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Commission calls for scattered development areas

Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission has approved, for a second time, the establishment of 60 residential units on Rainbow Road, in defiance of the terms of the Salt Spring Island community plan.

The commission has also given the green light to an extensive rewriting of the plan to provide for moving high-density residential development away from the Ganges core area.

No change can be made to the community plan without a public hearing and provincial approval.

On Thursday afternoon last week the commission endorsed the plan of Stacey Pacific Sales Ltd. and Mike Stacey to amend the subdivision bylaw in order to permit the construction of 60 residential units on Booth Bay.

The proposal had been heard earlier in the year by the commission and approval was given at that time. The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee had considered the application and had finally sent it

back to the commission for further consideration. The commission has no administrative powers. It can only make recommendations to the Islands Trust Committee.

The present resort on Rainbow Road would be replaced by residences for the retired, the commission was told. The water supply would be by wells and the operators would install their own sewerage system.

Second application, for the rezoning of a Ganges property for the same purpose was denied, but with apologies to the applicants.

Chairman Nick Gilbert recalled that the last time the commission considered the Rainbow Beach application it was approved, subject to a public hearing.

CHANGE NEEDED?

In the meantime, the chairman of the Islands Trust had submitted a report in which he questioned whether the project could be allowed without amending the community plan to make provision for the change in land use in that area. He was not in favour of such a change.

The plan provides for higher density areas in Ganges, Fulford and Vesuvius, where a sewer was installed. Further such developments may be considered in areas adjacent to those communities.

Is an area situated half-way between Ganges and Vesuvius adjacent to either? Question had been considered by the Trust committee and had been sent back to the commission for further study.

It was reasonable to assume that it was adjacent to Ganges, suggested Yvette Valcourt, of the Capital Regional Board, "because not everyone wants to live around the concentrated areas."

The plan was drawn at a time when it was assumed that sewers were the only way to go, agreed Mary Williamson.

"It now appears that sewers may not be installed."

CONTROL

Chairman Gilbert recalled that sewers were seen at that time as a means of controlling development. He noted that the Ganges plan refers to a maximum expansion in the Ganges area of 350 units.

"Nobody has defined where Ganges is," submitted Valcourt.

Bud Kreissl replied that not only is Ganges clearly defined, but

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Derelicts dazzle Byron's

These Derelicts proved to be pretty dazzling when they were victorious over Byron's Babes Sunday at Fulford and won the ladies' league weekend tournament. Members of Dagwood's Dazzling Derelicts are, in back row

from left, coach Ron Moger, Autumn White, Sage Moore, Jill Johnson, Pauline Beauvais, Heather Adshead, Jan Pawlowski, sponsor Chuck Beazley and Lee-Anne Gordon. Middle row: Jan

Hull, Maureen Horner, Shauneen Spence and Alice Richards. Front: Kim O'Neil, Ruth Smith and Sandy MacDonald. See story, pictures, Pages Sixteen, Seventeen.

Small lots

There are 410 lots around St. Mary Lake and less than 200 are occupied.

Summary was offered to the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission last week by local trustee Bud Kreissl, who doubles as trustee of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

These lots were made by subdivisions undertaken prior to 1969, he explained. Minimum lot size now permitted is 10 acres.

Where will they go?

Where do people want to retire when the house is too big and the garden is bigger?

Last week the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission wanted to know the answer. Is Ganges a logical location? Or is it not?

In an effort to find the answers for island planners, *Driftwood* is publishing a questionnaire and inviting senior citizens and others contemplating the problems of retirement to have their say.

The information gained from replies will be summarized. The names of individuals responding will not be used.

Deadline for return of the questionnaires will be midday on August 31.

Participation by islanders is urged

A Pender Island man is suggesting that B.C. residents, particularly those in the Gulf Islands, be given the opportunity to express their

feelings on the proposed Georgia Strait fixed-link crossing.

Cliff Harrison says that each of the Gulf Islands should set up a committee to compile ideas in an attempt to solve the problem of transportation across the strait and between the islands.

He also suggests that each island and area that would be affected by a bridge or tunnel would prepare a brief on the subject.

Harrison says he would like to see consideration given to greater use of the railcar ferries used by Canadian National and Canadian Pacific. Instead of building more vehicle and passenger ferries, railcar ferries would be built to carry large trucks and campers with round-the-clock service. The existing vessels in the ferry corporation fleet may then be able to handle smaller vehicles and passengers, he says.

NO FRILLS

The railcar ferries would have no frills such as promenades, sun decks or dining facilities, as a means of cutting costs.

The present service could also be improved, he feels, by implementing alternatives such as a cable ferry or small bridge between Saturna and Mayne Islands.

Saturna traffic would then be handled at Village Bay on Mayne "and eliminate the time-consuming, costly trip to Saturna by the *Mayne Queen*."

That would leave the *Mayne Queen* in a better position to serve the other islands which, he says,

are all growing traffic-wise.

Finally, Harrison says, more planning and thought given to better use of the ferries would result in a less costly operation and possibly show a profit.

And now, he adds, is an opportune time as "it seems that all levels of government are like drunken sailors eager to spend public money to satisfy their egoism and/or political causes."

Provision being abused

Provision in the Municipal Act, whereby land may be subdivided to accommodate near members of the family of the owner, has the planners scared.

"You could put 1,000 people on St. Mary Lake if you wanted to in five years," trustee Bud Kreissl warned the Advisory Planning Commission last week.

The provision is to allow an owner to accommodate his family on the same land. But there is nothing to stop the recipient from selling the parcel the day after it is subdivided.

The section is being used by individuals to subdivide property, said Kreissl.



Both lakes serve Ganges

Ganges gets it both ways. In past years Ganges has taken water from St. Mary Lake during summer peaks and the majority of consumers didn't even know it, according to Bud Kreissl at last week's meeting of the island's Advisory Planning Commission. Ganges is normally supplied from Lake Maxwell.

A lot of people call life "The Survival of the Fittest". You know, a lot of people are right.



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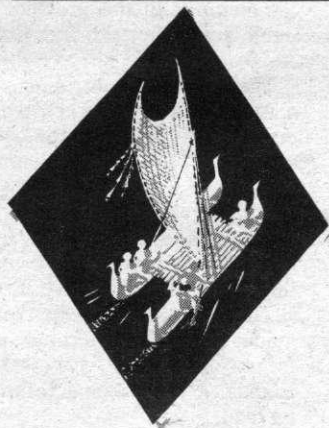
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To Be Frank by richards



They've grabbed the Yukon! Those Yanks have not only commandeered the Yukon Territory, but they've moved Dawson into Alaska, with the rest of the Yukon. The magazine *Popular Photography* is produced for camera buffs in the United States and comes across the line from the south. The July, 1980, issue of *Popular Photography* reports on the discovery of old film in Dawson. And this is how a prominent United States magazine describes an important part of the Canadian north:

Forget the gold rush. Now, film is being prospected in Alaska. At any rate in 1978, a work crew tearing up a Yukon hockey rink found 500 reels of nitrate film. The silent movies had been sleeping in that spot, according to the American Film Institute, for at least 50 years. Apparently, the thick layer of permafrost protected the otherwise unstable nitrate stock.

