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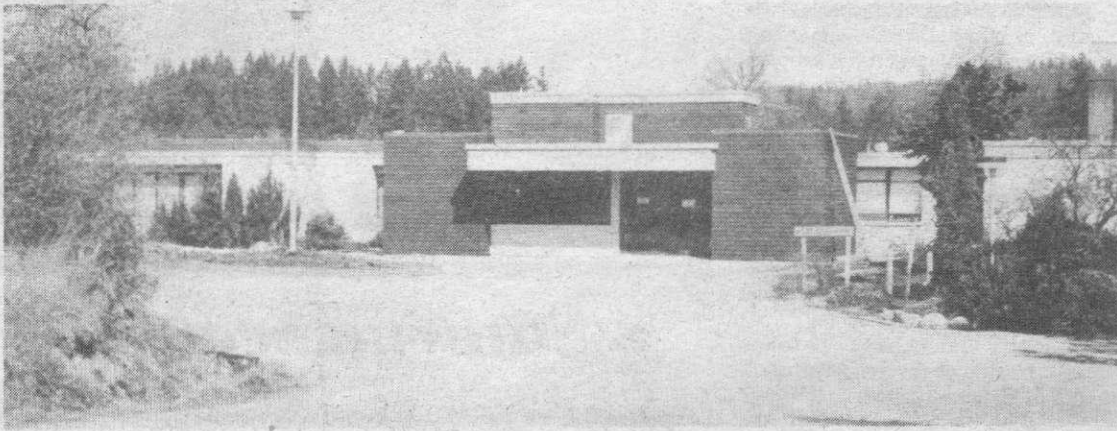
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Changing face of Lady Minto Hospital



The changing face of Lady Minto Hospital is evident from this picture. The new construction is nearing completion although the temporary entrance is still in use here.

ENGINEERS LOOKING AT NEW PROPOSAL

Fernwood School project may be taken over by district

A decision made by Gulf Islands School Board last week concerning Fernwood School could mean that the school district would finish the construction project.

Trustees decided at a board meeting Thursday to write to the contractor, Burak Construction, gi-

ving notice that the company has five days to recommence reconstruction of the sewage disposal system. If Burak doesn't comply with the notice, the school district could then take charge of completing the school.

However, secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck said that approval to give the notice must first be obtained from the architect.

In opening the discussion on the school's progress, or lack of it, Peck said he had the "usual report".

AT LOSS FOR WORDS

"You won't believe this, but I'm almost at a loss for words," he said.

He explained that the project's engineers were preparing another proposal for solving the disposal problem that would include a digester, a machine that stirs air into the effluent. Such an addition to the system would permit the use of a smaller septic field, Peck said.

He suggested that the district obtain advice from an independent source in order to double-check the work being done by the project's architect and engineers.

Peck said that new perc tests were done recently and a meeting had been arranged between the engineers and Capital Regional District staff. He explained that he

had been away for a week and upon returning found the meeting had not taken place. The regional district was not satisfied with the perc tests, said Peck, because they hadn't been carried out in the presence of CRD staff.

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Mail truck not allowed on ferry

Mail delivery was held up on Salt Spring Island last week when the truck carrying the mail wasn't permitted to board the ferry at Swartz Bay.

The truck, which is operated by Salt Spring Freight Service, was unable to get on the 8.15 am sailing on Wednesday and Thursday because, *Driftwood* was told, it hadn't reached the terminal in time. The truck has been required to arrive at Swartz Bay 30 minutes prior to sailing time.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Highways said Thursday, however, that the requirement has been changed so that the mail truck must now be at the terminal 15 minutes before the ferry departs.

Long, long haul

Three bylaws adopted by Island Trustees

Three bylaws were adopted by the Salt Spring Island Trust committee on Wednesday afternoon last week. The adoption of the Salt Spring Island Zoning Bylaw No. 2, the Salt Spring Island Community Plan Amendment Bylaw and the Salt Spring Island Subdivision Bylaw marks the end of a long struggle to effectively plan the future development of the island and particularly, the Ganges commercial community.

The plan for Ganges has been studied for more than a year by one administrative authority to be re-appraised and studied for another year by another authority. The original Ganges Plan written by the Capital Regional Board planning committee was rejected at birth by the Island Trust and revamped and re-drawn to its present dimensions by the Trust committee concerned.

In its final state it was attacked by a number of residents and one critic, Mrs. Yvette Valcourt, served notice on the Trust, last fall, and she would seek Supreme Court action to have the bylaw annulled.

Mrs. Valcourt was present at the Trust meeting on Wednesday and asked permission to speak to applications to amend the zoning bylaw. The applications were all held over to the next meeting, probably April 23.

Subdivision bylaw had been signed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs in January, it was stated, while the other two bylaws gained government sanction on March 21.

Staff were directed to bring recommendations on applications for zoning changes to the next meeting. Dates for necessary public hearings will be announced at the same time.

Equalization tax: will it ever change?

Either Education Minister Pat McGeer has a short memory or the equalization tax for school purposes is a complex issue.

It was one year ago that the minister was at Ganges for a Social Credit party meeting. The equalization tax was brought up at that meeting and Mr. McGeer was told what Gulf Islands residents have to pay in aid to poorer school districts in the province: about \$500,000 a year.

The minister replied that he would look into the matter but so far there has been no change to the system.

Election is called for May 22

The trumpet has sounded in Ottawa and the federal election has been set for May 22. On Tuesday, May 22, Canadians from coast to coast will elect a new government.

Campaign which started last year to a false alarm will be in high gear by the end of the week. Pundits in the islands are facing one of the most difficult elections to forecast in the riding. Tommy Douglas, the former member for the islands has announced his retirement from public life. His riding, Nanaimo, Cowichan and the Islands, has been split up and the islands are now in with Malahat and Cowichan, an entirely new electoral riding.

Same pattern as CRD

Cost is established at \$200

Cost of rezoning was laid out last week by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

Meeting in Ganges, the committee decided to follow the Capital Regional Board in its fees for handling an application for change.

The Capital Region charges a fee of \$100 with the application. A further fee of \$100 is charged for calling the public hearing, trustees were told.

In Victoria the initial fee is \$85, with an additional \$300 if the application is successful.

Trustee David Lott proposed an initial fee of \$100 and an additional \$200 if the application is approved. John Gaines said he would like to see the fee kept as

reasonable as possible for as long as possible.

"Why not be in line with the Capital Region?" asked chairman John Rich.

The Capital Region estimates that it costs \$1000 for every application for rezoning, reported planner Chris Foord.

The committee settled on the initial \$100 fee and a second fee of like amount if the application goes to a public hearing, irrespective of the outcome.

David Lott was prepared to justify his stand.

"I don't feel that \$300 is out of the way in view of the costs involved," he told his colleagues.

Pender man wins award

Canadian First Novel Competition has been won by Pender Island author Bill Deverell who has spent the past year writing his book *Needles*.

The Vancouver lawyer took a year's sabbatical to write the novel, a story of heroin in Vancouver.

The award, announced on

Library aid is up to \$6,135

Donations to Salt Spring Island library have been gratifying, reports Don Kertland, of the library board.

Total donations received amount to \$6,135, he told *Driftwood* on Tuesday.

This includes the \$1,500 reported in 1978.

Minimum lot size 30 acres

Increase in minimum size of lots in the Maxwell Lake watershed was given initial sanction by the Islands Trust last week.

First, second and third readings were given to bylaw No. 18, providing for a minimum lot size of 12 hectares, or approximately 30 acres.

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee was meeting in the Catholic church hall on Drake Road.

GET THE FACTS RIGHT, URGES CHAIRMAN

Pender trustee criticized for inaccuracies in recent report

Pender Island school trustee John Zacharias came under fire at Thursday's school board meeting for remarks he made recently concerning "inequities" between Pender and Fernwood Schools.

In a report in the *Pender Post*, Zacharias charged, among other things, that recent budget cuts were made in favour of Salt Spring schools. He also proposed that a new school district be formed for Pender Island.

Board chairman Tom Davidson said Thursday that over the years a lot of work had been done to ensure that islanders thought in terms of one school district. He also suggested that when a trustee wrote a report for publication that he "get the facts right".

He charged that there were a "number of inaccuracies" in Zacharias's report. The board, said Davidson, was obliged to answer them unless the writer were to look up the facts and make a correction.

INEQUITIES EXIST

Zacharias agreed that there had been inaccuracies but he also said that "inequities certainly do exist". He outlined a number of the items he had mentioned in his report that he believed to be true.

"I don't see why I should be muzzled...I want to correct these inequities," he said.

Davidson was quick to reply that he wasn't suggesting that Zacharias be muzzled and that he was only concerned that accurate information be published.

Ivan Mouat observed that the school on Pender was "a very expensive operation". He pointed out that there are only eight students in the junior secondary program at Pender School.

"That's bordering on the ridiculous," he said.

He felt that it was possible the program would have to be discontinued for lack of students.

"I think we've done a good job

on Pender," said Mouat. "I believe we've dealt very fairly."

He also noted that there was no other school in the province offering a junior secondary program to only eight students.

Galiano trustee James Ripley was also critical of Zacharias. He said, in effect, that Galiano didn't get the best treatment by comparison with other areas of the school district but, he suggested, "let them (Pender) get along like the other islands".

In the *Pender Post* report, Zacharias said the Galiano trustee had voted with Salt Spring trustees against increased time for principal's administration, librarian and secretarial at Pender School.

Ripley said he had been voting as a trustee of the school district, not as Galiano trustee.

"How much extra staff did Pender get when the school opened? I imagine it got a hell of a lot more than the other islands at the time," Ripley said.

Death of Mrs. Madge Duke on Sunday

Mrs. Madge Duke died in Lady Minto Hospital on Sunday, March 18. She was in her 90th year. Thirty-five of those years were spent on Salt Spring Island.

Mrs. Duke was active in many phases of community life on the island. Shortly after her arrival at Vesuvius she opened a tea room, in partnership with Mrs. R.T. Britton.

She was a hard-working member of the Anglican Church on the island for many years. She also worked for the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion and Lady Minto Hospital.

Born in Prince Edward Island, she moved west at the age of three and arrived in Vancouver with her parents in 1906. She was in the mainland city for the next 38 years.

She came to Salt Spring Island with her husband, the late Albert E. Duke, in 1944. He died in 1972 at the age of 93.

She leaves one son, E. Harry Duke, of Burnaby.

There was no funeral service for Mrs. Duke.

Permit is priced at \$25

What's a development permit worth?

The provincial government suggests \$25.

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, last week, echoed, \$25.

Development permit is the successor to a land use contract. It was priced \$175 less than a rezoning application, which has been established at a total of \$200.

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Island boy meets ministers



When Kenneth Marr of Ganges went to a reception at Government House in Victoria last Wednesday, he took his camera with him. Here's one of the pictures he brought back

home. He is flanked by provincial cabinet minister Grace McCarthy and Premier Bill Bennett; Mrs. McCarthy's husband borrowed Kenneth's camera to take the picture.

Saturna Scene

BY MARJORIE RATZLAFF

The following message has been sent to me by Don and Shirley Piper, K.J. and Tommy: "We would like to extend a very warm and heart-felt thank you to the community of Saturna Island for all the generosity and support since our recent fire. Kind wishes to everyone, and many, many thanks."

The foregoing was intended for last week's column, but missed it due to my forgetfulness.

A few comings and goings lately: Jeannie Ratzlaff visited her parents and sister for a day, attended the opening of our neighbourhood pub and was on her way back to Massett, B.C. the next day. Jeannie Sheppard is visiting her friend Marie McMahon for a few days. Bill and Irene Lawson returned Wednesday from a few days' visit with their daughter and son-in-law and granddaughter now living in Kamloops.

