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GREEN SCUM UNLIKELY, ISLANDERS ASSURED

Sewers in Ganges by summer, 1980?

Successful island bowlers



Here are the successful Salt Spring Island bowlers who will be playing at the provincial roll-offs at Prince George March 17. From left to right, Steve Marleau, Ken

Anderson, Michael Lee and Randy Wasitz are in the front row; behind them are Gordon Hitchcock and Paul Trenholm.

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Pollution Control Board will decide

BY TONY RICHARDS

Water quality in the vicinity of the outfall the proposed Ganges sewer system can be expected to be 100 times better than what it is now in the boat basin, an engineer for the Capital Regional District said Thursday. And an engineer from H.A. Simon (International) Ltd. said there was little likelihood of green scum appearing on the surface of the harbour once the sewer system was in operation.

Those assurances were made at the sewer meeting in Ganges Thursday evening, when over 150 islanders went to the Activity Centre to hear details of the sewer scheme from CRD staff and H.A. Simon engineers.

The sewer system could be in operation by the summer of 1980, islanders were informed.

The meeting dealt first with the studies made on the harbour and the Ganges area; they included soil tests on the land in the sewer area, and oceanographic, biological and environmental studies of the harbour. Results of the soil analyses showed that 75% of the land within the sewer area was not suitable for septic tank disposal systems, said CRD chief engineer Norman Howard.

GROSSLY CONTAMINATED

An engineer with H.A. Simon said that 50 samples of water from the harbour were taken to determine coliform levels. They were mostly low, he said, but samples taken from around the boat basin were "extremely high". He described that area as being "grossly contaminated" but the water beyond the Second Sister Island was clean, the meeting learned.

Testing the waters of the harbour will be an ongoing process after the treatment plant is in operation and samples will be taken from the head of the harbour and out beyond the end of the outfall, said the engineer.

The treatment plant chosen is called a Rotating Biological Contactor, or Biodisc, and according to CRD engineer Mike Williams, will achieve, in terms of treatment level, 15 milligrams per litre biological oxygen demand and 15 milligrams per litre suspended solids (15/15). The minimum requirement of the Pollution Control Board is 45/60 which, the meeting learned, would not be a satisfactory level for Ganges Harbour due to limited tidal movement.

It was decided that an achievement of 15/15 would be satisfactory for the receiving waters.

Residents complain to ministry

Pender Island residents who complained to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs about commercial zoning granted to Ted Dever recently may expect a prompt reply.

The ministry confirmed Monday that, as a result of three telegrams, the matter had been referred to senior officials.

An administrative officer said an announcement could be expected within a few days.

New play area for Galiano School

Students at the Galiano school may soon be able to lay claim to having the most unusual covered play area in the province.

A proposal put to the school board at its regular meeting Thursday called for the construction of an A-frame area built with volunteer labour and locally available materials. The structure will be built over the existing paved play area at the school.

Bennett Bay moorage lease issued to hotel

The Nanaimo office of the provincial Lands Management branch has issued a lease to Pinchin Holdings on Mayne Island that will allow development of more than 150 meters of moorage in Bennett Bay.

Lands management spokesman John Esler told Driftwood Tuesday afternoon that the lease covers part of the 1.73 acres of Lot 560 in the Cowichan District. Although a specific development area is not outlined in the lease Esler says the moorage will occupy "less than half of the 1.73 acres."

The lease, which runs for five years and is subject to renewal for a further five years, allows for "boat moorage purposes incidental to the operation of the hotel on the adjacent upland". That hotel is the Mayne Inn, owned and operated by Weldon Pinchin.

The decision by the lands branch was made after the Islands Trust stressed that it was not in favour of large moorage developments at Bennett Bay.

PROVINCE'S INTEREST CONSIDERED

At a Trust meeting on Mayne Island on January 27 a large number of residents voiced disapproval to Pinchin's plans for boat moorage at the site. Residents argued that the bay provides one of the few good swimming beaches on the island and that boat traffic could lead to dangerous situations and pollution of the bay.

The lease was issued February 26, and approves the erection of

pilings 130 meters out into the bay from the shore, followed by 50 meters of floats stretching further out for moorage. At the end of the 50 meters of floats there is provision for a further 65 meters of moorage at right angles to the original development, plus one more wing measuring 20 meters in length.

Esler said lands management decided to issue the lease because it felt it was "in the interest of a particular person to be able to moor boats if it has something to do with his business".

"We made the decision to issue the lease against the wishes of the Islands Trust and their zoning because we felt it was in the best interests of the province as a whole," Esler continued. "We thought considering that was important rather than just the feelings of the people living adjacent to it."

TRUST WILL PROTEST

Esler said that a letter to the Islands Trust informing it of the department's decision had been sent the same day that the lease was issued. That letter hadn't been received, however, by the time of the Trust's general meeting in Victoria on February 28.

General trustee Gordon Wallace of Pender Island said that there's no question that the Trust will protest the move, however.

"Mr. Chabot and the Islands Trust are going to run bang into each other," Wallace said after

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Rotating Biological Contactor

Treatment plant is one proposed by islanders

A Rotating Biological Contactor, or Biodisc, is the treatment plant that has been selected by the Capital Regional District for the Ganges sewer system.

The plant is one that was recommended to the region last year by Salt Spring Islanders Cynthia Woodey and Mike Lar-mour.

After being collected, the sewage will go into an equalization basin, the purpose of which is to equalize, or make constant, the flow of sewage into the treatment plant. From there it will go into a three-stage biodisc, which will provide secondary treatment.

Covering an area of 90,000 square feet, the biodisc consists of a series of discs mounted on a shaft which sit just above the surface of the sewage. The discs rotate, picking up sewage and exposing it to air so that it absorbs oxygen.

Following that process, the sewage runs into a clarification basin where the solids are allowed to settle; the liquid is subsequently run into a 100,000-gallon holding tank. After ultra violet disinfection, the liquids will be discharged through the outfall on ebb tides, into the harbour.

HOLDING TANK CHEAPER

Region engineer Mike Williams said at the sewer meeting Thursday that the plan to dispose only on ebb tides will help to keep the outfall as short as possible. It will cost much less to build a holding tank than to extend the outfall, it was noted.

In case problems are encountered with ultra violet disinfection, there will be a standby system of chlorination-dechlorination.

The solids will go from the clarification basin into a digester, where they will remain for 30 days before removal for dumping, said Williams. The solids, or sludge, will be dumped on the mainland or locally, subject to health department requirements.

The treatment plant will be able to handle 90,000 gallons of effluent a day.

The 6,300-foot outfall will be constructed of polyethylene and the cost of constructing and installing it is expected to be \$600,000. The six-inch diameter pipe will terminate at a point between Beddis Spit and Deadman Island. A diffuser on the end of the pipe will disperse the effluent over a wide area for high dilution, Williams explained. It is expected that dilution will be close to 80 to 1.

Cleaner harbour if everyone hooked up to Ganges sewer system

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area excluded from the sewers. "There would be a dramatic improvement if everyone hooked up to the system," Howard said. Regional health officer Dr. Allen Arneil spoke at length on the subject of land disposal. He said "nothing would please me better" than to see sewage used to irrigate and fertilize land. However, he expressed concern over the possible health hazards.

Speaking of spray irrigation, he observed that there was a

possibility that bacteria still living in the sewage could be spread to living people in the area where it was being sprayed.

"Some organisms die quickly, some don't," Arneil said. "Salmonella is very common here and will live from 15 days to nine months...roundworms will live up to seven years after being sprayed on to the soil."

BUFFER ZONE

A buffer zone (the distance between a house and the area being sprayed) is also recommended in land disposal and some authorities feel that it should be at least 1,800 feet, said the health officer. Another problem concerns wind: no spraying can be done if the wind velocity is over 12 miles per hour. The cost of land disposal would

be \$1.1 million, but that does not include the cost of the 53 acres needed to carry it out.

The regional district had also looked at discharging the effluent elsewhere on the island. Trincomali Channel, Sansum Narrows and Booth Bay were all examined, said Norman Howard, but all were considered to be too expensive.

Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Reynolds suggested that the effluent should be treated to such an extent that it could be drunk. He was told that it was technically feasible but "a nightmare to operate", and that the sea has "a tremendous capability" to handle effluent anyway.

Howard observed that the region has a mandate to look at sewers in the Ganges area following a suggestion that the system be designed so it could serve both St. Mary Lake and Vesuvius residents. The outfall, it was noted, could be run into Booth Bay, it being central to the areas the system could then serve. However, it was also a matter of urgency to get the sewer in, said chairman of the meeting, Charles Perkins, regional director for Sooke.

SHALLOW WATER

Virginia Newman questioned the advisability of running an outfall into such shallow water (30 feet where the outfall will discharge). Both Sidney and Parksville, she was told, run outfalls into shallow water. The pollution on the beaches in Sidney is caused by septic tanks that are still in use in the area along the beach, the meeting learned.

Yvette Valcourt asked for a guarantee that everyone who was going to pay for the sewers would be able to connect to the system.

"You won't be assessed until you're on the system," Howard assured her.

The region plans to connect the hospital with the system as soon as possible, the meeting was told.

Region staffer Frank Raimondo said that in all the time he has spent with the regional district, he had never seen a community pay such a low proportion for sewers as what Ganges will have to pay. The community will have to provide \$412,000 out of the total \$2.7 million; the balance will be provided by various grants.

The financing formula is unchanged from what it was last year: \$270,000 will be available in the form of annual forgiveness payments and another \$905,000 in the form of a "high cost grant" will be provided. Sewerage facilities assistance grants will total \$1,113,000.

REMAIN UNCHANGED

Raimondo also assured the meeting that it was likely that the figure of \$2.7 million would remain unchanged for about another year.

The next step toward getting the

Cleaning offer raises money for Heart Fund



There should be a lot of clean red clothes on Salt Spring Island following last month's cleaning special at Salt Spring Drycleaners.

Picture shows the treasurer of the islands branch of the B.C. Heart Foundation, Ray Bush, receiving a cheque for \$88.50 from

Pat MacPherson of the drycleaners.

About three weeks ago, islanders were offered the opportunity to have all their red garments cleaned at half-price. Proceeds from the offer were donated to the Heart Fund.

