113,000, giving a total of \$2,288,000. The latter figure, plus the \$412,000 to be provided by the community, adds up to the total cost of \$2.7 million, Young explained.

TWO FORMS OF CHARGES

The community's contribution will be recovered by two forms of charges against the properties to be sewer, Young continued. The frontage charge of 25 cents per foot will be included on the property owner's tax bill and there will be an annual user charge. Last year, the frontage charge had been set tentatively at 49 cents a foot. The maximum frontage that can be charged for on residential property is 150 feet. The residential user charge will amount to \$206 per year.

Young estimated that the average cost for a residential property in Ganges will be \$237 per year.

Commercial properties will be charged according to a rating system which relates to flows generated by the usage of the property and will be revised annually in order to compensate for any possible change in the use. A detailed survey of Ganges properties has been taken in the last month, Young explained.

The rating system, which was explained to the meeting by region staffer Frank Raimando, was developed by analyzing various sewer charge bylaws in the Victoria area. A residential property is equal to one housing unit while a commercial enterprise is rated by the number of its employees. An enterprise with up to three employees will be charged one and a quarter times a housing unit; with four employees or more, the rate is

one and a half times a housing unit.

INCREASED AMOUNT

In a building containing numerous small businesses, each business is classed as one housing unit because of the decreased amount of sewage in such a case, said Raimando. In an operation such as the fish plant, the rate is based on annual water usage and the quality of its effluent.

Prior to a question period, Chuck Horel spoke as "one of the originators of the sewer plan in 1963". The system planned 15 years ago, said Horel, would have cost \$153,000 and hasn't changed a great deal except for the treatment used. The cost of upgrading the treatment plant, he observed, would have been negligible.

"In 15 years we've had many additional studies and numerous committees, but the layout has changed little despite all the input.

"The stench has multiplied at least to the same degree (as the cost) and I would ask that for God's sake let's build the sewer...and make Ganges a place to live in and enjoy."

COSTS OUTLINED

Norman Howard outlined the costs as follows:

- Oceanographic, environmental and biological study, \$100,000
- Collection system, \$1,025,000
- Treatment plant, outfall and pumping station, \$1,151,000
- Financing costs, \$116,000
- Amount already spent on studies and investigations up to the present, \$60,000
- Allowance for contingency, \$250,000

Mike Larmour suggested that the sewer would bring a lot of growth. Population in the region's Ganges Plan was projected as 6,000 he said, which would mean a discharge of half a million gallons a day.

Jim Campbell replied that the treatment plant is designed to accommodate the present population of Ganges plus 150 people.

"I think I know as well as anybody that there can be no increase without rezoning," observed Campbell.

The idea that the population could grow to 6,000 as a result of the sewer was "based on ignorance or irresponsibility", he stated.

"This (sewer) plan is not to enable the expansion of Ganges but to resolve a health problem... it's irresponsible to think the population could grow to 6,000," he said. "The community must desire growth first, the system won't enable it."

CAPITAL REGION'S PLAN

Larmour reminded Campbell that it was the Capital Region that projected a population of 6,000 for Ganges in the Ganges secondary plan.

He asked why the sewer area had grown in size. The problem area, he said, had been well-defined by the engineering firm of Ker, Priestman and the health department as the downtown area, the Harbour House Hotel and the schools.

Campbell replied that a committee on the island had developed the boundaries of the sewer area.

"We cannot argue the merits of the boundaries without throwing the project back another three to five years."

Tom Toynbee also spoke against decreasing the size of the area to be served. He told the meeting he had flown over the area around the hospital on Thursday.

"It's the most intensively developed property on Salt Spring in terms of population equivalents."

Henry Elder introduced himself as chairman of the sewer committee and observed that the sewer area "could be better and more scientifically designed". The areas designated as phases one and two had been developed independent of input from the island, he charged.

H. Kirchmeir asked what the dimensions of the outfall would be, to which Howard replied they would be determined by the study.

"How can you give the cost figures if you don't know how long the outfall will be?" asked Kirchmeir.

Howard explained that they had to know the costs first, although the length had been set tentatively at 4,200 feet and the diameter at eight inches. Jim Campbell pointed out that they could either give cost estimates for the project or tell the people of Ganges that "we have no idea what it costs but we're going to do it anyway".

Kirchmeir then asked what the capacity per hour of the system would be and Campbell said it would depend on the length of the pipe. Howard said the capacity of the treatment plant would be 90,000 gallons per day.

LAND DISPOSAL

With regard to land disposal of the effluent, the meeting was told that the region had investigated that possibility and the cost would be far higher than that contemplated.

Arthur Lloyd wanted to know how much investigation had been done to find the source of the pollution in the harbour. He asked what tests had been made to establish that it was necessary to sewer the Crofton Road area. Howard said that a permit had been applied for to extend the hospital but the Pollution Control Board won't allow a permit to be granted until the hospital hooks up to a sewer system.