The skating and swimming lessons enjoyed by our school children for their past Wednesdays are now completed. All Saturna

school children can now skate and swim, perhaps not expertly, but well enough. The time spent on the ferry has not been "lost", because the students did their school work

en route under the guidance of the teachers.

Saturna residents please note that the provincial voters' list has been posted in each of the stores as well as in the post office. Please check the list to make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on the list, and you believe it should be, there are application forms in the post office. All Canadian citizens 19 years or over, having lived in B.C. for six months or more may vote, but the voter's name must be on the list.

The April meeting of the O.A.P.O. will be held on the second of April. It will be a dinner meeting beginning at 6 o'clock, with a film to be shown after the dinner.



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I may be the first man to be formally drummed out of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club. The court martial is sitting right now. Not only am I a member of the service club, but a member of the committee in charge of the Walkathon and I got the date wrong! How was I to know that a Saturday would fall on Easter Sunday? The formal, official, established, approved date of the Salt Spring Island Lions Walkathon is Saturday, repeat, Saturday, Apr. 14. And I can't shout louder than that! I'm trying to drown out the drums!

The West Bank problem facing the Middle East is like President Carter sitting down to negotiate a peace settlement with the British while Bunker Hill veterans are looking over his shoulder, suggested a news commentator on United States television on Sunday. But if it were being done so long after, you'd have to tell the British all about Bunker Hill.

What are you doing for retirement? he enquired. And I was honest. I am working in the garden until I strain my muscles to the degree where they will no longer work in the garden. And I'm learning to be a gentleman. It's a tough assignment for a reporter. And I meet with a lot of resistance. It was this way, in the first place: the early settlers came largely from the British Isles to the south Vancouver Island region. And there were two categories. They came out as labourers and settled down to a life of hard work or they came out as gentlemen and settled down to a life of short rations. Years later, I came out. I laid no claim to gentility. Therefore, I came as a labourer. I am yet. After a few years in British Columbia I consulted the oracle, Jim White, of Sidney, who told me that an English gentleman was a Canadian SOB. So, now I am in training. Should be easy for a man of long experience. But I guess I'm just not the SOB I thought I was!

Do you vote? The traditional greeting was How do you do? The current form should be How do you vote? I know lots of people who talk politics and I know one or two who refer to the voting patterns of different communities. Right now, I couldn't tell an island Liberal from an island Social Creditor or a Tory from a red-hot Red. Nobody says to me, I am a Tory! Or I am a Grit! Are there any? I'm still hoping to meet a voter who has some glue on him and sticks to something. Just out of curiosity. And he surely would be a curiosity in this age. We all know the Social Crediters and we know and recognize the N.D.P. but the old liners? Who's Joe?

Comment from Don Kertland, watchdog of the Salt Spring library. Two crows were sitting on the roof of the library when he left. Said one crow to the other, have you bred any good rooks lately?

Puns are reminiscent of Bob Gibbs, who once watched the crows from St. Mary Lake and, later, from Churchill Road. Rarely did he meet you without a pun, a dozen or 20 years ago. When you saw him coming you remembered that it never pains but what it roars!

45 miles per gallon, 1970 Mazda, lady driver, good shape...adv. in Victoria paper. What difference does it make to the value of the car that the former driver was shapely?

Services held for Jack Fraser

Memorial services were held for Jack Whitney Fraser, 56, in St. Peter's Church, Port Washington on Tuesday, March 20. Mr. Fraser passed away March 16 at Victoria General Hospital.

He was born in Toronto where

he carried on an active business career and at the time of his retirement was president of the Jack Fraser Men's Wear stores. On retiring he built a home on Pender Island six years ago.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; three sons, Jack, James and Alex all of Pender Island; two daughters, Mrs. William (Allison) Powell of Toronto and Jennifer of Pender Island; two grandchildren and his sister, Mrs. Joan Sissons of Toronto. Archdeacon D. Powell conducted the service.

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No hope in strike-ridden Britain

Another heartbroken victim of state medicine - gone - mad

Health insurance is under fire in many parts of Canada today. The criticism of a health service brings added focus on the British experience, where state medicine has been part of the scene since 1912.

A reader in Sidney recently received a sad, sad letter from a friend in Britain. The Englishman's wife is a victim of the state medicine practiced today in England. The report is an indictment of the system prevailing there.

The reader agrees that the conditions prevailing in another land and a land so far away have no direct bearing on the scene at home.

But, could it happen here? He asks the question. And he supplies the answer:

"Let us not let it happen here!"

This is the report, wrung in agony from the heart of a desperate husband;

Although I have not heard from you to give indication of whether you intended to come over here this year I thought it would be as well to let you know of unfortunate circumstances in our family.

A month ago my wife went into the bathroom to have a bath and I was reading in the lounge.

A few minutes later she was shouting for help and when I got there I found she had a severe prolapse of the womb with no previous warnings.

We got the doctor and then the full implications of the state of our National Health Service struck us like a bomb.

The doctor said it would be 12 weeks before she could see a consultant. Of course, she was dumbfounded and asked if it was possible to see one privately, as there is still some private medicine here. He said yes and wrote the appropriate letter and we saw him the next day.

He immediately pronounced that an operation was necessary and that the waiting list was five months and may be longer because of the auxilliary workers' strike.

We very reluctantly accepted this as [my wife] was not too ill at the time.

Within a week she had become quite ill and I rang the consultant and he saw her again.

At this stage, knowing there are still small facilities in some of our National Health Hospitals for private patients, I asked him if she could have the operation privately.

I was told it would be about \$2,500 and I agreed, but the consultant said he was not allowed to conduct private operations during the strike as the auxilliary workers' unions would not allow it.

If he tried, they would step up their strike efforts and stop many of the patients who had been waiting for months from being accepted.

Since then she has some good days and some very bad ones, usually more bad than good although they are about 50-50. The doctor helps out by keeping her supplied with pain killer drugs although the feeling of nausea and tenderness are probably worse than the pain.

The operation will be either surgical repair or hysterectomy but this no doubt will be decided nearer to the time.

..... We do not know whether a private operation will be possible when the strike is over as it is known the unions concerned are trying to get private patients banished from our hospitals but we are keeping our fingers crossed about that, to shorten our wait.

Application turned down

An application by West Coast Air services Ltd. to overfly the Gulf Islands has been turned down by the Canadian Transport Commission.

The airline's Victoria-Vancouver flights are required to make a stop midway through the 25-minute run.

Application to overfly was made in December of last year. The company is going to re-apply, Driftwood learned.

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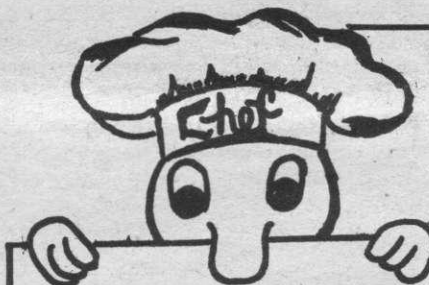
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- Fire Chief's Report
- Election of Trustees - two for a term of three years
- Appointment of Auditor
- Any other business.

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Discontent in Ganges

Ganges is the centre of a long-drawn-out campaign for sewers. It is also the centre of a long-drawn-out opposition to sewers.

As every islander knows. And as half the population of British Columbia probably knows. This long tale of disagreement has lasted for many moons. It is spreading.

A Ganges merchant told *Driftwood* last week that he is losing many customers and potential customers to off-island business houses. The recalcitrant customers are disaffected by the upsurge of discontent in Ganges. They won't stop here while the commercial area is in a state of unrest.

It is the right and privilege of all of us to disagree.

Nobody can disagree with that!

If we are in dispute we may argue, debate, shout or weep. Anything short of violence is an open route for the disputants. And that is as it should be.

It is, equally, the privilege of others to close their ears to our protests.

It is not fair to the small businessman. Many small businessmen in the Salt Spring Island business community have no strong opinion on a sewer project. They are more concerned with living out their purpose on the island; to serve their customers to the best of their ability and to enjoy residence on the island.

The residents of the island are not being just or fair when they take that stand. They are punishing Peter to pay back Paul. There is no way we can change them. But there is no way we can see this happen without deploring it.

Unnecessary expenditure?

Some years ago the trustees of Gulf Islands School District undertook extensive building at the school complex in Ganges. It was generally agreed at the board table that a clerk of works was an unnecessary expenditure. He was ruled out.

After the construction period was over and all the problems had been sorted out, there were trustees who expressed the suspicion that some of the troubles of building schools might have been ironed out had there been a clerk of works on the job to keep a close watch on the project and to safeguard the interests of the school district.

When Fernwood School was under construction last fall, no clerk of works was engaged on so minor a project.

And the school has stood through frost and snow and gale and sun and still no child enters its portals.

One day, we are confident, that hall of learning will cater to the children of the community. And we have a sneaking hunch that the day might have been nearer had the board engaged a man to keep his eye on their affairs from day to day to day.

Trust has the edge

The Islands Trust may or may not be the ultimate means of administering the islands. Time will show it up.

The Islands Trust has the edge over the Capital Regional Board when it comes to the administration of the Gulf Islands.

Last week the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee deliberated over matters affecting Salt Spring. A number of motions were approved, dealing with island affairs.

And all those things were considered by a committee of four islanders. The chairman was an islander, but from another island. The two local trustees were from Salt Spring Island. General trustee John Gaines was from Saturna and the missing general trustee, Gordon Wallace, comes from Pender.

Widely expressed criticism of the Capital Regional Board for its weight of representation from outside the islands just has no substance today.

It must, surely, be a move in the right direction?



'Your only hope of getting your teeth fixed is to win the lottery.'

Letters to the Editor

REFERENCE UNTRUE

The following letter was a reply from the Toronto-Dominion Bank to an island resident who wrote asking about information contained in the *Driftwood* column, *More Food for Thought*. The bank submitted the letter to *Driftwood* for publication.

Thank you for your letter enquiring about the article on Chile in the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*.

The reference to Toronto Dominion Bank is untrue. This bank has made no such loan and, in fact, the Chilean organization DINA was disbanded some time ago as a direct result of pressure from the United States and other Western Democratic countries.

Toronto Dominion's position on foreign lending might be of interest to you. The bank has extensive international operations as do the other Canadian banks, many industries and the government. As a result, we deal from time to time with countries with whose policies we do not agree. Unfortunately, the majority of countries in the world are non-democratic and this applies to many in Latin America.

However, the bank's position is that keeping economic and commercial lines of communication open is the best way to help the people of these countries. There is ample evidence that trade with dictatorships does ameliorate international tensions. The Canadian government obviously supports this view as it has led the way in opening up relations with a number of non-democratic countries.

As far as Latin America is concerned, we do business with many countries there. We have done business with Chile for more than 30 years, including the period of the Allende regime which brought that country to the brink of economic collapse and civil war. Along with other banks in Canada and other Western countries, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Fund, Toronto Dominion has extended credit as part of international groups for a variety of purposes. The effect of this international support has been to create better economic conditions for the people. As a result, political progress is now possible and improvements are being made, not the least of which is the restoration of trade union rights in

direct negotiations between the Chilean government and representatives of the AFL-CIO.

Certainly, we can see no advantage to the people of Chile in isolating them economically and, in fact, there is more and more pressure from various non-government groups in Chile to increase trade with the West.

ARNOLD H. AGNEW
General Manager,
Public Affairs,
Toronto-Dominion Bank.
March 16, 1979

ORCHARDS WILL FALL INTO NEGLECT AGAIN

A clarification of the facts is imperative in regards to the possible site for Phoenix Orchards Association's new apple press building. Also, as one of the residents of Demitri Way whose sentiments Tom Hoover misrepresented in his letter last week, I am obliged to correct its impression as well as its implication.

