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Chairman indignant

Regional Board has no designs on Farmers' Market in 1978

The Capital Regional District has no intention of closing the Farmers' Market on Salt Spring Island.

The board has no wish to interfere in any way with the purely local matters of administration, said Board Chairman Jim Campbell this week.

Campbell was irate over an editorial comment in Driftwood last week which reflected on the report that the region planned to take action next spring.

"As far as 18 out of the 18 directors on the board are concerned, the last thing they would dream of doing is going to Salt Spring Island to close that market," stated the chairman with great emphasis this week.

"Not unless it was clearly shown that the people of Salt Spring Island want it closed."

Chairman Campbell looked back on the pattern of islanders administration. He had sought office and was elected eight years ago when he considered that decisions concerning the islands were being made in Victoria by the the Board Chairman Hugh Curtis and Planner Anthony Roberts, he recalled.

MUST BE ACCEPTABLE

"Nobody in the Regional District makes any decisions about the islands unless they are acceptable to the people of the area," he stated.

Jim Campbell also noted that the direct jurisdiction over the park property used for the Ganges Farmers' Market is exercised by the ministry of highways.

The ministry does not intend to interfere and will not do so unless the Capital Regional Board asks for action, said the chairman.

The administration of the park property is the responsibility of the Salt Spring Island Recreation and Parks Commission.

The Commission is responsible for local matters and this is the way he intends to keep it. At no time has the matter of the Farmers' Market been under consideration by the Regional Board.

Figures for petition are elementary mathematics

— Says Director Heinekey

It's elementary mathematics, says Regional Director George Heinekey.

Heinekey was referring to an open letter last week from Yvette Valcourt to Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis. Mrs. Valcourt questioned the accuracy of the percentage support for the Ganges sewer petition.

Here are George Heinekey's figures:

365 owners of property in the sewer area;

249 affirmative votes; 68.22% favouring the project.

Every signer of the petition asking to be knocked off the list was taken from the list of supporters. Every writer who wanted to be changed from negative to affirmative was also dealt with.

Every name was checked by the staff of the Capital Regional District, reports the director.

"I just can't understand her motives in writing the letter," he told Driftwood.

That's no barrier

Not on the voters' list?

Anyone who is eligible to vote may do so on November 19 even if his name is not on the voters' list. Only requirement is that a voter must have been a resident of the area for three months or more.

For both regional district and school board elections those eligible who wish to vote but don't have their names on the voters' list must fill in a card at the polls on voting day. Once the card is filled in, the vote may be cast.

Change in boundaries

possible — Curtis

— In Ganges sewer area

There is a possibility that some areas may be excluded from the Ganges sewer area. Islands MLA Hugh Curtis made this statement on Wednesday of last week when he spoke with a Driftwood reporter at Ganges.

He said that if there are property owners in the sewer area with good reasons for not being served by the proposed sewer

project a change in the boundaries could be possible.

In reply to a question as to whether an inquiry could be initiated by the Inspector of Municipalities, Mr. Curtis said he didn't feel it was necessary. He did say, however, that the decision lay with the inspector.

Asked what he would do if he were faced with a cost he was unable to meet in hooking up to a sewer system, Mr. Curtis replied that he would take his case to the regional board. He said he would go to the regional director first and then to the board and outline the details of his position.

With regard to the Coulthard system of sewage disposal, Curtis said the ministry of municipal affairs is waiting for a report from the Capital Regional District. Once the report is made, the proposal will go to the Pollution Control Branch.

Mr. Curtis was reluctant to consider halting the sewer project in Ganges.

Talk of a sewer system has gone on long enough, he said, and if it were put off any longer the costs would escalate even more.

Concerning the charges that have been made over the handling of the project and the petition for it, he said his ministry would be reviewing the petition. He suggested that anyone with a legitimate complaint about the sewer system should contest its handling individually. He said that a person contesting it on his own would probably gain more satisfaction than if a group of people were to contest it.

Candidates

All candidates for Regional Board and School Board will be invited to speak at an election meeting in Ganges on Monday evening.

All-candidates meeting will be at 8 pm in the elementary school activity room.

Ribbon cutting at Ganges Saturday



Shot of Laurie Mouat cutting the ribbon to open Mouat's Mall on Saturday was taken despite the large crowd of visitors and photographers for the occasion. Tom Toynbee is making sure it's a clean cut! Ceremony marked the opening of the mall and the 70th anniversary of the store.

Two plans are mooted for commercial centre

Ganges Plan is revealed at Tuesday meeting

After more than two years of deliberation and discussion, the official Ganges Plan was presented at a public hearing in the Activity Centre at Ganges Tuesday evening. More than 150 islanders turned out to hear a brief explanation of the plan and voice their opinions on it.

A committee of nine was struck in October, 1975 to formulate a plan for the village. It consisted of three representatives from the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association, three from the island's Chamber of Commerce, one from the hospital board, one from

the school board and the regional director, George Heinekey.

Over 30 meetings were held during the two years, and many of them were "frustrating and fruitless", committee-member Les Ramsey told the hearing.

Two planners from the Capital Regional District who had assisted in the formulation of the plan, Drew Thorburn and Jim Master-ton, were at the hearing to explain the plan and answer questions about it.

One of the aspects of the plan that raised a lot of questions was that concerning an alternate road a-

round the village. The planners were asked why the plan was going through before a by-pass route had been decided upon.

It's a matter that lies with the Ministry of Highways, the hearing was told, and something the regional district has no control over. Mr. Thorburn said it was a year and a half before the planning committee could get any co-operation from the ministry at all.

COULDN'T WAIT

He felt they couldn't wait any longer to finish the plan.

A report from the highways ministry is expected in the spring,

the meeting was told.

George Heinekey said the Deputy Minister of Highways had signified his intention to consider the Ganges Plan in deciding upon an alternate route.

Henry Elder felt that the position of the alternate road was a very important matter and would decide the size of the village.

"If it is left entirely to the Ministry of Highways they will only think of it economically," he warned. "It's a social matter as well as an economic one."

"It's a false premise to dismiss it lightly and talking like we are

tonight is wasting everybody's time."

George Heinekey refused a request from both John Watson and Yvette Valcourt that the hearing be postponed until the sewer dispute is settled.

Following the question period over the plan, a number of briefs were submitted.

Arthur Lloyd commended the regional director for conducting the hearing in a manner that permitted the regional district planners to answer questions. He also suggested, however, that the hearing was

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Failure of oil enquiry would be betrayal of west coast Trudeau told

Failure of the Dominion Government to stand behind the Oil Ports Inquiry would be a betrayal of the west coast.

A telegram to Prime Minister Trudeau makes this point. The originator of the telegram is Beth Hill, of the Salt Spring Island Save-Our-Seas Committee.

Mrs. Hill reports that Dr. Andrew Thompson is in Ottawa and that the future of the Oil Ports Inquiry is in jeopardy. The telegram is a gesture from the island committee to remind Ottawa that the danger of oil pollution of Canadian beaches is of vital concern on the coast.

Following is the committee's telegram:

Our Ganges Oil Ports Hearing, scheduled for November 30, is in jeopardy because Dr. Thompson is in Ottawa, fighting for more time and funds. The oil companies are being evasive, withholding evidence and detailed plans until the Inquiry blows over [at the end of the year, they hope] so that they may then go ahead without public interference.