Lloyd suggested there were less expensive ways of disposing of the hospital's effluent. Campbell replied that the debate over the sewer had been going on for a long time.

"I would consider it most irresponsible to go back to square one," he said.

The meeting was told how the discharge figure of 90,000 gallons a day was arrived at. The present population of the sewer area is about 450 and the plan is allowing for an extra 150. The school and hospital discharges must be related to people equivalents and they give another 300, for a total of 900 population equivalents. Using the province-wide basis of 100 gallons a day of discharge per person, the

DEAD HARBOUR

Mr. Kirchmeir's forecast that the harbour would one day be dead drew an angry response from the regional board chairman.

"I have a scientific education and have been living by the sea for 34 years. I have as much conscience and concern as anybody in this room...everyone is concerned and doing as best they can."

Yvette Valcourt asked that Denis Young show the meeting how he found that there was a majority in favour of sewerage Ganges on the petition circulated last year. Campbell told Mrs. Valcourt that the petition was a dead issue and that

it was no longer being used for the sewer proposal.

"I am ashamed of some of my neighbours," Nita Brown told the meeting following some shouting matches and angry exchanges. "The spirit in which you have come here and tried to help us is wonderful," she told the region representatives.

Campbell concluded at the end of the meeting that it had been a useful one and that the region may be able to modify some aspects of the project as a result.

"None of us minded being attacked...but I don't believe in lying down when attacked," he said.

New books at Salt Spring library

New Books in the Salt Spring Island Library include the following:

FICTION

Two women, by Doris Anderson; The human factor, by Graham Greene; The MacLarens, by C.L. Skelton; The pilots, by Richard Frede; The Holcroft Covenant, by Robert Ludlum; Beggarman, Thief, by Irwin Shaw; A friend in deed, by Robert Jagoda; Shadow box, by George Plimpton.

Non-fiction

Scott of the Antarctic, by Elspeth Huxley; Mary Curzon, by Nigel Nicolson; Caught in the web of words, by K.M. Elisabeth Murray;

In search of Identity, by Anwar el-Sadat; A memoir, by Arlene Francis; If life is a bowl of cherries - what am I doing in the pits? by Erma Bombeck; Coming in to the Country, by John McPhee; My mother, myself, by Nancy Friday.

The library has been given a 12-volume History of World War I and World War II, with many illustrations, in memory of the late Harry Nichols. This set is a gift from his family.

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BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON
for the S.S. Committee for World
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If I didn't believe in God I would be in despair. And if I were in despair, you would not have to read this column, as I would not be hopeful enough to write it. So every cloud has a cupro-nickel lining. Let us hope the same can be said for Trident.

Several years ago, when we circulated a petition against Trident, one island minister refused to present it to his congregation because he approved the project. Why? Because it created jobs. Well, let us look at that. In 1975 the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released a study showing that one billion dollars of defense expenditure provided 74,000 jobs. The same amount, spent by state and local government for services, employed 84,250. In the area of health, sanitation and welfare, one billion dollars would generate 95,314, and in education, it em-

ployed 114,957. In other words, almost any category of civilian employment produced more work than the defence department for the same amount of money spent. Are things so different in Canada?

Have you ever lived where a mill closed down? Or a defense or

More Food for Thought

armed forces base? What was the difference in the aid offered in each case? Did you realize how we depend on government and big business for "our daily bread"? Is that why you came to live on Salt Spring Island?

FOR OUR NEEDS

Peter McCalman had some in-

teresting things to say about "our daily bread" on Sunday. When we pray, each day, for our needs for that day, we are praying for just our needs, not our wants. We are not praying for enough for tomorrow or next year, just for today. We are also praying for others. "Us" doesn't mean just you and me; it means all God's people, everywhere. We pray that the world may survive another day.

But we are surrounded by people who are not concerned with that, who only want to make bigger and bigger profits, by adulterating our food, by polluting our air and water, by risking a nuclear holocaust.

We watched the film, Bottle Babies, again last Thursday, and again were appalled at the inhumanity of the manufacturers of baby formulae. Bottle-fed babies in the Third World die from malnutrition and dehydration. Those who survive are frequently retarded. The manufacturers know this. But do they change their methods of selling? Yes. Forced to stop dressing their "milk nurses" like real nurses, they change the colour of their uniforms! What can we do? Stop buying Nestle's products, for one thing. Write the company for another. Talk to our friends. Read Susan George's book, "How the Other Half Dies". We can do much if we care. But that depends on our view of God.

OUT OF CONTROL

Robert Aldridge, American aerospace scientist, believes the answer lies with us, the people. He worked for Lockheed for 16 years and was responsible for concept design studies at the beginning of the Trident project. When he found his inventions being perverted into machines of war, Aldridge resigned. He now spends his time writing, researching and lecturing

If you have something for this column: call Elsie Brown
at 539-2480

Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

Dates to remember:

Friday, May 12; Band Concert by King George Secondary School, Vancouver at School Activity Centre, 7.30 pm. John Dought is in charge of arrangements and it is sponsored by Silver Maynes.