Bennett Bay lease

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hearing the news. "The Trust has to carry the flag here. We have no protest it."

There is, however, one stumbling block, according to Wallace. Until certain sections of the Trust Act are proclaimed, the Trust can't act as any more than an advisor to the lands department on items such as the Pinchin controversy.

"Until we get the proclamation of our act we are in an advisory position only with Lands," Wallace points out. "Lands has every right to do what it has done. We're charged with the preservation and protection of the islands, but when it comes to waterfront leases we can't stop them. As far as I'm concerned we cannot do the job we're being asked to do if the lands department decides not to listen to our advice."

Wallace said he expects the matter of the Pinchin lease to be dealt with at the next regular meeting of the Trust in Victoria, set for March 14.

NDP environment critic Robert Skelly has charged that political interference at cabinet level is behind the permit to construct the dock facilities.

"It is clear to me that there was political interference and that it occurred at the cabinet level," Skelly said. "Only at cabinet level would a decision to overturn a ruling of a duly-constituted body, such as the Islands Trust, be made. Only at the cabinet level could the political ramifications of an unpopular and environmentally-dangerous decision be handled."

sewers installed is applying to the Pollution Control Board for a permit. The board will assess the situation and confer with various provincial and federal government agencies, including the Environmental Protection Service of Environment Canada. If there is sufficient opposition to the application a public hearing could be called though the Pollution Control Board isn't required to hold one.

The regional district expected it will take four or five months to design the system and another four or five months to construct.

"The public should know what sort of lobbying went on to make the lands branch overrule the Trust's decision and we should know more about the relationship between Pinchin Holdings Ltd. and the Social Credit party."

Pinchin Holdings Ltd., owners of the Mayne Island Inn, applied for a commercial marina lease in 1977 to the Capital Regional District. It responded by asking the lands branch not to issue a fore-shore lease without prior zoning approval. Although no rezoning was effected by the Islands Trust, which became responsible for zoning in 1978, 21 pilings were driven on the site before a court order was issued stopping the work.

The Trust held a public hearing on rezoning on September 30, 1978 and subsequently turned it down.

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In 1933 two boys at a school in England were arraigned before the headmaster and faced with expulsion from the school. Their crime was the publication of a hand-produced "form" magazine of a nature not acceptable to the school authorities. The specifics of the case were centred on a limerick:

Mary had a little lamb,
She also had a bear,
I've often seen her little lamb,
But I've never seen her bear!

It's a long time since. I was one of the two boys. I don't think I came across the limerick again until last week, when I heard the Cubs sing it at Ganges. And I reflected on the changing pattern of our thinking. Incidentally, the threat of expulsion was lifted at the eleventh hour.

The fallacy of an unwavering support for the so-called free enterprise system is the assumption that those actions which benefit the investor must, of necessity, be beneficial to society. And the danger of the socialist principle is the confidence that any action which meets the approval of the administration will be shaped to the needs of the future.

I watch more television ads than television. Like the man who sells throat tablets. He's so busy selling that he has no time for the elementary courtesies. The weather is worse, even, than island weather. The man of the house staggers in with his massive sore throat. Wife tenders him a pill and he is back to normal. When wife asks anxiously does he feel better, his reply is that he feels much better. But there is no time to express gratitude for the help of the concern shown by ever-loving wife. As another advertisement would say, "Pity!"

I was wrong! I can scarcely believe it. When I translated litres to gallons a few weeks ago there were many to challenge the relation. I had used, I think, U.S. gallons instead of Imps! At least litres will avoid that constant problem.

The costs of government are always high. But a report that comes to me from an official unofficial source tells me that in a new provincial government building in Victoria there is a contract out for the maintenance of pretty indoor weeds. The government will pay, I learn, some \$80,000 each year for the maintenance of the indoor plants and planters. Could do with a few less weeds and a few more dollars, I think.

There was a pair of jacks but no knaves when I was in the activity room the other day. There were Jack Girard and Jack Redhead. Jack Girard is well known on Salt Spring Island, but his brother-in-law is a visitor. But I do know for sure that Jack is more Girard than his brother-in-law Jack is a redhead!

The passing of the Royal Navy's shore establishment, HMS Ganges brought back memories to Walter Hunt-Sowrey on Mayne Island. The fighting navy was not always well disposed towards the sailors who served out their time ashore. Walter recalls that his brother termed such bases "stone frigates" and their crews "barrack stanchions".

It was bacon and eggs. That's a breakfast for any day of the week! And the bacon was homecured without chemicals. The eggs were born on the range, without barrack-room discipline of modern eggs. The bread was island-baked. Who'd live in a city?

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Capital Region budget up

An increase of less than five per cent over last year is reflected in the Capital Regional District 1979 annual budget, given three readings at a board meeting last Wednesday.

The total gross expenditures in this year's budget total \$19,414,625, or a 4.78 per cent increase over the gross expenditures in last year's budget.

The total requisition amount,

the money taxpayers will be required to provide is \$11,183,855, compared to \$10,717,080 in 1978.

The requisition amount is that which is left over after revenue and 1978 surpluses have been subtracted if they exist in a certain category.

Although there was no debate at the board level over the budget's total, former regional board chairman and Outer Gulf Islands director Jim Campbell did object to the totalling of figures.

During his years as chairman, he said, he would refuse to total all the categories which forced the press to look at all the facts instead of just the bottom line.

NO CONTROL

There are some areas of the budget, such as municipal debt, over which the region has no control. There are other functions it has been required to assume, and other costs agreed upon at local levels.

Simply looking at totals can be misleading, he said.

To illustrate the significance municipal debt has on the region's budget, board chairman Murray Glazier pointed out that in the gross expenditure category, the debt costs increased by 13.18 per cent over last year, whereas the CRD gross expenditures increased by only 3.19 per cent.

In the requisition, the municipal debt increased by about 13 per cent, while the CRD requisition increased by about two per cent.

There are no significant increases in the requisition affecting only the Gulf Islands.

One new category which islands residents will be taxed for is animal control.

The amount in the budget that taxpayers will be asked to pay is \$9,525, although the total is \$51,600. The provincial government is contributing \$19,525 and other revenue is expected from fees.

Unemployment is major problem

Cowichan chief speaker

BY DAVID WILLIAMS

The Native Awareness Studies class was host recently to a man who must assuredly bring distinction to his office as elected chief of the Cowichan Band. With quiet, unhurried authority, Dennis Alphonse speaks of the problems and hopes of his people.

Central to problems of unemployment, alcoholism and despair leading to a high suicide rate among his young people, is a loss of native cultural values. It is to a rebirth of these values and culture that Chief Alphonse addresses himself. He looks not so much to a return to a subsistence economy based on hunting, fishing and gathering as to a return to the traditional ways in which people treat one another, of seeing society as a brotherhood and of caring for and nurturing the land which provides all for man. He speaks of a need to strengthen traditional spiritual values as well and to this end the revival of the spirit dances is important. This spiritual 'rite de passage' is a tough process but its purifying regimen gives powerful support to young initiates and better enables them to cope with their troubled world.

CO-OPERATIVE FARM

The major problem of unemployment requires economic development of the six villages of the 1,700-member tribe located on a meager 6,000 acres. To this end a 600-acre co-operative farm was established six years ago to produce mainly berries and vegetables of high quality. Now it is beginning to work well despite insufficient funding from the Indian Affairs department. This year a \$400,000 gross income is anticipated.

However, there is little commercial fishing and even the native food fishery is under attack. Originally, nets were given to native people in lieu of their traditional weirs, but then this too began to be restricted. Now a permit is required for any native subsistence hunting or fishing, this in spite of the fact that the food fishery is much less than the B.C. sport fishery. Nevertheless, there is a fish enhancement program under way with a native hatchery on the reserve which will release one million fingerlings this year. This, too, suffers from inadequate financing through Indian Affairs.

In the 1950's the local Indian Agent managed almost everything on the reserve. Now the tribal council controls funds for education, housing and even community services. The Cowichan Band is moving toward development of its own school system in which the

native language and culture will be a central part of the curriculum.

GIVE SUPPORT

Near the end of the evening Dennis Alphonse was asked what those in the sympathetic white community might do to help his people receive a greater share of the justice due them. A difficult question! Give us your support, he said. Perhaps work at the political level to influence candidates for office. Express sentiments of concern and support to those in a position to make decisions.

Finally, one came away feeling that not only did one have a responsibility to help reverse the injustices of our forefathers to a people now struggling to survive in a strange land, but that perhaps these people had a message for those of us born into a larger community, a community in increasing disarray; a message of spiritual harmony, of care of the land, of brotherhood.....

Speaker stresses soil tests

OPTIMIST

At our first meeting about 80 members were given a very informative talk on soils by T. Baker, Ph. D., who stressed the need to have a soil test of the garden. Members' questions were answered in the discussion that followed.

Make a note of the March 21 meeting when H. Barker will speak on gladiolus culture, followed by I.C. Shank on dahlias. It should be of interest to all gardeners who grow for pleasure, or who wish to exhibit in the special show planned in August, just for gladiolus and dahlias.

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A successful meeting

There was a common concern demonstrated by island residents at the sewer meeting last week, a concern for a clean harbour. And representatives of the Capital Regional District demonstrated that they shared the concern.

The result of course, was a successful meeting. It was the best thing the region could have done insofar as its relations with Salt Spring Island are concerned, and regional director Mike Clement is to be commended for arranging it.

Not everyone left the meeting feeling that the region had done its best in finding a method of sewage disposal for Ganges; not everyone left the meeting completely assured that the harbour would be the better for being on the receiving end of a 90,000-gallon-a-day outfall; and not everyone left the meeting feeling that the region had dealt fairly with all concerned.

But it appeared that most people went away with a positive feeling about the whole issue, and that perhaps the region had come up with something worth considering.

The animosity and bitter antagonism that were prevalent at the meeting held in May of last year were not apparent on Thursday. Instead of coming to the island to do battle, the engineers, biologists and politicians came with promises and assurances of a clean harbour.

It's now up to the Pollution Control Board to decide, for a second time, whether or not Ganges will get sewers.