*This past March the AFI, in association with the Library of Congress and the National Film Archives of Canada, showed some of these recovered flicks. Attendees got to see *Wildfire* with Lillian Russell and Lionel Barrymore; *The Half Breed* with Douglas Fairbanks; and *Bliss* with Harold Lloyd.*

What strange kismet led those golden oldies to a Yukon hockey rink? It seems that Dawson was the end of the line for a film-distribution company. Letting the film stay in Alaska cost the company less than having the film mailed back to headquarters.

If it were any other magazine we might get a picture to show them the colour of the Yukon flag!

Only thing to be said in its favour is that if they are going to put the Yukon in the United States, maybe we can buy a camera at American prices!

Salmon catch is down this year by 200% reported Channel 6 news the other night. After an hour's grappling with the statement I gave up. All I could figure is that they meant it is rising slowly downwards.

It was a brisk December morning in 1939 when I flew in an Ensign. The Ensign was a four-engined passenger plane operated by Imperial Airways. Neither the plane nor the company was to be found for many years after the war. The pilots are still around, though. Ask John Liver at Galiano. He was one. I was on the ground at Wyton, outside Huntingdon, when the mighty plane flew over with the accompaniment of drums. The drumming was the steady explosion of a badly misfiring engine. The machine landed and spent about four days getting new engines before it could fly again. We all knew we were going. The barmaid in the Market Hotel at Huntingdon had told us. It was, of course, classified information, although that American inaccuracy hadn't entered the RAF vocabulary of slang at that time. But I don't remember the Ensign for the quick trip to France or the backfiring engines. I really remember it for the Market Hotel and the night the local police were doing a vehicle check out. I had no red lens in the tail light on my motorcycle. But there was a vase of red roses on the counter of the pub. So I grabbed a handful of petals, stuffed them in the cage of the lamp and rode back to the station, unchallenged. There was nothing wrong with my lights!

I was talking to a minister of the cloth. He was not of my own persuasion and when I revealed to him that I was more inclined towards Pope John than Canterbury, he didn't even flinch. But when I suggested, tangentially, that I was not at odds with the Trudeau regime, he nearly freaked out.

And thinking of politics, and who doesn't. A spy in the Tory ranks was telling me in strict confidence, the other day, that he has been told in confidence that the provincial government is planning a referendum at the same time as the provincial election in order to steer popular opinion away from provincial affairs and into national matters. It's not a bad idea. And I can see the wording, right now: "Are you in favour." It couldn't lose! It's the rest of what he told me that left me wondering. The success of such a referendum would force the Liberal government to the polls and let in the Tories. But what if Barrett won? Who would resign then? And if the referendum should be asking for separation, what Tories would get in?

It was quite startling to watch a random newspaper debate on Channel 13 the other night. I didn't see the start, but I did watch part of the Great Debate, starring Pierre Berton. And I did feel a little queasy about listening to Norman Depoe defending the press, while at my elbow lay a trade journal announcing his death at the age of 62. The remainder of the program made no mention of that quite important fact that the newsmen you are watching is no longer living. Which one do I believe, television or the printed word?

Is my pipe bothering anybody, asked Bud Kreissl at a Ganges meeting last week. One hand was full of matches and the other held his reluctant tobacco furnace. "It seems to be bothering you more than anybody else," suggested Bev Unger.

It's not so far back since earnest citizens of the islands were discussing centres for drop-outs. For a switch, the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission was proposing a drop-in centre in connection with the projected recreation centre in Ganges.

Everyone wanted to be like me when the Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission met last week. Nick Gilbert remarked afterwards that quite a few speakers told the commission they were being frank!

Art show draws large crowd

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

More than 500 people attended the Pender Islands Art Group exhibition and sale of paintings and crafts held at the school-community centre on August 2.

At 11 am, the opening hour, a good-sized crowd had gathered and during the first couple of hours the exhibit hall was crowded and sales were brisk.

Entries are restricted to past or present residents and non-resident property owners. The Pender Islands Art Group charge a 10% commission on all sales, which assists the club's operation during the year.

Sixteen artists displayed pictures

and there were five tables of various crafts.

Pictures varied in price from \$15 to \$400. There were 43 paintings sold.

Professor G. E. Glyde had on display one of his own paintings. Glyde retired to Pender Island a number of years ago and was the original teacher of the present Pender Islands club. He is a well-known Canadian artist. Prior to his retirement he taught at the University of Alberta and the Banff School of Fine Arts.

The new lay-out of the displays made it comfortable for the crowd to view the pictures and examine the crafts tables.

Several pictures were sold to people from as far away as Ontario and northern B.C.

There were three door prizes and a raffle of a painting done by John Kwak, president of the Art Group,

who studied painting in Holland before coming to Canada.

Besides paintings there were 300 hand-decorated cards and notes done by various painters.

The crafts were varied: plaques made of baked dough, treated with acrylic and painted and decorated with moss and wild flowers were interesting as everything used is natural.

Christmas crocheted snowflakes for the tree sold like wildfire. Crocheted wool jewellery boxes were something new and the pottery and ceramics were very popular with buyers. Local home-spun wool made into scarfs, jackets, wall hangings and pillows added to the display.

In the paintings there were examples of watercolours, oils, acrylics, prints, pastels, sculptures, conte and charcoal and pencil drawings.

Donations taken at Ganges

When a boy set out to walk across Canada after having survived a cancer operation on his leg, the name of Terry Fox was unknown.

Today Terry is a fraction of the way from coast to coast and he is being hailed as a hero in every community. The boy with an artificial leg is a folk hero already.

He started with the hope of raising a million for cancer research. Now he has raised his sights to \$10 million.

The story of a boy and his problems has caught the fancy of the nation. It has caught the fancy of the staff at Rita's Inn in Ganges and a collection box has been set up in the restaurant.

Campbell wants to get closer

Regional Board Chairman Jim Campbell has called for closer access for buses to Swartz Bay ferry berths.

It has been a long-standing complaint among island travellers that the walk to the ferry with a heavy load is too exhausting for any but the physically fit.

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Community plan must not be destroyed

Salt Spring Island community plan took eight years to prepare. Last week it took two hours to knock the foundations out of the plan and to prepare the way for an end to planning on Salt Spring Island.

First stage in the planning function is the Advisory Planning Commission. On Thursday afternoon last week the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission introduced a new philosophy into planning here when it urged amending the plan to accommodate the wishes of a rezoning applicant.

A community plan represents the blueprint for future development. It is more than the expressed development policy of the community. It is that policy backed up by law and established as a regulatory measure.

In fact, it is even more than that. It is the summary of residents' views on the future of the island. It is the summary of years of debate, dispute and disagreement, all combined into a pattern generally acceptable to the community.

The commission recommended the approval of a development which is ruled out by the plan and then urged that the community plan be overhauled and amended to fit more smoothly into the wishes of property owners.

Change the plan, suggested the commission.