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Mayne Volunteer Firemen at the Fire Hall, 9 am - noon. Admission is \$1 per person.

Get-well wishes to Evelyn Angus, who was taken ill at her home last week. Her sister, Hazel Lindsay is visiting from Victoria.

Last Monday, Mayne Island students attended a sports event on

how nuclear weaponry has got out of control.

In a recent interview in Vancouver he said: "The only way people are going to become aware is for other people who are aware to take a lot of risk and make this threat known and apparent... When it gets to where protestors fill up the whole court calendar and fill up all the jails and there's no place left to go, then maybe the government will start listening to the people a little bit."

He suggested society keeps us too busy to become informed. He recommends simpler living. "When you don't need so much money you don't spend so much time working for it, and you have time to do other things that you feel are important."

Remember May 22. Protests begin at Bangor, Washington, with Canadian and American groups joining forces under a common heading, Living without Trident.

May 23. The United Nations opens its first special session on disarmament. Remember them in your prayers. If you're not doing anything else on May 22 take a drive down to Bangor and join the protesters. It's only 60 miles south of the border!

Pender Island, in company with their teachers and parents. Teachers were Principal, Bob Dugas and Richard and Sue Wagner. Parents supplying transportation organized by Mrs. Somerville were, Pearl Brau, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burden, Mrs. Howieson, Edith Imrie and Mrs. Waterloo.

On April 28, Grades 8 and 9 students attended the production of Twelfth Night at Playhouse Theatre in Vancouver in company with teachers, Richard and Sue Wagner. They all enjoyed the outing.

Sorry to hear that Roy Crispin sustained an injury to the index finger on his left hand. He was treated at Lady Minto Hospital and Edith reports he will be discharged Monday.

Also receiving an injury to his hand, at work, requiring hospitalization was Fred Hansen. He is recuperating at home after treatment at Lady Minto.

The outside door of St. Mary Magdalene Church has regained its former splendor due to the excellent work done by Ross Parmenter of Galiano. It means a new door will not be necessary. The congregation is most appreciative of this valuable help in the church maintenance. The door was constructed by Tommy Kain of Galiano at the time the church was built.

TOPS NEWS

Plans are being made for 12 members of Mayne Island Tops to attend the Provincial Recognition Days to be held at Penticton, May 12 and 13. They are joining a bus load from Vancouver Island.

Best Loser for the month of April was Bertha Evans.

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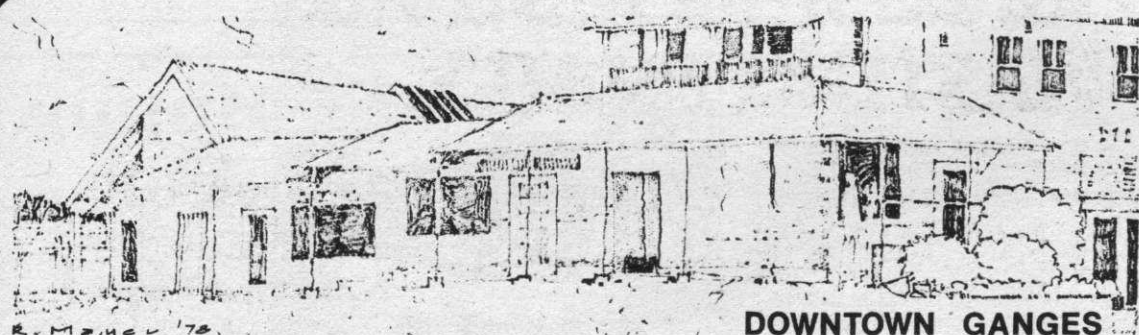
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Andy and Roberta Kinnear are back in business again



Times for tennis are changed

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In order to attract some adults for a morning week-day class, the Monday and Thursday class has been changed from 9 to 10 am at Portlock Park.

Course is for nine weeks, two hours per week, and anyone wishing to enroll may call Virginia Newman.

Class will begin when the required six students have enrolled.

Andy and Roberta Kinnear are back behind a store counter on Salt Spring Island, but in their new venture they're selling groceries, not meat. The Kinnears have taken over Vesuvius Bay Store from Mike and Liduin Currell.

Until two and a half years ago they operated Andy's Meat Market in Ganges, now Ralph's Meat Market.

The Kinnears came to Canada from Northern Ireland about 16

years ago; they've spent the last nine years on Salt Spring. In addition to running the store, Andy works for the B.C. Ferry Corporation and Roberta works at Lady Minto Hospital.

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Red Cross at Mayne over top

The Annual Red Cross Campaign on Mayne has now been finalized and results tabulated.