All we can do in the meantime is plug our noses and hope for the best.

There's been some bungling

For nine years, the septic tank system at Lady Minto Hospital operated without a hitch. For nine years, the hospital discharged an estimated 5,000 gallons of sewage per day. Then one day, in December 1978, the system failed and now the hospital board is faced with an annual cost of \$56,700 to have the septic tanks pumped daily.

What happened? After nine years of satisfactory operation the system suddenly breaks down, with the result that the hospital now faces a serious financial problem.

After making the discovery that both the Pollution Control Board and the regional health department deny having been responsible for the system for the past six years, we can only draw the conclusion that there has been some bungling somewhere along the line.

And now we must pay for that bungling.

But before we do, why not give the system a chance to recover? The tank isn't being pumped daily at present, so why should plans be made to pump it 365 days of the year? With any luck at all, Ganges should have a sewer system within a year and a half so surely there is a possibility that the hospital's system can be nursed until then.

As for the 10 new beds, maybe they should be left empty until the community sewers are installed. Maybe they shouldn't have been added in the first place.

Letters to the Editor

PEOPLE WANT HARMONY

Sir,

I hate to have to write this letter, but I cannot go along with Mrs. Valcourt's views as expressed on television.

I don't think it does the business in Valcourt Centre any good and is more likely to drive customers away.

Most small business is struggling to survive on Salt Spring and doesn't need any further set-backs.

It is very easy for customers not

to shop on the island at all if they get offended by what local business people are saying and doing.

It is time to let bygones be bygones and to stop trying to destroy one another for the sake of personal gain and glory: 90% of the people want harmony and to get along with their neighbours. I hate fighting myself because it's a waste of time.

GEOFF HOWLAND
Ganges
March 1, 1979



'As soon as marijuana is legalized, those dingy, sleazy dope dens will spring up all over the country.'

USE MONEY FOR AIDE

Sir,

At the end of the February 22 school board meeting a planned workshop (for the coming week-end) for the school board trustees was cancelled at the last minute, due to lack of interest and/or prior organization.

The last minute nature of the cancellation, could have required the school board to provide payment to the guest speaker and the hotel, resulting in a wastage of the tax payers' money.

The fact that this did not result in an expenditure of money is fortuitous and leads one to believe that the money allocated for this purpose is still there, and that the workshop was not necessary.

As a kindergarten parent whose child is afflicted by the school board's decision not to hire an aide one hour per class, I suggest that the money not spent on this workshop be used to hire a kindergarten aide.

HILAREY CRONIN
Ganges
February 26, 1979

TOURS WERE EDUCATIONALLY WORTHLESS

Sir,

I have been following the burning issue of school field trips with great interest, and can no longer resist adding to the wealth of correspondence on the subject.

While I never had the advantage of an enlightened North-American education I managed to struggle through five years of mundane book-oriented study in a New Zealand secondary school. The only field trip I was ever privileged to go on was a tour of the local coal gas manufacturing plant. None of us on that excursion ever pretended to ourselves or anyone else that the tour was anything more than a chance for our teachers to get shot of us for a day. I don't think any of us expressed a burning ambition to become gas workers as a result of the trip, and really enjoyed our brief holiday from our regular study routine which included three hours of homework each night. Any tours of hydroelectric power plants, egg packing companies or toothbrush hole drilling foundries were generally regarded by teachers, parents and pupils as being educationally worthless, and best left until the summer holidays. I doubt if anyone would have regarded the idea of pupils taking time off to go on an

extensive tour of the back country (including ski trips) as more than a delaying tactic designed to postpone the inevitable process of instruction in class just a bit longer.

None of us who were really seriously concerned about leaving school with enough knowledge of basic English, mathematics, arts and sciences to be able to get by in the world felt that we were being short-changed by the board of school governors by being taught from book and blackboard instead of from the windows of a bus. The school possessed a 16-millimetre film projector, with no screen (we used the blackboard), but even this audio-visual aid was only used on the rare occasion when a film was located that genuinely fitted in with the subject being taught. All other film-watching was expected to be done out of school hours at our own expense.

NICK RAESIDE
Ganges
February 28, 1979

SOME OPTIONS NEEDED

Sir,

Edmund Burke said, "Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgement; and he betrays, instead of serving,

you if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

The success of the democratic process requires that elected people take the time to examine issues, make decisions, and be dealt with on their whole performance by secret ballot at appropriate intervals.

No new tax is ever popular. The gas tax for transit happens to be Social Credit policy, initiated by Hugh Curtis. Its application to the whole region is a decision of the Urban Transit Authority Board, all members of which were personally appointed by him. That board acted on the unanimous recommendation of the Capital Regional District Board to include the whole region in the Transit Service Area. I urged the inclusion of the Outer Gulf Islands because of the manifest need for an adequate transit link between the Swartz Bay terminal and the principal trading areas for the Outer Gulf Islands, namely, Victoria and Sidney. The late director Jim Bryce and his successor, Mike Clement, supported the inclusion of Salt Spring Island.

I do not believe it prudent to pass the opportunity to have an effective voice in providing alternatives to the total dependency on the automobile as a means of transport.

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Church Services

SUNDAY MARCH 11, 1979

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Rev. S. Hildebrandt	Sunday Sch.	all ages	10.30 am
Box 61, Ganges 537-2622, -5757	Evening Service		7.00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer	Thursday		7.00 pm
MAYNE ISLAND			
St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
Community Church	Pastor J. Rodine		539-5710
Sunday at 3 pm	in school		
Bible Study Friday	in the homes		
GALIANO ISLAND			
St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am

More letters to the editor

(From Page Four)

tation. It is clear that the automobile is a most important personal investment, which has passed from being a luxury to being a necessity because of the absence of alternatives. I am for providing some options.

The significant thing about the new Transit Authority is that it provides a means for locally elected people to have a major role in decisions about transit policy. Unfortunately, the sources of revenue which must go hand-in-hand with this opportunity are prescribed by provincial legislation.

It is grossly misleading to suggest that the tax monies collected on Salt Spring Island or the Outer Gulf Islands will be used to support the Victoria bus service. They will be used to improve the connection between the Swartz Bay, Gulf Islands ferry terminal, and Sidney and Victoria.

The elected representative has to look at a much larger problem than that described by the "question" asked by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce in your paper.

The public meeting is an important factor in enabling a representative to develop his judgement, but public meetings or straw votes must not be permitted to direct or order a representative.

J.M. CAMPBELL

Director, Outer Gulf Islands.
February 18, 1979

NO MORE CAR FERRIES

Sir,

After reading the letters concerning the bus service and the three cent tax, I have an alternate plan which I would like to propose at this time.

That is to do away with the car ferries altogether. Have recreation and fun aboard. The car deck could be converted to have a swimming

pool, squash courts, or tennis. Movies and live entertainment could also be provided along with a cocktail bar. Meeting the ferry on either end would be a fleet of shuttlebuses to whisk the passengers away to their destinations.

Then in the summertime, excursion trips to Sidney and Victoria as ports of call for those who wished to spend more time aboard ship and enjoy the sea air.

GEOFF HOWLAND

Ganges, BC
February 22, 1979

PERHAPS OTHERS COULD BE HELPED

Sir,

I would like to tell about my experience with chiropractic medicine. I have had a long-standing back weakness, and recently, when I lifted a heavy weight in an awkward position, my back "went" completely, and I could barely walk. I went to a chiropractor and he checked my legs and found them to be of uneven length; used an instrument which recorded nerve interference in the neck; took very exact X-rays of the neck, which he developed, and showed me where the vertebra was out and gave me a painless adjustment.

Now, after a week or so, I am totally without pain, doing moderate work and walking normally. I feel that other people, who suffer from backaches, headaches, or nerve troubles, might also be helped by a chiropractic adjustment.

KEN FLUET

Box 813
Ganges
February 23, 1979

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SURPRISED AND DISMAYED

I was both surprised and dismayed when I read the recent report and editorial in Driftwood, (February 7, 1979) concerning the energy committee of the Islands Trust Council. I was surprised at the inaccuracy of the report and dismayed by the possible consequences of the editorial. I would like this opportunity to set the record straight, and I hope thereby to neutralize some of the harmful effects your editorial may have had.

As a resident of Lasqueti Island I was a member of the steering committee that was established on the island to research and oppose B.C. Hydro's plan to build a massive transmission line from the mainland to Vancouver Island. Although it was the threat to our island that motivated us initially, it soon became clear that the real problem had to do with the production, distribution and the consumption of all forms of energy in British Columbia. The threat to the northern islands (Lasqueti, Hornby and Denman) was seen simply as a symptom of a much broader issue. This point of view was so much a part of our approach that even when B.C. Hydro was forced to reconsider alternate routes, and even after it was decided that it could be done without affecting the northern islands, we still opposed the present way in which energy issues are decided in B.C. In fact we were instrumental in the establishment of a B.C. Energy Coalition, involving people from all over the province, who are similarly concerned about provincial energy policies.

I am also a member of the Islands Trust Council, and I took it upon myself to represent the northern islands in an effort to get

the Islands Trust to take a strong role in the attempt to protect all the islands against the sort of threat that was implied by the proposed transmission line. There never was a formal committee as such; those of us who were involved simply reported the results of our research and the nature of Hydro plans so that all members of council could be kept informed. These actions led the Islands Trust to pass a series of motions directed at the premier, the environment and land use committee and B.C. Hydro expressing a general concern about the threat to all the islands arising from provincial energy policy.

At the recent meeting of the council at Ganges I pointed out that since the threat to the northern islands had been removed because Hydro had decided to change the route of the transmission line, there was nothing further to report from that sector. It was suggested, however, that because of the proposed gas pipeline from the mainland to Vancouver Island, perhaps a formal energy committee could be justified. This was considered to be a legitimate concern of the Islands Trust because Salt Spring Island seemed to be part of Hydro's plan.

Since that time we have learned

that B.C. Hydro does in fact intend to build a pipeline across the southern gulf, and that the plans do involve Salt Spring and Galiano Islands or Gabriola Island, depending on the route finally selected. I would like to assure your readers that indeed the Islands Trust will be very much involved in the process of deciding where the line will go, and more importantly, whether the construction of the line is really necessary.

