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## Slow mail took four days

### Mayne Island trustee filed by mail and lost her nomination

Delay in the mail cost a school trustee her job. On October 26 school trustee Jeanine Dodds submitted her completed nomination papers to the Ganges office of the Gulf Islands School District. The Mayne Island trustee was in Victoria and used the mail to file her papers.

That was her only mistake.

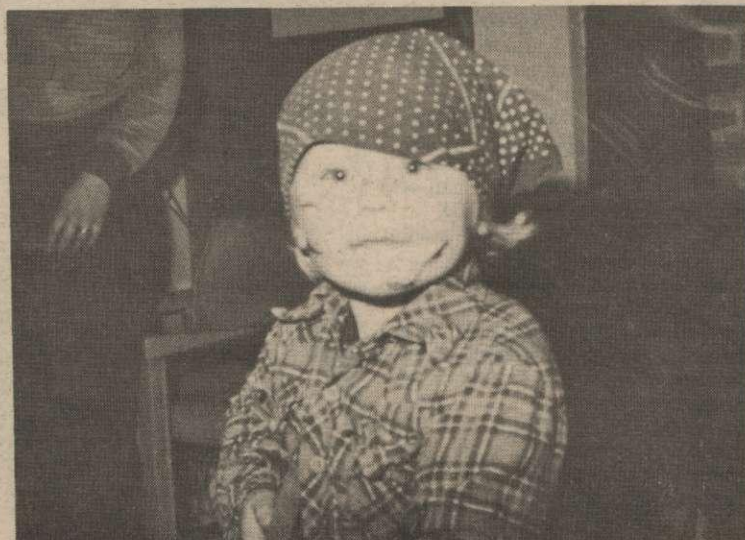
The registered letter did not reach Ganges, 25 miles away, on Saturday; nor on Sunday; nor on Monday. It reached its destination on Tuesday. It would have travelled quicker by rowboat.

When the deadline for nominations came at noon on Monday the letter was still travelling between Victoria and Ganges.

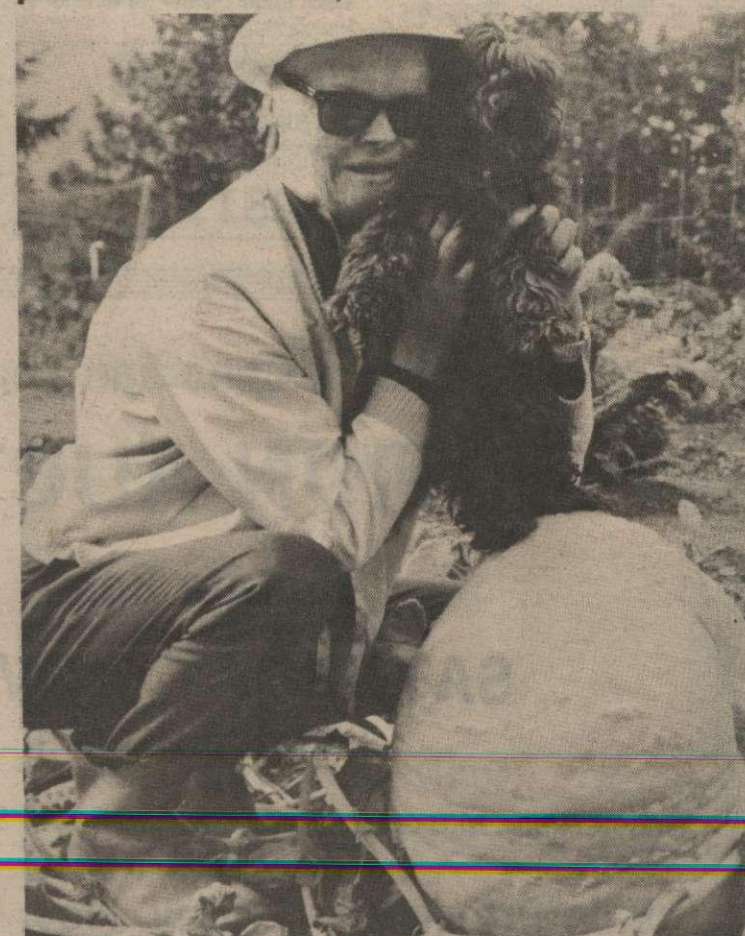
Jeanine Dodds was not nominated and there was no other nomination. The seat will be declared vacant unless the minister of education makes an appointment before the end of the year.

The sad tale of a candidate who put too much trust in Her Majesty's mails was recounted at Thursday afternoon's school board meeting in Ganges.

## No tricks, but lots of treats



Hallowe'en was quiet this year apart from a couple of minor accidents, RCMP at Ganges reported this week. However, it wasn't all that quiet for islands youngsters such as these, who went out and collected their share of treats. No tricks were reported.



Jack Dosco and his dog Maggie of Wildwood Crescent are quite excited about their garden's great pumpkin. It measured 63 inches in circumference and weighed 90 lbs.

## Repeating grade depressing and regressive charges Pender trustee

Practice of having a student repeat a grade was challenged by a Gulf Islands school trustee last week.

"I can't see the value of having a child repeat a year's work," said Pender's John Zacharias at Thursday's school board meeting in Ganges. "I can't imagine anything more depressing and regressive than having a child repeat a grade."

He agreed that there can't be a one-to-one teacher-student ratio,

but grouping could eliminate the need for repetition.

That is done, noted supervisor of instruction Larry Holbrook.

"It is very rarely that a child repeats a grade," he added.

### PHILOSOPHY

Trustees were discussing the question of district-wide testing...or the philosophy of such testing.

At the present time testing is undertaken in schools individually.

The ministry of education requires districts to have a district testing philosophy by 1980, trustees learned.

Trustees were in favour of standardized tests. They favoured district-wide tests, but there was no clear explanation of the advantage offered by the process.

## Mayne resident victim

A well known Gulf Island resident, Norman Georgeson, was killed in a motor vehicle accident last Wednesday evening near his home on Mayne Island.

Georgeson was walking south on Fernhill Rd. when he was struck by a car driven by his 18-year-old nephew Mark Aitken, also of Mayne.

Police report that the accident is still under investigation and that charges under the Motor Vehicle Act will be laid against Aitken.

Georgeson, who lived on Fernhill Rd., was born on South Pender island 58 years ago.

He leaves at home his wife Amelia and two brothers, Darrell of Ganges, and Robert of Cedar, Vancouver Island. He also leaves three sisters, Kathleen, Geraldine and Phyllis, all of Vancouver Island.

The funeral was held November 5 at St. Mary Magdalene Church on Mayne Island.

## Up to 10,185

Gulf Islands will be home to 10,185 people by the year 2001.

Figure has been evolved by the B.C. Research Council.

Bringing the figures to the attention of the Gulf Islands School trustees on Thursday last week, superintendent Bob Huestis explained they are projections and not predictions.

The figures are calculated on past statistics and do not represent a forecast of what will take place.

The same figure for 1976 was 6,415.

## Remembrance Day will be observed on Sunday here

Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday this year. On Sunday, November 11, veterans and other islanders will pay tribute to the dead of three conflicts.

It is the 61st celebration of the end of hostilities on November 11, 1918. Originally termed "Armistice Day", it is now known as Remembrance Day to encompass the tribute to those who died in the Second World War and the Korean War.

At Ganges the veterans will assemble outside the Legion Hall at 10.15 to march off at 10.35. They will march from the Legion Hall to the Cenotaph under the direction of Peter Bingham.

All residents and organizations are invited to take part in the procession to the memorial cairn.

Those who wish to limit themselves to a shorter journey will be invited to join in at the Shell Station.

After the formal ceremonies at the Cenotaph the public will be invited to formally lay a wreath.

A gathering of veterans and wives will follow in the Legion Hall.

Time will be the same on most islands. Ceremonies everywhere will attract veterans and others to pay tribute to the war dead. Few parts of Canada sent more men to war than did the islands.

## Comment

### A fitting appointment

What better choice?

Mayne Island is short one school trustee and the minister of education will be called upon to name a candidate to the office.

The selection should be less than arduous.