The fact is, when first approached, Chris Foord and David Lott of Islands Trust had approved and encouraged Mr. Boc's plan to have the juice building on his land

since it did not, in their opinion, contravene any existing bylaws for rural zoning. It was only after Mr. Hoover objected to (among other things) possible "effluent" resulting from the pressing of apples down the way from him that Islands Trust re-interpreted the bylaws disallowing the proposed site. Chris Foord has already attested to this fact via *Driftwood* reporter Shirley Culpin. That this fact has not come to light in the *Driftwood* to date is dismaying.

What is even more dismaying is the real possibility that since Phoenix is a non-profit organization it can not afford to relocate, the orchards of Salt Spring will fall into neglect again and island self-sufficiency will suffer another setback as the result of an objection to non-existent effluent!

It is interesting to note that those objecting to this building site would rarely even have the privilege of seeing it in operation since they live and work off-island, only visiting Salt Spring on weekends. Besides, the press only works two days a week for three months of the year. Would a juice building down the road lower speculative land prices, I wonder?

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Church Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1979

ANGLICAN			
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 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			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Sunday School during church for ages 3-10		
537-5812	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am

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Box 61, Ganges	537-2622	Evening Service
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Bible Study Friday	in homes	539-5710
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St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays
		9.00 am

More letters

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Finally, in regards to the preservation of peace and beauty may I say that it is not change, and certainly not change in the form of a two horsepower apple press down the road that destroys peace and prevents the appreciation of beauty. What destroys peace and prevents the appreciation of beauty is fear. Indeed, the peace of our neighbourhood and our appreciation of its everchanging beauty has been temporarily destroyed by an unfounded fear of change.

Thank God this too must change!

KATHY HUEBNER-CLARKE
Fulford Harbour.
March 21, 1979

Editor's Note: Mr. Foord has not said anything to any of our staff about "re-interpreting the bylaws." In a telephone conversation with Shirley Culpin some time ago he did say that although the Trust had offered support to Mr. Boc's plans, it could not give final approval of them. He also noted that any approval would be partially dependent upon a lack of protest from Mr. Boc's neighbours due to the zoning stipulations on Demetri Way. Mr. Foord claims that that point was made clear to Mr. Boc when he initially approached the Trust about the building project.

PETTY POLITICKING

Sir,
When a fellow unwarrantedly presents himself as a spokesman for his neighbour in a public newspaper he should have his typewriter slapped.

There are four families dwelling daily on Demetri Way. My wife and I are one quarter of these. We were not included in the meeting held as the result of a dispute between Tom Hoover and his next-door neighbour; so we are disturbed to read about all the democracy going on around us and all the neighbourly support and encouragement Tom reports he gathered.

I only hope a young family and a seemingly worthwhile island project, haven't been unnecessarily frustrated by the petty politicking of the persuasive few.

The quiet and beauty of Demetri Way I am sure is as precious to each of us and so too I hope will be a genuine concern for each other.

Since we have a neighbourhood spokesman maybe we should think about developing a neighbourhood.

MIKE SMITH
Demetri Way
RR 1, Fulford Harbour
March 23, 1979.

THEY WANT AN ENERGY SHORTAGE

Sir,
While it is fruitless to engage in debate with editors and columnists (who are infallible even when wrong), the enthusiasm with which your correspondent Scott Lawrance swallows and regurgitates the drive purveyed by the snake-oil merchants of the Chicken Little Society of B.C. (otherwise known as the Vancouver Island Energy Coalition) demands some sort of reply. Lawrance must have checked his brains at the door and forgot to pick them up when he left, judging by his reporting of this group purporting to be interested in energy. They are not interested in energy, they are dedicated to creating an energy shortage in B.C.

In the U.S. their accomplices have been successful in blocking almost every proposed pipeline, transmission line and electrical energy development, whether it be nuclear, coal-fired or hydro elec-

tric. With O.P.E.C. slowly tightening the supply of energy from without and these people blocking from within, it is clear what their objective is. It is nothing less than the destruction of our society as we know it.

North America depends on an adequate supply of energy at a reasonable price. These people talk about alternate forms of energy meaning something as practical as a solar-powered wind-mill glued together will bull manure. Direct solar energy may warm your bathwater in sunny weather, but it will never drive a 1,000 hp grinder.

President Carter called the energy crisis the moral equivalent of war, and it is. These activists are the enemy within. To be charitable, they may be fools but I suspect many are knaves who know very well what they are doing.

Now to the statements made by the Chicken Little Society who are horrified that B.C. might have an oversupply of electrical energy for three to 10 years. It appears they would be ecstatic if it were an undersupply.

What garbage. So Hydro dares to build a 500 kV transmission line to bring additional energy to Vancouver Island in case someone wants to start a new industry (who needs jobs?) or heat their homes (let them freeze in the dark) or supply the new hospital or office tower.

According to the Russians (why is it always the Russians), it is dangerous to spend three minutes near a 400 kV line; this from a nation where the sanctity of human life is not exactly the foundation of their political institutions.

So Hydro cleared 40 acres and erected a fence around it: that is, indeed, cause for concern. The plot thickens when it is noted they have cleared down to the subsoil. Imagine. It must be a nuclear plant, nothing less.

If you promise to keep a secret Lawrance, I'll tell you what it really is. Many people will find this hard to believe (you won't though), but that 1,000-acre clearing surrounded by the 100-foot-high barbed wire fence energized at one million volts is really a new Trident nuclear submarine base for the Americans.

So you see, Lawrance, not to worry. We will indeed be short of electrical energy on Vancouver Island and you and all your ilk can rejoice at having succeeded in bringing about an energy shortage in the midst of plenty. Something no external enemy could do.

Congratulations.
E.W. NEWBURY
114 Beach Drive,
Victoria, B.C.,
March 20, 1979

CHOOSING A LEADER IS A NATIONAL SPORT

Some thoughts on the election

BY FRANK RICHARDS

It came at last! All of Canada was hanging on the prime minister's words: when would we go to the polls? And now we know. No more speculation! No more fire and fury in the frenzy of frustration! May 22 is when.

Last year the Liberals were hinting and the Conservatives were sending out the smoke signals. But the fires got too hot and the Tory blankets were scorched when the forecast election didn't come true.

It was a painful experience for most Canadians because, as every adult voter in the land well knows, we don't vote according to the mind, but by the heart.

Some of us are more nearly directed by the belly, but just so long as we don't try to apply intelligence to our pattern of voting, Canada will be in fine shape. A thinking voter with a thoughtful vote would break down the entire election machinery *a mari usque ad mare*.

We support Pierre Elliot Trudeau because we like the way he combs his hair and we take issue with Joe Clark because he has too many wrong fonts around him. Once upon a time a letter in printing which did not match its neighbours was a "wrong font". Today, in the era of electronic typesetting, it is a "spurious character".

HIS FATHER DID

Bill Bennett made the provincial scene, not because he was a well-known leader of men but because his father had done a fair enough job and we wanted a change anyway.

That's the only way to go. Vote now: think later! Better still, don't ever bother to think! Just vote, like Grandad used to. Only difference is he got a 100 lb. sack of flour when he threw his ballot in the right direction.

Right now is a good time to get involved. Follow the political scene, national and provincial! See which way they jump! Learn to hate one of the parties or, better still one of the candidates. Then, when the day is called, you're all ready, hating the other guy and about to kill your wife's ballot.

Besides, what have you got to vote for?

Take Ottawa. Just figure that the election is called. What then? **THEY TOOK HIM**

Take Trudeau. Others did and now they got mixed feelings over the whole thing.

P.E. Trudeau is an unusual politician. You either like him or you loathe him. Nobody looks at the prime minister as if they didn't give a damn.

He's either the original smart cookie who knows where Canada is going.

Or else he's the pits and yesterday's date in a Canuck's diary.

There's no asking with that one. Joe who? Joe Trudeau, of course!

First thing you look at is the economy. Things ain't looking so good. And there's nobody fighting you for saying that. Because the economy is tough and the going is rough for a helluva lot of Canadians out of work altogether or on short time.

There's an odd thing about the voter, in Canada or anywhere else. He always figures that hard times are the fault of the government. And he's always convinced another government could do better and that the one he votes for will.

If governments could manipulate the economy to make things good, we would never have bad times. The only politicians who can change the economy; the only politicians who can create jobs and

prosperity are always in the opposition.

No government can do those things. Never could, never will. **THEY'LL DO IT**

But, don't let's kid ourselves. There'll be millions voting for a change to bring about a new direction for the economy. Most of the voters with that kind of non-thinking never bothered to find out that it never comes true.

What's that got to do with voting?

You vote a man out for having done nothing, not for never being able to do it, for Pete's sake!

The only other coast-to-coast Number One priority discussion on the books is confederation. How many Canadians in Quebec are wishing they weren't? Is the future of the constitution part of the problem facing all Canadians? Or is it a gimmick thought up by the dirty Liberals?

There are almost as many answers as there are Canadians.

Every Canadian student has learned that the constitution is the British North America Act. Only kids in school know anything else about it. Who else would bother anyway?

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Human beings, girls and teachers go to school

The following article, by a nine-year-old student, appeared in the South Dakota *Smoke Signals* and is reprinted here courtesy of Gulf Islands school trustee Dave Stacey.

THIS IS SCHOOL

This is a school. It is where human beings go to learn things they don't know.

Besides human beings, there are some girls and a teacher. The teacher is there to see that nobody does anything and the little girls are there for stool pigeons. Once in a while you get a chance to stick a pin in one but another one always sees you, so you are out numbered.

When the girls grow up, they get

to be teachers and have their own mob of stool pigeons.

At school you have reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, history and recess. Recess is so you can forget what you learned in the morning before you start something new.

Reading is looking at words instead of pictures.

Arithmetic is stuff like you have three and you give John two. Baloney, I wouldn't.

History is what happened before you got to school which is plenty. It keeps happening all the time, so the later you start to school the worse off you are.

You don't have to go to school in the summer, but you have to start in September unless somebody burns it down (but nobody ever does). They make up for not making you go to school in the summer by giving you homework when they get you again.

Home work is what your father does until it gets too hard, and then he buys you an encyclopedia so you can do it yourself. You go to school in the morning, and you have to stay until afternoons, so it spoils the best part of the day unless you play hooky.

Then you have to write a note from your mother saying you were sick.

Grown up people think you give the teacher an apple every morning, but that is propaganda put out by the teachers who like apples.

If your mother gives you an apple for the teacher, you eat it on the way to school unless you are a girl. Every month they give you a report card which you bring home. You get your father to sign it if it is good and your mother if it is not good, which it usually is.

When you start school again in September, they give you a brand new teacher as the last one is worn out and got married. She is like the old teacher except she knows more.

Party held Saturday to honour couple

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The Pender Islands community got together Saturday evening to honour two people who have served faithfully on the islands for the past decade. The two are Dr. Homer Rogers and his wife Jean, a trained nurse, and his assistant during the busy years caring for the ill and injured on the Penders.

This was the first time that all the organizations have participated together in putting on an event, and it was a really great party. Homer and Jean Rogers have a special place in this community and will long be remembered for their unselfish service at any hour of day or night. Somehow they managed to make sure the sick were looked after every hour of every day during the years they lived on these islands.

The party was the community's way of saying "thank you" to Dr. and Mrs. Rogers for an outstanding job well-done.

Between 300 and 400 people crowded into the Community Hall and were ready and waiting when Dr. and Mrs. Rogers arrived at 9 pm. Bob Allison, acting as master of ceremonies, started the evening off with a brief "welcome to all" speech.