If the Federal Government refuses more time and money to Dr. Thompson, the Oil Ports Inquiry will be a useless token gesture, with incomplete presentations, no time for cross-examination, no further evidence demanded and examined.

The supertankers would come and we islanders would be cleaning up the inevitable oil and paying the clean-up costs as well.

The failure of the federal government to support the West Coast Oil Ports Inquiry would be a betrayal of the people of the west coast.

More fashion

Gold and silver habiliments Are marvellous to feel, But not the baser elements Like iron, zinc or steel.

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Besides, metal isn't warm, Or even safe in a thunderstorm.

-John Healey

Better representation is needed on school board

—Says Mayne Island candidate

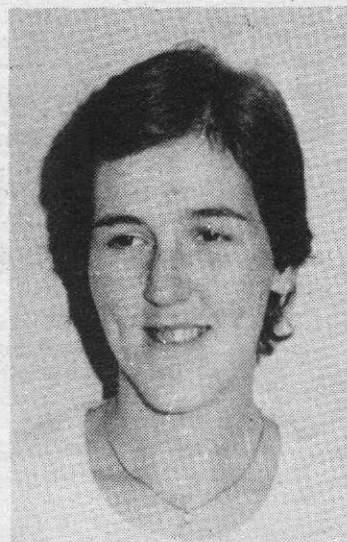
Candidate for Gulf Islands School Board from Mayne Island has attended school on both Mayne and Salt Spring Islands. Jeanine Dodds has lived on Mayne for 17 years, during which time she went through all the grades at the Mayne School and most of the grades in Gulf Islands Secondary. She has also studied at the University of Victoria for three years where she took planning and regional development.

Mrs. Dodds and her husband, John, are the operators of the Mayne Express water taxi service. For four years they ran the garage on Mayne Island.

Jeanine Dodds gave Driftwood several reasons for running for school trustee. She explained on Monday that she has lots of time on her hands and that she has a daughter who will be going to school in a few years.

She would like to see better representation for people on the school board, she explained, and feels that a lot of people are unaware of what the board is doing.

A lot of building has been going on in the school district, she said, and more attention needs to be paid towards the quality of ed-



JEANINE DODDS

ucation in the schools.

Mrs. Dodds has served as treasurer to the Mayne Island Ratepayers' Association for two and a half years.

Her opponent in the race is Pearl Brau, who is running for re-election. Voters go to the polls November 19.

contributions invited to the BC Cancer fund or the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

Death of E.K. Andrews

Ontario man who came to Salt Spring Island to retire in his son's new community, E.K. Cebe Andrews died in Lady Minto Hospital on Saturday. He was 69 years of age.

Mr. Andrews came to the island from Thunder Bay.

He leaves his wife, Eloise, at home; a son, Dennis, Ganges; two daughters, Marilyn, in Thunder Bay and Kathy, Victoria; five grandchildren; a brother, Frank and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Start and Mrs. Edna Mukley, all of Thunder Bay.

Mr. Andrews was a member of Admiral Lodge, AF and AM.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock in Ganges United Church; Rev. Vern McEachern officiated. Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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On an empty lot on McPhillips they lay to rot. There were four egg cartons and a plastic bag of tomatoes. Relics of a successful Hallowe'en. Most of the eggs had been thrown against Ganges buildings and the tomato juice now decorated various store fronts. There was, perhaps, six dollars worth of food represented there. Aren't we a lucky people? Half the world is starving and we use food to give to children to throw at buildings in a fervent gesture to placate the spirits of the dead!

We have it at last! Government of the workers for the workers by the workers!

And I'm so old I can remember when Rene Levesque was a Canadian!

He's Edward L. and used to live on Salt Spring Island, even if he didn't spell his name that way. I met him in Nanaimo last week and he told me a great liquor scandal. It seems that no Scotch may enter the United States without being tintured with corn liquor. That's the way he tells it. He recounts ghastly tales of whisky tankers plying the Atlantic hauling bourbon to Scotland to be inflicted on good Scotch whisky in order to bring it down to the standards of the United States government! Ed assures me that the bland, smooth Scotch familiar

to the rest of the world has a catch and a rasp to it when it is taken in the United States. I just can't swallow that!

She was getting a rabbit, which is an odd pet for a mature woman. But she was adamant. She was even fussy about the colour of the beast. It turned out she spells it with a capital "R".

Volkswagen has never been lost for a catchy advertisement and the new Rabbit transit is a good tag. But what of the anglophonic places where they don't call it a Rabbit? I think it's a "Golf" in Britain. Golf Course?

When somebody tells me he nearly died laughing, I often wish he had.

I have flash disease. It is a rare complaint and rarely strikes the amateur photographer. I am told. It consists of flash failure at the crucial moment. We have a number of flash units in the office. They have one thing in common. They cost a lot of money. When the flash suddenly makes a loud noise and goes flat, you know you got trouble. But when it makes no sound and the light comes on every time you use it, you have no slightest idea that it is fooling you until you come out of the darkroom. One flash is operating on its own, still producing enough light to see in the dark. The second is in the hands of the suppliers undergoing repairs. The third main unit is still in operating condition. To have two out of three working is an accomplishment that should be worth going out to dinner to celebrate. Usually there is one in use and two under repair. Worst part of it is that the repairman tells me that the amateur photographer rarely complains. It is only newspaper offices, where the units are used frequently and deprived of the tender loving care which they find in a home; particularly an enthusiastically photographic home.

He jumped into the Nustad and backed into another car. And if you don't know what a Nustad is, it's a Datsun, only he was going backwards!

I like CBC News. For example, last week: "They outplayed their opponents and lost...." The Rotary Club came up with some proposals, but nothing has developed...."

Again CBC.... "he made Indianapolis the racing capital of the world...." I never knew it was and I was a car racing buff since the Le Mans races of the late 1920's.

And I know how to cut our domestic consumption of mustard by half. If Women's Lib would take just half of what she figures she will need at any meal!

And from the San Diego Union, clipped by a Canadian Methodist in that city, comes an interesting report: It was an achievement

Island accountant is candidate for Salt Spring school seat

Spencer Marr was born in India of Scottish parents, and educated in Scotland and England. He served as a junior officer in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders for 2½ years after the war.

He graduated from Edinburgh University, and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. He was employed in India for three years as an accountant, and also served for that term as treasurer to the Mission to Lepers, and as director of the Calcutta Swimming Club with a membership of over 4,000.

He came to Canada, directly to B.C., in 1956, and has been resident on Salt Spring Island for the past 8½ years. He has served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, North Salt Spring Waterworks District, Cubs and Scouts, and is at present a director of the Parks and Recreation Commission. He is also a member of the B.C. Society of Notaries Public.

He has an accounting office in partnership with Fred Donaghy, a well-known Salt Spring Island resident.

notable for its scope and its magnitude and when it was over, Barbara Richards was the envy of many a demolition derby driver. She was driving across a shopping centre parking lot in the Queens borough of New York. This is from the police report: "Vehicle No. 1 swerved towards a line of parked cars, striking vehicle No. 2, Vehicle No. 3, vehicle No. 5, vehicle No. 6, and vehicle No. 7, driving vehicle No. 7 into vehicle No. 8. She was ticketed for driving without a license. Now, it's a funny thing, because that wasn't Women's Lib! It's funny, because they both drive the same way!