What more fitting than the appointment by a provincial cabinet minister to correct the shortcomings of a federal ministry?

Had the postal service been as efficient as once we would have expected, there would have been no vacancy.

If the minister of education were to appoint the candidate whose nomination was delayed in the mail, it would, perhaps, spare the postmaster general blushes.

If federal cabinet ministers are able to blush, of course!



## Hypnotist visits Ganges

# Local students take hour-long journey on 747 Friday night

BY TONY RICHARDS

A fellow by the name of Jim Damant was standing on the stage of the Activity Centre in Ganges last week and stuck his hand in his pocket.

Simultaneously, three young ladies shrieked and jumped out of their seats. They had been poked in the posterior with a hat-pin.

The same Jim Damant mentioned the word jungle and a young man stood up on his chair, beat on his chest and mimicked the call of Tarzan. Asked why he did it, someone else stood up and said, "He tawt he taw a puddy tat."

The occasion? A show featuring hypnotist Jim Damant, at which 15 local students left the island on a journey in a 747, returning about an hour later after a number of adventures.

### STORMED THE STAGE

The 15 volunteers from the audience were selected from a group of about 30 who stormed the stage when Damant asked people who wished to be hypnotized to step forward.

In order to narrow down the number of volunteers, Damant conducted a number of tests to determine who would be the most easily hypnotized. In one test, the eager subjects were required to hold up their hands and clasp them together. Their forefingers were held straight up and about an inch apart. With a soft, hypnotic voice, Damant succeeded in making many of the volunteers' fingers draw together and touch, while the volunteers themselves were trying to keep them apart.

After eliminating half of those who were on the stage, Damant proceeded to put his subjects into a hypnotic trance.

That's when the show really got under way.

**EVENTFUL**  
The trip on the 747 jet was an eventful one. Seatbelts were fastened and Larry Spence and Teddy Cook were named pilots.

And what good pilots! When the passengers were told how good their pilots were, how efficient they were at handling the plane, the



What's the matter with these Ganges students? They're cold, or at least they think they are. When

pilots themselves beamed with pride.

After take-off, seatbelts were unfastened and magazines were taken from the racks in front of the seats. Some were obviously *Playboys* as at least one student was seen examining the centre-fold.

Cans of pop were passed around and everyone drank. But then it was revealed that it wasn't pop after all. It was giggle and hic-cough-juice, and the effect was remarkable.

### BY LAND

After the plane reached its destination, the passengers continued their travels by land.

They encountered an Eskimo woman with a baby. He was a very nice baby until he started crying. So everyone rocked the baby and tried to calm him down. Then it was discovered that his diapers needed changing. The baby wasn't nearly as popular then, but nevertheless, his diaper was changed, much to the distaste of most of the travellers.

hypnotist Jim Damant told them it was bitterly cold out, they huddled together for warmth.



Karen Mouat appears to find changing a diaper more distasteful

The students also had the opportunity to "see" a flock of geese. They flew closer and closer, until, finally, they were directly overhead. Just as everyone was looking up at them, Damant said, "Oh, those filthy birds," and they let go right on the observers' heads.

During the next few minutes, the hypnotist's subjects, with

## They never give up!

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*Nonsense keeps everyone busy*

BY FRANK RICHARDS

On Thursday afternoon a roomful of people were frustrated by a foolish and empty requirement of the provincial ministry of education.

The Gulf Islands School Board authorized the preparation of a provisional budget for next year.

The provisional budget is meaningless. It has no bearing on the actual costs next year. It is compiled by a casual pro rata analysis of previous figures. And it serves no useful purpose.

But it has to be done.

The government says so.

### FUTILE DEBATE

Seven elected representatives; two educationalists; two teachers and a trustee-elect heard secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck describe the provisional budget discussion as "debating a requirement of the B.C. government that has no reality, no substance and little credibility."

It was agreed that the 1979 budget be the basis with an allowance of 110% of last year's total.

Most districts add a percentage to the current budget and that's it, explained Peck. Spencer Marr protested that he could not go along with such a practice.

In general the trustees accepted the practice when the secretary-treasurer had explained how foolish the requirement is.

### IT'S NONSENSE!

"The ministry has given consideration to scrapping the provisional budget," commented Peck, "because they know it's nonsense!"

The nonsense kept 12 people and a reporter busy for some 10 minutes.

Donna McWhirter, on behalf of the district teachers, asked whether the provisional budget would have any bearing on next year's final budget. It will have none at all, she was assured.

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than anyone else in the picture. All

disgusted looks on their faces, wiped themselves clean of the geese droppings.

The many other adventures of the 15 were far too numerous to mention here: they went trout fishing, each won \$1,000 and they saw a very sad movie, to mention a few.

They returned to Ganges and disembarked from the plane, but the show was not over yet.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Before Damant brought his subjects out of their trance, he gave each one instructions which would be carried out on a designated command.

The volunteers awoke and none was aware of what had taken place during the preceding hour; nor were they aware of what was about to take place.

When Wayne Jenkins left the stage, he walked half-way down the centre aisle and stopped. Just as he had been told before he awoke, he was stuck in his tracks, unable to move.

Damant turned to the audience and said, "Ladies and gentlemen..."

Kathy Ramsey immediately jumped up and told him in no uncertain terms that he should leave the island and "go back to

where you belong."

TARZAN

And he stood up on his chair and beat on his chest, pretending to be Tarzan.

the students shown were engaged in the same chore.

"Why is he doing that?" Damant asked, and Doug Elliott jumped up and said, "He tawt he taw a puddy tat."

Meanwhile, Karen Mouat had been standing on the stage, peering at the audience as if she were looking for someone. Finally, she spied what she was looking for and made her way across the room to a man with a receding hair-line. She stood on a chair and kissed him on the head.

And then there was Teddie Cook who, as soon as he sat down in his chair, got up and walked back to the stage looking for his tie. Damant found him a tie and Ted returned to his chair. As soon as he sat down, he repeated the performance until, finally, he was wearing close to a dozen ties.

### 'BRIGHT LIGHTS'

Perhaps you are wondering now about Wayne Jenkins, stuck in the middle of the Activity Centre floor. Well, he was told beforehand that he would be able to move again when Damant said, "Bright lights." The words were spoken and Jenkins returned to his seat.

And the others? The ladies being stuck with hat-pins, Tarzan and the extremely rude Kathy Ramsey?

They all returned to their senses and the command that it was over.



To Be

Frank

by richards



I flew into Vancouver, heavily laden. Women's Lib had been on a holiday to recover from a serious illness. Arriving at Swartz Bay, we were warned that there is no baggage service for island travellers. It is for mainland travellers only. They could perhaps find someone to take baggage to the ferry, said the ticket agent, but he could not guarantee to do it in time. After travelling extensively all over North America and in many parts of Europe, I have yet to find a worse place than Swartz Bay for the aged, the ailing or the bone-lazy. That's me. Could we not plead with the minister to permit islanders to charter a taxi to take them from the ticket office to the ferry. Only thing that worries me is how does the ferry authority figure which passenger will live through it all? Or is that nothing to do with the province? I'll bet the minister has never tried carrying his baggage along that long walk! If he had, there would have been provision made long since.

The trouble with the troubled B.C. Land Commission these days is that while everyone knows agricultural land is reserved, not everyone knows who it's reserved for.

The message was never more clearly in the medium than when it comes to ordinary letters from government ministries. I have sat through many a letter. Majority of government letters are 95% pomposity and 5% content. Every writer should try and imagine himself a reporter sitting in at a council meeting listening to the utmost drivel, cloaked in the mysteries of government jargon and punctuated with words of at least 15 syllables to prove the literacy of the writer. I don't know the writer: I never challenged his erudition! But I still have to suffer.

The way it seems to others: an Alberta Santa Claus looking out at Canada: My fellow Canadians: Ho! Ho! Ho!

I made the dog a kennel. I stole the lumber from the office and found some nails. It took me half a day to get it looking like a house I could share with the dog. But he wasn't impressed. He walked around the new building and when he got to the front he cocked his leg and let fly straight through the doorway. Next time he can build his own dog-house!