The Pender Island Band played super dance music during the evening and the floor was always crowded. Pender Promenaders, who have been studying all winter

with "caller" Bert Barber of Salt Spring, showed off their prowess to an impressed audience, and the Pender Island Choral Group sang two songs.

GIFTS PRESENTED

On behalf of the people of Pender Islands, Douglas Harker presented a framed watercolour picture to Dr. and Mrs. Rogers; it was painted by our local artist, Mrs. Myrtle McGregor. Mr. Harker said in presenting the gift "that this is a unique occasion for two modest people who have rendered a unique service and it is made with all possible sincerity."

On behalf of St. Peter's Church, a gift of a tooled leather plaque was presented by Archdeacon D. Powell. The plaque was hand-made by Jim Verner, a member of the congregation.

Bob Allison, realizing that Dr. Rogers had removed many "things" from Penders people thought it best to make some return; a large bottle of stones!

There were very many humorous medical tools for Dr. and Mrs. Rogers to unwrap, presented by Douglas Harker, Connie Auchterlonie, Doreen Hanson and Bob Allison.

After all the fun and fufourah, Dr. Rogers replied that 50 years ago as a teenager, when he made up his mind to spend his life practicing medicine, he never anticipated ending his career on an island with a bottle of coloured stones in his hand!

NO BETTER PLACE

He thanked the people of the two islands for letting him help them in his professional capacity and he said, although he has lived in many parts of the world, there was no better place to live than the Penders. He introduced Dr. W. Sutherland, who was welcomed as his successor.

How in the world did Dr. Rogers manage to find the Penders? It's an interesting story.

On a ship from England he met the late Captain Claxton, a long-time Pender resident. They engaged in conversation and Captain Claxton was enthused so much about the Pender Islands that Dr. Rogers decided to come and see for himself if it was all Captain Claxton claimed. He found it was all true and then and there decided to settle down on Pender Island to finish out his medical career. He bought property and with his wife Jean established their home overlooking Swanson Channel.

Dr. Rogers will be presented with a sum of money, about \$1600, which was contributed by those in attendance. It will be Dr. Rogers' privilege to administer this fund for medical or charitable purposes that he should deem in the islands' best interests.

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Island. Lions Club spokesman Bob Foulis told Driftwood this week that this year's target is \$2,200.

The Easter Seal campaign is the major source of fund-raising for the B.C. Lions Society for Crippled Children and since its inception has raised nearly \$5 million.

The society spends \$1.5 million a year on transporting handicapped children in the province. On Vancouver Island, nearly \$365,000 will be spent this year.

Money raised through Easter Seals, Lucky Leo Lottery and Telethons is used to meet a portion of the society's costs. On Vancouver Island, 30 vehicles are used to transport almost 600 handicapped persons to schools, treatment centres, sheltered workshops and recreation.

Other programs of the society include handicapped driver training, swim program, patient care and camping.

Donations may be made through the Bank of Montreal at Ganges.

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Monday the 9th day of April, 1979 at St. George's Church Hall, Ganges, B.C.

As required by the letters patent of the District the annual general meeting will be held for the following purposes.

- To receive from the trustees a report on condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the improvement district.
- To discuss with the trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the improvement district.
- To fix the remuneration of the trustees for the ensuing year.
- To elect two trustees for a term of three years.
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What better way to celebrate Easter than by seeing show?

BY BETH HILL

The final countdown schedule has been posted and the full dress rehearsal for *Jesus Christ, Superstar* is less than two weeks away! For more than 100 islanders the pulse quickens and nerves jump.

For a small community with a population under 5000, a show on this scale is an enormous undertaking. Costs will be at least \$1,500, because the rights, royalties and rentals alone amount to \$550. Because it is sponsored by the Anglican parish and subsidized by contributions from Anglican women's groups and the parish board, the tickets can be bought for only \$1.50.

Tickets are large, brightly-coloured buttons, yellow for Friday, pink for Saturday and blue for Sunday performances and are available at Et Cetera Book Store or at the door on performance nights. There will be three performances, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (April 6, 7, 8) at 8 pm in the Elementary School Activity Centre and if you miss it, you'll be very sorry when the neighbours tell you all about it afterwards.

The auditorium holds only 225 people and there are almost 5,000 of us on Salt Spring Island, and how many from Mayne, Galiano, the Penders and Saturna will want to go also?

The event is Peter McCalman's swan song. He had some difficulty obtaining the rights to the show, and because the owners want the standards maintained, they give a group only 90 days to produce the show or forfeit the right to perform it, even though the high fees have been paid. Salt Spring Islanders responded astoundingly to the call: 85 people crowded to the first

audition, and a marvellous amount of talent, experience and enthusiasm was revealed. Now the cast and supporting organization numbers well over 100.

How, in the two sheets allotted by the *Driftwood* editor, can I begin to list even the principal contributors?...Eric Booth playing Jesus, Liduin Currell as Mary Magdalene, Reid Collins as Herod, Rod Moger as Judas, Ralph Miller, Art Simons, Michael Kolesar, Mike Hayes, etc. etc.

LARGE CAST

How many performers? I asked. Mary looked vague...60, 70 maybe? A very large cast, indeed. Set designer is Art Lucs. Costumes have been designed and cut out by June Knowles and everyone is sewing. Alice Friedman has choreographed the dances and coached the dancers (they are terrific!) Wilf Davies has been rehearsing an assemblage of players of flutes, clarinet, cornet, trumpet, French horn, trombone, guitars, piano and drums, and the music is very fine indeed.

Greg Pawker is in charge of the sound system. Kathy Huebner-Clarke has been training the excellent choir. Then there are the carpenters, seamstresses make-up artists, librarians, poster and art work people (poster designed by Caroline Hamilton), the lighting crew, wardrobe mistresses, auditorium and stage managers, ushers, prompters, ticket salespeople, the list goes on and on. Oh, I've neglected to mention that the director is our very capable David Fitchew, assisted by Pat Desbottes, and of course the producer is Peter McCalman, assisted by Mary Williamson.

Jesus Christ Superstar is a powerful experience, and few have seen the show and remained unmoved. Perhaps it is possible to ignore the music when it comes off a turning disc: (Jesus Christ, Superstar, do you think you're what they say you are?) but a full production is another matter.

"STUNNED"
I'd like to quote the response of one fellow who saw *Superstar* when Peter McCalman produced it in Calgary. He said, "I just sat there

with my mouth open all through the thing. I couldn't believe what was coming next...it kept coming on to me, all around me, it was just so great. I didn't move during the whole time, I was just stunned."

Well, Art Lucs and his crew are constructing extra stages at the sides of the auditorium and some of the action will take place in the audience, so you too will find the show all around you, and inside you as well. People in Calgary said that they would never be quite the same again. One person wrote that she had had the rust shaken off her mental processes.

Someone else wrote: "I didn't really want to go. I had heard it was good but I guess I was apathetic, but I did. I got very involved. I would sure like to see it again. I wanted to be quiet and then I wanted to talk about it a lot...it was fantastic."

I can only advise you not to miss it. It may be a long time before Salt Spring Island attempts a production on this scale again, or before we can again assemble such a superb group of performers.

Above all, *Jesus Christ Superstar* is the most profound and absorbing story ever told, familiar to us all, yet shockingly real in this modern setting. In what better way could we celebrate Easter?

Clean-up campaign this week

A clean-up campaign will be getting under way in Ganges on Wednesday when 10 students from Gulf Islands Secondary School devote their energies to picking up litter and sweeping sidewalks.

The 10 students, along with six from Mayne Island, will be heading for Quebec April 19 on a French immersion program and the clean-up program is being planned to help pay for their expenses.

One of the people planning the Quebec trip, Jennifer Wiebe, said last week that local merchants are being canvassed for donations to help the students who, in return, will tidy up the village.

They are also planning a clean-up following the Walkathon April 14.

The students will spend two weeks immersed in French at Trois Rivières University; they will be accompanied by island teacher, Irene Wright.

Firearms Act charges laid after shooting

Leonard Hendrick Smid has been charged under the Firearms Act with failure to exercise due caution for the safety of other persons and property following an incident at Sturdies Bay on Galiano Saturday.

Smid was charged after he discharged a .22 rifle across the water in the vicinity of Sturdies Bay dock. The accused was accompanied by three other people at the time of the incident.

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Meeting of Legion is held at Mayne Island

BY LEGIONNAIRE

The Gulf Islands branch of the Royal Canadian Legion held its regular meeting at Mayne Island on March 19.

During the silence period special mention was made of Percy Grimmer and Wadham Lock Paddon, recently deceased, both of whom were residents of the islands before the first war.

A number of matters came up for discussion: One of the first was a resolution by the honours and awards committee that Hugh MacFarlane be recommended to Provincial Command for the Past Officer's medal as secretary-treasurer over a number of years. MacFarlane is also a past-president of the branch and has been a very hard worker on many branch committees. Walter Hunt-Sowrey was nominated as branch delegate

for the coming provincial convention in Nanaimo.

Grants were allocated to South Vancouver Island Zone Council towards the Sir Percy Lake Scholarship fund and the zone funds. Letters of thanks were read from the secretary of the Ghurka Welfare fund for a donation, and from the wife and sister of the late Wadham Locke Paddon for the help the branch gave at his funeral.

AT SATURNA

The next branch meeting will be held at Saturna on May 7 at 1330 hours. We look forward to a good turnout. Of special interest is the fact that the branch will be entertaining the Zone Council for their regular June meeting. Full details will be given at the May meeting.

Of special historical interest are the two deceased veterans who were mentioned in our silence period. Percy Grimmer was one of two of our surviving charter members, the men who did the spade work in 1927 when this branch was formed. Grimmer was a native of Pender Island, and a veteran of both wars. When Pender Island found it had enough veterans to

Mayne student requests use of facilities

The ability of a grade 10 student to supervise young children in a summer arts, crafts and sports program was questioned by trustees of Gulf Islands School District last week. Mayne Island student Ruth Smith has asked the board for permission to use facilities at Mayne Island School free of charge during the coming summer.

Her program would cater to children between the ages of five and 12, she said in a letter which was read at last week's board meeting. She also asked for information concerning the possibility of obtaining a grant.

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck commented that he believed the deadline had been passed for any grants that would be available for such a project.

Trustees decided to obtain more information before making a decision on the application.

form its own branch, he went, with his many comrades, to form our daughter branch.

The late Mr. Paddon came to Mayne Island from Ireland in 1889, at the tender age of one. His father, the late Canon Paddon, had recently been appointed to form an Anglican parish on Mayne Island. His younger life was spent on Mayne, and he left the island shortly before the first war, in which he served with the 29th. Bn., CEF. On his return to civil life, he moved into the Smithers area, where he farmed and operated a store and was postmaster until about two years ago, when he retired to Sidney. He was a long time member of the Smithers Branch.

Gil Humphreys is all set



Gil Humphreys is reaching the limits of his capacity for rocks. He might be demonstrating for television how not to pick up a loaded wheelbarrow, on behalf of the

workmen's board. What he is demonstrating is the burden of carrying a rock or two for the Lions Walkathon on Saturday, April 14.

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Saanich alderman to seek NDP nomination

Saanich alderman John Mika has announced that he will seek the New Democratic Party nomination for Saanich and the Islands provincial constituency. Mika, 48, is in his third year as an alderman on Saanich Council and works as a staff assistant to the NDP Caucus in the Legislature.

"I have decided to let my name stand as a result of urging from many party members and a surprisingly large number of independent voters and even members of other parties," Mika said. "This indicates to me that there is a strong desire among Saanich and the Islands constituents for a change in their representation in the Legislature."