And quoting from the same clipping: Lucky Lager beer, \$1.99 for 12!

I watched the crowds outside Volume Two on Saturday and I recalled the days when Harry Nichols was selling me lumber and nails from my vantage point.

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SPENCER MARR

Sandra, who completed her education on Salt Spring and is now a nurse; David, the artist, is now studying drafting with Jonathan

Yardley on the island; and Kenneth is in Grade 7.

Mr. Marr believes that with his business experience, his accounting knowledge and concerns with education that he would be of value to the School Board.

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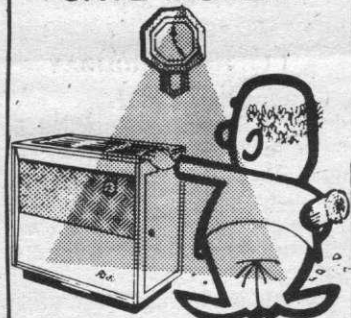
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Oil and the west coast

The might of the earth is oil. No generation in the past has ever seen wealth approaching that represented by oil today. The small, weak nations of the world are now among the most powerful if they have discovered oil beneath their land.

This immense power represented by oil has dismayed many coastal dwellers. The hazards of oil spilled on the sea of the shore are a bagatelle in comparison with the urgent call for the remainder of the oil, contained and ready for shipment.

Oil is the motive force of our travel: it is the fuel for the heat in our homes; it is the source of supply for many of the plastics we use in our everyday lives. Oil is not only the lubricant upon which the earth spins. It is the key and possible the sole key to the standard of living of which we boast.

The United States is facing a trade deficit unimagined by previous generations. Oil is the sponsor. For the first time in its history: the great western nation is hauling in imports far beyond the value of anything it can export. Oil is the main import in this imbalance.

On the west coast of Canada, we may yet be called on to make great sacrifices for the oil furnaces of the United States mid-west. This fear of oil is spreading up and down the coast like the oil spill which looms.

This week Mrs. Beth Hill sent a telegram to Prime Minister Trudeau asking for his concern and protection against irresponsible handling of oil through western Canadian ports. Mrs. Hill speaks for the Save-Our-Seas committee on the island. She has campaigned for many weeks to spread her awareness of the dangers of extensive oil transportation. Now she is fearful that Ottawa will be more aware of the factions which would bring oil into our coastal waters than of the people who will suffer.

The concerned residents of the British Columbia coast who are asking for government protection are not seeking to control the flow of Alaskan oil to the thirsty United States. They are asking two measures of their government. They want a restriction on needless oil traffic through Canadian coastal waters and they want an assurance of full and adequate protection from pollution by oil spills.

We want an oil-free sea. It is very simple.

If the oil passing through is destined purely for the benefit of the United States, it is logical to expect it to be shipped through United States ports on its movement east. In this instance, there would be one government administering the transport and the same government collecting taxes from the recipients. The cost of protection or cleaning the coast would be the responsibility of one administration. This would, quite obviously, be the simplest procedure. It would protect Canadians and Canadian waters.

Island people have watched the Oil Ports Inquiry with a range of passing emotions. It was warmly welcomed when the series of enquiries was launched. It was closely watched and a remarkable confidence was shown in the Inquiry and in its integrity.

In latter weeks the reaction has been one of disappointment and some mistrust.

We are now awaiting the Prime Minister's assurance that his government is, in fact, aware that there are people on the west coast and that these people are vitally concerned with any action by his government which might render the coast less than pleasantly habitable.

Letters to the Editor

ST. MARY LAKE

Sir,

I would like to reply to some of the comments made about the relocation of public access to St. Mary Lake.

First: the idea that the corner at the present site is not particularly dangerous is ridiculous. No one can argue that a narrow road with a very sharp blind corner is not dangerous. Add to that a boat launching ramp, cars parked on both sides of the road and children darting out from between those cars and you have what I consider the single most dangerous corner on this island.

Second: the suggestion that a child or swimmer in trouble could

be noticed by a passing motorist is patently absurd. Any motorist who turns that corner without having his full attention on the road is liable to wind up either taking his car for a swim or running over some child who is crossing the road.

Third: someone objects to having a public access near a water intake. I agree - Let's close that public access next to the Blue Gables, there is a water intake station right next to that spot and I can't understand why no one is objecting to people swimming there.

Fourth: the idea that Steve Nelson and a "minority of 88" are dictating anything is, again, ridiculous.

In this instance the Chamber of Commerce is responding to many valid and serious complaints voiced by people who live around that lake. They are working hard to find an acceptable solution to a dangerous situation.

The people who want to keep the access next to the Blue Gables open have obviously never listened to the scream of rubber on the road as a driver desperately hits the brakes to avoid a child running across the road to get to the beach. They have obviously never sat and watched high speed ski boats roaring through a swimming area. I can think of no other lake where the people are so irresponsible and callous as to allow high-powered boats to manoeuvre amongst swimmers.

As that spot is the only public launching site on the lake, closing it will alleviate a small portion of the noise, air and water pollution those boats so generously provide.

Speaking of pollution, there are no toilet facilities at the present site - need I say more? The bushes along there have been well fertilized, and that water intake is only yards away.

In conclusion, I urge the Chamber of Commerce to push for the closure of the public access next to Blue Gables, immediately.

I urge them to push for a park with adequate sanitary and parking facilities and no boat launching ramp.

I strongly urge them to take steps to have all internal combustion engines banned from St. Mary Lake.

K. Butler
North End Road
Ganges
November 3, 1977.

BOARD CRITIC

Sir,

My wife and I had been prepared to let the matter of School Board inefficiency in Ganges lie in peace, having had our say at a meeting on October 6 about the way the board's office staff had bungled my wife's employment application for a part-time job at the Mayne School.

However, Mrs. Pearl Brau's statement at a recent meeting of the Board, when she said that when we addressed the meeting demanding an apology we had already bought a new home in Victoria, and "apparently had never intended to stay on Mayne", cannot go unchallenged.

Mrs. Brau is quick to leap to conclusions, but her assumption that we had never intended to stay on Mayne, with the implication that, therefore, our arguments were specious and a waste of the Board's time is totally incorrect.

The truth of the matter is that my wife first applied for the job on June 20, a full three-and-a-half months prior to our appearance at the School Board meeting of Octo-

ber 6.

At the time she applied, we had every intention of staying on Mayne. (contrary to Mrs. Brau's opinion) otherwise my wife wouldn't have gone to the trouble of applying for the job in the first place. Our decision to leave Mayne was reached, reluctantly, a couple of months later, for reasons entirely unconnected with this affair.

However, it appears that Mrs. Brau's reasoning is that, since we were planning to leave Mayne when we addressed the Board, our complaint about the Board was no longer justified. This is strange reasoning indeed.

Since Mrs. Brau has seen fit to pursue this matter, I will also repeat what I said about her at that October meeting of the School Board.

"Mrs. Brau, the Trustee for Mayne Island, has never acknowledged our original letter, called us, or made any attempt to find out what happened, or to offer an apology. Her part in this affair has been, to say the least, minimal."