As a member of the energy committee, speaking personally and not on behalf of the committee or the Islands Trust, I also hope that I can convince other members of the Trust to review the present pattern of energy supply and consumption on the Gulf Islands. I believe that by becoming aware of the ways in which we now waste energy and the ways in which energy could be conserved, we on the islands could provide a good example for the remainder of the province and strengthen our case when we demand that others conserve, avoid pollution, and involve themselves in the process of changing provincial energy policies.

MICHAEL HUMPHRIES

Lasqueti Island
March 1, 1979

Prism Dance Theatre visits Pender

Contributed

"A breath of fresh air....terrific....a memorable hour....an inspiration....colourful and creative...excellent."

These were some of the comments heard following the Prism Dance Theatre performance at Pender School February 23. The young dancers performed with verve, precision and imagination and with such a variety of body movement one would hardly have thought possible. Colourful costumes, a metronome, stepladder and skateboards all added to the performance.

The name Prism proved appropriate as the various facets of dance were displayed with music ranging from classical to jazz. Choreography was done by company dancers, who explained their work and invited questions from the audience following each dance.

Excellent workshops in movement and dance, which were given throughout the day to Pender and Mayne Island school children, proved a great stimulus for minds, bodies and imaginations. The adult workshop in jazz was much enjoyed

by 10 Pender ladies who were given a lift from their daily routines by spending an hour in the land of dance. Viva Prism!

Pender golfers

Pender Island Golf and Country Club held their annual meeting on Saturday evening at the school-community centre at 8 pm.

After hearing the various reports of the year's activities, officers for the forthcoming year were elected. President is Ted Bowerman, vice-president, Bill Hanson; secretary, Jean McCaffery; Treasurer, Hattie Zarek.

Ladies Club captain is Marian Henderson and Men's captain is Tim Appleby. The directors are Ken Clarke, Joan Ward and Heinz Geister. The past-president is Marge Bowerman.

Soon there will be the usual start of the season clean-up-bee to get everything in ship-shape order for a glorious seven to eight months of golf. Date for this will be announced by the new executive.



Tony Richards

I had the opportunity of seeing the Loto Canada draw on television Friday evening but unfortunately I didn't have a ticket to make it worth watching. And having sat through nearly an hour of what I presume is TV disco in order to see what a lottery draw is all about, I don't think I'll ever buy a Loto Canada ticket.

The entertainment preceding the draw was a perfect example of the garbage that television stations broadcast on this continent.

And as far as lottery advertising is concerned, consider for a moment who the advertiser is: our government, and that means you and me.

A good deal of television advertising is both disgusting and offensive and lottery advertising is no exception. I feel both disgusted and offended that I should be indirectly responsible for some of it.

Metric Commission Canada held its 49th meeting recently and one of the subjects on the agenda dealt with a replacement for the words footage, yardage and mileage.

The second press release in three weeks on this subject arrived Monday telling us of the advantages of the words metrage and kilometrage.

Now if we consider how many newspapers there are in Canada, and that most were probably sent the same press releases, the cost of relaying such valuable information becomes rather high.

Perhaps when Sam Bawlf has finished deregulating provincial government department, he could take on the same job at the federal level.

Going back to the release, the commission

says the old terms, mileage, etc., are obsolete. So I think I'll be obsolete, too, and stick to mileage.

There was an interesting item in the February newsletter of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility. The article is entitled How a Nuclear Power Plant Dies, but it's a poor title because there hasn't yet been sufficient time for such a plant to die. According to estimates, a nuclear power plant will present a threat for at least 200 years.

And that means the plant will have to sit for 170 years, useless and inoperable, because after 30 years of operation the radiation level in the plant becomes high enough as to be unsafe for plant employees. The latter work shorter and shorter shifts over the years as exposure to the steadily rising radiation becomes more dangerous.

Once the plant has reached that stage, it must be closed, sealed or dismantled. But dismantling and moving it can only be done with enormous risk because of the thousands of tons of steel and concrete that are permeated with radiation.

A nuclear reactor in France was shut down 10 years ago but now it has developed cracks and is leaking radiation. The whole thing will have to be taken apart and entombed in concrete.

And, according to the Natural Resources Defence Council in the U.S., 15 plants have been shut down in the States and their disposal is now a major problem.

I could write more but I think I've painted a dismal enough picture of the future for the time being.

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Margaret Ellen Morrison, youngest daughter of Mrs. Nora Gray and the late Capt. John Morrison, and Bryan James Ripley, eldest son of Mrs. Jean Sandes and the late James Ripley, of Cranbrook, BC, were married at Mayne Island February 17.

Rev. George M. Morrison, of Mayne Island, officiated at the

ceremony in St. Mary Magdalene Church.

Reception followed at the Agricultural Hall with 80 guests present; Five Roosters Restaurant was in charge of catering for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripley will reside in Winfield, B.C., where the groom is on the staff of Okanagan College and the bride will be completing her nursing studies.

The bride's attendant at the wedding was Laura Hicks of Kamloops, whose father, Dr. Don Hicks, proposed the toast to the bride. The groom's brother, Jim, was best man; ushers were John and Bill Morrison.

Time for tennis buffs to limber up

BY JOAN TIERNAN

Here is a timely tip for all you tennis sports who have been goofing off during the winter months.

Limber up your lumber spine for service and overhead smash. Lying down on your back, bend your knees and raise your head and shoulders. Grasp your knees, balance and lower at the same time. Repeat this 20 times.

Don't forget to watch this column for further developments and remember the big pre-season tournament scramble on the 24th.

Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

Nice to see Miss G. Townsend back home to Page Drive after her holiday which took her overseas. Among the places she visited was the Holy Land. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pattison have arrived back home too, after a holiday in Mexico.

Friday was a busy day on the island. The ladies of the Galiano Service Club were invited to the spacious new home of Mr. and Mrs. O.H. New, where they enjoyed a scrumptious lunch, mostly prepared by the hostess. President of the Ladies Service Club, Mrs. Basil Bengier, gave sincere thanks to her outgoing secretary Mrs. Corrine Snell and treasurer Mrs. Tom Drew, for their dedicated work for the club during the past years.

Mrs. Bengier then introduced Miss Yonna Mattovich, the lady who will be head nurse at Greenwood's personal care home at Ganges. Miss Mattovich kindly consented to come over to Galiano to tell this club something of Greenwood's. She also accepted the third cheque for \$1000 from the outgoing secretary, Mrs. Snell. This money has been raised from efforts of the service club and of private donations and donations from other clubs on the island.

Miss Mattovich told the ladies something of the plans for the new facilities. She said that one out of each 10 people will help to form the council to help in plans and to have a say in activities there. For the first three months there will be not too much, as it takes that time to get all people settled, then activities will begin. There will also be close work with folks on meal planning, and hopes to make it as much like "home" as possible. The staff will be care aides, which means that they will have no specific job. They will help in the dining room, kitchen, and care for the elderly.

After warm thanks to Mr. and Mrs. New for their hospitality, Mrs. Bengier thanked Miss Mattovich for coming over, and the meeting closed.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Galiano Island we had two days of World Prayer, with one on Friday, March 2 and a World Day

of Prayer Family Service, both held at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. The family service was on Sunday, March 4 at 9 am.

On Friday the service was prepared by students in the Pan-en in Zambia.

Leader was Mrs. George Philpippson, organist Mrs. Ross Parmenter and speaker Miss Jean Lockwood. Other voices heard during the course of the moving service included Mrs. C. Morshead, Mrs. B. Bengier, Mrs. G. Foster, Mrs. D.A. New, Mrs. C. Dodwell, Mrs. H. Baines, Sr., Miss F. Druce, Miss E.E. Trimmer, Mrs. W. Maier, Miss I. McKerihen, Mrs. R. Harding, and Mrs. E. Callaghan. Offering was taken by Mrs. M. Bow and Mrs. J. Marchant.

On Sunday, March 4 the World Day of Prayer family service was held. Mrs. E. Callaghan led the service and children from the Sunday school classes all took part. Upon entering the church everyone was welcomed by Miss Megan Foster. Bill Ripley was playing the small drum softly, to lend a touch of special welcome to all.

Three of the children took part in the telling of a fairy tale of Zambia, "The Girl who set out to Seek her Fortune", which was well-received.

A talk was given by Paul Noehren. Offering was taken by two of the children. This special service was a great credit to Mrs. Callaghan and Mrs. Foster, who have been working for some time with the Sunday school classes.

Please do not forget to come to the first regular meeting of the season of the Ladies Service Club in Galiano Hall on March 12 at 2 pm.

Impaired

Ronald Sundstrom, Salt Spring Island, pleaded guilty to impaired driving when he appeared before judge D.K. McAdam in provincial court at Ganges Wednesday.

Charge was laid after RCMP took breathalyzer readings from Sundstrom of 0.11 and 0.10. He chose to serve 15 days in jail in lieu of paying a \$300 fine.



Province of British Columbia

PUBLIC NOTICE ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO URANIUM MINING

TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the British Columbia Public Inquiries Act, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint as Commissioners the following persons, namely:

Dr. David V. Bates, Chairman
Dr. James W. Murray
Valter Raudsepp

The Commissioners shall inquire into the adequacy of existing measures to provide protection in all aspects of uranium mining in British Columbia. In particular, the Commissioners will examine the adequacy of existing Federal and Provincial requirements in British Columbia for:

- The protection of the health and safety of workers associated with exploration, mining and milling of uranium, and
- The protection of the environment, and
- The protection of the Public.