Born and raised in Toronto, Mika entered journalism after leaving the University of Western Ontario. He came to Victoria 22 years ago fresh from the Saskatchewan Press Gallery where he had observed Tommy Douglas in action as premier. Mika spent 15 years with the Victoria Times, mainly as

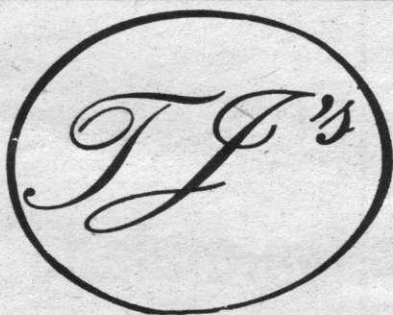
a political reporter and columnist in the B.C. Press Gallery.

A month after the election of the New Democratic government in 1972, he quit newspapering and went to work as executive assistant to Bob Strachan, serving him continuously while Minister of Highways, minister responsible for the Insurance Corporation of B.C. and later as Minister of Transport and Communications. Following the 1975 election defeat, he joined the New Democratic Party. In mid-1976 he was appointed to the Caucus staff and that fall he entered his first election contest, topping the aldermanic poll in Saanich. The next year he was elected to the Capital Region District Board and last November was re-elected as an alderman.

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Fernwood School Features

WINTER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Grade 7 class visited Vernon last week as guests of the Grade 7 class at Silver Star Elementary School. Fernwood students enjoyed four days of spring skiing in almost perfect conditions. The weather was sunny, the snow conditions excellent, and the hospitality warm and friendly.

As well as being introduced to a lifetime recreational skill our students enjoyed a taste of life in the Okanagan valley. Many friendships were formed, and tearful farewells testified to the social ties which developed during the week.

Our students were accompanied by Mr. Marsh, and Mrs. Nordine and Mrs. Weihing went along as parent chaperones.

We look forward to giving our Vernon friends a taste of island life when they visit us in June.

COSMOS WIN SOCCER CUP

Grade fours and fives on the team were Brad Davies, Graham Prentice, Mike Kruger, David Kruger, Chad Little, Robbie Shepherd, and Alfie Shepherd. They played the Hornets, and beat them 3-0.

Alfie Shepherd, Grade 4

Everybody hopes we will be out at Fernwood School soon. We all hope it is going to be a nice school. From what we hear it will be nice.

So far this year in Social Studies we have learned about the Indians, then we learned about the Vikings, then we learned about exploration, and settlement, and the Voyagers. Then we learned about pioneer life and the gold rush. Now we are learning about the building of the railroad, the settlement of the prairies, and the Northwest Mounted Police.

Rob Pringle, Grade 5

NEW UNIFORMS

The Fernwood junior girls played a basketball game against Mr. Nelken's class on Thursday. They wore the new uniforms.

Players were Jen McWhirter, Inga Mainwaring, Melissa Farrell, Elizabeth Gay, Cindy Walker, Morven Neish, Lara Truscott, Nancy MacDougald and Berdine Mulder. Fernwood girls won.

In arithmetic we are getting into multiplying thousands by hundreds. In spelling we are doing words with tricky vowels in them.

Erin Fewings, Grade 4

In arithmetic we are learning how to use fractions. They are quite easy. We have been doing them about a week. In Social Studies we have been doing projects. There are three different ones. They are called the Building of the Railway, the Settlement of the West, and the Northwest Mounted Police. We have a sheet with questions and other things to do in our Social Studies books.

Melissa Farrell, Grade 5

Mike Kruger, Michael Brown and Erin Fewings made a project of pipe-cleaners, pieces of wood, glue and rocks. They gave it to Mr. Marsh.

Robert Calkins, Grade 4

BREAK IS FOR ALL
Spring break is for everyone to rest up. When we are all rested up we go back to school, all ready to work. During the break most of us go to visit our friends, and stay the day or the night. After that we go back to school. I play soccer and I ride moto-bikes, and I just got a diving suit, so I'm going to be a skin diver now. I do just about all the sports I can.

Kurt Irwin, Grade 5

We are learning how to do long division, and the teacher is trying to teach us to stick on a zero when we times by tens.

Brad Davies, Grade 4

The schools had an indoor track meet in the high school gym on Friday, March 23. The Stallions won the track meet with 1436 points. Broncos were in second place with 1435 points. We had a marble-and-spoon race, a dressup race, and an eat the cracker and then try to whistle race.

The teachers had to eat whatever they got out of a paper bag.

Robbie Shepherd, Grade 4

WHAT OTHER CLASSES ARE DOING
The primary classes have been doing dinosaur projects, burlap

embroidery and a booklet called "All About Me".

The Grade three's have been studying Australia. They found it very interesting. They learned about the kangaroo and platypus, and that the koalas aren't cuddly but have a poison claw, and that emu chicks are striped, and that sheep's wool is what Australia's economy is based on. Some Englishmen brought rabbits over from England, and now they overrun the country. Mr. McPhail who comes from Australia came and talked to the class.

I was surprised to learn our school is a pilot school in French, meaning we are one of the top schools in the province, and other teachers will come and learn from our teachers.

In Grades four and five we are learning about the main foods and nutrition. In mathematics we are doing fractions and grade four is doing multiple digit multiplication. In language we are learning about modifiers, and grade four is learning about the different forms of singular verbs. I feel the class as a whole is writing much better.

There are two opposing opinions as to when we are going to get into the Fernwood School. One says Easter, and the other (my own) says September.

David Bremner, Grade 5

Thieves abscond with tent after decorating vehicle

Mr. L. Evans of Vancouver has reported the theft of a tent valued at \$150 from his vehicle, which was parked on the Portlier Pass Road on Galiano Island between March 24-26.

In addition, the Evans vehicle had been marked up with felt pens.

Members' gardens will be open to the public

BY PETE MOSS

Salt Spring Island Garden Club members are opening their gardens to the public as part of the club's celebration of its Silver Jubilee year. Mrs. A.O. Lacy and her daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Rathwell, have extended an invitation to see the trout lilies (erythroniums) and trilliums which have become naturalized over a large area of their garden.

Mrs. Lacy's garden is on the right hand side of Isabella Point Road about a mile and a half from Fulford Inn. Best time for viewing is late morning to mid-afternoon any day this coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Shank, Churchill Road, will open their garden to visitors on the weekend of April 7 and 8 from 1 pm to 4 pm. You may leave your car in the clearing at the driveway entrance and walk uphill through the wild garden to the house, or drive directly there. Visitors are advised to wear walking shoes.

Mrs. Freda Carter's garden will be open every day throughout the season. It is a most interesting place because of the wide diversity of plants. Many kinds of spring garden flowers and some shrubs are in bloom now.

You will find Mrs. Carter's garden on the left hand side as you go up Ganges Hill, just before Beddis Road. Please park your car on the road at the top of the driveway.

Another April feature will be the mini-show of spring flowers to be held on April 19 in connection with the Garden Club's annual spring plant sale at Ganges United Church. The plant sale opens at 1 pm in the lower hall. The mini-show will be held in the upstairs hall from 1 pm to 3 pm.

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MOUAT'S

Retirement party held for veteran employees

Contributed
BY DAISY GEAR

Crew members of the Fulford Swartz Bay ferry run honoured three veteran employees at a retirement party held recently at the Fulford Inn.

Capt. Les Mollett was with the Vancouver Island Coach Lines ferry *Cy Peck* in 1933 till 1941 when he left to join the forces. He returned again in 1953 and continued working for the Gulf Islands Ferry Company and B.C. Ferries until his retirement in February 1979. Capt. Mollett was skipper of all the ferries on this run, namely the *Cy Peck*, *Pender Queen*, *Salt Spring Queen*, *Bowen Queen*, and *Queen of the Islands*. In later years he was skipper of the *Vesuvius Queen*.

Engineer George Croft came to the Gulf Islands Ferry Company in

1956. He served on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run, then went to the Long Harbour run and back again to the Fulford-Swartz Bay run where he was Senior Chief until his retirement.

JOINED IN 1968

Oiler Ted Gear joined B.C. Ferries in 1968 and worked on the *Salt Spring Queen*, *Pender Queen*, *Bowen Queen* and *Queen of the Islands* on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run.

Capt. "Scotty" Ryles was master of ceremonies and recounted several amusing incidents which took place during the working years of these three crew members.

He then turned the party over to engineer Bob Hale who presented each with a retirement gift. It was a pleasant evening renewing acquaintances with old shy buddies and swapping stories. We wish them all many happy years of retirement.

Duplicate bridge

Canadian Legion Duplicate Bridge Club winners on March 20 were: first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; second, Helen Shandro, Audrey Allan; third, Alf and Vera Nichols; fourth, Mayme Iverson, Shirley Love; fifth, Irene Haworth, Dorothy Sneddon.

Impaired, resisting arrest charges dismissed by court

Ross Van Winckel has been acquitted on charges of impaired driving and resisting a peace officer in the execution of his duties.

The charges against Van Winckel, of Ganges, were dismissed by Judge L. Heard in provincial court last Wednesday following a lengthy trial.

Van Winckel was charged on January 13 after he was stopped on the driveway of his property by RCMP Const. Darryl Simmonds and auxiliary constable Nigel Desbottes.

Both Simmonds and Desbottes told the court that the emergency light on their marked police car was turned on for some distance along Fulford-Ganges Road early on the morning of January 13 when they spotted Van Winckel's 1949 pickup with a tail light that wasn't operational. When Van Winckel failed to pull over, the constable said, he turned on the police car's siren and followed the Van Winckel vehicle up the driveway to the home of the accused.

PUSHED PAST

Simmonds said Van Winckel pushed past him into his house even though the constable advised him twice that he was under arrest. Under cross examination by defence counsel Nick Lott, Simmonds said he was arresting the accused for investigation of impaired driving.

Simmonds said a scuffle involving himself, Desbottes and the accused ensued on the floor inside the house. Van Winckel continued to struggle, the constable said, after he was handcuffed and until the two policemen managed to force him into the police car. After that the accused settled down and was co-operative for the rest of the evening, Simmonds said.

The accused was taken to the Ganges police detachment for a breathalyzer test. Readings of 0.11 and 0.10 were obtained.

Van Winckel told the court that he had spent the evening having a few drinks with friends and headed home at about 3 am the next morning.

WASN'T IMPAIRED

"In my opinion I wasn't impaired when I left to drive home," Van Winckel told the court. "I felt quite clear-headed. I felt fine."

Van Winckel said that he didn't notice the flashing light of the police car as it pursued him along Fulford-Ganges Road, and blamed a noisy muffler for his not hearing the siren as he drove up the driveway. He did say, however, that by the time he parked his truck he had "a fair idea that there was a police car behind because I became aware of the red light when I was going up the driveway".

The accused said he didn't recall hearing anything being said to him as he pushed past a person on his way into his house and that he resisted when Simmonds grabbed him from behind "because I had no idea what I was being handcuffed for". Van Winckel said he first realized that he was scuffling with police when he noted an RCMP uniform during the tussle in the dining room of his home.

During his final submission, Lott pointed out that there was no evidence to the effect that the speech of the accused was slurred, and added that sobriety tests had

been conducted soon after the scuffle at Van Winckel's home, during which he was choked at least twice and struck on the head with a flashlight.

NO GROUNDS

"It's obvious that this was a very physical confrontation, and I would submit that it's not inconceivable at all that my client would wobble during tests conducted 15 minutes after such a struggle," Lott said.

Lott also contended that Simmonds had no reasonable grounds for arresting Van Winckel.

Crown counsel R. Law pointed out, however, that the accused had admitted that at some point he had realized there was a police car following him and that "he wanted to get into his house as fast as he could". He went on to suggest that "on the whole, you may find the evidence of the accused to be untrustworthy".