It was a school board meeting and there was the suggestion that I was a surprise reporter. *Driftwood* was sending its big guns, suggested one critic. Just a big bore, countered another. So I had to explain that I was sent to cover the meeting so I could misquote Spencer Marr at least once before he quits in December.

There was this medical appointment for the 16th. I can't keep that, I figured. That's the day of the sewer hearing. It isn't. So I knew it must be my mother's birthday. There was nothing else coming up this month.

I'm nearly in line with the school district. The dates in the school district are written, 1979 11 01. Only difference is that I write them, 1-11-79. I'm half-way there, coming up fast, backwards!

I went to buy a tie and the salesman was talkative. It was in the Royal Borough of Sutton Coldfield. He recalled the problems of fuel in his land of Britain. The government of the day had promised natural gas as the fuel of the future: cheap, plentiful and unlimited. It was piped around and homeowners by the million installed gas-fired central heating. The world was warm and the nation was happy. But the chairman of the national electricity board had lunch with the chairman of the national gas board. The gas man wore a new suit and the electricity man was out at the elbows. The gas service was taking all their customers, wept Mr. Hydro. The natural gas supply director was horrified. How could they correct this evil state of affairs? They could put the price up, suggested Mr. Hydro. The gas undertaking was only making about 25 million pounds a year profit. So they more than doubled the price and everyone was happy. Except, of course, the unfortunate consumer! My salesman was one of the consumers.

Which one is likely to have the next accident, asks ICBC. Well...if you put it that way, and it might not be fair, but I'd put my money on Driver No. 1. I wonder if there's a prize for the right guess?

The middle-of-the-roader is a figure of scorn until he gets behind the wheel.

Here's another election and there's just no change! The same old questions are being asked and the same old problems are in the offing. Front page of *Driftwood* a decade ago would read much the same as far as local affairs are concerned. It just doesn't change!



Secondary School bandleader Wilf Davies said over three times this number of students have to be fitted into their classroom for a full band rehearsal.

## School band facilities

Gulf Islands Secondary School principal Bob McWhirter told *Driftwood* Monday that the school band facilities are totally inadequate, and unless the school board gets moving now towards expanding the facilities, interest in that musical program could be seriously hampered.

He said that already students are having a tough time getting into the band because of the shortage of individual practise space. Students wishing to join must practise their instruments in change rooms, the physical education office or a corner of the stage.

There are presently over 60 members in the band and the circular, module classroom they practise in leaks and has no storage area, he said.

McWhirter said that he wants the school board to authorize a feasibility study on the possibility of turning the agriculture classroom in the high school over to the band for practising.

The board is considering building a new agriculture classroom on Farmers' Institute land on Rainbow Road. McWhirter said it could be two years before the "aggie" class moves there, and if possible he would like to see its old room taken over by the band immediately after it becomes vacant.

He added that he would like to see a feasibility study under way soon to determine if the present agriculture classroom could be properly ventilated and heated, and if the acoustics in the room could be improved.

He said if the board waits until after the room is vacant before doing a feasibility study it may be four years before the band gets their needed space.

School district secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck said this week that the board agreed with McWhirter, who had outlined his concerns in a letter to the trustees.

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## It's another chapter

We are legends. We are the mockery of reality. As each year drags its weary way to Christmas and extinction, six days later, the reality of what might have happened has eluded us and history merely records what did occur. At least historians struggle to record those facts as nearly as they may without abandoning their carefully hoarded convictions of what should have happened.

The legend of British Columbia made hay of the Conservative party in this province. And in La Bell Province the cold, unemotional observers, if there are any left in Quebec, are experiencing that same bitter pill once swallowed by western Tories.

It is two decades since the British Columbia Conservatives threw away their chances of survival. They had their chance. They were offered the choice of William A.C. Bennett and Herbert Anscomb. The one they knew and the other they didn't. The one they owed the leadership and the other they didn't. And they chose extinction. They rejected the only man who could have conquered the west coast for them.

There were not many Conservatives left in the province to bite their nails as William Bennett brought the Socreds out of the shadows and into prosperity. But those who had remained loyal to a name were undoubtedly sick and kicking themselves that they should have let that chance pass.

The story is repeated today. It is happening in Quebec.

Rene Levesque may or may not become King of Quebec. We cannot read the future like King Rene apparently does. But whether he rises to regal splendour or falls away from popularity in a sustaining French Canada, the Liberals of Quebec and beyond must be still kicking themselves that they let him get away.

Like the late Premier Bennett in the far west, Rene Levesque has proved himself a brilliant leader. In the west the Bennett platform was a placid form of McCarthyism. Bennett or Bolshevism! In Quebec, where the blood is hotter and the adrenalin quicker, a mere McCarthyism would scarcely draw a voter to the polls. But Levesque has shown the nation that he cannot only choose the slogan, but he can play the music which stirs up the blood of Frenchmen.

Seen from far away and seen in a less than gratifying light, the Quebec premier appears to be pulling a few strings that may prove afterwards to have become tangled. But, as we say in British Columbia, Ze dirty tricks are all part of ze business, hein?

It looks as if Quebecois will be coerced into separation rather than led.

Just think where Canada could be today if that man had been retained in the Liberal ranks!

## Memory must have meaning

November 11: Sunday, Nov. 11, 1979 is Remembrance Day. Some will remember.

There are a few veterans who will remember the Armistice. That original November 11, in 1918, when the world went mad.

Many more will remember the end of the Second World War. The war had two ends, the end of war in Europe and its cessation in the Orient.

And those who remember and those who take part in the formal ceremonies of paying tribute to men and women we can scarcely bring back into clear focus may well be vowing and asserting that they will never accept another war of like nature.

If they really do remember: if they honestly bring back the horrors endured by the living and the dead: then Remembrance Day is real and vibrant in our lives today. If those taking part can

becomes a mockery.

Remembrance means we must not forget.



"How the heck are we supposed to make THAT look attractive before the pollution board hearing?"

## Letters to the Editor

### Abandonment of 'silly sewer plan' favoured

Sir,

I would like to commend the courageous and honest position taken by a J. Davies, in revealing the findings of his well-researched and documented investigations into the amended sewer plan.

If his allegations of breach of democratic process are true, which looks more and more to be the case, then islanders would be well advised to consider his findings seriously, for the upcoming sewer hearing at the end of November.

While it is true that most islanders are tired by now of the sewer issue, it seems equally true that we must rally ourselves once again for what may very well be the most critical and immediate threat to Salt Spring's present semi-rural life mode, as well as Salt Spring's last chance to keep urbanization at bay.

The issue is multi-faceted and somewhat complex, but at root lies the question of just what we, as islanders are prepared to accept into our common home.

My post-graduate political science studies into social and political change included several case studies and field trips of small, semi-rural communities, similar to Salt Spring Island, faced with urbanization.

In all instances, the rural quality was all but totally overrun by the urban lifestyle and with it came all the big city symptoms of social malaise and degradation.

The question of manipulation of the democratic process associated with the particular sewer system makes the above a foregone conclusion. Once we have condoned one such questionable practise on a major decision to go by, we will allow another and another. It

seems axiomatic that such abuse of democracy is always associated with personal power and financial gain. It rarely goes the other way, in favour of rural priorities. There simply isn't the big money in the rural life-style.

But people are all making a comfortable living and they are all attending to their own sewage disposal quite handily, the way things are now. What improvements are needed could be attended to personally. We could try composting toilets, for instance.

I think this whole problem could be very nicely solved if we simply abandon this silly sewer plan and put our energy into building up a top-notch permanent Farmers' Market here on Salt Spring Island.

Then if we have city folk coming out here, it will be to buy our eggs and bacon, our vegies; to happily return home. Better this than have them move out here lured by a swinging new urban scene with its shopping plazas, hotels and cabarets, apartments and condominiums, its plethora of consumer-oriented services and the frivolous, surrealistic menagerie which comes along with it.

J. HEARNE,  
RR#1 Fulford.  
November 3, 1979.

### He will provide results of research

Sir,

I returned to the island this weekend to find that my article last week [The Big Sewer: Salt Spring Goes "Down the Drain"] has stimulated a good deal of interest. Among the questions raised are:

•How did it happen that people believe a sewer is necessary because of a "health hazard"?