That plan was evolved after long and earnest consideration of every factor influencing the development of the island. The geography, geology, the economy and the people; all were analyzed and considered. Traffic patterns, employment characteristics, recreational needs: everything was taken into account.

And all this was set against the widely divergent wishes of the island people. There was never a dull moment for eight years. But the plan was a reflection of a community. It represents a planning philosophy not universally held, but which most nearly meets the wishes of all in face of the pressures of a modern society.

Every islander was given a voice in its preparation and most islanders used that voice.

Even when the plan had been fought and strained and written and rewritten, it was reviewed by the community, the planners, the elected representatives and the government. Only then was it adopted and written into the laws of the province.

This history does not, for one moment, suggest that every aspect of it must be right. But it does emphasize that this plan, more than any other governing regulation in the life of islanders today, has been the subject of local contribution. It is a document of value to all who are concerned with the future of the islands. It cannot be lightly tossed aside. It cannot be bent out of shape to accommodate one and bent over backwards to suit another.

A community plan can only work if it's left alone. It must only be amended where such an amendment is needed to safeguard the philosophy and the purpose which led to the writing of the plan.

The Advisory Planning Commission has twice supported the proposal to change the zoning of Rainbow Beach Resort. But that commission should have been strong and firm. It should have stated, without hesitation, that the community plan is inviolable and that, with regret, the change in land use was being rejected.

Such a stand would have been a blow to the applicant, an esteemed member of the community. But it would have been a better answer than the initiation of a series of vacillations which are likely to still end up with a denial to the application.

The plan provides for development of Ganges in the event of a sewer being installed, members pointed out. If there is to be no sewer, then the plan must be amended! But why? Ganges must still be subject to the provisions of the plan for the community as it presently exists.

The commission has not come up with one substantial reason for abandoning planning on Salt Spring Island and the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee would be derelict in its duty if it were to accept the recommendations of the commission.

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Letters to the Editor

Pender School story sparks astonishment

Sir,

My reaction to your article headlined "School situation at Pender 'deplorable'" (*Driftwood*, July 30) was one of astonishment. How, I wondered, could hundreds of people so familiar with the Pender School be so ignorant of such a serious situation?

Having re-read the article, however, I believe the circumstances bespeak a more serious charge of character assassination by insinuation.

Your article states that *Driftwood* has learned the contents of a confidential report describing the situation at Pender School as "deplorable". I challenge *Driftwood* to tell the public how they have learned the contents of a confidential report. I ask those responsible to indicate the authority by which they have revealed the contents of a confidential report to *Driftwood*.

I challenge the accuracy of the statement as being part of the confidential report. If in fact the statement is an accurate quotation, I challenge Mr. Huestis to explain what evidence he has to describe the situation at Pender School as "deplorable". I challenge the elected representatives and the superintendent to explain why they have not attempted to rectify the alleged "deplorable" situation.

I understand that this controversy dates back to June 1979. I challenge those elected representatives (whose duty it is to insure optimum use of the taxpayers' money) to explain why the money allocated for education has been used to create a "deplorable" situation at Pender School.

If the quotation is inaccurate, I challenge *Driftwood's* right to take

out of context the alleged statement, "the situation at Pender School was described as deplorable", which leads one to believe the principal and staff at Pender School are responsible for a deplorable situation within the school. And I challenge Ms. Williamson to put her trustee-ship on the line by accounting for this serious insinuation.

In summary, I challenge those

responsible to explain how they arrived at the solution to promote the establishment of another taxpayer-funded school for 10 or so students, to alleviate the present "deplorable" situation, at the same time leave 60 students in a "deplorable" situation.

R. STAN CAREY,
R.R. 1, Pender Island.
August 2, 1980.

Publication of report urged

Sir,

With reference to your headline in *Driftwood* July 30 concerning the Pender School, I feel that it would be appropriate if Mr. Huestis' confidential report is published at the earliest possible convenience. Again too many rumours are floating around the Penders. One that has reached me is that many Pender Island residents think that there is "a small group of people on Pender who have been endeavouring to

take over education at the Pender School!"

It is just possible that Mr. Huestis' report might clarify a number of misconceptions in some people's minds, also that the dissidents (let's not pronounce this word with a malicious hiss) are not trying to dictate educational policies at the Pender School but rather endeavouring to impress the administrators and trustees for District 64 that there is room for many improvements in this school; improvements, I should add, which would see the implementation of the excellent educational policies and objectives that have been recently adopted by the School Board Trustees.

And, Mr. Editor, "the word is alternative, not alternate; I have checked in my O.E.D.

Yours truly,
A.C. BROOKS,
South Pender Island.
August 5, 1980.

Ed. Note: We still cringe somewhat every time we hear alternate used instead of alternative. It has, however, become an accepted name for a class at a local school and therefore we've made no effort to change it. Perhaps we should.

She'd like to spread thanks instead

Sir,

So often letters to the editor only find fault. I'd like to spread some thanks around, if I may.

Thanks to the gardeners at Pioneer Village who brighten the day for me everytime I head north out of the disgusting mess which is Ganges!

Thanks to the students responsible for the mural at the Secondary School. Sorry this is so late, but they know who they are. They really helped to relieve the unmitigated ugliness of the gym.

Thanks to whoever put the tube on the tap at the K & R. It's so much easier to get our drinking water now. We must come in and find out how much we owe you!
MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
R.R.1, Ganges,
August 10, 1980.

They'll be sorry to see her leave

Sir,

My husband and I would like to express our gratitude to our present Island Doctor. She will only be with us for a short time, what a

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Island Chamber
of Commerce.

Island doctor Determination admired by visitor to Salt Spring

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pity, it is so nice to find such an unselfish person, who after her day's work, came down to our home to bring medication for me, as I was unable to get my prescription filled until the following morning. I was in great pain, but was able to sleep that night, the first night for a whole week.

So we say thank you Doctor McMurtrie, for being so kind and thoughtful, we will be sorry to see you leave. But we do wish you much happiness in your future career, and we know you will find contentment and respect wherever you go. Thank you again, we hope you return someday.

JOANNE MELINDA THACKRAY,
Box 10, Mayne Island.
August 6, 1980.

P. S. "Kindness is the key to the kingdom." Thank you *Driftwood*, we enjoy your paper.

'Maliciously false' impression left by Pender School story, says Zacharias

Sir,
I feel that as school trustee representing Pender Island, it is my duty to correct a maliciously false impression left by Mary Williamson and yourself in the July 30 issue of the *Driftwood* regarding the state of affairs in Pender School.

Your readers and yourself have quite naturally interpreted the article under the headline, "School situation 'deplorable' - report", to mean that Bob Huestis "is obviously dissatisfied with conditions at the existing school."

Nothing could be further from the truth, as Mary Williamson well knows. There is one part of Bob Huestis' confidential report that is public knowledge because of the minutes of meetings held by Larry Holbrook with Groups One and Two, and the staff.