The response has been most gratifying, reports Elsie Brown, campaign chairman. Donations totalled \$502.25, an increase over last year's total.

Thanks were expressed by Mrs. Brown to the following canvassers for their service during the drive: Jean Beaumont, Doris Gardner, Irene Jeffries, Marg Billsten, Cissie Nightingale, Nancy Sutton, Eva Amburgey, John Dought and Betty Fry.

"Thanks are also due Mayne Islanders who gave so generously to this worthwhile cause. It is very much appreciated," she added, "and I would like to express my appreciation to the canvassers for their support of this annual campaign."

Bicycle found

A boy's bicycle has been found in the vicinity of Menhinnick Drive at Fulford. Owner may claim the bike by contacting Ganges RCMP.

PARENTS' MEETING

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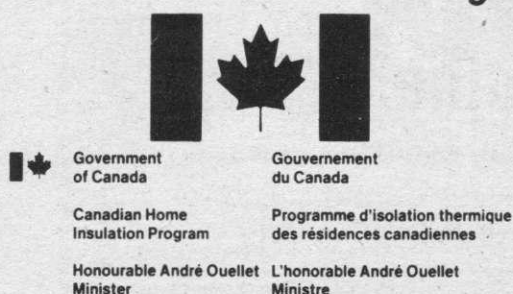
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Project North meets Tsartlip Indian spokesmen on Salt Spring

The Project North meeting on Saturday afternoon, May 6, in the Community Centre was presented by Michael McNall and Thelwyn Lacey, co-editors of Concerned Canadian.

Members of the Victoria group of Project North also attended. Guest

speakers were David Elliott and Gabriel Bartleman, elders of the Saanich tribe living at Tsartlip on Brentwood Bay.

They spoke of the fascinating history of the original inhabitants of the Saanich Peninsula and the Gulf Islands and the crushing changes brought about.

Barry Kelsey, of Project North, asked Dave Elliott what could be done to help.

"You have made the first move," said Elliott, "You are probably the conscience of the Canadian people. You people are a force. Make friend of us and really mean it!"

Project North's real function is to

create opportunities for a native person to be heard, the meeting was told, and Project North takes its mandate from the native people.

Both speakers expressed an interest in returning to speak to islanders again.

This time they told of the past: next time they would like to speak

about the future, they explained.

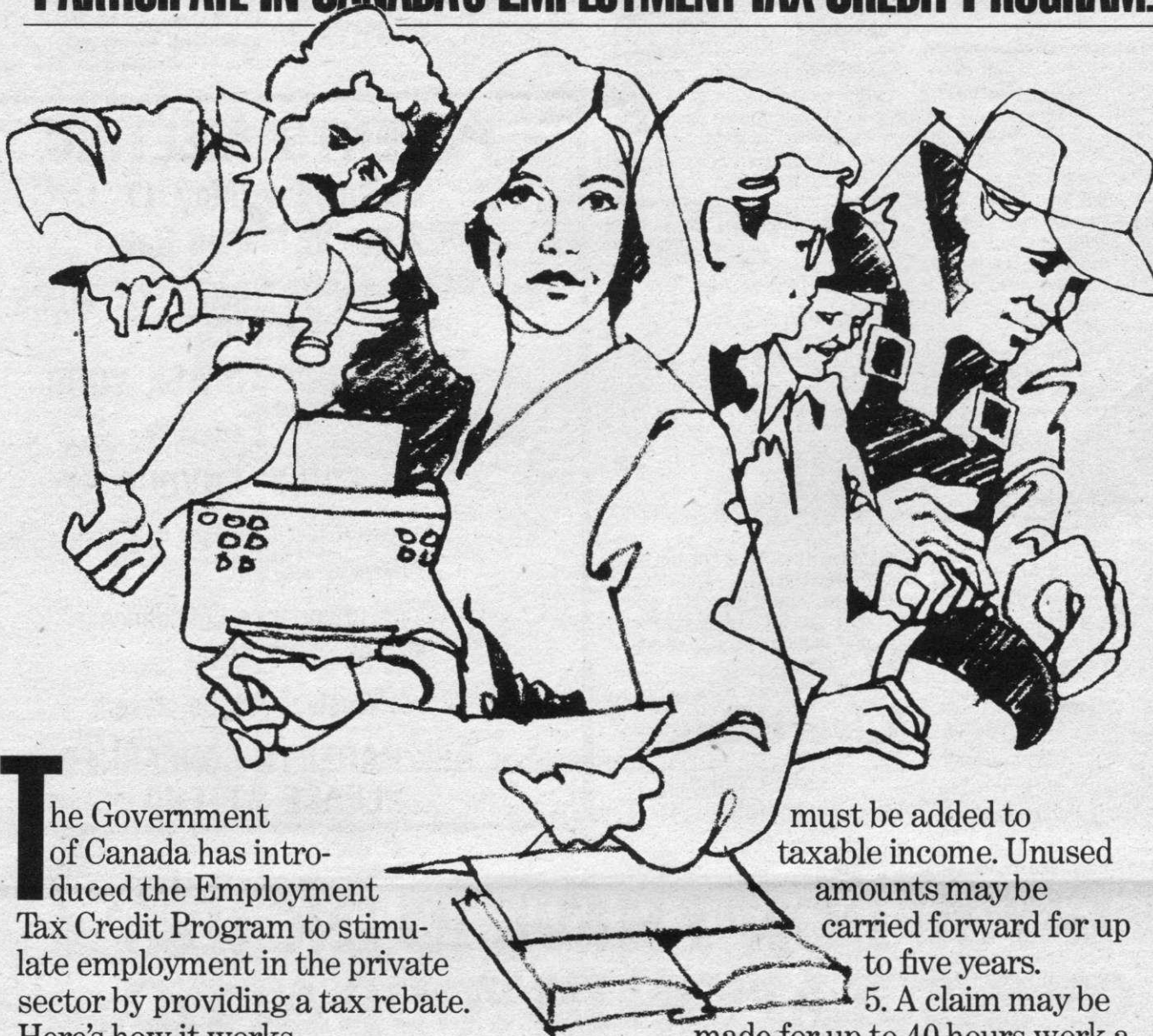
Stanley Napoleon, young chief in the Fort St. John area, whose people are facing the coming of the two pipelines and the influx of highly paid temporary people, will be in Victoria in June. He will come to Salt Spring to talk to islanders.