Heard dismissed both charges, saying he found that there was discrepancy in the testimony regarding Van Winckel's performance during the sobriety tests and adding that he agreed with Lott that the struggle prior to the tests could have caused some of the physical symptoms described by Simmonds and Desbottes.

Heard added that although he found it hard to believe that the accused didn't know there were police officers behind him, he was dismissing the charge of resisting arrest on the grounds that Simmonds was not within the lawful execution of his duty in arresting Van Winckel in the first place.

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West Coast Consort draws large audience

BY GELI JOHNSTON

The day was beautiful and the music sweet when flutist Don Laird and cellist Harriet Vanduesen of West Coast Consort played and demonstrated their instruments before an audience of some 60 children and 30 adults at North Pender school last Friday.

The program began with a duet in three movements by Beethoven. Originally written for clarinet and bassoon, the piece was re-written by Beethoven himself for violin and cello. More recently, Don and Harriet adapted it for their instruments.

The second piece, variations on a theme of Greensleeves, was originally written for guitar and recorder by Dolmetsch. This was followed by a Mozart rondo, originally a duet for two cellos.

The second part of the program consisted of explanations and demonstrations of the evolution and capabilities of the flute and cello. A form of primitive flute, Don said, had been found with prehistoric percussion instruments in cave dwellings. With a set of bamboo pipes, he showed that early flutes were "end-blown", the side-blown instrument evolving later. Don chose *Echos*, written in 1705 by

Jacques Hotteterre, as a solo demonstration piece.

DEMONSTRATED RANGE

The children were thoroughly amused as Harriet demonstrated the range and techniques available on her 180-year-old Dutch cello. They particularly enjoyed the "sliding" which is possible on an unfretted fingerboard.

Resuming ensemble playing, Don and Harriet concluded the performance with three "fun" pieces with something of an international flavour: the first *La Paloma*, then *Orienteale*, and, to close, Schubert's *Ave Maria*.

Both children and adults took part in the question period. Don and Harriet found themselves explaining how the flute makes its sound (like a pop bottle when you blow across it), the relationship between the size of the holes in the cello soundbox and the sound produced (trial and error have determined the size and shape of the holes and they just work that way), how a cello is made and of what woods (by carving and gluing, spruce top, ebony fingerboard and everything else maple) and why the cello end pin stands in a small, black cup (to protect the pristine gym floor).

Although most of the music chosen for this concert was from the Baroque period, Don does quite a bit of composition and other performances include as much of his music as of any other. New music as a whole, however, is too "far out" for most people's taste and, according to Don, today's audiences prefer traditional styles.

What is in store for West Coast Consort? Certainly both they and their Pender audiences hope for a return engagement; perhaps an evening performance. Meanwhile, they are looking into the possibility of a province-wide tour in the fall.

Schools to walk in race

Three Salt Spring Island schools are planning a big part in the Lions Walkathon on April 14. Salt Spring and Fernwood Elementary Schools and Gulf Islands Secondary School will compete with each other in the number of students participating in the Walkathon.

The Salt Spring Island Lions Club will allocate 10% of the funds raised to the schools.

School with the highest number of walkers, in proportion to total enrolment, will get the lion's share, with the runners-up also sharing the 10%.

Slogan for the Walkathon this year is "Take a Rock for a Walk to Fulford". The Lions have a further project in connection with the invitation to carry a rock on the trek south. It has not yet been revealed by Bruce Fiander, who dreamed it up.

Bio-processing zone introduced

New bio-processing zoning is planned for Salt Spring Island.

When a proposal from Phoenix Orchards for the provision of apple juice processing equipment was put forth, some Fulford neighbours were less than enthusiastic.

On Wednesday afternoon last week the Islands Trust examined the use of land for such purposes. Trustees suggested that the

processing of farm produce was part of the operation of a farm.

"We are seeking to encourage the production of food in the islands," commented Bud Kreissl.

Every farm is a commercial enterprise, he added.

NOT FROM OTHERS

Phoenix discovered that the farm category does not permit the processing of produce from other farms. A farm can only process the

produce of its own land.

Processing would require an industrial zone and "no way could you get that on Salt Spring Island".

Under the new proposal a bio-processing zone would be restricted to the processing of island-grown produce. It could be used for no other purpose.

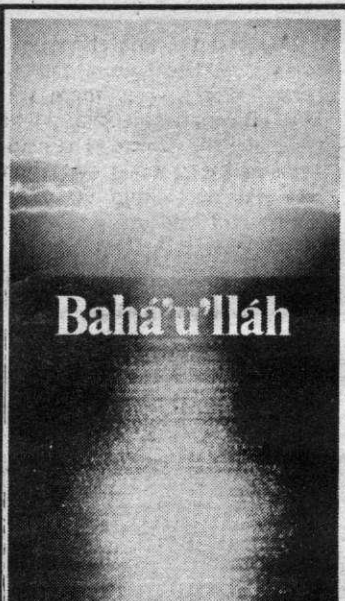
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'EXCESSIVE PROFITEERING MUST STOP'

There is need for watchdog with teeth

BY T.C. DOUGLAS

That the Canadian housewife is being ripped off every time she goes shopping is now beyond dispute. Last year the cost of food went up by 21 per cent and this year there are already indications that this trend will continue and even be accelerated. The government has sought to justify this state of affairs by claiming that the increased price of food is due to rising prices at the farm gate. But this is only partly true.

Farm prices have risen, and they needed to do so because they were too low to keep the farmers in business, but they do not account for all the escalation in food prices.

The fact is that the food processing monopolies and the supermarkets have used any increase in farm prices to boost their mark-up to the consumer. A few examples should be sufficient to demonstrate this fact.

In February of this year compared to the same month last year, the retail price of grade A turkey went up by 36 per cent but the price to the farmer went up by only 12.5 per cent. The retail price of chicken during the same period went up by 71 per cent while at the farm gate the increase was only 15 per cent. In June 1978 the price of

bacon rose 22 per cent, the price of roast pork went up 34 per cent, and the price of sausage rose by a staggering 75 per cent. But the hog price received by the farmers rose by only 5.8 per cent.

REPORT HAS ANSWER

Surely one is entitled to ask who got this expanded spread between what the farmer received at the farm gate and what the housewife paid in the supermarket. The answer is to be found in the Anti-Inflation Board report which shows that in the last quarter of 1978 compared with 1977, food store profits went up by nearly 38 per cent even though their sales rose by only 17.4 per cent. It is crystal clear that the food processing and marketing chains have used any rise in farm prices as an excuse to enrich themselves at the expense of the consumers of this country.

They have gone even further and used the inexcusable action of the Trudeau government in eliminating certain food subsidies to further enhance their profit margins. When the government removed the subsidy on flour, the price of a five-pound bag of Five Roses Flour rose by 44 cents despite the fact that the subsidy was only 22 cents. Thus a loaf of

bread cost eight to 10 cents more even though the lost subsidy was only three to four cents per loaf.

In the same manner, when the federal government cancelled its subsidy on skim milk powder, the actual price rose by 38 cents a pound but the retail price was boosted by 45 cents a pound. Who got the other seven cents per pound? And who got all the other windfall profits resulting from the unwarranted mark-ups which have unjustifiably driven up consumer prices? One has only to look at the 38 per cent increase in food company profits as reported by the A.I.B. to find the answer.

RUNNING OUT OF CULPRITS

For several years the Government has been trying to put the blame on the workers and farmers, but now they are beginning to run out of culprits. At first they blamed the worker by claiming that rising wages were escalating the cost of living. That myth has now been laid to rest. Last year the cost of living rose by over nine per cent but the average wage or salary went up by only 6.4 per cent. This means that the average salary earner suffered a net loss of \$340 in real wages during 1978.

The steel industry is a striking example of who it is that has been gouging the consumer. The steel workers recently settled for a wage increase of between six and seven per cent. But the steel industry profits rose from \$196 million in 1977 to \$286 million in 1978. Now the steel industry is asking for further price increases ranging from 12 to 15 per cent. It is not difficult to see who is the real culprit behind these unwarranted price increases.

Any attempt to blame the farmer for improved farm prices can also be disproven by looking at what has happened to the farmers' cost of production. A 100 horsepower tractor now costs \$28,000; up 16 per cent in one year. In one year a combine has gone up in price from \$32,000 to over \$41,000; and at a time when wages were held down to an annual increase of just over six per cent.

THE REAL CULPRIT

The time has come to tackle the real culprit, but that the government refuses to do. Last year the corporate sector had after-tax profits which were up 26 per cent over 1977 and for the first two months of this year the increase is even greater. A growing concentration of wealth in the hands of an economic oligarchy is taking an undue share of Canada's wealth production. This excessive profiteering must stop; if it doesn't inflation will continue to flourish with drastic consequences for all Canadians and particularly for those on fixed incomes.

In the past eight years the Trudeau government has set up no less than five agencies to cope with inflation but all have failed miserably. The reason for their failure is quite apparent; they have been unable or unwilling to apprehend the real culprits. That is why, on February 27, NDP Leader Ed Broadbent, introduced a motion in the House of Commons for the setting up of a Fair Prices Commission with power, not only to seek out instances of price gouging, but also to roll prices back wherever they found them to be unjustified.

One might have expected that at least the Conservative party, which professes to be concerned about the rising cost of living, would have welcomed and supported the idea of a Fair Prices Commission. But no, they joined with the Liberals in voting down the proposal by a vote of 200 to 16. There ought to be a lesson here for consumers generally and for housewives in particular.

Rising prices will not be stopped by more commissions set up to do more studies; price gouging will come to an end only when some government has the courage to set up an agency to police pricing practices and to crack down on corporate profiteering at the expense of the consumer. What the latter needs is a watchdog with teeth; what the Trudeau government has given us instead is a dog that doesn't even bark.

Riding Club elects new executive

Contributed

The Salt Spring Island Riding Club held its annual general meeting on Thursday, March 15, at which time films were shown and elections were held.

The results of the election for the executive are as follows: president, Mimi Gossett; vice-president, Walter Luth; secretary, Jo Ann Smith; treasurer, Kathy King; educational advisor, Anne Caldwell; event co-ordinator, Christine Fleming; publicity, Eileen Larsen.

The Riding Club has a very productive year planned for those of us who love horses and riding. For the English enthusiast, Heather Woods will be conducting numerous two-day clinics all season long commencing May 12 and 13.

Western riders are also welcome to join these clinics. There will be trail rides organized throughout the summer ending with a Competitive Ride at the end of September. A newsletter is forthcoming with dates and events.

We, as a group, would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who is interested in joining the club. Please call 537-2950 for information and ask for Anne.

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Final report on Salt Spring foreshore pollution survey

Final report on a survey undertaken by the Environmental Protection Service (EPS) on the waters and tidal foreshore of Salt Spring Island says that there are numerous areas that do not meet acceptable water quality standards.

The sanitary and bacteriological survey was carried out during July and August of 1977 to evaluate shellfish growing water quality in the area. Further tests were carried out in February, 1978.

Preliminary report on the survey was given in a report that appeared in *Driftwood* a year ago. The same report carried announcements of shellfish harvesting closures that were made as a result of the tests.

During both the summer and winter testing periods, 1,017 marine and 63 freshwater samples were analyzed for fecal coliform levels. Of the 146 marine stations sampled, 25 didn't meet shellfish growing water standards.

However, the bacteriological water quality of most of the shellfish growing areas around the island was good, says the report.

Following are the exceptions. HEALTH HAZARDS

"The waters and tidal foreshore of Walter Bay were contaminated to such an extent that consumption of bivalve molluscan shellfish from this area may pose a health hazard," the report says.