From the meeting of 80.05.28:
"All groups agreed that the present situation was intolerable

Sir,
Last October my wife and I visited Salt Spring Island and found it to be a very beautiful and charming place. We took a subscription to your newspaper and enjoy it much more than our own newspaper.

Many letters and editorials express a great deal of concern for your environment, not only on Salt Spring but throughout the province of British Columbia, but in the same breath they say "they are not against growth". How in heaven's name can the two ever be compatible?

A few years ago the people of New Zealand expressed the opinion that they didn't want their country to grow any further than it was. They were quite content with their life the way it was.

Everyone knows there has to be economic development but at what point should it stop? Or at what point do we all end up living on top of a garbage pile?

Your little island is a prime example of what's happening to the entire world except that it's more obvious in your confined area.

I greatly admire the determination of your residents who devote so much time and energy in preserving what you have on Salt Spring. It may be a losing battle but you'll be remembered long after the back-scratching politicians.

C. S. SCARFE,
33 Norman Cres.,
Saskatoon, Sask.
August 3, 1980.

and school morale was being affected". (Italics my own).

"The committee, composed of representatives from Pender Island Group One and Two and the Teaching Staff, recommends the following: A Family Group be established, effective 80.09.01, with an extra teacher, and housed in accommodation off the school grounds". (Italics my own).

From Bob Huestis' confidential report of 80.06.10:

"All parties have agreed that the present situation is intolerable and must be resolved".

Please note that Bob Huestis is reporting the opinion of Groups One and Two, and Staff, not necessarily his own, and that he is obviously referring to the conflicting ideologies of Groups One, and Staff and Group Two. Nowhere in his report does he describe the situation at Pender School as "deplorable".

Nowhere in his report is he critical of the performance of Staff as Mary Williamson and your editorial imply. This is a malicious inference.

In attempting to rescind the motion of June 12, which called for an alternate class, Mary Williamson is acting contrary to the wishes of all groups who do not want an alternate class in Pender School or on Pender School Grounds. I am therefore cynical of her intentions when she says, "Then those of us who are most concerned with the educational situation of the students would have been able to get on with the job". In fact, she is stirring up foment to the detriment of the morale of staff and students.

I hope Mary Williamson soon finds a CAUSE on Salt Spring. Then Pender's gain may be Salt Spring's loss!
JOHN ZACHARIAS,
Pender Island,
August 2, 1980.



Tony Richards

AT ONE TIME notorious for drug addiction and alcoholism among its players, the G.A.S.-Driftwood men's softball team has come a long way. At the end of last season the team placed about fifth, not quite rock bottom in the local men's league. This year they made it to second place.

It must have been the new uniforms that made the difference because as far as I know, they're just as fond of beer as they ever were.

IT SHOULD BE a requirement for gravel truck drivers that they ride a motorcycle for a few months before driving a truck.

For a motorcyclist, the odd bit of gravel on a paved road is to be expected. But a generous layer of broken rock on a bend can be treacherous, to say the least.

And there's enough motorcyclists around this summer that the odds in favour of someone sliding out on spilled rock or gravel are pretty great.

IF CIRCUSES were big business in British Columbia there's no doubt as to who would be the best man in the provincial cabinet to take responsibility for them.

Science and Circus Minister Pat McGeer has a nice ring to it and would be an appropriate title. He could also take charge of the acts that take place under the big dome in Victoria.

His own act, as a clown, is very well done.

ANYONE WHO KNOWS Quadra Island at all will be glad to hear that a crackdown has been made on vandals. For more than five years the island, which lies off Campbell River, has been plagued by a bunch of youngsters who delighted in destroying anything they could get their hands on, particularly cars and trucks.

Most of the victims were residents of other islands in the area. They would travel by boat from their homes to Quadra and then use their vehicles to get to Campbell River for supplies.

Most would generally arrive at Quadra after leaving their vehicles parked for anywhere from a week to two months to find them damaged in some way, if not completely destroyed.

In one of the latest incidents a car was pushed into the salt chuck. It never ran again.

Evidently most of the youths responsible were caught recently by police.

IT'S BEEN A bad week for one Salt Spring Island family, residents of one of the drier parts of the island.

They had a well drilled recently, at a cost of about \$3,000. Unfortunately, the well was not capped and the temptation to fill the hole was too much for their five-year-old son and a friend.

They were stopped before they got the hole filled but not before it was rendered useless for supplying water. They've since found that the drill-rig will have to return to re-drill the well.

The Anarchist

If all else fails, read the instructions

The conspiracy theories of our local Lady of Sorrows, otherwise known as the regional director, have so befogged the local scene as to produce a present scenario which would fail the credibility test for daytime soap opera.

"Well, J.B., we have this little seashore tourist burg just waiting governmental approval of a \$4,000,000 sewer project which will catapult its 200 inhabitants into prosperity and ..."

"Awright, Stan, knock it off Maybe we can use the beach idea, and a little tasteful nudity, but no one's going to believe that crap about some government spending \$4,000,000 on a sewer for 200 people," and so on.

In fact, the situation has acquired all the characteristics of the Don Quixote theme, and Yvette is the one tilting at Windmills, if Cervantes will accept the transformation.

Consider the following:

1. The Windmills, or a family corporation which shall be nameless, have repaired or replaced all their inadequacies to public health requirements, and **don't need the sewer.**
2. The remaining properties, and indeed the Windmills, would find development on the tax structure of the proposed sewer almost prohibitive.
3. The school board and the hospital would face similar exorbitant costs which would be passed on to the rest of the land owners on the island, and they don't want the extra costs.
4. Every commercial renter in the downtown area would be faced with a rent increase which would be prohibitive.
5. None of the waterfront properties in the harbour want anything to do with the sewer outfall, whether shorter or longer version.
6. In short, **no one wants the proposed sewer** which Madame Director claims is a sin and an

abomination thrust upon the suffering masses by the Powers of the Outer Darkness.

So, wouldn't it be nice if the Sewer Alternatives Committee would enlarge its constituency and membership and mandate and represent what now appears to be a unanimous community opposed to the Sewer Plan of the Capital Region District, and then having got rid of that White Elephant, they could proceed to an acceptable recommendation for affordable on-site treatment and disposal.

Dream on, you old Anarchist, you.

Wild Animals I have loved

This past weekend added a new character to my island characters. Being myself somewhat retiring by nature, I find the presence of large numbers of my fellow-men at one time produces a degree of stress which is likely to result in headache, indigestion, or nausea.

Under these strictures I confine my attendance at public functions to a minimum, which probably accounts for the fact that it has not been my misfortune ere this to encounter the verbal drivel of the local Sacred chairman at full outdoor volume. In fact, I had never encountered it at any volume, which is probably an excuse for the fact that I had neglected for all these years to give daily thanks for never having to encounter it.

Now, I do not wish to be accused of either invasion of privacy or something more serious, but when a citizen, in this case the above mentioned chairman, takes it upon himself to abuse the good nature of a group presenting a public proposal, the recreation complex, at the Farmers' Market, and to do so in the unforgettable style of a retired sergeant-major conducting church parade, then I maintain the chairman is making a public speech, and I maintain my right to dissent publicly with him.