•Why would the Capital Regional District want to undertake a project that isn't really necessary?

•Does the Ganges plan represent good practical planning or have planning committees been dominated by select interest groups.

•Given the physical limitations of the land to supply water and dispose of wastes, what are the practical alternatives?

I have found that people want detailed answers to these questions. I am willing to present the results of my research for your evaluation.

JOHN A. DAVIES,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
November 5, 1979.

## Who is the boss when housewives are paid?

Sir,

Interesting that you filled nearly half a page of the October 31 Driftwood reporting on a meeting which was so poorly attended that obviously it was of little interest to islanders. I find it difficult to believe that the "powerless situation" of our women was the reason for the poor attendance. It seems that we island women are quite free to go where and do what we wish...if we can afford it, that is!

Perhaps if we had realized what a beautiful future we could have as paid housewives, we would all have been there to cheer Ms. Woods-worthon.

But perhaps not. Perhaps we against the terms and the quantity of those wages." With whom?

Who is the "boss" in such a situation? Who is to decide whether we are earning our wages and doing a proper job of it? Then who will pay our husbands for their unpaid labour about the house...mowing the lawn, digging the garden, keeping the car in shape and all the other fix-it jobs?

Can't you just hardly wait till the government finds paying us housewives too expensive, and provides day-care centres so we can all compete on the overcrowded job market and leave our kids to be raised by other working mothers? Why don't we all move to China right now, where the children in their family...

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# Supership is eye-opening book on today's supertankers

Sir,  
I have become aware that efforts are being made to establish a tanker route on the Pacific Coast again. An overland route would be much safer, this is why I have been able to write because I have read a book by Noel Master called *Supership*. I took notes from his chapters and I feel right in using excerpts from the book as this is the intent of the author: his wish to make this knowledge known to all. It opened my eyes to a lot I didn't know and explains a lot of things.

Ships have always been liable to break down, either from the shattering force of the weather on their hulls, or means of propulsion or because of mechanical failure. No class of ship since the age of steam has been more systematically prone to breakdown than supertankers, nor has any class of vessel, whether in the age of sail or steam, been less able in the face of disaster to make do, mend itself a little, and perhaps get where it is going through patchwork and improvisation.

One would have reasonably supposed that their design should have employed the fullest compensation where it was possible to do so. That is whatever part of the ship could be made dependable, then no penny should have been spared to make it so.

One place where this should have been done was in the engine room. There was to be nothing revolutionary about supertanker propulsion, as the majority of them were to be steamships, it meant their propulsion systems were grown directly from a century of evolution and development. If there was to be any comfort for the

pioneer navigators of these unwieldy ships and for the rest of us, it should have been the knowledge that the most important part of the vessel, the engine room, was first class, a guarantee of some reliability, and a further guarantee that if the engines started to break down there would be a further guarantee of reserve power and contingency units.

Economy dominated the concept, design and construction to such a degree, however, which is

mechanical causes. Boiler trouble most often, electrical blackout, or flooding of the engine room or a combination of all three. What happened with the tankers the *British Comet*, the *Wafra*, and the *World Miracle*, was that the condenser intake pipe began to leak or break and as this grew worse, pressure of the water outside the hull forced seawater in through the break, equivalent to a hole, suddenly punctured in the ship's side below the waterline. Water

pressure boiler. This was one of the economies that helped make the original price of these ships so attractive to their buyers. The great selling point of economy and compactness.

In practice an altogether different story. If that one boiler starts to fail the ship is in desperate straits. Without steam, the engines halt and all electrical power as well. The electronic complexity of these ships is wholly dependent upon the main propulsion unit. As steam dwindles, the propeller stops turning, the lights fail, and so do radar, echo sounders and all the other modern navigating equipment. The firefighting equipment, cargo handling and control deck machinery and all those marvellous new computers which are supposed to

## Last chance to keep choir alive

Sir,

For the past several years, the Community Choir has made a great contribution to the Christmas carol service.

This year the choir director, Joy Johnsen, made an early start on practices, hoping to avoid the last minute rush of last year.

Attendance thus far has been so discouraging that Mrs. Johnsen has almost decided to abandon the project.

We have persuaded her to give us one more chance, but this coming Thursday, November 8, is THE DEADLINE.

If your readers are interested in keeping the choir alive, they should make a stupendous effort to be at St. George's at 7.30 pm on Thursday, or at least telephone Mrs. Johnsen at 537-2112 to express their interest and suggest an alternative time and date.

In the absence of sufficient sopranos, altos, tenors and basses, the choir will not take part in the community carol service this year.

We will all be the losers.  
**MARY C. WILLIAMSON,**  
RR#1 Ganges.  
November 5, 1979.

## Housewives paid?

From Page Four

everything we get from government, there is a corresponding loss of some personal freedom.

I detected in Ms. Woodsworth's philosophy a basic antagonism towards men, and I can only sympathize. With her attitude, she will never experience the joy that comes when a man and a woman join their lives in a loving partnership, sharing the work and the wages fairly, and together bringing up their children to be giving, loving, helping people. Isn't this a happier ideal than the bitter, grasping, "gimme" philosophy? And why can't we educate our boys and girls toward that end, so women no longer will need to feel worthless and abused?

(MRS.) EVELYN TREFFZ,  
Ganges.  
November 4, 1979.

## Sewage plants

A national survey of wastewater systems indicated that of more than 20 million people only 12 million, or 57%, were serviced by sewage treatment plants - a factor which affects the environment, says Environment Canada.

## More letters to the editor

bad luck for us all.

No ships of very large crude carrier size should have been built with single screws, as has been the case with the majority of them. No passenger liner would be without twin, triple or quadruple screws. Twin screws are naturally more expensive to buy, install and maintain, but they ensure better command of the hull as well as better thrust.

What makes them particularly essential for a very large crude carrier is that they give much better slow speed manoeuvrability, which very large crude carriers so conspicuously lack because of their big hulls. Once speed is up, the single screw system is adequate for thrust. It is wholly inadequate for emergency manoeuvres and hopelessly as a means of breaking to avoid a collision, for instance.

Tankers break down from many

can rush in so fast that the task of finding and sealing the break is difficult, if not impossible.

Over the years boilers have become increasingly more complex but insurance against trouble was always provided by the fact that a ship had several boilers, so that if one or two failed, there was always a third or more to keep the ship and its systems going. Ordinary merchantmen as a rule have seldom been fitted with fewer than two or three boilers and often as many as six or eight.

Passenger ships with their demand for speed and their huge domestic power requirements carry many more. Until the mid-50's most tankers had at least two boilers and often three, but a common practice in the first generation of giant tankers and in a majority of the very large crude carriers, especially Japanese-built ones, was to have only one high-

decide course, prevent collision, check wages and diagnose illness, the lot goes dead and all that is left is a useless drifting shell. The one boiler ships do have an auxiliary diesel driven boiler for emergencies but the power is laughable against what it might be called upon to do. It is just strong enough to give the ship headway in fine weather. In any event, it's not capable of providing steam for both engines and electrical power at the same time.

One of the dangers of automation, too, is that it undermines much of the old-fashioned vigilance that once was mandatory in ships' engine rooms. Engineers put too much faith in the electronic system and cut down on their investigative circuits around the engine room, which used to be an almost ceaseless activity in any vessel's machinery spaces.

And to sum up, it seems extraordinary on the face of it that these ships should have risked themselves with power and propulsion systems that seem absurdly insecure and undependable, given the range and consequence of potential failure. More particularly because of the strenuous service demanded of them and because, when they entered service, facilities for repairing and drydocking were almost nonexistent along the routes they were to use, and are still very limited indeed.

When they break down, tows of several thousand miles are not uncommon to find a big enough drydock.

**G. HOWLAND,**  
Ganges, B.C.  
October, 1979.

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## Ganges sewer project 'logical extension' of community plan

BY MIKE CLEMENT  
Regional Director

In reply to Mr. Davies' article *The Big Sewer*, I would like to draw attention to a few of the many aspects of the situation, of which he is apparently not aware.