The Commissioners shall make recommendations for setting and maintaining standards for workers and public safety and for the protection of the environment in respect to the exploration, mining and milling of uranium ores. They are to report their findings and recommendations to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Public Hearings by the Royal Commission of Inquiry Health and Environmental protection — Uranium Mining will be held at selected locations throughout the Province, at times and dates to be announced. The first series of Public Hearings to receive Briefs will be held during the months of May, June, and July, with further Hearings in the Fall.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that those persons or organizations intending to appear before the Commission at any of its Public Hearings after March 6, 1979 are required to:

- Write immediately to inform the Executive Secretary at the address below and inform him of such intention, and thereafter
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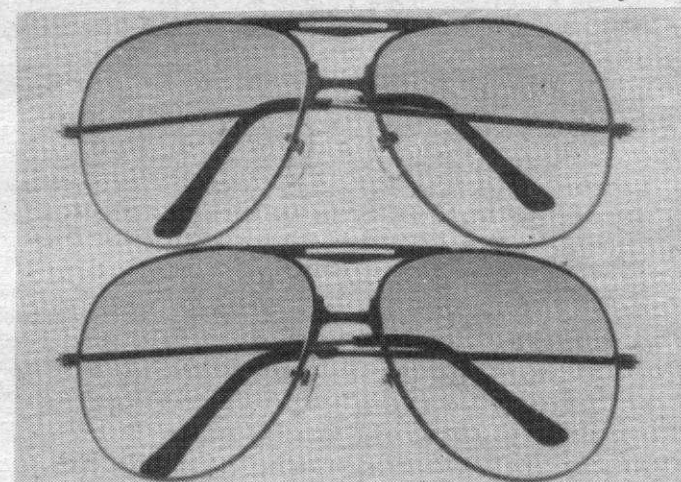
There will be an opportunity for informal presentations to be made before the Commission during its Public Hearings without prior notice being given.

The Executive Secretary will contact the parties concerned and certain other organizations and expert witnesses to arrange for their appearance at a suitable time and place.

Further Public Notices with respect to the Public Hearings will be issued in due course.

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Credibility is keynote for writer Jerry Hulse

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

Jerry Hulse is 19 years and almost two million miles into his career as a travel writer, and there's no indication that he's about to give up the vagabond life.

The slim, tanned writer for the Los Angeles Times was on Salt Spring Island Friday and Saturday exploring its various nooks and crannies in search of material for his syndicated column, which appears regularly in 330 newspapers throughout North America. He didn't go away disappointed.

How does a fellow who logs 100,000 miles a year come to investigate a place like the Gulf Islands?

"I'd been wanting to come here for quite some time," Hulse says as he works his way through a breakfast of fresh salmon steak. "I'd been on the ferry trip from Vancouver to Victoria before, and of course that goes among the Gulf Islands. I've often thought that if there were any inns here that it would be a great place to vacation."

LAVISH PRAISE

Hulse arrived on the island Friday and was escorted to various points of interest by Chamber of Commerce representative Terry Elford. During the course of the day he managed to get a sneak preview of the new neighbourhood pub nearing completion at Vesuvius. He spent the night at the Fulford Inn, which he praised lavishly.

Hulse isn't one of those travel writers who claims that everything is rosy and the weather's fine, even if he's in Siberia. He believes in telling it like it is and he's able to do that, thanks to the fact that his paper picks up the tab for all of his travel expenses. The "freebies"

that are offered to so many papers and, which in many cases are accepted, have no place at the Los Angeles Times.

Hulse recounts one tale of a



JERRY HULSE

prominent hotel chain that erected a new facility on the beach at Waikiki. Upon completion of the

new building the chain flew travel writers and their wives to the site for an all-expenses-paid weekend. The stories that appeared subsequent to the extravagant weekend were all glowing and full of enthusiasm for the place.

KEEPS CREDIBILITY

Hulse wasn't on that inaugural trip, but his paper sent him to the same place a few months later.

"The place was an abortion," he recalls with a chuckle, "and that's what I said in my column."

Hulse is a firm believer in retaining credibility with his readers.

"You have to tell them what there is and what there isn't in any given place," he points out. "I could spend a week right here quite happily, but it might not suit others who want a more active holiday."

That continual striving for credibility no doubt dates back to Hulse's 12 years as a general assignment reporter prior to his appointment as travel editor of the Times.

"When the paper decided to run a travel section," he recalls, "the powers that be decided that they wanted a real reporter on the job, not just someone who would say nice things about every place they visited. I came back from covering a 12-car pile-up one

afternoon and was assigned the job."

NOT TIRED OF IT

Despite the fact that he's continually on the go and is also carrying the responsibility of editing the Times' travel pages, Hulse says that his job has its advantages.

"There have been some great times in some great places," he says. And with a quick gesture to his suntan: "There aren't very

many cold weather datelines under my byline, I'll tell you."

It would be reasonable to think that after 10 years on the same job Hulse might be getting a little tired of so much living out of suitcases.

"Nope," he says with a grin. "I like it still. It's a hard job when you do it right, but I'm not tired of travelling yet. As a matter of fact, when I retire I'd like to continue travelling, but without a notebook!"

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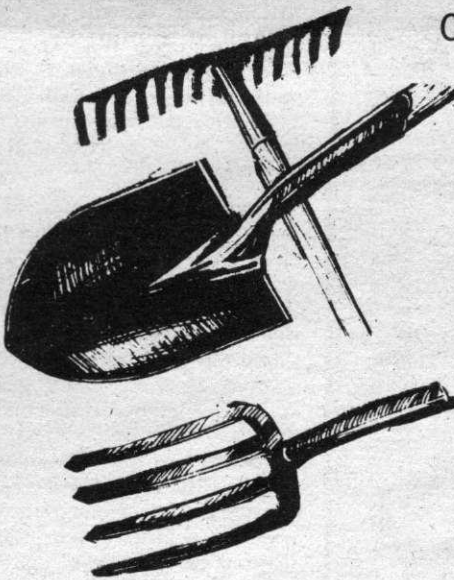
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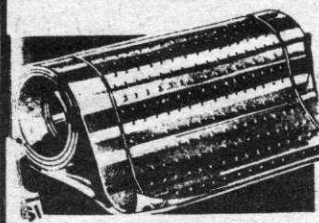
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Craftspeople invited to use Community Centre

BY MARG SIMONS

The Community Centre has some space available and as a result, is inviting those people who have craft skills, but are unable to use their ability because of some personal restriction (not enough space at home, etc.) to consider the centre as a place to work.

Anyone interested should go to the centre, look at the space, and discuss their ideas with Alice, Nick or myself. Such projects as weaving, painting and photography (a small darkroom is available) have been carried out in the past. Persons interested in locating here will not be required to pay any rent; they will, however, be asked to spend some time sharing their knowledge and demonstrating their skills to others.

"Co-operative crafts" is seen as an opportunity for people of all ages to mingle and to share in a creative learning process. Whether you wish to participate as a crafts person or as an observer, the other amenities of the centre will be available to you.

HOMEY ATMOSPHERE

The Family Centre offers a homey atmosphere, an excellent library, and a chance for special interest groups to form. It is also a "drop-in" centre for those wanting a cup of tea and a place to relax. On Thursday afternoons at 3.30, women in their middle years are invited

to join in the discussion, films or program of the day.

There is a toddler playgroup, and a pre-school playground is located beside the building, with an adventure play area for the small fry. Currently, the well established parent-run Nursery School for three and four year olds is full, but there is a waiting list.

The five and dime clothing exchange is a popular stopping place for many.

Community Workers Marg Simons and Alice Friedman are available with a vast fund of information for families and seniors. Nick Gilbert, Community School Worker, is here to discuss problems involving families and children.

We have a lot going for us, but there is room for more. Quite apart from crafts, you may have other ideas about co-operative endeavours or special interest groups. Please let us know by dropping in or calling 537-9212.

We hope to have craftspeople at work in the near future and we'll let you know through Driftwood what's happening.

There is no need to stay at home feeling lonely, bored, uninvolved, uncared-for, overwhelmed by your children or generally frustrated and helpless. This is a sharing, caring community: let's show it!

Award-winning students



The five students pictured here are from Gulf Islands Secondary School and they deserve mention for recent achievements.

From left to right: Maureen Cue won the Rotary Club's Adventure in Citizenship award and will get a free trip to Ottawa some time in May.

Claire Holmes took first place in the Heart Fund poster contest; she won a \$20 prize.

Next in the picture is Sheralin Cook, whose painting based on the theme of the Year of the Child was selected for the cover of the January/February issue of B.C. Teacher, a magazine published for teachers in the province.

Her painting was chosen out of submissions from students all over B.C.

Tracy Stibbards and Robert Holmes took second and third prizes, respectively, in the Heart Fund poster contest. They won \$15 and \$10.

Order of the Eastern Star

Ida McManus is guest of honour at banquet

BY MARGUERITE SARGENT

Ida McManus was honoured two weeks ago at a banquet and entertainment given by the Trincomali Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held at the Rod and Gun Club hall. Close to 170 Eastern Star members braved mud, teeming rain, even wet snow, and stormy ferry crossings to attend, coming from up and down Vancouver Island and from the mainland as far away as Rossland and Kelowna.

To climax the dinner, Ida cut her huge and gorgeously decorated cake. Mrs. Grace McKay, worthy grand matron, and Roy Fawcus, worthy grand patron, were introduced and spoke briefly, congratulating the guest of honour on her year as associate grand conductress. The guests were then all asked to rise one by one, and introduce themselves by name and chapter. The associate conductresses present were introduced and presented with token gifts; the past matrons of Ida's own year were also specially welcomed.

Sister McManus received many lovely gifts; among them, a set of crystal glasses and a crystal dish from the chapter and the past matrons' club of Trincomali, respectively, presented with a Valentine poem. A specially-written poem by Annie Spencer was read, and presented to Ida, and many letters and congratulatory telegrams were received from those unable to be present.

Highlight of a very enjoyable evening had to be the entertainment so generously provided by the Salt Spring Singers, conducted by Joy Johnson, substituting for

the vacationing May George. In addition to several charming choral numbers, we enjoyed a comic Valentine duet by Alf and Marg Howell; a song composed specially for the evening by Joan Raeside, and beautifully sung by Dorothy Cummings (Will You Be My Valentine). There were instrumentals by two extremely talented young ladies: a trumpet solo by Melody Cue, and a piano solo by Linda Ramsay.

As the evening closed, Ida McManus spoke, thanking everyone for an enjoyable evening and introducing her mother and three daughters who were present.

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Library position on regional system explained

Unionized librarians, less space and fewer readily available books are what Salt Spring Island residents would be looking at if the library here decided in favour of joining the Vancouver Island regional library system.