In fact, I can think of nothing more logical than for the NDP to invite him to every public affair on the island as this would probably alienate most efficiently every remaining supporter of the Local Member.

She overstepped authority

Sir,

Your headlines of the July 30 *Driftwood* lead me to wonder whether your reporter misconstrued the remarks of Trustee Williamson or whether she considers the quality of teachings, by the staff of Pender Island School, to be inferior. The latter, I am sure, from the statements of most parents, is certainly far from the truth. Trustee Williamson should clarify this point as, otherwise, it slanders the staff.

Why does Mrs. Williamson continue to "flog a dead horse". The alternate school idea has been tried and abandoned in many areas of North America years ago. It appears to me that she is "crying sour grapes" because the people of Pender Island are rejecting her pet theories.

Maybe her trustee-ship should be "put on the line" as she says she is prepared to do. Maybe her resignation should be requested by the majority of Board Members as

she overstepped her authority by making known to the press any part of a confidential report.

MRS. BERTHA MATTHEWS,
(Retired teacher and Ex-trustee),
R. R. 1 Pender Island.
August 4, 1980.

Clarification sought

Sir,

Re: the exchange of unsurveyed crown foreshore, including a waterfront access, against a lot owned by Mouat's Trading, which now is carrying a sewer disposal field:

Would Dr. Kreissl be kind enough to clarify what he means by saying the obtaining of valuable foreshore front land by the "public"?

MRS. YVETTE VALCOURT,
Salt Spring Island Regional
Director.
August 8, 1980.

New group conceived in shady corner of band room

BY MIKE HOESCHMANN

Conceived in a shady corner of the Gulf Islands Secondary School bandroom, the band Toast and Jam began as a form of lunch-hour expression for four students.

Bass guitarist Bruce Cobanli and guitarist Teddy Cook were joined by newcomers Mike Bruynse (lead vocalist) and Bruce Hume (drummer) with the common aspiration of playing a gig. In need of a lead guitarist the band sought out off-islander Nick Read, thereby rounding out their sound.

Now, ready and impatient to play, the band will take to the stage in the Beaver Point Hall this Saturday.

A rock 'n' roll band, Toast and Jam strives to keep up with New Wave while retaining a blues preference.

In addition to a host of recognizable songs the band boasts some original pieces in its repertoire.



Benefit for I-IPACS

Susan Cogan to give concert

An evening of contemporary folk-jazz will be presented at Ganges Friday evening when Susan Cogan presents a concert at St. George's Hall.

A singer-guitarist and songwri-

ter who recently moved to Salt Spring Island, Cogan will give two shows, at 8 and 10 pm, in a benefit for the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society (I-IPACS).

Following the concert, she will be returning to Toronto to finish an album she has been working on since February.

Born in Toronto, Cogan has travelled extensively and lived for five years in Israel, where she became one of that country's top performing artists.

She has appeared in concert with Jose Feliciano, B.B. King, Jessie Winchester and Valdy and has been featured on a number of television and radio shows.

Playing with her on her album, which will be her third, will be some members of the Canadian group, Manteca. One of them is David Woodhead, who has been seen a number of times on Salt Spring Island stages.

Friday's concert in Ganges will also feature a slide show by Susan Cogan's husband, Uri, a well known photographer.

Admission to the concert is \$3. Tickets are available from et cetera and Annie's Music Box.



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Entertainment Calendar

FULFORD INN: Brian Kirley, Wednesday to Saturday.
ST. GEORGE'S HALL: Susan Cogan, Fri. night. Two shows, 8 pm and 10 pm.
ACTIVITY CENTRE: Midsummer Night's Madness, Monday Aug. 11 - Sunday, Aug. 17; curtain 8 pm.
To announce coming events in this calendar call 537-5212 (1-4 pm weekdays) or 537-2198.

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Time Madness took new approach to secession topic

Latest production is repeat performance

BY TONY RICHARDS

Once again, Madness Inc. has planted the seeds of secession in the minds of Salt Spring Islanders with this week's presentation of *A Midsummer Night's Madness*. But unfortunately, it is more or less a repeat performance of three other Madness productions seen in the last 10 or so years.

For those unfamiliar with those productions, however, it is certainly worth seeing.

The first of the three acts is taken

from the 1978 production, *So That's What Happened to Captain Cook*, where Salt Spring Island is discovered by Captains Cook, Vancouver and Bligh.

They don't stay long, though, deciding that the island is "madness".

The act moves up from "the dim-witted past", through the 1700's, to the 1870's and into the 1930's. But the time moves somewhat slowly and there are some scenes, such as the Women's Fire Brigade

number, which get downright boring. And, I might add, pretty corny, too.

GOOD START

But the pace quickens in Act 2, which gets off to a good start with two ferry employees discussing the eighth wonder of the world, the fixed link across Georgia Strait.

At that point a line from one of the Anarchist's columns is thrown in: that the Ganges sewer outfall should be hooked up to the tunnel between Vancouver Island and the mainland.

This act is taken from the 1971 production, *Salt Spring Island Madness*, and seemed very familiar, despite the addition of a few references to present-day issues such as St. Mary Lake water, transit tax and a fixed link.

What really stood out was the performance by Danny Miller, who played Ed Crawford, MP. When his old sweetheart beseeches him to do something about spiralling taxes, his simple but expressive response, "I'll try, Mary, I'll try," was just classic.

STANDS OUT

The day after seeing the play, that one line stands out above anything else.

The pace slowed again in the last act, which was largely taken up with films of Feds versus islanders at the ferry terminals. Well done, but not so entertaining if you've seen it before, which you would have done if you saw *Madness Strikes Back* in 1977.

The current production is a good one, well acted, and the musical accompaniment by Bruce Eason, piano; Paul Newman, bass; Tom Bowler, guitar; and Arno Bangert, drums, was well done despite the limited time they had for rehearsing.

And rehearsing is something the cast could have used more of. There appeared to be a few forgotten lines here and there, which broke the continuity to a small extent.

The subject of secession from Canada will always be a popular one here and it provides an

excellent basis for a production such as the current one. But it's time to forget the past productions and come up with a new approach. It shouldn't be difficult because it would seem that the possibilities are endless.

And we know full well that the talent exists. If anyone can do it, Madness Inc. certainly can.



Ed Crawford, MP, right, talks with Feds who have arrived by ferry to try to quell revolutionaries. They are unsuccessful.

however, and islanders manage to repel them at all three ferry terminals.



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David and Lyn Roland at their wedding held in the garden at the

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Humphreys and bridesmaid Marion Kerr. Officiating is Rev. Vern McEachern.

Lyn Baker, David Roland married

Wedding of David Roland and Lyn Baker took place August 2 at the home of the groom's parents, Jack and Loretta Roland of Fulford. Bride is the daughter of Russell Baker of Morrisburg, Ont.

The ceremony was conducted by

Rev. Vern McEachern in the garden of the Rolands' home.

Bridesmaid was Marion Kerr and best man, Nicolas Humphreys.