Until our run-in with the Ganges School Board, I had always laboured under the impression that the local Trustee was supposed to help and support the people in his/her particular riding. Mrs. Brau spoiled that illusion for me in a hurry. To this date, I am unaware of any actions on her part that would indicate her interest in our legitimate complaint. As far as my wife and I are concerned, Mrs. Brau is not doing the job that she was elected to do.

Graydon Gibson
2590 Empire St.
Victoria, BC
November 2, 1977

CANDIDATE

Sir,

I would like to make an addition to the list of diverse activities in



Margaret Frattinger and Barbara Hughes are examining a painting while Mayne Island Artist Joyce Mitchell is chatting about it. The picture was

shot during the showing of Mrs. Mitchell's work at Pegasus Gallery in Mouat's Mall on Friday evening last week.

which Peggy Flewin, candidate for the School Board in the forthcoming election, has been engaged.

She has been, and continues to be, an active volunteer in the library, and she was until recently on the Library Board as our competent and ever-vigilant treasurer.

Mrs. Beatrice S. Carroll
Chairman
Mary Hawkins Memorial Library
Box 366
Ganges
November 7, 1977

THANK YOU, MOUAT'S

Sir,

Mouat's are celebrating their 70th anniversary and as a customer of theirs for one-third of that time, it seems to be appropriate to express my appreciation of the fine service rendered to our community by this store.

During the many years I have dealt with them I have found no cause for complaint or dissatisfaction. They have always had an adequate stock of my reasonable wants and when they haven't had it, upon request, have hastened to get it.

One of our great national stores grew to greatness with the motto, "Goods satisfactory or money returned" and although I have never heard this sentiment expressed by Mouat's it would appear to be their policy, for there is never any problem about making returns or getting refunds.

Over the twenty-three years I have dealt with them I have always been pleasantly surprised by the wide variety of stock carried and the reasonable prices charged. Indeed, sometimes after having made purchases in Vancouver or Victoria I have been surprised to see the same article at Mouat's for

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Church Services

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
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Sundays	Ganges	Sunday School	10.00 am
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GOSPEL			
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Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710
Sunday 3 pm in the school
Bible Study Friday in the homes 7.30 pm

Letters to the Editor

[From Page Four]

a few cents cheaper.

Whoever hires staff for this organization appears to know people well and it is seldom that one encounters anything but the most courteous treatment from their very pleasant personnel.

All in all, I think we are very lucky to have such a pleasant and efficient store to fulfill our needs and I am sure if the founders could survey today's results of their first endeavours 70 years ago, they would be more than satisfied and would say "Well done".

It is with these thoughts in mind that I would say to Mouat's and all the pleasant people who work there, "Thank you and congratulations".

Bevis Walters
Box 484
Ganges, BC
November 6, 1977

CONCERNED PARENT

Sir,
I have allowed my name to stand for election to the Board of Trustees of the Gulf Islands School District. My reasons are uncomplicated and reasonable.

First, I am a concerned parent. I'm not concerned because I have an axe to grind or because I have complaints, but I'm concerned for the educational welfare of my children and others in the community.

Secondly, I am concerned in particular for the educational op-

portunities I feel our children should have on these islands.

Finally, I am concerned and hopeful that pupils and teachers will be provided with the necessary tools and equipment to achieve the basic goals of education.

The duties of a School Trustee include planning goals, developing policies, establishing regulations, directing courses of action and then evaluating the results. Attendance at meetings, investigation of complaints and the resolution of problems can demand a great deal of time. I am prepared to give that time and expend the energy necessary to maintain the educational services for our children.

I support the promotion of the core subjects and am vitally concerned with the provision of not only adequate, but optimal educational opportunities commensurate with the available finances.

I will do my best to maintain cooperation among all branches of the school system and to foster understanding and goodwill between the teaching staff and the board of trustees. I hope to work in close harmony with other trustees so we may create a school system with one goal in mind: the development of a program for Gulf Island pupils that will enhance their school life and provide a sound basis for further education.

E. Norma McCallum
Fulford Harbour
November 7, 1977

"I WILL VOTE NO"

Sir,
Since on August 31, 1977 all four parties of the provincial legislature voted unanimously to put into effect the new Islands Trust Act, what is the justification for the Capital Regional District putting this question on the ballot paper for November 19?

The Act has been proclaimed effective January 1, 1978. Regardless of how a referendum might go, land use planning will be transferred to the Salt Spring Committee of the Islands Trust and these people will all be elected trustees by the end of 1978.

The up-coming referendum is confusing, and a waste of taxpayers' money.

I will vote "no" to the referendum.

R. Alton
Fulford Harbour
November 7, 1977

SHOP AT HOME

Sir,
I have been following the Shop-on-the-Island campaign by the Chamber of Commerce for a while and I have also observed that there is some opposition to this from some people. In some cases this may be justified.

For instance, one complaint; a repair item cost three times as much as in Duncan.

If this was the case then the people do have cause to feel cheated and may take it out on the rest of the business people, as well, by going off the Island to shop and encourage others to do the same.

It's a free country!

I think it's important for those in business to price things fairly for all of their customers, rather than upping the price, on certain items, excessively.

People are going to compare prices, especially if they think it sounds high, they will make a point of doing so.

Mark up on goods and services should be fair to everyone, I think.

If people feel betrayed they are going to take their business elsewhere no matter what the chamber says. No criticism meant for the chamber of commerce of course.

Many businesses on the Island are run by dedicated people who go to great time and effort for their customers.

Competition is healthy for Island business and business people should be co-operating with one another instead of fighting, as this is both wasteful of time and effort.

That's about all I've got to say on the subject. Thank you.

Geoff Howland
Ganges
November 7, 1977

DISMAYED BY PLAN

Sir,
My concerns are those of a Social Worker and father of two young children. I live adjacent to Ganges and have cause to enter the village several times each day, to carry on my employment, to shop, and to enjoy the facilities of a seaside park and the adult education program. My job connects me to the schools and the Community Centre, giving me an inside look at the needs of many age groups. I have long considered that Ganges could be made into an extremely attractive and functional village.

I am dismayed at the lack of information that has been available to me, about the proposed plan for Ganges and possible alternatives. No public discussion has been allowed. The Capital Regional District sent me a pamphlet with enough information in it to interest me in the public meeting it promised. I quickly learned that there would be no meeting and no further information; and I can only conclude that a deliberate effort is being made to introduce sweeping changes to my way of life without asking if I agree. I am dismayed.

For a long time I have wanted to tell someone of my dream for Ganges. I share with my children an enthusiasm for boats and ducks and water, for green places with swings and slides and laughing children, for a market where we can look and mix and talk without fear of traffic. Ganges already offers the vital ingredients of ocean and open spaces. The major problem is simply that the open spaces are covered with blacktop and fast moving vehicles. How simple it would be to change that. We need someone with sensitivity and planning experience to rearrange a few things and make the present Ganges a safe and pleasant place to be. A small consideration, one would think.

I am one of the few people who have been privileged to examine such an alternative plan. It has existed for some time. It is an answer to my dreams, and reflects the hopes of many others. It is sensitive to our needs yet practical

in application. It proposes a stronger economic base for the island while allowing for decent housing for all income groups, for a safe and pleasing village centre, and for efficient transportation to and from other parts of this island, plus a passenger ferry direct from the Outer Islands.