Perhaps the most important point is that the sewer project is the logical extension of two community plans. The first, covering the island except for the Ganges area, was prepared by the Capital Regional District with input from local residents and then approved by the islanders at large, not just a handful of downtown landowners as your correspondent seems to imply.

The secondary plan, dealing with the development of Ganges, is predicated on the installation of a sewer system. This plan was prepared under the aegis of the Islands Trust, and received similar general approval.

### COMMON SENSE

The planning principles affirmed by these documents, which Mr. Davies has not addressed, are obviously common sense, and so practical that they need little discussion.

When the planning aim is to conserve the rural nature of the island it is necessary to concentrate some of the population in a village, for want of a better term, and to maximize the benefits of utilities and services. We cannot make any more land and we should therefore develop it to its highest and best use.

In addition to the services provided by merchants, there are innumerable other advantages to

ies. And, of course, a community needs a focal area.

### DEVELOPMENT

On the topic of development, Mr. Davies begins his article by saying that he first visited here two years ago, looking for something to develop...later in his article he says that "putting in a sewer gives developers a blank cheque; they can put up bigger buildings, and crowd more people on to their land. More people means more money for a few people to earn, but more money for most people to pay."

I confess the logic of this statement escapes me for the moment. I had assumed, perhaps erroneously, that developers first analyzed the potentials of a specific location and then proceeded on the

probabilities demonstrated by their market research: the concept is that of willing buyers and willing sellers of the goods and services being merchandised.

There have been, unfortunately, a number of examples of development on this island which have failed because they did not start from a fundamental base.

### CREATIVE PROCESS

With these examples in mind, and having regard to the high cost of borrowing money, it is safe to predict that development of Ganges will proceed cautiously, providing the Islands Trust with many opportunities for reviewing growth as it occurs, a truly creative process.

For Mr. Davies to suggest that orderly growth can be based on a multiplicity of septic tanks with the waste of valuable land generated by their attendant disposal fields, is insupportable, if for no other reason than that the efficiency of septic tank fields depends on good drainage, which it has already been proven conclusively is not present in Ganges.

The effluent would inevitably end up in the harbour, and pollution would intensify on land as well as in the water.

In conclusion, I would add that, although I have only had 11 months' experience as Salt Spring's representative on the Capital Regional Board, I have seen no evidence whatsoever, of subterfuge, of criminal or any other type of negligence, and can state categorically, that any suggestion of "dirty tricks" is insidious, to say the least.

## Teacher exchange debated briefly

School district gets the thin end on teacher exchanges, it was suggested by a trustee of Gulf Islands School Board last week.

The school engages a teacher very carefully and then loses him for a year in exchange for a teacher who is completely unknown.

The exchange scheme enables a teacher to familiarize himself with routines in another district, suggested Jeanine Dodds. The district is improving on its investment, she added.



## Is two minutes too much to ask?

# They died in misery, pain and squalor

BY W.W. HUNT-SOWREY

Each year, November and another of our legal holidays rolls around. The date is the 11th. The reason for this holiday is somewhat different from that of most holidays. True, like Dominion Day, it celebrates an historical event, an event not completely separated from that of July 1.

On that July day we celebrate our beginnings as a nation. In November we remember those who gave their lives to maintain that nationhood.

For more than four years prior to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, we had been engaged in the bloodiest war mankind had known. The sons of Canada, had freely volunteered to fight to maintain our nationhood. Almost a quarter of their number would lie for ever in the fields of foreign countries, broken and mangled. Many had not reached the legal age of manhood when they fell to shell or bullet. Many more came back with wounds that would leave them passengers in

life's affairs until they rejoined their comrades killed in action.

### MENTAL SCARS

All of us who served would bear for the rest of our lives the mental scars of battle.

Those of us who lived through that war will always remember that amidst all the horrors and terrors of the battlefield, drenched with blood, life went on, plants still grew. Most noticeable was the blood-red poppy, growing freely through spring and summer.

This was no new phenomenon. For at least 200 years this persistence had been noticed. Battlefields and poppies were linked together.

### WHAT BETTER?

What better memory than the association of the bloodshed and the blood-red flower, that waved over their last resting places?

November, for centuries had been the month in which the church particularly asks us to remember the departed.

November saw the end of a carnage unequalled in history. Their special memory could be placed nowhere else in the calendar.

The "Great War for Civilization", as is inscribed on one of the campaign medals, did not spell the end of warfare.

What more fitting than those killed in action, in the Second World War, be associated with their forebears of 1914 on this 11th day?

We, of the Royal Canadian Legion, who survived either or both wars, unite in asking you to look on this memorial of Armistice Day, now called Remembrance Day, not merely as a public holiday, but as a day on which there is a duty to remember.

Few of those living today have any memory of VE or VJ Days, only 34 years away from the present. Far fewer recall the original "Cease Fire". It has no personal significance.

Why did they die? Why were they there to die?

Much hinges on past history. The 19th century saw so many changes and new inventions. New technologies would totally alter warfare. The number and type of casualties would escalate.

For a number of years prior to 1914 many political efforts had been made to prevent further war. Treaties had been signed to guarantee the neutrality of small countries which could not defend themselves, and over the ages had been the site of so many battles and wars.

Lebensraum, the German demand for more land, demanded that such treaties be ignored: Belgium in '14; Poland in '39. The "Scraps of Paper" were torn up; we had but little choice. The wars were not of our making; they were thrust upon us. In each war the youth and manhood of our country saw a clear duty; to fight to save our country and its way of life.

That is why they did not return. They paid with their life's blood that you, and your descendants, could remain a free people.

That is why we ask, at the hour of the original "Cease Fire" on the Western Front, you give a brief two minutes of silence to their memory, freely and willingly.

They fought and died for you. It is a debt that cannot be ignored, nor ever repaid in full.

On their graves are poppy still growing. A Canadian poet who himself laid down his life in that first conflict,

*"Take up our quarrel with the foe,  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The Torch. Be yours to hold it high.  
If you break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,  
In Flanders Fields."*

These words were written at a time when the Canadian army gallantly filled the gaps and held the line during that first chlorine gas attack at Ypres. McCrea was a

medical officer during that attack, saw and knew the horrors of this new weapon.

The youth of fourteen, and again the youth of thirty-nine, took up that torch.

For our country's sake, yea, even for our very life's sake, this task will ever be present, passed on by them to you and your descendants. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance!

## Impaired and refusing to blow cost \$550

Lance L. Hooper of Ganges pleaded guilty in provincial court last Wednesday to charges of impaired driving and refusing to comply with a breathalyzer demand.

The charges were laid following an incident on the night of September 7, when RCMP noted a pick-up truck parked off the road with a door open.

The court was told that the accused was asleep in the front seat and the keys were in the ignition. Police said Hooper was polite and co-operative but could not perform a balance test and had a moderate smell of liquor on his breath.

Police said Hooper told them

several times he was not going to give a sample of his breath and when they arrived at the police station Hooper refused to blow.

In his statement to Judge D.K. McAdam, Hooper said he had read in the newspaper that breathalyzer tests were not accurate. He said he had requested a blood sample instead.

McAdam remarked that a request for a blood sample was not in the evidence. He asked the accused if he wished to take the matter to trial. Hooper indicated that he would not do so.

He was fined \$300 for the impaired driving charge and \$250 for refusing to blow. Also, his driver's license was suspended for three months.

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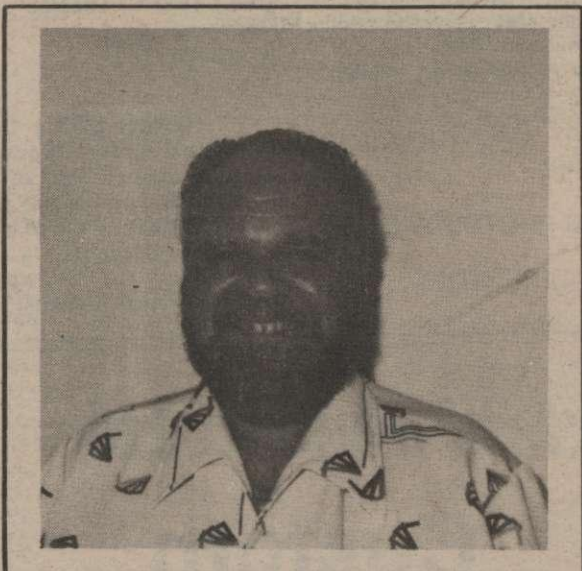
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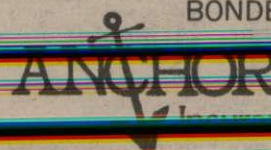
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# Year's rainfall 10 inches below average

BY W. HUNT-SOWRWEY

October was divided in two parts. The first was dandy, Indian summer weather ...the second half was mostly wet and stormy, except for the last two days.