Outdoor reception was held at Pigs Skinner Ranch near Ganges and was attended by more than 200

people. Entertainment was provided by various island musicians, including former members of Sea Biscuit, a band with which the groom used to play bass guitar.

After a honeymoon in Victoria and Vancouver, the newlyweds returned to Salt Spring to live.

Planning commission

No objection voiced to rezoning for projected recreation centre

Percolation tests have been undertaken at Mouat Park, the proposed site of the Salt Spring Island recreational facility, Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission was told last week.

Regional director Yvette Valcourt enquired of Dr. Hugh Borsman what provision had been made for sewage disposal.

"As far as I know they are doing perc tests," said the doctor, appearing as a member of the island's Parks and Recreation Commission. "I'm as much in the

dark as anyone. Presumably, the architect is looking after this."

The project is not contingent upon the sewer, he added. Borsman was accompanied by Bev. Unger.

Had the commission discussed the recreation with the school board, asked trustee Bud Kreissl, suggesting that the facilities might usefully be located in the vicinity of the schools.

There is insufficient land around the schools, said Dr. Borsman.

The questionnaire taken up by

the Recreation Commission indicated that most people wanted a pool, reported the spokesman. The plans call for a theatre and the commission would abandon Mahon Hall if the recreation centre is approved by a November referendum.

Could he guarantee that there would be no future expansion of the project, asked trustee David Lott. Such a guarantee would be impossible, replied Borsman.

Commission discussed the needs of the community and the likely

Increase in hit and runs

RCMP at Ganges say they are getting an increased number of reports of hit and run incidents.

Const. Ace Mainwaring said Tuesday that it is a criminal code offence if a driver damages another vehicle and fails to either report it

to police or contact the owner of the other vehicle.

A common place for hit and runs in Ganges is at the K & R parking lot, Mainwaring said.

"Even if it's just a little scrape," he said, "it's still a hit and run."

facilities to be offered.

The proposal would represent an excellent jumping off point for a type of development on the island along the same lines as the Banff School of Fine Arts, suggested chairman Nick Gilbert.

There was no criticism offered of the application to rezone the property for community centre use.

Drivers may be scared of their insurance rates going up if they report an accident, he continued, but if they get caught "they lose all the way around".

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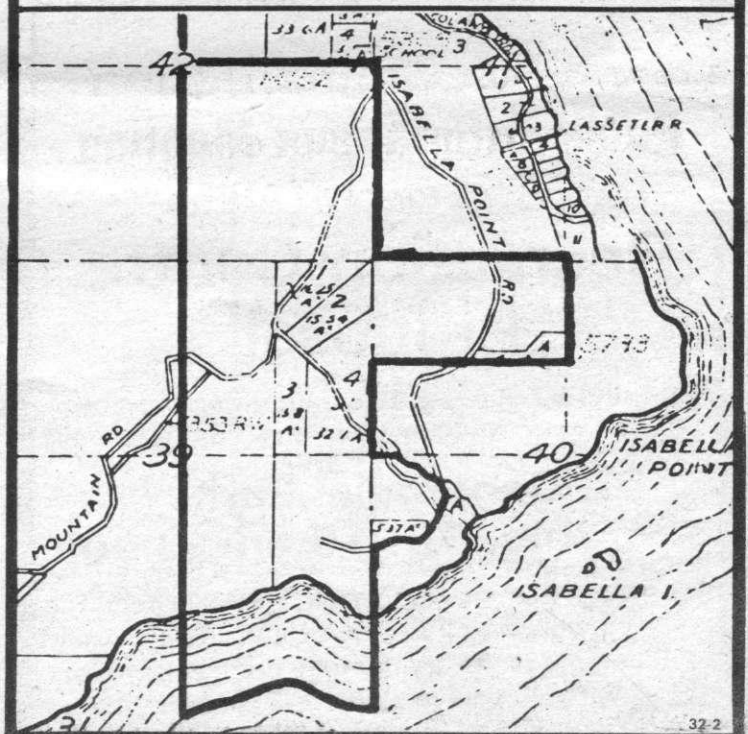
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TAKE NOTICE that the Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District intend to petition the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting the extension of the area of the improvement district to include lands outlined by a heavy black line on the map below.

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Anyone for tennis?

Sweeping victory for south

BY ROZ TRUELOVE
(Ian Thomson having disappeared under mysterious circumstances)

Saturday at Portlock Park saw the return match of the North versus the South Salt Spring Islanders.

After a day of closely contested sets, with the thermometer somewhere in the 90's, it could have been a victory for either side - the games stood at 89 each.

The final match of the day, however, provided a sweeping victory for the south as a ladies' doubles team defeated their northern opponents by a resounding six games to love. The contest was enjoyed by all, there was plenty of good tennis and, as before, the credit for a most successful occasion must be given to Mollie Houston who organized and supervised with her customary efficiency and good humour. (Able assisted by several generations of her family.)

Next Saturday 12 couples will set sail for the shores of Galiano to take part in the annual Galiano invitational tournament: John Reiner and Hazel Thomson, Toby Seward and Wendy Smith, Ian Thomson and Roz Truelove, Pat Lee and Jennifer Wiebe, Jeff Savin and Wendy Hughes, John and Elaine Olsen, Warren and Vicki Wilson, Pat Tiernan and Bev Unger, Hugh and Ruth Borsman, Danny Fraser and Carol Kellman. Best of luck to them all!

For singles players, a new open singles ladder has now been established. Names have been placed on it entirely at random with no connection with previous positionings. See it on the notice board at the court.

If your name is there make a point of issuing, and playing, a challenge as soon as you can. If your name is not there, and you would like it to be, let me know at 653-4583.

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She had honest excuses for missing deadline

BY ALICE RICHARDS

I admit that I'm a procrastinator. Why, my house is never so clean as when it comes time to write this column. Suddenly, washing the windows becomes urgent. Or I bake bread despite the 70° temperatures. Or most likely, I start a 600-page novel that I simply can't put down, if you know what I mean.

Last week, I had some honest excuses for missing the deadline.

Lyn and David Roland's wedding was something of an event and visiting with ex-islanders who had come for the celebration took several days. The party had been building up since the night my husband spent in Maple Bay and missed the stag party staged for David. And it went on long after Lyn and David were escorted to the ferry by a motorcycle cavalcade as they left for a short honeymoon on their own bikes.

That was my most pleasant excuse.

I also spent several hours going over old facts and figures from my high school days as I prepared for my citizenship hearing.

LIKE A FINAL EXAM

Tense and nervous, I approached it just as I used to enter a final examination in math or biology. That was when I was 17. Now, with 25 years of Canadian life behind me, I still had to sit and answer what, in my job, really are foolish questions.

Such as: Who is the Prime Minister of Canada? I got that one right. I got them all right except one. When she asked me what Canada's major export products were I had to say anything and everything!

As my father-in-law so Frankly put it, I was trying to prove to the judge that I'm the Canadian I've always figured myself to be.

I guess my 25 years in Canada have only just been confirmed.