The Alternative Plan reflects a good deal of expertise, hard work, imagination, and a rare sensitivity to the needs of those of us who live and work here.

In conclusion I can only express my disappointment in proposed by-law #419. It seems to have been prepared in ignorance of the lifestyle of Salt Spring and the wishes of its inhabitants. It avoids dealing with the delightful alternatives available to it. I can only hope that we will find more able representatives in the Islands Trust.

The islands, including Ganges, are after all, a trust for which we are all responsible. My family asks for the opportunity to exercise this responsibility.

Nicholas R. Gilbert
R.R. 3
Ganges
November 8, 1977

OIL PORTS INQUIRY

Sir,
The matter of whether or not there will be supertankers plying the Straits of Georgia to some monolithic supertanker port, is certainly far from decided.

The West Coast Oil Ports Inquiry is proceeding along its course like a small craft in a gale. The voice of dissent from fishermen, native people, environmentalists and home owners becomes louder and angrier, while the voice of the interested corporations becomes more cautious, evasive and, well, oilier.

Here, on the Gulf Islands, we are about to have our Public Hearing, on or about November 30.

This is the hearing, whereby the opinions of the local people, become the legal testimonials, which Commissioner Thompson will weigh when concluding, whether or no there should be a supertanker port here on the Northwest coast.

Therefore it is of utmost importance that Gulf Islanders, from all the islands, attend this Hearing, to submit their thoughts to the Com-

missioner.

People are urged to make any kind of presentation they feel most comfortable with. They can group together to make a community presentation; they can act as individuals and speak, or read, their peace; they can show slides and movies; they can yell and holler.

Children are invited to express their thoughts on what living by the ocean means to them. Anyone who feels that an oil spill would upset their existence is urged to please step up and say so.

Every presentation will be recorded, to become part of the evidence, on how local people would be affected by the supertankers and their eventual spills.

And don't kid yourself! Where there are oil freighters, there are oil spills. There have been dozens around the world in the last two years. The supertankers are a hundred times worse, their spills, a hundred times more devastating.

With our ocean polluted by oil, our standard of living drops way down and sickness appears. If we stop to look at it closely, most of us are dependent for our well-being upon the ocean, in one way or another. It matters not if we be fishermen earning our living from the sea, or children happily paddling in the water.

The hearing is our opportunity, here in the Gulf Islands, to step forth and let our wishes be known. It will begin at, or before noon, and run through the evening. There will be a break for a potluck dinner.

To this end the Salt Spring Save Our Seas Committee will endeavour to facilitate the journey here for people from Mayne, Galiano, Pender and Saturna. There will be billeting for those who would like to stay for the evening session. Salt Spring islanders will supply enough food for everyone. There will be daycare for the little ones.

Please plan to attend. If you're interested in making a presentation it would help the committee if you could let us know of the time for its delivery. If you want more information just contact the writer at 653-4369.

We will confirm the date of the hearing in a later Driftwood.

Jezrah Hearne
Fulford Harbour
November 6, 1977

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Tribute to memory of Reta Oulton

Death of former island teacher brings memories of 50 years ago

BY OLIVE MOUAT

It was 51 years ago last month that I first met Reta Oulton.

She had come to UBC from the Okanagan and I had come from the Kootenays. Our friendship began in Lemmie Robertson's Latin class and lasted all these years.

We both substituted in Vancouver schools; we both took Saturday morning classes in Physical Education and various other useful subjects; we batched together at Summer School in Victoria; we both wrote hundreds (literally, for those were Depression days) of applications for positions as teachers; and both finally found work, she in Salt Spring Island's Cranberry School, I in a small country school up north.

When Mrs. Hepburn stopped teaching in the "chicken coop" at Ganges, Miss Oulton was offered and accepted the position.

TWO TEACHERS

John Foubister was principal; Miss Oulton his assistant. There were only the two teachers in the secondary school and they taught all subjects.

When the new school (now the oldest part of the present elementary school) was opened, it made a delightful change from the small, make-shift quarters. School population was growing. There were

now more than two teachers in the high school.

Besides that, students were now brought by bus, and the small elementary schools that had been scattered over the island were closed.

Secondary and elementary pupils used the same building and did not quite fill it. In fact, there were those who criticized the School Trustees for building "such a large school, when the population was certain to decline and many rooms would be empty."

War broke out and Mr. Foubister joined the Navy.

What to do?

Gavin Mouat, a very practical member of the School Board, persuaded Miss Oulton to become Acting-Principal, promising full support from the Board. Miss Oulton agreed hesitatingly. Older boys and girls backed her nobly. So did the Trustees. Board, teachers parents, and pupils co-operated.

Things went very well on the whole; but, as in any school, once in a while something went amiss.

One example was the time when the two Dicks put up a cartoon on the notice board.

"Get that out of this school!" commanded the irate Acting-Principal. No sooner commanded than obeyed.

Late that afternoon, when Reta went shopping, she found the cartoon on Mouat's notice board. She was amazed, but not too upset, because the boys had obeyed her command, and the cartoon was clever and very funny.

BACK TO NORMAL

The war ended. Mr. Foubister returned to his position as principal and Miss Oulton thankfully returned to being unofficial and, later, official vice-principal.

Reta often said that she believed that she could help students who found mathematics difficult because in her school days she had found them so.

She had a great admiration for and considerable success with any pupil who was willing to work. She was proud of the many pupils who went on to be a credit to their school and their parents, and very fond of many of those scholars.

When she retired, Miss Oulton chose an apartment on Dallas Road in Victoria, "the first home that was ever really her own." There she watched the little boat go out to carry a pilot to incoming vessels, saw start and finish of many a sailboat race, and welcomed friends. There she learned that she had terminal cancer. Soon after that her two nieces spelled each other in keeping her company, and there she dropped off to sleep on November 3 and did not waken.

Her pupils, her colleagues, and her many other friends will remember Reta Oulton for her kindness, her ability and her courage.

Spontaneous turn taken by record concert

BY HUDSON AND MADGE KIMBALL

The last record concert, held at the home of Guille Libresco on October 23, was intended to be a continuation of our historical survey plus a little contrast, but took a spontaneous turn instead.

The Dvorak 'Cello Concerto in B minor played by Jacqueline Dupres, the incredible and unique young cellist who has had to abandon her career due to multiple sclerosis, was first, and we shared Guille's enthusiasm over a well-loved record. Hudson Kimball offered his beloved Thanksgiving Quartet of Beethoven Opus 130 which has the Thanksgiving movement in the Lydian Mode rather than a major or minor key. This is one of the last quartets of Beethoven (5) which are the epitome of his profoundest depths, and merit much listening. We hope to cover all of these little by little. Many people are quite unaware of these, greatest of all Beethoven.

From Opus 130 it was a delightful step to the Razumovsky Quartet #1 of Beethoven.

The next concert will be Sunday, November 13 at 2 pm at the home of Guille Libresco. If everyone is in the mood we may continue in part with the abandoned historical survey, or who knows? Come and influence the direction it takes.

If you have a record you're eager to share, either bring it along or phone 537-2919 for further information.