Runoff containing animal fecal material was given as a probable source of the contamination.

The report advises against harvesting shellfish from the head of Ganges Harbour as well. Fecal coliform levels were high in the vicinity of the boat basin, at the head of the harbour and northwest of Walter Bay.

Water in the vicinity of the east side of Beddis Spit, however, met the water quality standard. The report notes that there is a sizable geoduck resource there.

Water quality was good in Long Harbour, including areas which were closed to harvesting. The report warns, though, that some contamination could be expected during the summer from boats tied up at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club's marina.

There was also some danger of contamination from ferries discharging sewage while at the terminal. A dye test was conducted on the *Queen of Tsawwassen* while it was loading; results showed a direct discharge from washroom facilities into the sea.

With one exception, the tests carried out at Walker Hook met water quality standards. However, one of the days on which tests were made saw high fecal coliform levels being found at most of the testing stations in the area. The high levels did not recur, the report says, and the source was not identified.

OUTFALL BROKEN

A station located directly over the outfall of the Malaview Estates treatment plant failed to meet the shellfish growing water standard. A dye test showed that effluent was being discharged 190 feet from the shoreline into one or two metres of water at low tide. It was found that the outfall pipe was broken at that point.

A short monitoring program carried out by EPS personnel in February found that the Malaview treatment plant was meeting the requirements of the Pollution Control Branch permit.

However, says the report, the

fecal count in the final effluent was slightly higher than the count in the untreated sewage, which indicates that the plant is not effective in reducing bacterial numbers.

The February survey also found that the broken outfall had been repaired and there was no evidence of contamination nearby.

Three suspect pollution sources were identified along the coastline between Southey Point and Parminter Point. One was a home where there was evidence of septic seepage; second was a house with a seepage pit near a dry stream bed in Stonecutter's Bay; and third was in a small cove north of Parminter Point where there was a septic tank and outfall serving a mobile home.

BELOW STANDARD

In the Duck Bay, Dock Point area, three stations tested showed water quality that did not meet the growing standard. The report lists two possible sources: discharges from boats moored in the area and a stream at the head of the bay where septic sludge was found. In the summer testing, the stream was found to have a high fecal coliform level, though in February, Tests showed no significant levels of fecal coliforms.

Two major sources of pollution in Vesuvius Bay were identified following the discovery that three stations exceeded the water quality standard.

Direct sewage discharges may occur from the ferry while at the terminal, the report says. The Vesuvius Queen, however, has holding tanks and "should not pose a pollution threat provided good housekeeping is practised".

DIRECT DISCHARGE

A direct septic tank discharge into the bay was found by the EPS but the report notes that the system was in operation before the Sewage Disposal Regulations went into effect, and therefore no permit is required for the discharge.

Those pollution sources had no adverse effects on the southwestern shoreline of the bay, the report adds.

EPS personnel were unable to find the source of some contamination in the Booth Canal area, where three stations exceeded the water standard. Water quality around the mouth of the canal was good, however, in both summer and winter tests.

Bacterial levels near Erskine Point were high but not in excess of the growing water standard.

At Burgoyne Bay, four stations were established to test the water in the vicinity of the oyster lease there and all four stations exceeded the growing water standard.

Following the test of streams that run into the bay, it was decided that boats anchoring in the area were probably the main source of contamination.

A small spring-fed stream on the south side of Fulford Harbour had a high fecal coliform count and the source was suspected to be sewage disposal facilities on property the stream crosses.

Fulford Creek is blamed in part for contamination at the head of the harbour although the source of the creek's contamination was not determined.

BROKEN PIPE

The EPS suggests there may be a broken pipeline in the treatment plant at the ferry terminal because a dye test showed a discharge at high tide level. The plant is reported to have a septic field, not an outfall.

Scum on the shore near the Department of Environment wharf was found to have a high fecal coliform level, as did water samples in the vicinity of the floats.

Water quality at stations in the area was acceptable but the report warns of possible sources of contamination in the area. Two houses were found to be discharging raw sewage into the sea and another house had a septic tank-outfall system.

Acceptable water quality was found at all the stations from Beaver Point to Batt Rock, although an outfall pipe was found broken at one residence, and a direct discharge to the sea was occurring.

More surveys were carried out last year in the Outer Islands and results of those tests will be published when they are available.

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NOTICE OF MEETING Galiano Island

There will be a meeting of the Galiano Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Galiano Island at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on April 3, 1979, in the Community Hall, Galiano Island.

M. Lee
Administrative Officer

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ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

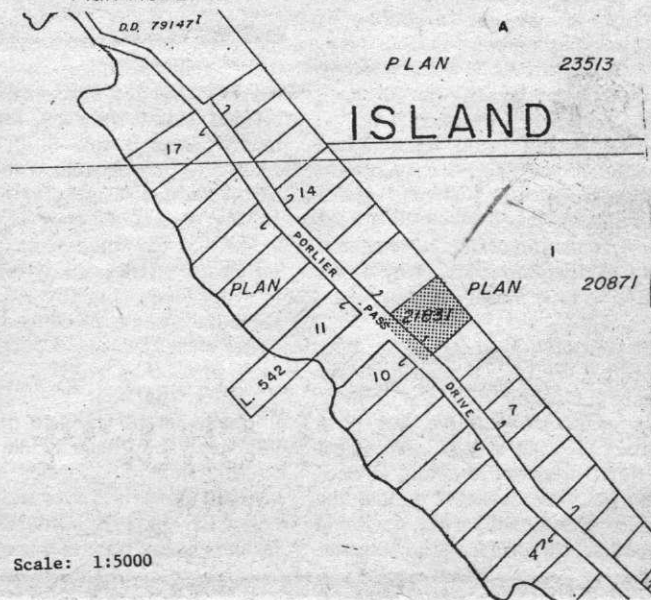
NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-laws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held at the Community Hall, Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, on TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1979, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

- (a) Proposed Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 10 (being Zoning By-law, Amendment By-law No. 1, 1979), is a by-law to amend Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5, 1978.

Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5, cited as "Zoning By-law, Galiano Island and Area, 1978" is amended as follows: By changing the Zoning Classification of that part of Lot 10, Plan 21831, Lot 83, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, as shown on Plan No. 1 attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, from the Rural Residential Zone to the Commercial 2 Zone.

Applicant: Gillian and Kenneth Allen
Location: Porlier Pass Road, Galiano Island, B.C.

Plan No. 1

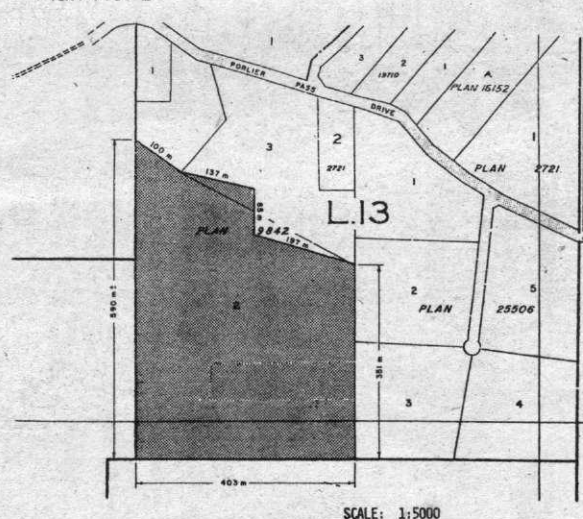


- (b) Proposed Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 11 (being Zoning By-law, Amendment By-law No. 2, 1979), is a By-law to amend Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5, 1978.

Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5, cited as "Zoning By-law, Galiano Island and Area, 1978", is amended as follows: By changing the Zoning classification of those parts of Lots 2 and 3, plan 9842, Lot 13, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, as shown on Plan No. 1 attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, from the Rural 2 Zone to the Rural 3 Zone.

Applicant: Stephen L. Pattison
Location: Near the intersection of Porlier Pass Road and Galiano Way, Galiano Island, B.C.

Plan No. 1



Copies of the proposed By-laws may be reviewed at the Post Office, Galiano Island during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday inclusive.

The proposed By-laws may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C. during normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

M. Lee
Administrative Officer

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Concentration of economic power

Who profits? Who pays?

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

The owner or manager of every grocery store on the island was invited to come and share their expertise with the World Development Committee last week. One wrote and one phoned an apology. None sent a representative. The following list of questions was compiled, and we would very much appreciate some answers:

Q. Have people's buying habits changed in the past few years? In what way?

Q. May we know the country of origin of all fruit and vegetables?

Q. How much space is reserved for local produce?

Q. How much space is reserved for goods produced in Canada (as opposed to "packed for Canada")?

Q. Do you sell shelf space?

Q. Can you obtain "No Name" goods at present available in Super-Valu stores?

Q. Do you have a co-operative advertising arrangement with wholesalers or manufacturers?

Q. If you could reserve one section of your store for completely sugar-free goods, how much space would they take?

Q. Can you obtain Noca cheese at a competitive price? Why do we have so little variety of cheese?

We saw a slide show Who Profits? Who Pays? with its tragic story of farming decline in Canada. As early as 1830 we began to produce cash crops for Great Britain! It's very tempting to trace the parallels between us and the Third World, with tariffs, declining markets, imports for local consum-

ers because of exports of cash crops, all these factors putting Canada in the same relative position as much poorer countries. But we are not the Third World, and we lack much of their awareness.

INCREASED PROBLEMS

Between 1941 and 1971 we lost half our farms. Mechanization, supposed to increase yield and profit, has increased problems. Between 1949 and 1967, the price of farm produce rose three percent in Western Canada, while farm machinery rose 85 percent. Multinationals make most of the mach-

cwt. from the Ontario Milk Marketing Board. Kraft, the biggest buyer, got the increase reduced to 35 cents a cwt. Then the dairy industry raised the retail price of milk by \$1.50 a cwt. This brought Dominion Dairies, a Kraft subsidiary, a profit of \$1.15 a cwt., while the farmer was blamed for the increase.

CONCENTRATION OF POWER

As far back as 1935, the Royal Commission on price spreads noted:

"On closer study it became clear that many of the grievances complained of, and the problems discussed, were manifestations of one fundamental and far-reaching social change, the concentration of economic power."

In 1974 Loblaw's increased the price of bread. They were "just passing on increased costs from the supplier". The supplier was Weston, which controls Loblaw's. Weston said prices increased because of increased cost of milk and sugar, supplied by Donlands, Royal Dairy and West Cane Sugar. All owned by Weston. Further, they said, the price of flour had gone up, from Weston's own mills. The blame was then spread to the "higher distribution costs" incurred by National Grocers and York Trading, both part of the Weston empire.

And all this while the ordinary workers are receiving much lower wages than, for instance, those in industry, and while the farmers, the growers of the raw product are receiving the very shortest end of the stick, from consumers and conglomerates alike.

STILL UNAWARE

We are still largely unaware of the ramifications of vertical integration, where the same conglomerate owns every step in the process, from field to retail outlet. In New Brunswick they are waking up to the process. Unfortunately, it's too late for many of the potato farmers who have lost their farms and their livelihood to McCain's family of processed foods. Potato farmers have left their farms at the rate of two every day in search of other jobs. And McCains spread over the land like a blight, with spores reaching all the way to the West Coast, with frozen pizzas, frozen french-fried potatoes, and all kinds of other nutritious delicacies to tempt our palates and our purses!

We talked about action and decided on two courses: to abstain from buying out-of-season produce, and to boycott one or two items each month. During the month of April, therefore, we will not buy any frozen desserts or potato chips. We ask all who are concerned about the quality of our food to join us in these actions.