Don Kertland, president of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association, says that although there appear to be some people on the island in favour of joining the larger body, most of the members of the association are not.

Kertland says that the association has thoroughly investigated the possibility of joining the system, but has found it wanting in several areas.

For one thing, says the association president, the regional system

does not own its own buildings. All facilities are rented, which means that the system would not be interested in purchasing the property in Ganges that is owned by the local association.

Neither would the regional system take over the local library's entire bookstock as a package deal. The system would only offer to purchase any of the current stock which it felt could be useful.

LIBRARIES SMALLER

Libraries run through the regional system are also smaller, Kertland points out. The smallness includes not only physical facilities, but the number of books available to the reading public at any given time.

Although the book stocks are small, all of the books within the system, which serves several communities on Vancouver Island, would be available to Salt Spring residents on a rotating basis.

Kertland goes on to point out that the regional system does not use any volunteer helpers in the actual library. All librarians are on a payroll and are unionized. Some branches, however, do have auxiliary organizations for a variety of purposes.

In addition to the fact that all workers are paid, island residents would have little say in how the operation was run if the regional system went into effect, says Kertland. The only channel of communication between islanders and the regional system would be a single resident member of the board which governs the system's operations.

Finally, says Kertland, there is the money situation to consider. Although members of the regional library do not pay fees the cost of having the regional system on the island would amount to approximately \$40,000 annually. That sum would have to be borne through the taxation system.

NO APPEAL

All of the previous facts were brought to light during a meeting with Fred White of the regional system, according to Kertland. When the local board met following the gathering it decided that such a system would not have much

appeal for the residents of Salt Spring, and therefore decided to go ahead with its own plans for expansion of the existing library.

"Forty thousand dollars a year is a lot of money," Kertland concludes, "for a community with a population of less than 5,000. The regional library system is undoubtedly an efficient and well-run organization but our library has certain characteristics that most of our 850 members seem to enjoy. Run entirely by volunteers, it is a friendly place to visit and somehow seems to be just right for Salt Spring Island."

On the Penders

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

World Day of Prayer, held on the first Friday after Ash Wednesday, was well-attended by the women of all the Pender Islands churches, and by a number of the men as well. Originally this day was Women's World Day of Prayer, but latterly it has purposely been changed to include the men.

As usual it was held at 2 pm in St. Peter's Church at Port Washington. This year the service was prepared by students in the Pan-African Leadership Course for women at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, Kitwe, Zambia. One of the things that the preaching and teaching of Jesus did was to liberate women from positions of inferiority and give them a sense of dignity, according to the African women.

The Pender Island Choral Society led in the singing of the hymns, and their rendition of the 23rd Psalm was very beautiful. Joe Billyeald played the organ. The women from the three Pender churches read the scripture readings and the prayers following the pamphlet which was prepared by their sister women in Zambia.

Archdeacon D. Powell gave a short address in which he told those attending that everyone must have a goal in life and to the Christian this is the presence of Jesus Christ.

The World Day of Prayer material is published by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada each year. They receive the offerings and distribute grants for ecumenical projects to communicate the Gospel and serve human need.

Sheep breeders lay plans for spring events

The Inter-Island Sheep Breeders Association held its annual spring meeting at Duncan on Saturday, March 3.

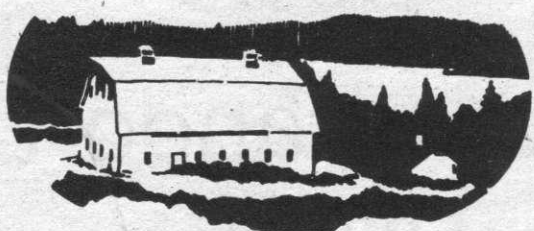
There were two special guests in attendance; Dr. Malcolm Tait, who without a doubt is a real farmer's man, and who was made the association's first honorary member and his good friend, Alan Rutherford. Mr. Rutherford is from the Ministry of Agriculture in the United Kingdom and was the guest speaker for the day. He gave a very informative talk on methods and practices of sheep management in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, and how they compared with our practices in Canada.

The plans for the coming seasons events are in the making and will be published well in advance. Watch for: field day on Salt Spring; sheep show and sale in Duncan.

For information on events or the association, please call Dave Thomas, 537-2647.

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Vancouver conference is held to discuss emerging economic order

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

Two hundred people gathered in Vancouver recently to discuss the Emerging International Economic Order, and to make recommendations to our governments and also to the regional conference in Seattle March 29 to 31.

Seven workshops were held: The Human Factor; Disarmament for Development and Security; World Trade and Commodities; Development Financing; Energy and Environment; Transnational Corporations; World Food. What amazed me at the final session on Sunday (due to the poor ferry service I had to leave before the end) was the similarity between resolutions passed by the different groups. We all studied the problems from very different angles, but arrived at very similar conclusions. Incidentally, a message was

sent to the federal government from the conference, asking them to act as a peacekeeping government with China and Vietnam, calling for the removal of all invading troops from Vietnam and Cambodia.

We realized that the present system came about almost happenstance, becoming entrenched without our recognition. Colonial pow-

More Food for Thought

ers were not intentionally evil; they were adventurous. Missionaries were not trying to corrupt; they were trying to redeem. The fact that the colonial powers raped and the missionaries ruined the very people they thought they were helping, points to the ineptness, rather than the evil of human nature. Now, however, we are aware of our blunders, as we see the third world getting poorer and the first world growing richer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Revolution and war are natural results of becoming so engrossed with technology that we lose sight of the human factor. Delegates were warned that moralising is a way of obscuring issues, so I will just share with you some of the recommendations of the conference.

* We believe that any society which sets the acquisition of material goods as the measure of human worth inevitably dehumanizes all people.

* The true test of human rights in any society is the measures it takes to safeguard the rights of its minorities.

* The inherent right of all people to cultural autonomy and self-determination....is particularly true of indigenous peoples....land is of particular concern....we support the pursuit of a just settlement of land claims.

*Expose individuals and corporate entities involved in arms trade. Put pressure on governments to stop their roles as merchants of death.

*Encourage fair prices to third world for natural resources.

*Press for observation of U.N. Declaration of Human Rights.

*Encourage our government to take stand against Trident (not defensive system).

*Question parliamentary candidates re their position on arms trade, and alternative uses of funds to meet human needs.

*Encourage freedom of information laws.

*Initiate referendum laws in our 'democracy'.

*Support a World Referendum on Disarmament.

*Support Taxes for Peace proposals.

*Increase education on causes of third world underdevelopment.

*Demand accountability of those responsible for planning genocide and ecocide.

*Encourage decrease of excessive consumerism by changing our life styles.

*Change our attitudes...towards mutual benefit instead of private and selfish profit.

*People must organize on local level....end myth of personal powerlessness.

*Present order favours the economically strong, goals being profit not needs of people.

*Write to MP's asking for removal of 'plant breeder rights' from proposed legislation.

Further information on Taxes for Peace may be obtained from 430 Montreal St. Victoria, V8V 1Z7.

A poster at the conference read: It will be a great day when our schools get all the money they need and the air force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday, March 14: Land Use: Growing your own food; David Crossfield, District Agriculturist talks about farming on Salt Spring. Convenor, Gail Secor. United Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

Monday, March 19: "Justice today for our children tomorrow". Potluck supper (small planet recipes). Native speakers from Project North. United Church Hall, 5.30 pm.

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Special speaker is guest of Mayne Island TOPS group

Contributed

Members of the Mayne Island TOPS chapter turned out in full force on Monday, Feb. 26 to hear a special speaker, Mrs. Doreen Chatwin.

After a short business meeting and weigh-in, Mrs. Chatwin circulated printed copies of the material she had prepared. This dealt primarily with basic information about the foods necessary to support life and maintain good health. It dealt briefly with supplements and quantities recommended, and found helpful by the speaker in her experience in helping people overcome deficiencies.

She gave instructions for use of a five-day juice diet she used in a reducing program. She stressed the fact that no special diet of this nature should ever be used for lengthy treatment. A good method for overweight people, she said, was to fast one day of every week using juices and plenty of water.

The interest was keen and discussion was lively. However, since time had run out, the leader Edona Medcalf, asked Mrs. Chatwin if she could return at another time. This will be arranged later in March.

The March 5 meeting is for the election of new officers. Meetings are being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burden and everyone seems happy to hold it in our familiar meeting room.

The best losers of the day for KOPS were Marguerite Campkin and Pat Dawson.

Best loser for TOPS was Jessie Craig.

It was noted that the name of Liz Harris was inadvertently omitted as January Best Loser of the month. She tied with Betty Warman and was awarded "Topsy" charm in place of fruit basket.

Small farm development to be theme

Small farm development will be the theme for an information meeting in Ganges Wednesday, March 14 at 7.30 pm in the United Church Hall.

The meeting is intended to assist those who wish to move into farming on Salt Spring. Dave Crossfield, District Agriculturalist from Duncan, will speak on assessing the farm's soil and water resources, on livestock and crops appropriate to Salt Spring and on local marketing strategies.

Printed information will be available and questions and discussions will follow if time permits.

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SPORTS

Coers Cup playoff series well on the way

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Coers Cup play got well under way last week with a series of play-off games.

This year's play-offs were designed by Dave Chase, the intra-island co-ordinator. He came up with a three week elimination series of games, whereby every team is guaranteed a minimum of three games. Teams receive five points for a win, three for an overtime loss and one point for a normal loss.

The highlights of the first two playoff rounds are as follows:

Cosmos 1 - Devils 0

Two of the League's titans met in yet another classic battle. Either team could have won as Mike Brown and Dave McWhirter led the Devils' offence and Mike Kruger and Brad Davies did the same for the Cosmos. Bradley came up with the winning shot to give the Cosmos the win.

Canadians 1 - Goblins 0

The young Canadians rose up and surprised the Goblins. Some excellent goal keeping by David Cates kept the Canadians in the match until Jacob Seagrave popped home the winner.

Hornets 3 - Wildcats 0

The Hornets featured a balanc-

ed attack and a steady defence to defeat the Wildcats. Goals from Jesse Donaldson, Troy Logan and Brian Stacey pushed the Hornets on to meet the Cosmos.