What could be described as our first winter storm rolled in on the night of the 17th, and there was quite a heavy thunderstorm on the night of the 27th. This storm brought in little rain, a mere 20th of an inch, while the highest rainfall for 24 hours was 0.82 ins.

The rainfall did not constitute a record, but was extremely wet when compared with last year. Two other noticeable features were the somewhat low barometric readings and the high humidity. Part of each can be accounted for because for the last half of the month we had low pressure areas lying off our coast and also in the Gulf of Alaska, which kept sending surges of moisture through the province.

In the earlier part of the month we had a high pressure area off the B.C. coast, giving outflow winds and warm, sunny days. We came quite close to breaking the record.

NO FROST RECORDED

All temperatures fell during the second part of the month, and while I did not record any frost, it is quite possible there was some in low-lying areas. My readings are taken at 90 feet above sea level. They do show that the wood piles and oil drums will have to take over from the sun as producers of heat.

Our rainfall is still well below the annual average. So far this year we are about 10 inches below average with only two months left, though November can usually produce rain. Over the last few years the average has been 4.40 ins., varying from 1.30 ins. to 6.28 ins. December precipitation can also vary widely.

One fact is still quite evident. The land is still far from saturated and until it is, wells do not begin to fill. Two or three days ago I was digging in the garden, and while the topsoil was quite damp, there were quite dry areas below six inches.

My creek shows no signs of activity. We have also to remember that last fall was quite dry and the general tendency seems to be that we have entered one of our dryer periods.

## MAYNE ISLAND WEATHER - OCTOBER, 1979

	1979	1978	1977
Rainfall	2.83 ins. (72.5 mms)	0.79 ins.	2.57 ins.
To Date	15.53 ins.	18.62 ins.	18.40 ins.
Days with rain	11	7	16
To Date	92	119	107
Days with Frost	0	2	0
To Date	38	25	14
Max. Temp.	23°c.	22°c.	18°c.
Min. Temp.	4°c.	1°c.	1°c.
Max. Pressure	29.93 in.	30.09 in.	29.99 in.
Minimum Pressure	29.11 in.	29.66 in.	29.38 in.
Max. Humidity	84%	80%	76%
Min. Humidity	78%	75%	71%

## Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation Commission NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation Commission will be held in the library of the Elementary School on Monday, November 26, 1979 at 8:00 P.M.

Nominations for membership on the Commission are invited from the citizens of Salt Spring Island. Please telephone Dave Hoskin at 537-9661 or Bev Unger at 653-4385.

Local groups who require grants should submit their requests to the Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation Commission, P.O. Box 197, Ganges by November 12, 1979.

Requests for grants should include an explanation of the proposed use of the grant, together with an accounting of the expenditure of last year's grant, if applicable.

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# Rocking Horse Hairstyles opens

BY BRIAN SOBER

Rocking Horse Hairstyles, a new store in Vesuvius Bay, opened its doors for business last weekend.

The shop, which is owned by Ragnhild (Rags) Flakstad, will be offering scissor cuts and perms 9 to 5 Mondays and 12 to 8 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Rags said that no appointment is necessary.

The store is located next to the Vesuvius Bay grocery and is beautifully decorated with antique mirrors and a fascinating collection of rocking horses. Maroon-coloured curtains and green plants decorate the windows which offer ample lighting.

Rags came to Canada from Norway when she was seven years old. She grew up and attended high school in the Cowichan Valley.

MALASPINA COLLEGE

After training for one year in hairdressing at Malaspina College in Nanaimo, she went to Victoria where she apprenticed for one year with Gerard Scott of London and Sean Damon of Oak Bay. She received her license in 1972.

She said she was taught the Sassoon method of styling, which is basically precision cutting using scissors only.

Rags came to the island last May from Comox, where she had been employed by the provincial government as a family support worker. She said she likes living here because she is closer to the University of Victoria, where she plans on finishing her degree. Presently, she said, she has one year to go to get a B.A. with a diploma in child care.

WITH RCMP

Her past experiences seem to be evenly divided between social work and hairdressing. She said she worked one summer as an RCMP constable in Port Hardy and thought of joining the police force.

She first got to know Salt Spring Island while working one summer for the Department of Human Resources in its Sidney office. Her job brought her over to the island and, she said, she loved the friendly, rural atmosphere here.

While attending university in Victoria Rags worked as a hair dresser at Simpson-Sears. She said she also worked as a theatrical hair stylist and did make-up with the MacPherson Playhouse in Victoria.



Ragnhild Flakstad and Mary Small at the opening on Sunday.

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## Pender wants room upstairs at new school

Pender Island Hall Association wants to see work carried out on the mezzanine floor of the new school.

Provision was made for future use of the mezzanine floor when the school was built. The community needs the facilities today, the Gulf Islands School Board was told last week.

The committee is not asking for assistance from the school board, noted John Zacharias. They are prepared to finance it themselves, although they would be quite happy to have the school board share in the cost.

The trustees approved the development of the mezzanine floor and will have architect Hank Schubart sit in on the discussions.

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*It was not clear but it did not matter*

Child care facility approval committee is to be set up within the Capital Regional District.

Provincial government had suggested that the representative of Camosun College could represent the Gulf Islands School District. Message came through the district superintendent on

Thursday.

The superintendent didn't know and none of the trustees could figure out what connection there was between Camosun College and the Gulf Islands.

But, as the committee did not appear to affect the islands anyway, no action was taken.

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# Why so hush-hush asks veteran reporter of school board meetings

BY FRANK RICHARDS

I don't mind school board meetings. I've been going for the past 30 years and I figure I know half the questions and most of the answers.

I've watched inspectors come and go and I've heard them blessed, hailed, commended, criticized and reviled.

I've seen the hard-line tough old

school inspectors from the tween-war era who would bully a young teacher into admitting her salary in front of the class and I've sat in with the highly efficient, book-writing superintendent who would never flick a spot of ash on his immaculate Chester Barrie suit.

I've watched the scene as teachers were fired and I've watched them fight the school board over dismissal.

I've seen teachers fired for cause and I've seen them fired for what I figured no cause.

### IN AND OUT

During those 30 years I've seen the public climb up on its feet so often, boiling for a fight. I've seen furniture moved around and trustees out and trustees in, but the board always lasts longer than the furore and you can't keep the public interested all the time in what's going on.

There've been times when the school board opened all its meetings to the public and other times, under other administrations, when they begrudged even adjourning the meeting in public.

I've watched boards so deeply surrounded by secrecy you knew they were important and boards so open in their activities that you wished you were in the real estate business.

I've been cursed and commended. I've been threatened and thanked. I've been wheedled and wined.

### JUST THOSE TWO

It's 30 years since I first sat in on the inevitable. But there are two things I've never got used to.

I can't stomach the trade jargon of education where they never use a short word if they can find a long one to fit and nobody ever says anything direct. The description of the students in a classroom would have the "potential fast learners in a classroom situation".

And I can't understand what's so secret about running a school. Years ago the board would have a copy of documents available for the reporters and all deliberations were public, unless they dealt with personal problems or real estate.

The modern school board goes into committee when someone wants to blow his nose, and neither the press nor the public have any clear idea of what is being discussed because all documents have to be signed out of the safe before the meeting starts and signed back in when it's all over.

Best thing the school trustees could do in the new year is to analyze what all the hush-hush is about and try to let the public in, wherever possible, instead of trying to close it out wherever they can.

But maybe I shouldn't be writing this! Maybe it's too secret!