My hearing was at 11 am. I had enough to think about without worrying about parking in

One woman's viewpoint

BY ALICE RICHARDS

Victoria so I took the van and left myself 20 minutes extra just in case. The first thing I discovered was that it's an overheight vehicle when it comes to covered parking lots.

WAS GETTING FRANTIC

I began to get frantic lest I be late for my important date, so after driving around for 10 minutes I grabbed the only meter within blocks of the customs office. I ran the crowded, tourist-clogged blocks and arrived within six minutes of my scheduled hearing, leaving me with at least 50 minutes in the parking meter.

I was called before the judge exactly 50 minutes later.

When I got back to the meter about 10 minutes later, there was a little piece of paper instructing me to pay my \$3 within seven days or it would be \$10.

I wonder if the federal department that kept me waiting would pay the municipal department for me.

WHITE TO BROWN

It's a reassuring feeling to know that people are switching from white to brown in their general eating habits. Brown bread, brown rice, honey. But it isn't exactly the same thing with eggs.

When I went to buy a dozen eggs a few weeks ago, I didn't complain when there were only white eggs left. The attendant seemed surprised. People want brown eggs, she said.

I was confused. There isn't any difference on the inside, is there?

Not according to the ministry of agriculture anyway. People are inclined to believe there is, but there simply isn't. What you do have to watch out for is whether the chickens that the eggs come from have been force-fed to produce more eggs of lower quality.

A SAD PICTURE

That conjures up a sad picture of chickens crowded into cages, with 24 hours of artificial light and a scientifically calculated amount of chemically treated pellets so they can pump out the maximum number of eggs during their shortened life span.

Luckily for Salt Spring Islanders, most of us can raise our own chickens or buy locally grown eggs, whether they are white or brown. Still, those brown eggs are much prettier than the white ones.

Here's a humorous tid-bit from a daily paper: Lawrence Welk's

Nude bathing raises objections

Hot, summery weather has sent many islands residents to the beaches, including those who enjoy swimming in the raw.

Ganges RCMP have been receiving complaints about nude bathers at Stowe and Blackburn Lakes. An RCMP spokesman said it was an inconvenience to people who aren't nude bathers.

There was also a report of people washing in Blackburn Lake, using soap and shampoo. Concern has been expressed by residents in the area because the lake is used as a water supply by many.

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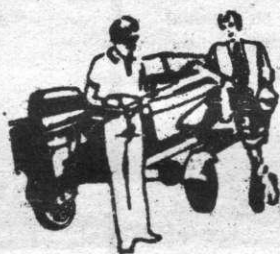
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Community invited to make recommendations

Guidelines to make Ganges inviting and rural

Design guidelines for Ganges are being prepared by the Islands Trust.

The Salt Spring Island community plan established Ganges as the centre for commercial, residential, social and cultural activities on the island, recalls a report to the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission, by planner Dean Strongitharm.

The plan also calls for respect for its historical roots and rural atmosphere when the Ganges core is redeveloped.

According to the plan, the Ganges core is visualized as "evolving into a compact, pedestrian-oriented centre with links between land, water and tidal areas."

The design guidelines were the basis of the display in the board room of Gulf Islands School District last week.

Strongitharm summarized the purpose of guidelines in his report to the commission.

"The objective is to identify those elements that influence policies adopted in the community plan."

PLAN POLICIES

Those guidelines will encourage the achievement of the community plan policies, he explained.

The planner cited six basic elements which must be considered in setting out guidelines. Once the guidelines have been prepared and adopted, new developments in the area will be required to conform to make up an attractive overall village.

The guidelines will be to Ganges what the Pender Island school is to Pender Island developments. Gordon Wallace told a planning meeting recently that the school is the standard by which new projects are measured in aesthetic value on Pender.

Strongitharm cited historical context; building form; movement patterns of pedestrians and vehicles; landscaping; maritime significance and signs.

He then expanded on these considerations.

The historical context calls for identification and conservation of historic places and the accenting of this tribute to history through development of buildings in keeping with their origin. The use of recycled materials and artifacts is an important part of this routine.

Building form requires that buildings be in keeping with a picturesque, rural setting. Application of warm and textured materials in colours that will age well and will develop a rustic character with time.

The guidelines would encourage a diversity in form by the use of many-planned pitched roofs, dormer windows, bay windows and other irregular features associated with rural development.

Appeal to the eye for pedestrians would include imaginative wood craftsmanship in windows and frames.

Arcades and canopies as well as handrails, flower boxes, vine trellises, terraces and balconies would all contribute to the appeal of such new structures.

In the area of movement patterns one of the first priorities would be the waterfront walkway which has been long-sought by island planners.

First new contribution to this walkway is included in the development plan approved by the Trust for Mouat's new construction.

Also part of the pedestrian movement would be the aim to separate walking traffic from vehicles. The use of various forms of walkways, such as boardwalks, cobblestones and others in preference to concrete or blacktop would add to the eye appeal.

The guidelines would also be addressed to the informal, meandering movement rather than structured and formal straight lines.

Pavement widths in Ganges would be minimized to preserve the village character. To support this, fast-moving traffic would be discouraged through the village area.

The ministry of highways will be pressed to continue the search for an alternative traffic route bypassing Ganges.

On-street parking would be encouraged where it does not interfere with vehicle access or movement. Such parking spaces would

be carefully segregated from pedestrian areas by landscaping, levels and "character curbs", such as old logs and timbers.

Backlane parking would be encouraged wherever possible to segregate vehicles from pedestrians.

Landscaping would provide for casual plantings rather than formal gardens. Natural formations, like shoreline, rock outcroppings and stands of mature trees would be retained.

Use of shade trees, wall ivy and vines and window and street planters would contribute to the overall effect.

The Trust will also encourage the highways ministry to landscape main boulevards.

Significance of Ganges is its relation to the sea. The commercial village should not be developed without reference to the maritime significance, suggested the planning report.

Waterfront walkway with observation points would be the first

consideration. If new buildings and existing structures are oriented to the waterfront it serves to emphasize the link.

A residential component along the waterfront would bring people to the water.

The plan would discourage the use of back-lit plastic signs and encourage floodlit announcements. The plan would encourage projecting signs, where possible and even free-standing signs in preference to fascia signs.

That was the thinking behind the display in Ganges last week when planners presented the public with a summary of what was being considered to make Ganges a more attractive community in years to come.

Recyclers trying to restore name

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

We recyclers are hanging our heads in shame. We've been chastised by one of our customers and we're passing the word along to you, so you can help us restore our good name. Not so long ago the Victoria collectors told us we had the best sorted recycling in the district. How are the mighty fallen!

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Photographer was impressed with the profusion of signs at the government wharf in Ganges. He grouped them here for the benefit of readers.

Former trustee

Scattered high density areas will be expensive

One of the first trustees on Salt Spring Island in the initial days of the Islands Trust, Mike Larmour, has warned Salt Spring Islanders of the dangers of trimming the community plan to the needs of individuals.

Larmour was one of the first trustees to be involved in planning on the island and was partly responsible for the community plan for Salt Spring Island and for the Ganges plan.