Cosmos 5 - Canadians 0

It was simply a case of power over youth with the Cosmos steam-rolling the gutsy Canadian team. Mike Kruger with three, Brad Davies and Justin Williams were the marksmen for the two game, play off-winning Cosmos.

MEN'S SOCCER**Salt Spring 1 - Health Spa 4**

In actuality the two teams did more combatting against the weather and field conditions than against each other.

The score was 1-1 at the half with the Spa scoring first. Salt Spring's equalizer was notched by Alan Marsh on a fine set-up by Gordie Speed.

The Spa scored three unanswered goals in the second half to clinch the win.

Charlie Hoeller and Bob Anderson in defence and Matt Small in goal, were stand-outs.

Better weather conditions and more playing time should see our local men improve quickly.

Sockeyes thump Gorge on strong comeback effort on weekend

BY MALCOLM LEGG

S.S.I. Sea Products Ltd. Sockeyes 4 Gorge 0

Revenge can be so sweet. Two weeks ago the Sockeyes lost 5-1 to the Gorge squad but last weekend's return encounter was a different match entirely.

With a full compliment of players the local girls blitzed the Gorge 4-0 and in the process never allowed their opponents a single shot on the Sockeyes goal.

There were many bright spots on the Sockeyes, such as Becky Hagan's two goals and the spirited play of newcomer Lynn Spittle, but in reality the game was yet another total team effort from the Sock-

eyes. When the local girls turn on their style of soccer there is no team that can compete with them.

The Sockeyes team effort was exemplified from the goal out. Returning to action in the nets was Janice Hull who, although not actually being tested, created an air of confidence in the Sockeyes rear-guard. Late in the game Jan was brought up front to get some playing and came up with a fine goal as her reward.

TEAMWORK HELPS

The Sockeyes defenders rarely allowed the Gorge offence a chance to see the ball. Fullbacks Trish Cannon and Karen Bird played their strong tackling games, right-half Sunday Byron and left-half

Theresa Byron calmly and coolly broke up Gorge attacks and center-half Cathy Anderson covered all four and even found time for a series of sparkling rushes up field.

The offence once again showed some cohesion and thrust. Becky Hagan, the teams top scorer in 1979 had a strong first half with her two goals. Shauneen Spence and Jill Johnson did the trench work in setting up plays, shooting and hustling around the Gorge net. Shauneen came up with the team's first goal as she lofted a beautiful lob over the Gorge goalie.

On the wings were two youngsters, Geraldine Hagan and Lynn Spittle, who both played very hard and are rapidly improving along with Gerry Irwin, Melody Cue, and Vicky Byron who all filled out the Sockeyes line up with strong efforts.

With two home league games to go (Gordon Head next weekend) the Sockeyes have a great chance to win divisional honours. If the girls continue to play their system and style of soccer the road to first place will be an easier one.

Watch for Sunday March 18, when Port Alberni will play the Sockeyes at Portlock Park, at 1 pm.

Galiano Golf Club elects Ed Jones to serve second term

In spite of stormy weather there was a good turnout of members on Saturday, Feb. 24 when the Galiano Golf and Country Club held its 22nd annual general meeting. A. Edgar Jones was re-elected by acclamation to serve as president of the organization for a second term.

Dr. Bill Paterson, Miss Jean Lockwood and William Duncan were all re-elected by acclamation to the positions of vice-president, secretary and treasurer. John Gabe succeeds Reg Cornwell as club captain, and members of the executive committee at large are Charles Dodwell, Mrs. F.E. Robson and Mrs. Rosamund Truelove.

Membership in the Golf Club in 1978 totalled 228 persons, of whom 30 were children all playing golf, aged seven to 18 years. Social membership was held by 86 men and women who participated in the winter program of bridge, darts and other indoor activities.

INCREASE IN DUES

The membership approved an increase in all categories of dues averaging 10% over the last dues schedule which was set in 1976. Initiation fees remain unchanged but the schedule of green fees for visiting golfers was revised.

According to one member, the most exciting event in the club's year was the installation of the new tennis court, contributed to the organization by Errol Wintemute. The scale of tennis membership dues and daily playing fees was approved by the meeting.

Plans for a bowling green are in the initial stages and will be a major project for the newly elected committee. The new putting green completed last fall should be playable by June, the meeting learned.

Due to the expensive repairs and alterations around the clubhouse, in addition to the new tennis

court and putting green, a great deal of landscaping and clean-up will be done this spring. It is hoped that members will respond as in the past to the call for volunteer work parties, Driftwood was told.



DOWN THE GUTTER

...with Ken Collins

In the Y.B.C. roll-offs that were held in Duncan on February 25, both the singles entry and the team entry of the Junior boys came through with victories.

Gordon Hitchcock was the singles winner and the team consisted of Michael Lee, Randy Wlasitz, Ken Anderson, Paul Trenholm and Steve Marleau. They now go on to the provincial roll-offs that will be held in Prince George on March 17. I'm sure we all wish them well.

Here are the better scores of the week: Bev Valcourt, 705; Leo Toutant, 840-749; Art Dawe, 828; Jim Glenn, 766; Terry Jenkins, 732; Ken Collins, 732-726; Dave Calver, 780; Dan Bedford, 766; and Frank Keoppel, 756.

Three hundred games came

from Art Dawe, 337; Jim Glenn, 314; Dave Calver, 316; Dan Bedford, 309; Frank Keoppel, 356; Rick Paton, 304; Leo Toutant, 305-306; and Barry Pinchin, 307.

The bowlers of the week were, for the ladies, Bev Valcourt, and for the men it was Leo Toutant.

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Mayne weather report

Wells should improve as result of February rains

BY WALTER HUNT-SOWREY

February was a wet month at Mayne Island and wells will no doubt improve as a result. Most of the rains were not too heavy, with a maximum fall on the 25th of 1.19 inches. That was the first fall of over an inch this year.

There were also gales around the 12th of the month, but Mayne did not really feel their full force. As in 1977, the snowfall was light. However, the continued frost of January, which just continued into February, might cause some late fall plantings to heave and subsequently dry out.

The principal feature of the

month was the almost complete solar eclipse. Owing to heavy cloud cover, no part of the eclipse was visible on the islands, although the period of darkness was quite pronounced around 8 am.

Total and partial eclipses are not uncommon, but local weather conditions always dictate how much of the eclipse will be visible, as does the time of day. I was lucky enough to be in an excellent spot to see the total eclipse in 1925, and this occurred in perfect viewing weather. A total eclipse is a marvellous sight, and CBC is to be congratulated on the fine pictures they showed from Brandon and Winnipeg.

MAYNE ISLAND WEATHER FEBRUARY, 1979

	1979	1978	1977
Snowfall to date.	1.8"	8.6"	NIL
Rainfall to date.	2.4"	16.4"	1.6"
Days with rain.	4.67"	2.22"	2.24"
Days with Frost to date.	5.89"	6.82"	5.01"
Max. Temp.	19	14	16
Min. Temp.	26	38	26
Max. Press.	10	9	2
Min. Press.	34	19	9
Max. Humidity	11 C	9 C	-13 C
Min. Humidity	-6 C	-3 C	-1 C
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Four performances this year

Arts program popular on islands

BY GELI JOHNSTON

"An excellent program," said Pender School Trustee John Zacharias. "I'm all for it; the more the better."

Taimi Hindmarch of Saturna School said "It enlarges the background of the children."

Tony Rogers, principal of Mayne School said, "There has been a real lack of this kind of thing. The children loved it."

"The teachers, children and parents agree," said Aubrey Rundle-Woolcock of Pender School, "this is an excellent program with educational value....as long as the quality is maintained."

The speakers were referring to the Arts for B.C. Schools program which is bringing a season of four professional performances to children and adults on the Outer Islands this school year.

Last October, Bastion Theatre of Victoria performed an adaptation of Tolkein's Hobbit. In November, there followed a presentation by the Raincoast Puppet Theatre from Vancouver, and recently the Prism Dance Theatre of Vancouver entertained and exercised islanders with both a performance and workshops. The series' final presentation is a classical music recital by Westcoast Consort on March 23.

ACCESS DIFFICULT

It is generally agreed by principals, teachers and parents alike that access to city performances is

very difficult for islanders, often involving overnight stays in town. Afternoon outings to city matinees are nearly impossible with ferry schedules to consider.

"I cannot stress enough," says Rogers, "the need island children have for exposure to cultural forms beyond their present experience."

Rogers cites the Vancouver Opera Guild which has been entertaining and educating islands children for the past seven years.

Grateful audiences have to thank the B.C. Touring Council, which pays half the cost, and a group of dedicated Pender parents who have raised the balance and organized everything.

Betty Brooks, a South Pender music teacher and mother of two, first heard of the program just over a year ago.

FUND-RAISING

Having ascertained that the school was interested, she set to work fund raising. In the spring of 1978 she wrote all the clubs on Pender requesting donations. She organized two bake sales in the summer and gradually gathered a group of interested parents to help. Eventually, \$400 was raised to be matched by a B.C.T.C. grant.

Betty's next task was to select,

book and negotiate contracts with the performers. One volunteer worked with other island schools and three more helped with billeting and feeding performers.

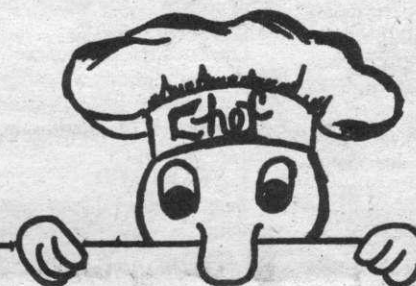
In September 1978, the A.B.C. was placed under the auspices of the P.T.C. with Betty and the other volunteers forming a committee.

As the program proceeded, it was clearly a success. Pender children were thoroughly enjoying the free performances and, at 25 cents for each off-island child and \$1 for any adult, everyone felt they were getting excellent value.

WAITING FOR APPROVAL

Will the A.B.C. program continue next year? Betty Brooks hopes so but she is waiting for approval from Pender School and the P.T.C. It also depends upon whether she can recruit more volunteers and raise sufficient funds. Trustee Zacharias is sadly aware that the first series was financed entirely without support from the school board and advocates that parents and Penderites in general must be "more vocal and less apathetic" in getting a fairer share of school board funds.