Some people would call it

Baloney ... by Tony

Regional districts on the coast are very reluctant to give up their authority over planning and zoning matters to the Islands Trust. And in its reluctance, the Capital Regional District is spending our money on a referendum that has no value whatsoever.

What will they come up with next? A district-wide vote on whether or not the regional districts should take over from the provincial government? This would seem very likely judging by the reasoning the regional board is currently following.

It appears that the inquiry that has been appointed to look into the regional district concept is somewhat overdue. Municipal Affairs minister Hugh Curtis agreed when it was suggested to him last week that in many cases the regional districts are spread out over too large an area. This is certainly the case on Salt Spring Island.

A prime example is the plan that has been prepared for Ganges. It has one big advantage in its usefulness as far as the planners are concerned: it could be used for any other town in the country.

The new year will bring a new regime unless the Capital Regional District stages a coup d'etat in order to retain its power in the realm of planning and zoning. A coup would not be conducive to a Happy New Year.

While I'm on this rather dreary subject, a few tips for the Islands Trust may be in order.

Let us hope that the Trust will:

- Give the islands the time they deserve and act in such a manner as to keep the wishes and desires of

the people in mind.

- Keep the people of the islands informed as to what they are doing.

- Advertise by-laws and zoning changes in a way that will make it unnecessary for a lawyer to be consulted to translate said advertisements.

- Hold their meetings locally so that people can attend if they wish and voice their opinions on laws that are to be made to govern them.

And if the Islands Trust fails to do any better than the regional district has done in the past, then let's try anarchy and see how that works.

The challenge issued in this column last week has been answered. Readers who bore any ill-feeling towards the editorial staff of this newspaper were asked to come forward and voice their objections.

Well, someone did, and, although the subject barely deserves any mention at all, I'm weary of planning talk and quite ready to consider another topic.

It concerns the frail, or rather, gentle, sex and comes following a report some weeks ago about the thriving Men's Liberation Movement.

As it stands, the Women's Liberation Movement is attempting to place one sex on a footing slightly more equal than the other sex. And in the eyes of some women, they are even succeeding.

In the other corner, the Men's Liberation Movement is striving to maintain equality.

Anyhow, one local feminist has suggested a chauvinist contest. Any candidates?

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Kay Catlin

Salt Spring soapstone carver to exhibit work at Kenton House

BY TONY RICHARDS

The work of Salt Spring Island sculptor Kay Catlin will be featured at an exhibition at Kenton House Gallery beginning on Sunday.

Kay Catlin and her husband, George, left Salt Spring many years ago to live in Vancouver, which city Kay says she "hated all the time" they were there. They returned to the island to stay a year ago.

Kay Catlin is referred to as being a sculptor, although carver may be a more suitable term because she works with soapstone. She was introduced to soapstone carving a year and a half ago by a Vancouver man who owns a soapstone mine in Hope, B.C. Her experience with carving had been very limited before that.

"The nearest I ever came to carving was with bars of soap when I was young," said Mrs. Catlin last week.

As far as art is concerned though, Kay's experience has not

been limited. She has painted in oils for many years and she also used to make stuffed fur animals



KAY CATLIN

using old fur coats and kapok or whatever else she could find for stuffing.

ART IN THEIR FAMILIES

Art is in both Kay's family and her husband's. Her father was a cartoonist for an army newspaper in Canada during the first world war. Her husband bears the same

name as that of one of his ancestors, George Lucius Catlin, an artist who travelled through North and South America painting Indians. He travelled across North America with the early explorers, Lewis and Clarke. Some of his paintings are hanging in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The soapstone Kay Catlin gets from the mine in Hope is also used by Eskimos who come down from northern areas of the country to buy it. It's a darker and softer stone than that which was brought from Newfoundland by Bruce-Hill-dred on the Anna V. Fagan. The latter was more brittle, she noted, but of a nicer colour.

Kay's tools are files and saws; the saws are a keyhole and a fine household saw and the files are especially made for soapstone carving and come in different shapes.

"My husband goes crazy trying to keep the saws sharp," she says.

Kay Catlin plans to continue carving with soapstone but last week she expressed the desire to try using jade.

The exhibition at Kenton House will be her first showing. Also on display will be some work by West Coast painter, Stewart Marshall. The show will begin on Sunday and run for one week.

LOYALTY SUNDAY AT UNITED CHURCH WITH BREAKFAST

Hot pancakes and syrup and sausages, fruit juice and coffee will be the order of the day on Sunday, Nov. 13 in Ganges United Church lower hall from 8.30 to 10 am, as the congregation observes its annual Loyalty Sunday.

There is no stated charge for the breakfast, but an offering plate will be at the door for those who wish to help with the costs.

As usual, men of the congregation will cook and serve the breakfast. Supervising the event for the Committee of Stewards is Edwin Allan, assisted by Carl Norlander. Together they will secure the supplies, recruit and organize the score or more men who will serve as cooks, washers,

waiters and helpers.

Following the breakfast the congregation will gather in the sanctuary upstairs at 10.30 a.m. for the Loyalty Service in which men of the congregation will participate.

A stewardship sermon will be delivered by the minister and pledges for the church's 1978 budget will be received and dedicated.

Following the service, coffee and fellowship will be enjoyed in the upper hall and offering envelopes for 1978 will be available from the envelope secretary, Mrs. Ella Robertson.

"Everyone is welcome to the breakfast and Loyalty Service, on Sunday," commented the minister, Dr. Vern McEachern.

Chamber meeting at Galiano

On Wednesday night, Nov. 2, the Galiano Chamber of Commerce held their open meeting in the Galiano Hall, with a small turnout to hear of the work of the Chamber for the past few months.

Many questions were raised, and President Mervin Ferguson explained some of the works that are now in progress.

It is hoped to have some Christmas lights installed at Sturdies Bay wharf, and attention was drawn to the excellent film equipment available in the Hall now.

Two pictures, "The Drylanders" and "St. Lawrence Seaway" are shown and enjoyed.

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Lumberman is candidate**Arthur Lloyd is very much aware
of provincial picture as he sets out**

Arthur Lloyd, is the third person to have thrown his hat in the ring for the position of Regional Director. Polling day is November 19.

Lloyd is at the present time president of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club and his term as president expires at the annual meeting early in the spring of 1978.

Starting as a labourer in the sawmill industry in Port Alberni, he ended up as an executive in forest products operations and industry associations.

He has been the manager of sawmills and plywood and pulp operations in the interior of the province.

He is past president of lumber associations, Rotary Club, numerous private companies and a director of a labour relations association and Canada-wide industry associations.

PRIVATE PILOT

He has been a private pilot and knows something about the problems of the air, having used his own aircraft for transport between forestry operations in B.C. and Northern Alberta, which he has managed.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the Municipal Airport at Salmon Arm in the North Okanagan.

Arthur Lloyd explains that the reason he has thrown his hat into the ring is because he is concerned about the method and results of legislation and controls which have been enacted, controlling the lives of the people on Salt Spring.

With the retirement of George Heinekey as Salt Spring Island regional director of the Capital Regional District he feels that it is important that representation on the regional district be strong and

**ARTHUR LLOYD**

able, to ensure that the voice of the people on the island be heard and paid attention to.