Historical Association meeting

A meeting of the Gulf Islands branch of the B.C. Historical Association will be held at Saturna Island on Sunday at 1.30 pm at the Community Hall. Visitors are welcome to attend.

More Food for Thought

inery, feed, fertilizer and pesticides. In January 1973 concentrated feed sold for \$88 a ton. Just nine months later it cost \$120 a ton. Most nitrogen-phosphate fertilizer costs doubled between 1973 and 1975.

In 1951 food processors, wholesalers and retailers got 40 cents out of every food dollar. By 1971 their share had risen to 65 cents. In 1973 Canada Packers made 36 percent more profit than in 1972!

Marketing boards were introduced to try to stabilize the food industry. They have much power over the individual farmer, but are virtually powerless over the multinationals. In 1972 Ontario dairy farmers won a raise of 57 cents per

Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

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The days for the Annual Art Show sponsored by the Paint and Sketch club has been set here for Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15 at the Agricultural Hall. More details later.

On Monday, April 2 the Silver Maynes will meet at 6.00 pm for a pot luck supper. Guest speaker will be Dr. Ralph Chatwin. Members are asked to bring an item of food. Meeting will be held at the Agricultural Hall.

Visiting their summer home at Oyster Bay have been Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wyness of Vancouver.

The regular meeting of the W.A. of St. Mary Magdalene Church was held at the rectory, Monday March 12. The new slate of officers elected at the last meeting are: president, Jean Beaumont; secretary, Edona Medcalf; vice-president, Nancy Sutton; treasurer, Jessie Craig. Installation of fans in the church has been successful in distributing the heat. Plans are being made to have the church painted and people's warden, Bill Sawyer, is in charge of acquiring estimates. Plans for the Annual Bazaar were made and ideas for suitable items were discussed. It will be held Saturday, November 17.

Sorry to hear Pearl Brau was unfortunate enough to break her leg recently. We wish her a speedy recovery. She reports that they are enjoying life in the Okanagan but miss Mayne Island.

Welcome to the island to Walter and Betty Fudge, who are new property owners on Minty Drive. They are from South Burnaby.

Rev. John Dyer will be in charge of services at St. Mary Magdalene church on Palm Sunday, April 8, and Easter Sunday, April 15, at 11:30 am. Also, first Sunday in May instead of second Sunday, Lay services will be held on alternate Sundays.

On Sunday, April 15 the Annual Easter Sunrise service will be held at 7.00 am at Mt. Parke (Flag Hill) access is off Village Bay Road. For further information contact Rev.

John Rodine or Bill Sawyer. Church service will be held at the School Activity Room at 3.00 pm.

Visiting Jerry and Jean Beaumont, Georgina Shoals, has been Jean's mother, Mrs. Beth Brandrith of Delta and a cousin, Annie Henry of Selkirk, Manitoba. Jerry and Jean were saddened by the death of a cousin, Gordon Brandrith, who was killed in a plane crash recently. They attended the funeral at Nehalem, Oregon. Mrs. Brandrith is recovering after eye surgery and is adjusting very well.

Visiting the island by boat from Vancouver were Ken and Doreen Hughes, who were married in St. Mary Magdalene church last year. Doreen is recovering after major surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery.

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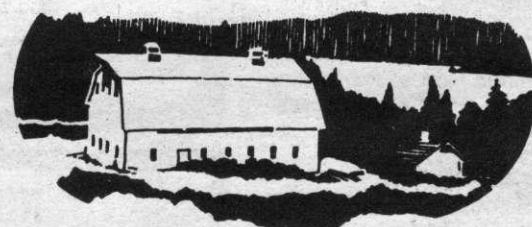
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Ivan Mouat is chairman. Here he is seen carrying a chair into the lounge of Greenwoods at Ganges.

On Saturday and Sunday the Salt Spring Island Lions Club and helpers spent two days bringing in furniture and equipment and distributing it to the rooms.

Volunteers washed dishes and prepared the new intermediate and personal care centre for use. In charge of the project was the hospital board.

On Monday members of the Auxiliary to Lady Minto Hospital were entertained by the hospital board in Greenwoods. The volunteers also enjoyed a guided tour of the establishment. In the lower picture Steve Wawryk strides in with the best part of a table under his arm.



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BY CEDRIC J. BARKER

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Since there is no reliable cure for this malady, prevention is your only alternative.

A heavy plastic bag with no ventilation holes, closed with a twist-tie fastener is good insurance. Bag each lens and camera in order to transport in rain, snow and dust storms, when travelling in small boats, while hiking and wherever there is a likelihood of condensation occurring on your equipment.

If your photo gear is allowed to get cold outside, bringing it into a warm moist house will cause condensation to occur, even inside the camera and the lens. Bag the equipment before you take it inside.

SAND CHIEF ENEMY

A second bag may be prepared to allow photography in the rain or at the beach where sand is your chief enemy.

Cut a hole in the bottom of your bag to accommodate your lens. Do this by putting the camera in the bag, then draw the plastic tight over the end of the lens. With a threaded lens accessory such as a lens hood, attempt to thread the accessory on to the lens inside the bag. This will mark the bag's surface so that you can accurately cut a circle with a razor blade. Now the front of the lens is brought up to the new hole. A lens hood or other accessory, such as a skylight or ultraviolet filter, may be threaded on to the lens so as to trap the edge of the hole. If this is difficult, use scotch tape to fasten the mouth of the bag's new hole to the accessory.

As for the main opening of the bag, you may leave it open to protect your face in the event of blowing rain or dust. Alternately, you may provide additional protection to the camera by sealing the bag closed and cutting a hole just large enough to use the viewfinder.

MINIMIZE OXIDATION

A third use for a heavy plastic bag would be to minimize oxidation in the event that your camera falls into water.

Some camera repair shops suggest the following:

After your camera has been retrieved from the water, remove the film normally, then rinse the camera with lens in place in fresh water. Bag the camera and fill the bag with fresh water. Take the camera to a good repair shop immediately.

If your camera is one of the new electronic models, the chances are that your repair bill will be \$200 or more. Even with immediate treatment the camera may show rust or develop electrical problems within a few months.

Companies such as Cannon Optics may offer you a replacement camera at a discount because rebuilding an electronic computer such as the Cannon A-1 or AE-1 would be both unsuccessful as well as expensive.

Older cameras of the mechanic-

al type may be successfully repaired even after several days of use following their wetting. I have heard several tales of photographers who, due to the necessity of completing an assignment, dried their wet cameras in an oven.

FROZE UP

In my own case, I found that my mechanical rangefinder 35mm had spent several hours submerged. I used it for a week but on my return home, found that it had frozen up. Over the next year, it required three overhauls, the total bill amounting to twice what the replacement would have cost.

However, on the positive side, it is giving me such good service now, six years later, that I subsequently refused to sell it at twice the original purchase price although it is now 15 years old.

I must warn you of two dangers that plastic bags present:

A child may attempt to emulate your "photography with camera in a bag" trick, but with tragic results.

Second, some bags decompose in time, so limit the storage of your equipment in bags unless you are in the tropics where protection from fungus is more important.

Consideration of log lease is held over

Proliferation of logging on Salt Spring Island brought close attention to the application before the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee last week for a log storage lease in Burgoyne Bay.

Application had been passed on to the Trust Committee by the Lands Branch.

It was noted that the area in question is six acres of water. The applicant, Texada Logging Company, owns the upland property.

Ray Simard spoke for both the applicants and the South Salt

Spring Residents' Association. The applicants hold an oyster lease in the same area. Were the two uses compatible, inquired John Gaines. Simard thought they were.

Simard explained that the Residents' Association saw the application as a welcome alternative to the establishment of a dump in Fulford Harbour.

Trust directed that the Lands Branch be informed that it would carry out further investigation of other looming applications before making a recommendation.

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Recreation Commission re-appointed Mrs. D. Deacon, chairman, and B. Lucas, secretary-treasurer at their directors meeting held Monday evening. Other committee members are Mrs. A.M. Brown, I. Ginn and L. Brown.

The Committee received a ruling from Mr. J.H. Patton, Director of Community Programs Branch, Dep't. of Recreation that the decisions of the recent public meeting are invalidated by the voting age of those participating.

The question of separate commissions for Fulford and North Island will be further considered at a future public meeting. Qualifications for voters will be announced at that time.

The cougar which was sighted on Mt. Tuam seems to have vanished from sight, though it is thought that it is still prowling the hills. Any one seeing any fresh kill (deer or sheep, etc.) would be wise to report it to Bob Akerman or one of the members of the Rod and Gun Club. Jimmy Dewar, the chief predator hunter from the government, was up last week with his dogs and found no further signs of the wild cat.

Two of our major monopolies are busy raising prices.

The Post Office, bless 'em, do their damage gently. A few months ago cost of money orders, special deliveries and registered mail was increased. Now since we have more or less absorbed the shock of paying more on these items, we find that April first a 2c stamp will become almost obsolete. We then must pay 3c for all our former 2c mail. It's even rumoured that before long we won't be able to send a letter through our own post office for 4c. It will cost 5c. Is the next step an increase to six or seven cents for outside mail?

TEN YEARS AGO

Marine facilities are woefully lacking on Salt Spring Island, island Chamber of Commerce was told last week.

Boats will double in this area within the next five years, stated Reg Taylor, proprietor of Scott Point Marina.

Mr. Taylor made his comment when the chamber was debating the need at Ganges for new floats for the government wharf in the boat basin.

Government will be asked for two new floats. Chamber is also seeking the provision of power and water to the floats.

Health regulations are a problem in hospital planning.

Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital is working on a solution to the sewage disposal problem.

The hospital has already gained regional approval of its extension wing. The number of beds envisaged has been reduced, but the green light is flashing.

In the meantime the hospital faces a problem of

disposing of sewage. Greater Victoria Metropolitan Board of Health has been concerned in the past with the disposal system serving the existing hospital.

Dr. J.L.M. Whitbread, medical officer, has ruled that an extension must not be permitted to contravene the increasingly stringent regulations governing sewage disposal.

Gulf Islands School District is the onliest.

It is the only school district in British Columbia with a total student enrollment of under 700 to offer a dormitory, bus service, kindergarten and school of adult education.

Statistics of provincial school districts show the islands district in front place for its variety of services.

There will be no special ferry services to permit a daily high school attendance from the outer islands.

Last week trustees of Gulf Islands School District agreed that it was not the function of the B.C. Ferries to meet the demands of a commuter service.

Trustees declined to call on the ferry authority to introduce a service whereby Pender Island students could leave for school in the morning and return in the evening.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Outer Islands parents have asked the Gulf Islands School District for a three-room middle school to accommodate grades 7, 8 and 9 at Mayne Island. The new school would take junior high school students from three Outer Islands and obviate their travelling to Ganges and boarding on Salt Spring Island.

The three islands asking for the provision are Galiano, Mayne and Saturna. Parents on Pender Island have not associated themselves with the request.

On Friday, April 5 Salt Spring Elementary School will be having its open house and official opening of the Activity Room. All citizens and parents of school students are invited to attend and to tour the new elementary classrooms from 1.15 pm until 1.45 pm.

Extension of Montague Harbour Park for campers and hikers is to be thoroughly examined by the residents of that island.

On April 6 there will be an open meeting in Galiano Hall to consider the park expansion. All islanders have been invited to attend and offer an opinion.

Island parks have been under fire for a number of years as a result of youthful holiday-makers taking over campsites during holiday weekends.

The Dutch Beauty Salon has new proprietors. Taking over the salon from Nellie Schwagly and the late Frank Schwagly are Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Barnes.

Mrs. Barnes is from Langley and trained at Molnar's in New Westminster.

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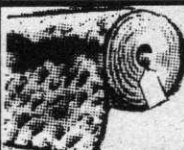


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