"If I thought I could get any money for (the A.B.C. program)," he said, "I certainly would."



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Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

A startling sight met the eyes of early risers on Sunday morning at Fulford - the harbour was a seething mass of screaming seagulls, ducks and a few bald head eagles as they dined loudly and well on shoals and shoals of herring.

This is a sight we thought was lost forever, as for the past 33 years - ever since the year after the inauguration of the ferry service in 1930, the herring vanished, depleted by the fishing fleet which took a heavy toll each year in the Straits.

Bob Akerman reported that cougar tracks have been spotted on Mt. Tuam by the Kaye logging crew. Mr. Dewar, the chief predator hunter from Nanaimo, arrived Tuesday with his dogs.

A successful open house was held Sunday at the Rod and Gun Club. Seventy-nine visitors enjoyed a tour of the new club house and displays of target shooting equipment and archery ranges.

Annual Wayside Sale of perennials, shrubs and other garden plants will be held Saturday, at 1.30 pm it was decided at the Anglican W.A. meeting.

A number of members took part in the devotional period and Mrs. W. Norton gave the missionary reading. Treasurer Mrs. N.A. Howland reported \$75 net proceeds from the Valentine Tea. The Mrs. Frances Baker Memorial Fund totalled \$100.

TEN YEARS AGO

Pared to 15 beds, the extended care unit for Lady Minto Gulf Islands hospital has been approved by the health minister, Ralph Loffmark.

Mr. Loffmark told the provincial legislature on Monday that approval had been given subject to confirmation by the Capital Region Hospital Board.

Original plan called for 20 such beds at the Salt Spring hospital serving all the Gulf Islands. Land has already been acquired for the extension.

The islands project is the second to gain ministerial approval under the recent hospital building bylaw of the capital region.

Construction of the new beds will be in a new wing whose location has yet to be established.

Leaky oil heater caused a fire on Saturday at the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. McLaren, Hereford Ave.

Volunteer firemen were called out on Saturday morning and brought the fire under control without incident.

Damage amounted to several hundred dollars.

Building is owned by Aage Villadsen of Ganges.

Elderly occupants were given prompt assistance by a number of village residents.

Annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Gulf Island Lady Minto Hospital was held in the board room of the hospital February 25.

Mrs. R.T. Meyer took the chair for the elections of officers. Mrs. E.A. Jarman was elected president.

Helicopters were called in to service on a construction job on Salt Spring Island this week. It is the first operation of its kind in local history.

Part of the transmission line carrying power across the islands runs over the top of Mt. Erskine.

The slopes of the mountain are steep and there is no ready access to the site of the transmission towers.

On Tuesday the concrete for the foundations was shipped to the site from Duncan and flown to the mountain-side by helicopter.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Salt Spring Lions are showing the way. The service club sponsored the project of an island recreational centre five years ago. The same club has now negotiated the purchase of 10 acres of level land for the site of the complex.

Lions have purchased the Millner property at Central, catercorner from the Central Hall.

The purchase price is \$40,000 and the service club has made an initial payment to hold the property while it ascertained that it can be rezoned for use as a community centre. A further payment is due on rezoning being assured and an arrangement has been made with the vendors whereby only interest is immediately payable.

Building code has been upgraded and it has more teeth in it. Regional Director George Heinekey told Salt Spring planners on Monday.

Changes are being checked out by the legal department of the Capital Regional District.

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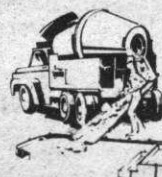
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What's happening at SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY?

BY IAN JUKES

All's well that ends well, as another week (and month) fades into history and for the first time in recent memory - things were relatively quiet and uneventful here at the school as regards extra curricular activities.

Likely this is simply calm before the tempest - three weeks until Easter break and many, many things to be accomplished - report cards, field trips, tournaments, completing units and projects to name but a few.

Of immediate concern is the parent's day public speaking display that is to be held Wed., March 7 in the gym. Long hours and many a tear have been shed in cultivating these efforts. Parents can certainly be pleased with what has been the result. Come and listen if you are able.

PRODUCTION PLANS UNDERWAY

A more long range concern is the school production, tentatively scheduled for late May. As previously revealed the theme will be "Year of the Child". A group of teachers including Mr. Chase, Mr. Nelken, Mrs. Davis and Mr. Hayes are busily sketching out an original script based on the adventures of Robin Hood. Student preparations should begin in earnest after Easter. Stay tuned for more "in-

side" information as it becomes available.

As usual there's lots of house and team news, as the intramural basketball schedule concluded with the Mustangs winning the championship in the last game. Final standings were Mustangs, 118; Stallions, 116; Broncos, 101; and Colts, 86.

STALLIONS LEADING

Overall, Stallions lead with 209 followed by Mustangs (204), Colts (203) and Broncos (198). This week the ever popular floor hockey commences.

Team-wise this has been a remarkably successful week with the Boy's "A" team defeating the G.I.S.S. midget boys team 30-22, and the "B" team splitting-winning against Drinkwater 36-26 and being edged by Crofton 22-19. Meanwhile the girls also split,

clobbering Drinkwater 31-24 and losing to arch-rival Fernwood 16-4.

Friday noon there was a sight to behold in the high school gym as the teachers took on a combined Fernwood-Salt Spring rep team - somehow the teachers edged the students in a hard fought match.

REGIONAL CHESS CHAMPION

Elsewhere we see with a certain degree of pride that Jeff Moger (Grade 5) has emerged as Cowichan-Islands regional chess champion. Jeff now moves on to the Island championships. Congratulations to Robert Johnson (Grade 1) and Sean Albhouse (Grade 3) who made their way to the regionals before being eliminated.

Next week we'll start a look at the individual classrooms so you will know what's happening here at Salt Spring Elementary.

Guilty verdict in traffic ticket information dispute

William Marcotte, Salt Spring Island, was found guilty in Ganges provincial court Wednesday following a hearing over a traffic ticket information.

Marcotte was charged after failing to show registration for a vehicle he was operating November 14, 1978. He told the court that he had transferred the plates and registration from another vehicle, of which he was the owner, that inoperable.

In his defense, he referred to a booklet issued by the Insurance Corporation of B.C., in which it was stated that registration can be transferred from one vehicle to

another for a period of 10 days. It specified, however, that the first vehicle must be sold or disposed of before the registration can be transferred.

Marcotte told the court that the first vehicle wasn't running because of a blown rear end, though he had repaired it two weeks later.

Judge D.K. McAdam didn't agree that the vehicle had been disposed of because it hadn't been "Put out of his (Marcotte's) control".

Marcotte was given a six-month suspended sentence.

His 500th performance March 17

Salt Spring Island musician Bryan Smith will play the piano in the Harbour House Hotel dining room for the 500th time on Saturday, March 17.

Smith will also be featured on Ida Clarkson's television show on Monday, March 12 at noon.

PERCY GRIMMER

Pender pioneer dies

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Percy Hope Grimmer, second son of Washington Grimmer, passed away in Saanich Peninsula Hospital on Tuesday, February 27 after a short illness.

Mr. Grimmer was born on October 21, 1891 at Port Washington, Pender Island in the house now occupied by Mrs. Chris Wade, and except for his service in both wars spent his life on Pender Island.



PERCY GRIMMER

During the First World War Mr. Grimmer served in the Veterinary Corps in France and Belgium. In

the Second World War he served on the home front in the Veteran's Home Guards on the west coast of Vancouver Island and later at the prison camps in the B.C. interior and in Alberta.

For many years Mr. Grimmer's life was spent on his farm with his wife Helen, where their three children were born and raised. In 1954 he turned the farm over to his son Donald, who has continued in his father's tradition, and Percy retired to his present home overlooking Swanson Channel, where he spent many happy hours watching the ships pass by.

Percy Grimmer was always very active in Pender Island activities. He was president of the Canadian Legion #239 from 1963-65, was a charter member of the Legion and was instrumental in starting the Pender Island Legion when it first came into existence after the First World War in conjunction with the Mayne and Galiano Legions. He was given a life membership in the Pender Island Legion.

Mr. Grimmer was also instrumental in the beginnings of the Pender Island Golf and Country Club and a life member of the club, and was given the title of Honorary President of the Pender Island Hall Society where he actively contributed to its existence for many years. He worked hard to make the fall fair a part of island life and was an active participant in the work of the Farmer's Institute. He contributed much to Pender Island and will be missed by his many friends and relatives.

A memorial service was held at St. Peter's Church at Port Washington on Saturday afternoon at 1.30 pm with Archdeacon D. Powell officiating. It was attended by his many friends and relatives.

Mr. Grimmer is survived by his wife Helen, his son Donald and wife Margie, his daughter Mary Hope (Bunty) in England and her husband, Hugh, and his daughter Barbara Auchterlonie and her husband Harry, 12 grandchildren, one great grandchild; his brother, Mr. Nep Grimmer and wife Dorothy; sister, Mrs. Olive Clague all of Pender Island; his brother George in Calgary.

Fine arts scholarship established

At a recent parents' meeting, it was decided to set up a scholarship fund to assist students in the fine arts at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Generally it was felt that all students involved in these studies would be eligible to win this award.

The funds would be held in trust and administered by a parents' group who would make the selections each year.

This funding would be in addition to the I.O.D.E. Courtenay Summer Music School Award and existing art awards. The establishment of this Fine Arts Fund will provide funds in a much needed area.

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NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYER OF THE NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT RE: THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, April 9, 1979, two Trustees are to be elected to serve for terms of three years each.

Nominations of candidates for these positions, must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Monday the 19th day of March, 1979.

NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR

To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 19 years of age or older and a ratepayer of the District in good standing.

NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE

M. Larmour, Secretary

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Harbour House Hotel WEEKEND SPECIALS

Fri. - Sat. - Sun.
March 9 - 10 - 11

Soup

Pan Fried Rainbow Trout

with lemon butter, vegetable and baked potato.
Beverage.

As from Monday, March 5

Dashaway Lunch 2.25

Soup & dessert included

Virginia & Ray Trio
Saturday, March 10
in the dining lounge