Barry Kelsey had been granted permission to attend the Assembly of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs in Penticton in the middle of April.

He spoke of the degree of planning and knowledge of these people and the wise young Indian lawyers. He was also impressed with the great respect shown the very old and the very young alike and the readiness to re-adapt a scheduled program to fit around the spontaneity of people without losing the central goals.

Some political science experts from University of Victoria will be teaching Project Northerners how to be more effective in dealing with problems. They would come to Salt Spring if there is enough demand, the meeting was told.

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Gardeners prepare for May

BY YELLOW THUMB

The executive committee of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Teal on Wednesday, May 3 at 2 pm and drew up the following schedule for May.

May 11, 11.30 am at the home of Mrs. Elsie Macdonald: Workshop on chrysanthemums. Bring along cuttings if possible.

May 12, members only trip to the Agricultural Research Station on East Saanich Road, Sidney. All members wishing to take advantage of the tour are requested to leave Fulford Harbour on the 8.30 am ferry and arrive at the farm gates at 9.15. Bring along sandwiches and a thermos. If weather does not co-operate there is a covered space in which to partake of lunch.

May 15, members only: from 10 am to 12 noon, an invitation to visit the Garden of Mr. and Mrs. Jack James at Vesuvius Bay to view the Rhododendrons and Azaleas.

May 17, monthly meeting of the Garden Club at 8 pm lower hall, United church, Rev. Richard F. Dawson of the Victoria Horticultural Society will be the guest speaker, he will speak on geraniums.

For those non-members who wish to be members, the fee is \$2 single, and \$3 per couple. Just phone Mrs. Terra Tepper.

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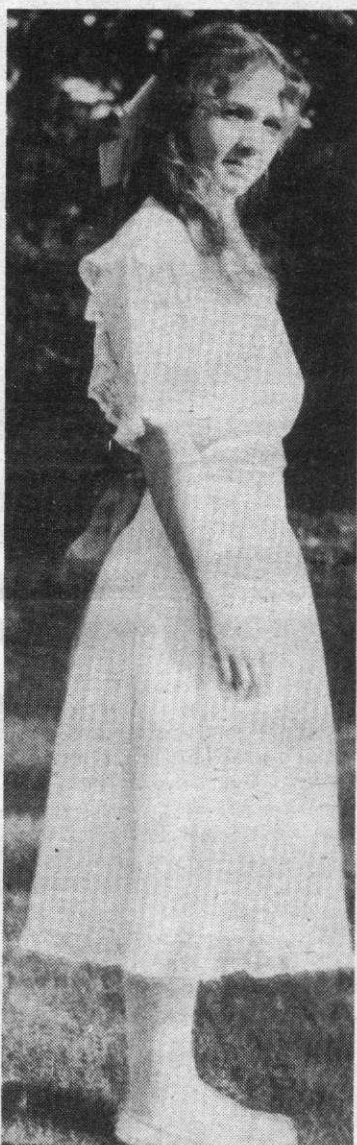
BY JOAN STACEY

The last notes of Sunday afternoon music in St. George's Church have been sung by choirs and soloists and played on a wide variety of instruments, until the series of concerts starts again in mid October.

Few people can bear to sit inside on a summer's Sunday afternoon, no matter how tempting the musical programme.