Last week the former planner wrote to the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission urging that to allow density development in areas other than those originally envisaged in the plan could have a number of ill effects.

The concept of maintaining dense development in the vicinity of the Ganges commercial area

places this development within reach of the schools, hospital, stores, water supply, fire protection and other services.

These may be of greatest importance to people who have no transportation, he noted, "However, density scattered widely through the island will greatly increase the use of the automobile with resultant increases in traffic and gasoline consumption."

COST TOO HIGH

Cost of servicing scattered development is high. The concept of concentrating development is intended to reduce these costs.

Larmour drew a word picture of the effect of spread-out development on water distribution. A four-inch main would cost \$10 a foot, or over \$50,000 a mile. The interest, over 25 years, on that cost

would be \$100,000, or \$6,000 a year, suggested the planner. If the density averaged 10 connections a mile, the individual cost would amount to \$600 per connection per year, plus the cost of operation and maintenance of the system.

Larmour also pointed out the hazards of relying on groundwater. A source of groundwater may not be licensed and cannot be relied on. He quoted examples of such systems which have failed on the island, Scott Point, Erskine subdivisions and Cottonwood subdivision.

Other such systems may yet fail when demands are fully made.

As far as water is concerned, if water systems are forced to spread out to serve large areas it is inevitable that these areas will become suburban or urban in character.

"This," said Larmour, "would undermine the basic intent of both the community plan and the Islands Trust Act."



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Derelicts win tourney after dazzling match against Byrons

BY ALICE RICHARDS

Dagwood's Derelicts have come a long way in the three years since Lee-Anne Gordon and Kim O'Neil first organized the team and Chuck Beazley of Dagwood's Restaurant agreed to sponsor the ladies. And despite personal conflicts amongst team members at the beginning of the 1980 season, Ron Moger managed to pull the team together when he took on the job of coaching two thirds of the way through the season, to bring Dagwood's Derelicts to their dazzling finish in the end-of-the-season tournament held last weekend at Fulford Ball Park.

Six of the seven registered teams entered the tournament. Only Fulford Ladies declined due to lack of players.

Byron's Babes began the contest as the league favourites due to their standing of 13 wins and two losses at the end of the season, giving them the League trophy.

IMPROVED

Worth mentioning is the improved Salt Spring Boomers team which, despite never winning a game, came very close in the final weeks especially in their match against Fulford Ladies, which went into overtime, Fulford winning 14-12. The consistent

hitting and fielding of shortstop Pam Donnelly kept them in the show and they will be tougher competition next year, without a doubt.

The semi-finals saw Byron's Babes pitted against Ganges Ladies with a tournament standing of one loss each. In a good game, Byron's came out on top with a score of 13-5.

Tenth and final game of the tournament saw Dagwood's Dazzling Derelicts face Byron's Babes for the second time in the tourney, having defeated them in a close and hard-fought match on Saturday. Score of that game was 13-11.

SIMILAR

The final game proved to be similar with each team squeezing points from sacrifice hitting and successful attempts at stealing. At the top of the seventh inning the score stood at 7-7 but Byron's were unable to hold the Derelicts down. With two away, Derelicts rallied and got a much needed double from Autumn White and again from Jill Johnson to bring in four runs, making the score 11-7.

In the bottom of the seventh Byron's managed to load the bases and Sue Spencer made the most magnificent hit of the game, sending the ball well over centre-field to bring in three runs and leaving herself on third.

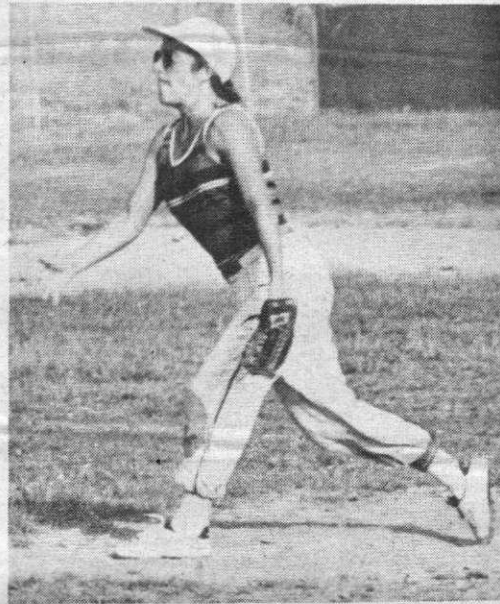
With two away for Byrons, and the score 11-10, Byrons made a desperate attempt to get Sue Spencer home with a perfect bunt by B.J. Moulton down the third base line.

Derelicts' pitcher Maureen Horner fell on top of the ball and while still lying on the ground, threw to first just seconds before the runner made the base, and the game was over.

With her magnificent pitching, Maureen Horner was chosen the most valuable player for the Derelicts.



Congratulations on both sides after the game are given by players, from left to right, Kitty Bantel, Heather Adshead, Alice Richards, Betty Jones, Sue Spencer and Jan Pawlowski.



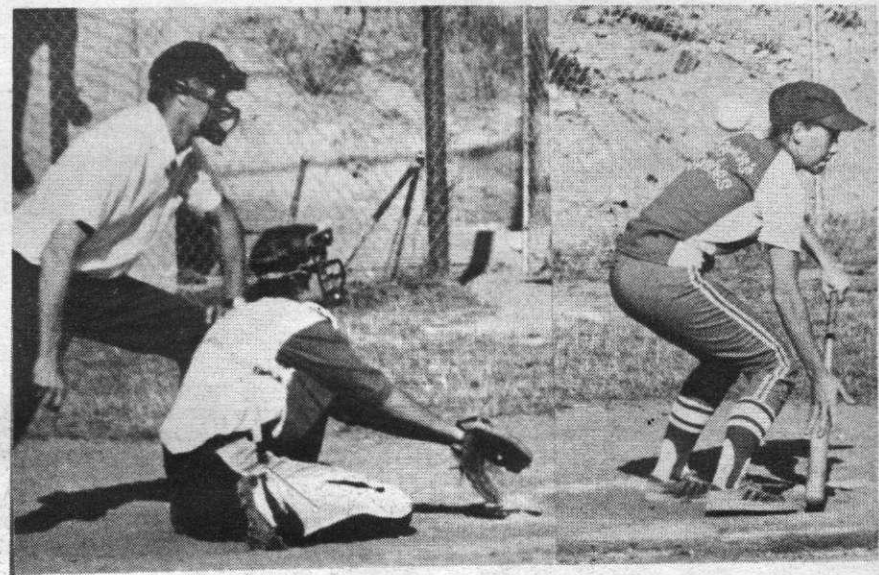
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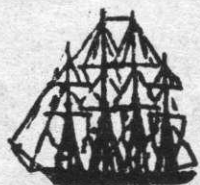


Celebration time for members of Derelicts, left to right, Shauneen Spence, Autumn White, Sandy MacDonald and Alice Richards.



Pam Byron spoils a pitch in an attempt to make catcher Jill Johnson, Derelicts, fumble the ball. Umpires were brought from off-island for the final games.

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