## Mayne Trust candidate

On November 17 George Douglas, a Mayne Island resident for the past 20 years, will attempt for the first time to win a seat on the Islands Trust.

Douglas, in a telephone interview with *Driftwood*, said he has served on every planning committee on Mayne Island since the 10-acre freeze eight years ago.

He added that he feels well qualified to represent Mayne Island on the Trust. Douglas said that anyone who represents the island should be a permanent resident, not a "weekender".

Douglas's background has been in the construction business, which he began in Vancouver in 1932.

He grew up and was educated in the prairies, he said. Presently he operates a building supplies outlet on Mayne Island.

Douglas said he believes that to live on any Gulf Island is to live with inevitable development.

"The provincial government has declared that the Gulf Islands should be a park area for the province," he said.

"With that in mind," he added, "we are forced to develop."

"So," Douglas said, "we must develop, but it should be done slowly and controls must be exercised. If we don't develop the islands the government will, and God help us if they take over."

Douglas added that Mayne has been badly raped already with a couple of subdivisions and though "we can't cry over spilled milk we can prevent it from happening again".

Douglas said that he also believes the Islands Trust must work closely with the Capital Regional District.

With regard to election day on November 17, Douglas said he didn't know what his chances would be of winning but added, "We're hoping."

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# Sewers are needed even if he doesn't like them

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Irrespective of what may be published to the contrary I am as satisfied that a sewer system is essential to the well-being of Ganges as I am that my nose revolts me when I walk near the head of the harbour. I am as confident of its need as I was 10 years ago when I was chairman of the sewer committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

I am also aware that a sewer serves two purposes. It cleans as it draws the evil discharges to its treatment chambers. It also provides for a greater degree of development than would otherwise be possible.

But the planners of Salt Spring Island and the planners of Ganges were aware of this. The community plan makes provision for the use of a sewer system in the Ganges area. Indeed, it prohibits certain activities without the provision of a sewer.

There are unpleasant aspects to a sewer proposal. There are the continuing political pressures between the development-promoters and the zero-growth faction.

There are political jostlings which may have no direct bearing on planning sewers.

I have read the published views of J. Davies with interest. He has studied Ganges for two years and comes up with a totally different conclusion from that which I have gained after studying it for 13 years.

## HE WAS CONFUSED

In his preamble he explained that he was thoroughly confused. I found nothing in his further comments to suggest that he had overcome that condition.

He decided that many were operating on false information. I would submit that his summary merely adds to that fund.

Like Mr. Davies, I have no property in the area under consideration. Like Mr. Davies, I am an interested onlooker.

I don't really care who said there was a serious health hazard in Ganges. I only know that the harbour stinks and that the fish in the harbour are unfit for food. That may be less than a danger to health, but it is close enough to have me concerned.

I would question whether the ministerial order for a sewer system in Ganges came about as the result of the accidental discovery by Dennis Young that the law provided for this measure. Mr. Davies may not have been aware of the law. I would suspect that Mr. Young and many of his associates have been aware of the law for many years.

## SO HE THOUGHT

Mr. Davies would think that a hazard would have to exist in order for the minister to sign such an order. He might think that the medical officer of health should have stood on his head when the order was signed, but such a thought would have little bearing on the equilibrium of that gentleman.

The problem in Ganges is the discharge of sewage from the hospital and the school and from private properties. The two public functions may be able to eliminate the problems without breaking the law. Certainly no private property owner is permitted to install a disposal system that requires the treated effluent, even if distilled, to run beyond his property boundaries. I can agree that the answers don't come easily. They are bound up in the health regulations of both the province and the regional district.

I have every sympathy with Mr. Davies' concern. I share it. But did he suggest to the British government, when it was struggling with the state of the River Thames, that if they were to move London to Glasgow there would be no problems in the Thames? Of course he didn't! He was too busy moving Ganges. And that is, unquestionably, a big job for one man.

We know the septic tanks are sticky in Ganges. That's one of the reasons for wanting a sewer.

An inlet in Ganges was called "the sewage treatment plant", recalls Mr. Davies of a condition he never knew. Does he know that the culvert between the Driftwood office and the liquor store is also known as the Ganges Sewer? And that the nickname is merely another reason for the urgency of a sewer here?

I find it difficult to understand why the writer is so adamant that sewers are the evil path to development when he notes that he

came to Ganges looking for somewhere to design and contract. Why would development in accordance with the widely adopted community plan be more offensive than his own design?

## CAN WORK WELL

If Mr. Davies were a qualified engineer I would raise a couple of eyebrows over his assertion that septic tanks can work well. I wish I could have enjoyed his guidance on two properties I have owned in past years where professional advice was that no septic tanks could work. I wish he had quoted his authority for the assertion.

Then he attacks the people of Salt Spring Island for their community plan which permits developers a blank cheque. We all approved that plan, Mr. Davies. It wasn't thrust upon us and I would question whether it is fair or just to use the sewer project as an instrument to emasculate the plan evolved by the community.

Before 1968 the province controlled the regulations on septic tanks. Mr. Davies has his dates wrong. It was in 1968 that the regulations were more tightly enforced here. Since 1968 they may have been primitive, but they must be in accordance with the standards set by the province. Don't knock the islanders, please! Go after the minister of health!

In the United States, he observes, someone, unnamed, estimated that the national debt would increase by five billions if all small communities were sewered. Ganges is scarcely likely to be included in that particular statistic.

We are not asking for a big sewer. We are seeking just a little sewer. We are not selling sewage with cadmium. We are not charging any engineers with incompetence.

I thoroughly agree that two millions is a lot to pay. But the job has to be done and that's the price.

It is unfortunate that two years of study could have yielded so little of substance. We have a very subjective analysis from Mr. Davies but it hasn't convinced me that the village of Ganges should be thrown to the wolves because Mr. Davies doesn't like our plans. With deference, I would sooner relinquish Mr. Davies to the wolves and retain our plan.

## Drinking beer in public

Michael E. Lawson, formerly of Ganges, was fined \$30 in provincial court last week for consuming liquor in a public place.

The court was told that at 1.30 pm on August 24, two police officers were arriving at Ganges by boat from Pender Island when they noticed Lawson on the wharf drinking beer.

Police said Lawson was asked to pour out the beer but instead he took another drink and then poured the remainder out. Lawson pleaded guilty.

## In this, the International Year of the Child, we want you to be knowledgeable about educational issues

For instance, the pupil-teacher ratio of 15 to 1 in the Gulf Islands means 15 students and one teacher in every classroom, right?

## WRONG!

## HOW BIG IS YOUR CHILD'S CLASS?

### SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY

K: 33 (2 classes)

1: 22

1: 20

2: 25

2: 20

3: 25

3-4: 22

4: 27

5: 23

5-6: 24

6: 27

6-7: 20

7: 26

Family Grouping:  
34, 2 teachers

### FERNWOOD ELEM.

K: 16

1-2: 23

2-3: 25

4: 18

5-6: 25

6-7: 23

### GALIANO SCHOOL

K, 1 & 2: 14

3-4: 17

5, 6, 7: 20

### GULF IS. SECONDARY

(English classes  
averaged by grade)

Gr. 8: 24

9: 26

10: 24

11: 20

12: 24

### SATURNA SCHOOL

K, 1, 2, 3: 9

4, 5, 6 & 7: 20

### MAYNE SCHOOL

K, 1 & 2: 10

3, 4 & 5: 17

6-7: 14

8: 14

9: 9

### PENDER SCHOOL

K-1: 19

2-3: 18

4, 5, 6: 21

7, 8, 9: 17

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## Ask Pat Barnes

# It's November and just the time to open a store

Pat Barnes believes in November. She has chalked up another accomplishment for November. On Saturday she will open her new retail store in Ganges.

The store, devoted to weaving and weavers, will be located in Mouat's Mall, next door, to Volume Two.

November is her month.

"November seems to be a good

month for me to start something new," she told *Driftwood*. "Immigrating to Canada; playing my first CBC-TV leading role; selling my first piece of weaving and moving to Salt Spring Island were all November events."

And November 10 is the next big event.

She looks back on a career of contrasts.