The concerts this year have been many and diverse, all taking place in St. George's with the exception of the Kopinitza Dancers and the Jazz group. Altogether, nine concerts and recitals were held.

Modelling dress



Anne Foerster, of Ganges, wasn't the original wearer, but it came into her possession. The dress modelled here dates back to about 1909 and belonged to Mrs. Foerster's family.

The Kopinitza Dancers, in their lovely costumes, demonstrated dances of several mid-European countries, in the Activity Centre of

the school. Following the demonstration, the dancers came down from the stage, the chairs in the hall were pushed back and everyone was involved in wild dancing. It was tremendous fun.

On January 15, David and Wendy Humphreys from Vancouver gave a charming concert, David, accompanying, on his harp, his wife's songs. Songs from the Hebrides, Ireland and Wales were great favorites and the Humphreys have promised to come back to Salt Spring next year.

ISLAND'S OWN

At the end of January, Salt Spring's own Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble performed in the church hall to a happy stomping audience.

In February, two talented Victoria students shared a concert, Jane McKenzie, soprano, performed her graduate recital for her Bachelor of Music degree and was joined by Mark Newman, a 15-year old violinist, pupil of Murray Adaskin, winner of many awards and a recently accepted member of the National Youth Orchestra.

Forty young people from all over the world arrived one Sunday at the end of February. They were from Pearson College, an international college where tolerance and understanding of the world's peoples is an important part of the philosophy of the college. Under the direction of Edgar Samuel, the choir sang like angels and charmed completely the audience. After their young healthy appetites had been satisfied by a meal in the hall after the concert, they were driven back to Fulford by the same flotilla of cars which had collected them, with promises to come and sing again next season for us.

In March, a very special recital was given - shared by Jean Knight and Angela Funk. Angela and Jean both live on Salt Spring Island and are loved for themselves as well as their music. Their programme was such that each person in the crowded church felt it had been chosen especially for them. The proceeds from this concert were given directly to the Save the Children's Fund.

PURCELL QUARTET

And in our first lovely spring days, the Purcell String Quartet came and gave a wonderful concert to a full church. The C.B.C. crew were there recording the music as well as the rumblings of the odd

truck up Church Road. This concert will be broadcast on C.B.C. radio at a later date.

St. Catherine's Choir, from North Vancouver, having attended a choir festival in Victoria, sang in St. George's at the 9.30 morning service to a packed church, and then again in the afternoon to a rather sparse audience. Under the talented direction of Peter Chappell, they were superb.

Another concert, not strictly part of the winter series was a Gala Benefit which was arranged for Flood Relief in India. The talent for this evening concert was drawn

School Board at Mayne

Gulf Islands School Board will meet on Mayne Island this week. Regular meeting will be in the Activity Room of Mayne School at 1 pm on Thursday.

Pender

[From Page Two]

Alice Arrowsmith, Maud Baird, Gertrude Bennett, Muriel Tollpit and Daisy Sandover.

The new members who joined during the afternoon were Hattie Zarek, Thea Kwak and Helen Allison. After the business meeting everyone enjoyed trying to identify the old snapshots each member had brought of herself; Helen Grimmer got the most correct.

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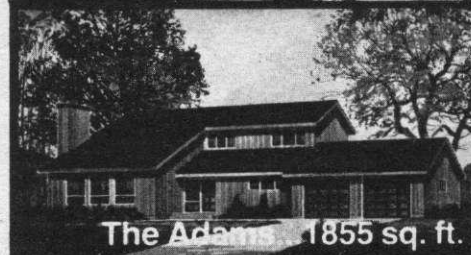
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Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Archie McCowan was re-elected trustee of North Salt Spring Waterworks District for a period of three years at the annual meeting April 20. D. Cavaye will serve as trustee for one year; C. Harrison was appointed auditor. Mr. McCowan will replace V.C. Morris who resigned as trustee to become water district assessor.

Salt Spring Sales Room, the local representative of Cowichan Creamery Co-op, was the victim of thieves who broke in sometime during Sunday night. R. Bidwell, manager, discovered the bolt on the rear door broken when he opened for business Monday morning.

Apparently the thieves got no money but walked off with several items of stock, including hack saw blades, .22 rifle cartridges, brake fluid and other articles.

This brings to three the number of break-ins suffered by Ganges business establishments in the last seven months.

Charles Marcotte, Fulford-Ganges Road, is not likely to forget his recent flight to Edmonton for a long time. He was one of 25 persons injured on Monday when a TCA Vanguard suddenly dropped an estimated 800 feet after hitting turbulent air over the Rocky Mountains.

Mr. Marcotte, a member of the local forestry staff, suffered a badly bruised back.

Date for acceptance ceremony for the ferry, Queen of the Islands, now being built at Burrard Shipyards for the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands run, has been set tentatively for June 26, C.R. Horel, president of the chamber of commerce, announced recently.

Present arrangements call for the ceremony to be held at Ganges wharf. Chamber members discussed plans for a merry celebration of the event.