CONTROVERSY

He is aware, he stated, that it is necessary to resolve the highly controversial problem with the sewer system. He is also aware of the problems revolving around the implementation of the Ganges Plan, which is presently before the Regional Board.

Arthur Lloyd owns the Ganges Apartments on Crofton Road. However, he makes his home on Quebec Drive on Long Harbour. He pledges hard work to ensure that the island residents are adequately heard in the Capital Regional District.

Galiano

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

Welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Frewer, who have spent the past two months visiting relatives in England, and especially glorious Devon, they were there for their wedding anniversary, and most happy to see all of their loved ones, some of whom they have not seen for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Platt slipped home without us finding out, too, they have had an extended holiday to England, and the Continent, returning home looking well and rested.

W.W. (Pat) Weaver went to Vancouver Island to help his brother and wife celebrate their silver wedding anniversary, the twenty-fifth. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Weaver are well-known on the Island, as Rex has a fine band which he brings over to some of our dances.

Every Wednesday afternoon, there is a gathering of the Page Drive Choral Group, our teacher is Dr. Lloyd Slind, B. Mus., L.R.S.M. Ed. D., ret. who lives now at the North End of Galiano. He says "If you can sing, carry a tune, or if you have ten fingers that can be used, you are welcome to come and join with us." He not only teaches singing, but simple musical instruments, and folks do not have to be sixty-five to come and have a couple of hours of entertainment.

On Monday afternoon, at the Golf Course, we had a short but

welcome visit from our M.L.A. for Gulf Islands, Hugh Curtis, accompanied by his assistant....for talk to some of his constituents. He did not wish to make this an official visit with a big meeting, but even had to be persuaded to give us a few words, "The shortest politicians talk in all history," he laughingly said. He also said that his greatest and most important work as our M.L.A. is to listen to his people, and try to help, or explain individual problems if he possibly could. He was introduced by Hall Tingley, a member and ex-president of the Golf Club. His visit included Galiano, Mayne, the Penders and Salt Spring Islands.

letters

Readers are warmly invited to write to the editor. Letters must be free of libellous statements, because the editor has no wish to end up in jail. They must avoid obscene expressions and must conform to good taste. Never normally see any that don't fit into those limitations. But keep them short! If a letter is too long, the editor will exercise his scissors in future, happy in the knowledge that the more he chops, the more readers will attempt to read it. If it can't be said briefly, think twice before saying it!

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GOLFING

At the Awards Night Dinner on October 29; the following is a list of the happy winners and their events: Ladies, Wilson Cup, Club Champion, Irene Hawksworth; Brooks Cup, Alice Fraser; Imperial Bank of Commerce, Anne Monro; Rose Bowl, Dorothy Kennedy; Bank of Montreal, Helen Kernaghan; Marg Johnston Cup, Marge Mills; Evans Cup, Ada Woodley; Men's Crofton Cup, Club Champion, Gordon Hutton; Matson Cup, Bob Marshall; Mouat Cup, Malcolm Robertson; Morris Cup, Aage Villadsen; Schwenger Cup, Jack Fraser; Buzz Brown Trophy, Al Whorley; Parsons Cup, Art Forrest; Tom Butt Trophy, Bob Atkins; Shipley Cup, Connie and Bruce Hardy; Jensen Cup, Bumps Irwin; Dods Trophy, Ray Parsons.

As all the main competitions have now been run off, this will be the last newsletter of the year.

Some of our more fortunate members are packing their clubs to move south to warmer climes, and thus keep their game in shape, and their bodies warm and suntanned.

We wish them all a safe trip to their various destinations and return.

We would also like to thank the

club captains and committee members who worked on behalf of the golf club during the past year.

A tip of the hat to Bud and his staff for keeping the course in such good condition all year, and to Rita for keeping the inner man happy.

We are happy to hear that Pro Len MacDonald, who made such a good impression on the golfers and their golf game is coming back next year.

Last, but not least, a special thank you to Jean Jefferies who kept the news letter going while the writer was on a six week golfing holiday in Scotland.

The holiday was tremendous, the golf courses were fabulous, the weather was great, the natives were the friendliest, the only trouble was the language - they talk kind of funny over there.

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FERNWOOD

BY JESSIE SAYER

Mrs. Viola and Mrs. Pearl Aitchison of New Westminster and Surrey enjoyed a week's visit with me recently.

A hummingbird was flitting around Fernwood area as late as October 15, he seemed lost.

A tiny new resident for our area arrived Oct. 9 born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henderson of North Beach Road, Chelsea is a sister for Emily.

Friends of Fred Spain, of Vancouver, may be interested to know he will be visiting our area for a few days.

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Pearl Brau goes for third term as Mayne Island school trustee

Running for her third term as school trustee for Mayne Island is Pearl Brau. Not having any background in the educational field before becoming trustee, she has



PEARL BRAU

found it an interesting learning experience.

The new school complex on Mayne came into being in her terms of office.

"The trustees of the School District, and parents of students attending, deserve a lot of credit for this building", she told Driftwood.

"The Board has staffed it with the best of teachers, thus enabling the students to get the best education possible in a small school situation."

For two years Pearl served on the transportation committee, one year as chairman.

This year she has been on the

education committee.

Having to depend on ferry service has made this committee very time-consuming with its many meetings but it has been well worth the effort, she asserts. Mrs. Brau also spoke of her experience of negotiating with district teachers over the Core Curriculum. She had

found them all to be very dedicated individuals, she said.

Two new programmes are being initiated in the school system, she noted, the Hospital-and-Home-bound and the Rehabilitation Projects.

These will be a great benefit to the young people of the district and very much needed, she asserted.

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Reg. and K. Taylor are home after a long and very happy visit to the British Isles.

BY K. TAYLOR

September in England, this year, was a month of roses, everywhere every bush was full of blossoms. Even the flowers appeared to be celebrating the Silver Jubilee, so many people had done what ever they could to help celebrate with the Queen; their Queen!

Most of our time was spent with relatives in the South of England. My mother, in spite of her 95 years, is still very able and alert and accompanied us on most of our shorter travellings.

We toured most of the hilly country of Wales. Its steepest slopes were pink with heather, the more gradual, grassy ones were dotted with sheep. Instead of fences, the pastures were divided by slate walls. These slate walls average a foot in width and are about four feet high. Besides being partitions, they provide good wind-breaks for the sheep.

FASCINATION

We also spent a week at Gurnsey: a fascinating place, colourful, clean and crowded. There are over 20,000 inhabitants in St. Peter Port, its only town.

Gurnsey has miles of very narrow roads, miles of accessible beaches and good bus service to all points of the island.

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Blithe Spirit is all set as cast keyed up

Members of the cast of Blithe Spirit are in the final preparations for the play to be presented November 10-13.

This production, of Noel Coward's light-hearted comedy is sure to be another hit for the Salt Spring

Players.

Behind the scenes is the director, Ken Gaylor, who, as island playgoers will remember, a couple of years back directed See How They Run. Mr. Gaylor has been involved with the Salt Spring Players for about five years.

On stage there are seven very talented people, Yvonne Toynbee, Gwen Hindsmith, Pat Desbottes,

John Lomas, David Fitch, Jennifer Weibe, and a new actress to the Players stage, Sunny Swanner.