TEN YEARS AGO

"I wish I were in a position not to beg, not to plead, but to demand that this application be refused," L.A. Yellowlees told a public hearing at Ganges Tuesday afternoon.

His comments summed up the general opinion of all islanders speaking to the application of Maliview Estates Ltd. to discharge partially treated sewage into the sea at Trincomali Channel.

Highlight of the hearing was Mrs. E.S. Ramsey, who paraded into the Legion Hall with three placards: "Today, Trincomali... Tomorrow, the World," "Don't pollute the Crabs, Crab about Pollution" and "Save Water, Shower with a Friend."

She was directed to take down the cards when the hearing opened.

During the hearing, director of pollution control H.J. Keenan bridled when F.W. Kirkham stated that he intended to appeal the decision if the director should consent to the present application.

Mr. Kirkham assured him that there was no intention of intimidation.

Speaking for the application, Richard McMorran said treatment would remove all aesthetic problems and there would be no undesirable washing up of solids on the

beach. The digested sludge would be removed from the settling tanks twice a year he said.

Measurements of the currents in the water had been taken by his associates on two days in April. These had been done at two feet, 15 feet and 25 feet, he reported. At all the depths except the two-foot, the floats had moved away from the shore. The two-foot floats had on occasion been caught in eddies and had drifted towards the beach north of Fernwood wharf and had then drifted out again. There were no back eddies 700 feet from the shore, he said.

Sharpest attack was made by F.W. Kirkham, who stated that he was prepared to file an affidavit that he had watched the float tests and had seen a float come right to shore. It would have drifted on to the beach had it not been quickly caught from the boat, he stated.

Result of the hearing will be announced later.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Highlight of the legislative committee's visit to Salt Spring Island last week was the panel discussion in Mahon Hall when the community outlined the history of planning and the committee members asked a variety of questions.

Each island speaker referred to one aspect of the development of a plan, commencing with Henry Schubart and the early days of the island's awareness to more recent association members and current problems.

New president of the Salt Spring branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is Paul Layard. He was elected on Monday at the annual meeting of the branch.

Serving with Mr. Layard are first vice-president, Charles Longueay; second vice-president, Alex Laing; honorary treasurer, Fred Morris; secretary, Gordon Matthews.

Salt Spring amateur theatrical group brought back two trophies and a number of commendations from the Regional Drama Festival in Victoria last week. Adjudged best supporting actress of the festival was Yvonne Toynbee, who played Dame Beatrice Appleby in the Salt Spring Players' *Breath of Spring*.

The island company also gained the award for the best backstage co-ordination, in token of the efficiency of their setting up and stripping the stage.

The adjudicator also picked Gwen Hind-Smith for her excellent characterization and action in the role of Nan, in the same play. She came home with honourable mention.

New event for May Day in Ganges this year is the Baby Show. Competitors must be between the ages of one month and 24 months on the day of the contest. Baby boys and baby girls are eligible; pets are out.

There will be an entry fee of \$1 and the winning baby will be awarded a small bank account. May Day is gaining momentum as Shane Heinekey makes preparations for the Salt Spring Island gala day.