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Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Adult Education art instruction class, sponsored by the Gulf Islands School District, is fortunate in obtaining the services of David J.L. Anderson, CPE, AOCA, well known Deep Cove artist, as teacher.

Mr. Anderson, described as the most completely trained graphic artist in Canada, spent 20 years studying art in many forms.

Nothing but fun, blue lips, chattering teeth and a cold sobering was had one early Sunday morning at the Farmers' Institute log dump recently. A couple of our loggers made a beer hall nickel bet that one was a better log roller than the other.

One of our local truck owners, who thinks Sunday is made only for deer hunting, can thank his lucky stars that some people go to church. An island man, on his way to church last Sunday, spotted a nice buck, and stopped and told our hunter where the deer was. Our hero ambled over to the spot and shot the beast dead.

And another hunter parked his car 'neath a "No Hunting" sign. Upon returning, there was a note in his car saying something to the effect-how did he expect to hit a deer if his eyes were that bad.

The Goblins and Witches paraded on their broomsticks in full force in the Fulford Hall on Hallowe'en night when about 50 children arrived for a night of frolic and fun. Thirty-seven costumed children entered the competition and were judged by Mrs. L. Hanke, Mrs. H. Skuce and Mr. E. Faure. Winning prizes were the following: best original: Steven Coopsie, first; Rosemary Bridgen, second; Kerry Akerman and Patty O'Donnell, third. Best Hallowe'en: Douglas Stewart, first; Sharon Stewart, second; Garry Moulton, third. Best comic: Danny Warren, first; Mary Lou and Josephine Roland, second; Laura Pallot, third.

TEN YEARS AGO

The need for better ferry service from Fulford to Swartz Bay was emphasized at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week.

Letter on the subject sent recently to ferry authorities by the chamber has brought no reply to date.

Comments were made at the meeting on the steady increase in traffic on the island.

More than 800 auto licences were issued for Salt Spring Island this year, 16 new businesses have been established and 74 new buildings erected.

Consumption of milk "as the cow gives it" is down to a trickle on Salt Spring Island to former years, when delivery of the raw product direct from farm to home formed an important part of the island's economy.

Roger Hughes, owner of Burgoyne Dairy, and last of

the vendors of unpasteurized milk on Salt Spring, has ceased home delivery and will sell his bottled milk through local stores.

Leslie Lillian Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of Mayne Island and Douglas Ralph DeRousie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeRousie also of Mayne Island, were united in marriage Saturday, Oct. 21 in Highlands United Church, North Vancouver.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Back to work in Ganges is veterinarian David Lott this week. Dr. Lott has spent several weeks in Ethiopia, to examine the stock-breeding practices of Ethiopian farmers.

Despite pouring rain and heavy mist, a fair crowd attended the dedication of the memorial cairn in Peter Arnell Park on Sunday.

The cairn has been erected by the Corporation of B.C. Land Surveyors in memory of the late Peter Arnell, who was shot while surveying near the woods on Galiano in 1968.

Galiano Island has just reason to be proud of Shari Street.

Shari is showing her striking pictures at the Vancouver Public Library until November 18.

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These are some of the costumes in evidence last week at the Hallowe'en party at Saturna.

Ganges Plan

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superfluous in that the Islands Trust would soon take over planning and zoning matters.

Mr. Lloyd stated that there were a few items in the plan that bothered him. One was that there is no mention of a limit on the height of buildings in the village. He suggested the two-storey, 25-foot height concept should be followed. He also pointed out that the use of the word 'municipality' in a certain place in the plan had lead him to believe that the plan was the same that had been used for other areas.

"There is no municipality here," he said.

CONCERN OVER DENSITY

He also stated his concern for the higher density population that the plan would permit. There are 512 acres in the Ganges planning area, said Mr. Lloyd, and the plan allows for a maximum population of almost 6,000 in the area. In the vicinity of Ganges Hill, he pointed out, lot sizes of 70 by 150 feet would result.

"Can you imagine what it would be like?" he asked.

Mike Clement spoke as chairman of the Community Planning Association. He felt that the word 'should' appears too frequently for the guidelines of the plan to be enforceable. Other points Mr. Clement took issue over were that minor changes could be made to the plan without amendment and that the Capital Regional District refuses to be bound by it. He also mentioned the alternate plan that has been put together by Henry Elder, Quentin Wilson and James Raeside. The major difference

between the two plans, he noted, was that the alternate looks into other traffic routes while the official one doesn't deal sufficiently with this aspect.

Nick Gilbert agreed and told the hearing that the alternate plan reflected a great deal of hard work, expertise and imagination.

Gail Secor said she was upset that a public meeting was not being held to discuss the plan. She did say, though, that there were some admirable points in the plan although some of them may not work, she added.

She suggested that Ganges needs a policy for marine development. **CAN'T SEE THE WATER**

"In some harbours in southern California you can't see the water for the boats," said Mrs. Secor.

She also urged that the Ministry of Highways needed to be pushed in relation to the by-pass route or they will drop it.

The way the Ganges Plan is drawn up could allow the island's population to reach 22,000, warned Mike Larmour.

"There is not enough knowledge concerning water supplies," he said.

Mr. Larmour also felt that one public hearing would not allow a full exchange of ideas.

Following the presentation of briefs, Henry Elder suggested an evening of debate be held at which time both the official and the alternate plan could be discussed.

Mr. Heinekey said he would take the request to the regional board and recommend such a debate.

"Your point is well taken," said the director.

Central Hall to be renovated and enlarged under federal grant

BY BEVIS WALTERS,
CHAIRMAN

Central Hall is beginning to get a face lift. Margaret Cunningham, tireless worker of the Central Hall Committee, has secured grants for most of the renovations and addition to the old Hall whose origin goes back to the late 1880's. It has

been school, jail, and meeting place for three-fourths of Salt Spring's colonized history.

Jonathan Yardley, Island architect, has come up with a plan which not only maintains the character of the hall, but will provide kitchen, rest rooms, storage area and a vastly improved stage area suitable for large or small theatricals.

The original front porch, which was destroyed some years ago, will be replaced with an entry which will include coat storage for guests. Another entrance will include a ramp for wheelchair occupants.

Under the direction of Ed.

Bettis the work will have commenced by publication date, with ground breaking for foundation at the addition section, and levelling of the existing structure.

"Grants received will cover most of the costs", said Margaret Cunningham. "But we will be accepting donations, and presenting fund raising activities to help make up the difference. Anyone interested in this project should contact me at 537-5764. If everyone on this island would send us one dollar, our problems would disappear. Donations may be sent to Box 484, Ganges".

Holiday to remember war dead

Friday is Remembrance Day. Stores and businesshouses through the islands will be closed for the day.

On Salt Spring Island veterans and others will take part in the formal march from the Legion Hall to the Cenotaph in the Centennial Park.

At Mayne Island the ceremony will take place at the Cenotaph and a service will be conducted in St. Mary Magdalene Church.

It is the day when the dead of this century's wars are remembered. The First World War ended on November 11, 1918 and the date has been marked as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day ever since.

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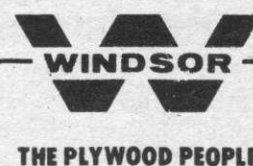
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