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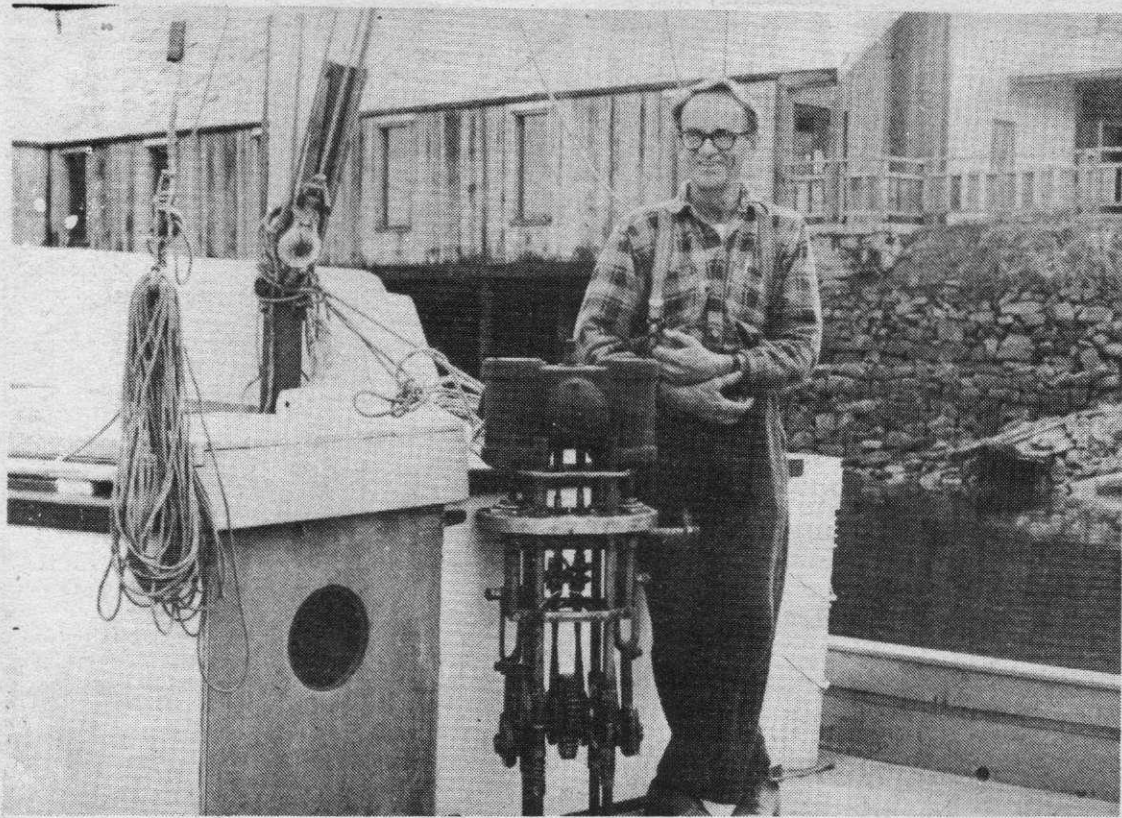
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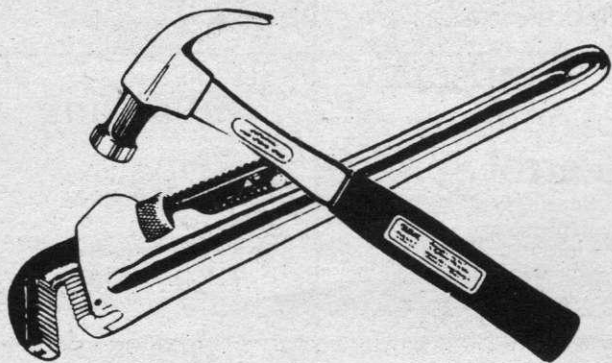


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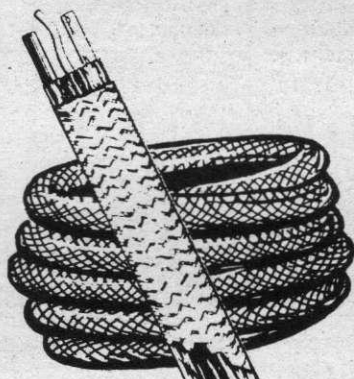
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Bill Sawyer, proprietor of Shady Willows, on Tripp Road, told the St. Mary Lake water enquiry last week that he has felt an antagonism towards the resorts on the part of lakeside dwellers. As long as B.C. Ferries transport people the tourist will come to the island.

Jake Javorski, St. Mary Lake Resort, explained that the resorts were opened years before the North Salt Spring Waterworks District thought of taking water from that source.

He doesn't like snide remarks that the lake is polluted, continued Sawyer.

"That's a good lake, you go up there and use it!"

He asked that when the investigation is completed, he hopes the Trust Committee will make known its conclusions regarding lake water.

Regional Director Jim Bryce asked to what extent would operators suffer from a ban on power boats. Operators decided that it would make only a fractional difference to them. Majority of boats on the lake are owned by private residents, he explained.

BAN ONE: BAN THEM ALL

Fred Gurney, Green Acres urged that if motor boats are to be banned the prohibition must apply to all boats and not simply to those with a motor exceeding a certain figure.

Gerry Haarbrucker, of Cottage Resort reminded the meeting that smoke is not necessarily an indication of poor motor condition. No one can operate a British Seagull without smoke, because they are made to use oil.

In reply to a question from Marc Holmes, Gary Macpherson of the Chamber of Commerce explained that his group was not advocating commercial zoning at the lake. One concern facing the Chamber is the quality of the water, he explained.

It's up to the water district to ensure that they get clean water, suggested Javorski but not at the expense of those who were on the lake before the water license was taken up.

Barbara Hughes spoke of the attractions of farming on the lake. She had made one \$1,000 sale in the past six years, she reported.

Ken Byron is concerned about the quality of the lake, but he feels it is largely a matter of co-operation.

"Conservation is people getting along with people," he asserted.

NO CONFLICT

Ken Patrick reminded the meeting that they were there to ascertain the threats to the quality of water and the extent of its influence.

There is no conflict of interests, he urged.

"We don't want anybody to change his way of life beyond an awareness of the fragility of the environment."

Are controls needed? What controls are needed? How can they be exerted. Those are the questions and the Islands Trust can be of great value in co-ordinating interests in the quality of the lake.

Javorski condemned island rumour for the reports that constantly circulate. There is no conflict between people living on the lake, he assured the meeting.

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