When she was TV audio

technician at CHCH-TV in Hamilton, Ont., she was one of the only three women in technical positions at that time in television.

Then she switched to the other side of the camera and played leading roles in CBC network dramas, doing both radio and television. She also played live theatre in Toronto.

She toured eastern Canada and the United States in those days.

She travelled from St. Louis, Mo., to Fargo, N. Dak., to New Brunswick's Fredericton with the Canadian Players.

### THEN SHE RETIRED

"I retired following the birth of my first child," recalls the Salt Spring Island weaver. "I got restless with the need to create something that wouldn't just disappear when it was eaten. Somehow I discovered weaving."

She fell in love with weaving long ago when a student teacher brought a loom to her classroom in school and demonstrated the art.

She invested in a book on simple weaving and she rigged up a simple loom from a picture frame. She removed the picture, first, she hastened to explain.

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# PICK THE DRIVER WHO'S GOING TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT.



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The trouble was, each group contained good drivers and bad drivers. The system simply lumped them together. *It was based on probabilities, not individual abilities.*

That's going to change. The Provincial Government has challenged the entire auto insurance industry in British Columbia to come up with a new and non-discriminatory rating system. I.C.B.C.'s answer is Fundamental Auto Insurance Rating. We call it F.A.I.R. Because it is fair.

The program will start to be phased in on March 1, 1980. First priority will be given to removing age, sex and marital status as factors in determining insurance premiums. Those changes will be made in the first two years. Geographic inequalities will start levelling out in 1980 and will be eliminated by 1985.

By March 1, 1982 the basic idea will be in place: everyone will be innocent until proven guilty; everyone will be a safe driver until proven unsafe; everyone will be entitled to a base premium until they lose that right.

But if everyone enjoys these rights, they must also share the responsibilities. That's why the new F.A.I.R. program includes a Driver Accident Premium. The implementation of this Accident Premium will place the principal responsibility on the driver who causes accidents.

Obviously, any program that sets a fair base premium is going to cost money. So who'll make up the difference? The bulk of the money will eventually come from those who are responsible for accidents. They'll pay higher premiums. And the more accidents they have, the more frequently they have them, the higher their premiums can go.

Isn't that the way it should be? That's F.A.I.R.





# It is necessary to destroy myths to get at the truth

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

We grow up making assumptions. They differ from person to person, depending on our background, colour, race, religious persuasion and so on, but here's a random list:

The older the wiser; hunger exists because of too many people and too little food; there's always a job if you're willing to work; men are stronger than women; girls are smarter than boys; good means "of God"; doctors and priests have all the answers; teacher knows best; father knows best; mothers are gentle, loving and kind; where there's a will there's a way; Christians are better than non-Christians; the sun rises in the east and sets in the west; policemen don't arrest innocent people; management knows better than workers (or labour is good and employers are bad); the government knows what it is doing...

## HARDEN INTO MYTHS

Assumptions are often based on prejudice, and their danger is that they harden into myths. When we began to explore the Food situation three years ago, we found we had to destroy the myths before we could get at the truth. While people believe myths, they don't bother to ask questions.

When we discuss "Making a Living", we must also clear away myths. MYTH 1: There are lots of jobs if people really want to work. Truth: In 1977 there were 40,000

vacancies for 800,000 registered unemployed. Many don't bother to register, so it's estimated there were 40 people out of work for each vacancy. According to Labour Minister Andress many of these jobs are in sweatshops and cannot supply a "decent living". MYTH 2: Unemployment is so high because of unemployment insurance. TRUTH: There are some who prefer benefits to minimum wages. But the Economic Council of Canada states that those in the \$30,000

## More Food for Thought

income bracket receive more U.I. benefits than those in the \$2,700 bracket and that employers are more frequently found guilty of fraud than employees. MYTH 3: The unemployment rate is high because of rapid expansion of the work force. TRUTH: The labour force in the western world is practically static, yet unemployment is rising rapidly. MYTH 4: High wages are pricing Canada out of the world markets. TRUTH: From 1970-74 our wages rose by 50%. In Japan they rose by 171%. MYTH 5: High minimum wages contribute to unemployment. TRUTH: When the minimum wage increased from \$1.50 to \$2, only 1% of the labour force was adversely affected. MYTH 6: There are not enough educated and skilled workers to fill jobs. TRUTH: Sometimes this is true, but it is counterbalanced by the number of Ph.D's and other highly educated people who are unemployed. MYTH 7: Most families have more than one income. TRUTH: Over 10,000 families do. But the second income only just takes them over the poverty line. MYTH 8: The overall figure isn't valid, as it includes second-income earners (a subtle way of saying, "It's because of women and kids!") TRUTH:

Other countries have more women workers and lower unemployment rates: 40% of women workers in Canada are single and self-supporting, and 50% of women workers have men who are employed at minimum wages.

Books to read: *Out of Work*, by Cy Gonic; *Profit Hungry*, by Jack Warnock; *The Betrayal of the West*, by Jacques Ellul; *No Power Greater*, by Paul Phillips and Hal Griffin; *Tough Timer*; *Global Reach*.

## New store opens

(From Page Ten)

"I started with some disastrous muddles," she admits, "but they gave way to better work and then, finally, to saleable items."

The picture went back into its frame when she purchased a floor loom. Her improvised spindle, a knitting needle stuck through a potato, was replaced with a spinning wheel.

### ANOTHER STEP

"Several years and many teach-yourself books later, I'm taking another step by opening my own store."

She'll offer her own work as well as that of other Gulf Islands craftsmen. And she plans to spin silk and wool yarn right in the store for sale.

### Her future plans?

Just to sell everything in weaving.

Pat Barnes lives on Churchill Road with husband Greg. Both are actors and both have worked for CBC and both are still sold on Salt Spring Island.

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## Possession of hash costs \$75

In provincial court last week Jack Lotoski of Ganges pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a narcotic.

Lotoski was a passenger in a vehicle which was stopped for a minor traffic violation on September 10.

The court was told that police found two grams of hash in an empty cigarette package under the car's front seat. Lotoski was fined \$75.

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## New proprietors of Maple Grove Resort plan ceramics on Salt Spring

Ceramics has come to Fulford Harbour with the arrival of Gloria West to Maple Grove Resort.

Gloria and Bob West are, on Salt Spring Island from Dawson Creek. They have escaped to a warmer climate.

They plan to further develop the resort on Beaver Point Road and to establish a grocery store in the resort. In addition, they will offer instruction in ceramics, as well as the sale of supplies and of finished articles.

Both husband and wife are from the Fraser Valley originally. They went up to Dawson Creek eight years ago and lived there happily every summer. They also lived there in the winters, but the 59-below winters made the southern province look ever more attractive.

### FROM SMALL SUPPLY

While Bob was a long-distance truck driver, Gloria operated a florist shop. She was interested in ceramics and carried a small stock of supplies in conjunction with the store. Before they left, the ceramics business was rivalling the flowers and she was also offering courses.

What is a certified instructor?

The main supplier of materials is Duncan's, of Fresno, California,

she explained. That company will not supply to an instructor who is not fully aware of the characteristics and use of all its products. When the candidate has completed the course he or she is certified as being thoroughly competent to explain and use the specialized dyes and supplies.

Ceramics is not pottery. Ceramics uses moulded pottery as oils use a canvas. The artist casts the object in a plaster of Paris mould and then carves and decorates it. The art of ceramics lies in the decoration.

### THEY TOOK IT

The couple have long looked to the southern province and particularly the islands. When they saw their chance, they took it. They disposed of their business in the northern city and acquired the resort from Jim Stewart.

One of the innovations they are planning at Maple Grove is a ceramics holiday. They will offer a course in ceramics at the resort. The family of the artist will be able to come at the same time and to enjoy the island while the course is run.

If a housewife wants to take the course she can bring her family and let them go fishing or otherwise enjoy themselves while she enjoys the course.

The couple are accompanied by their two young daughters, Danica,



New resort owners Bob and Gloria West are living on Salt Spring Island at last!

11 and Kimberley, eight. They left their two elder daughters in Dawson Creek; Ramona and Darlene are both married.

The Stewarts have left the island on a trip to the north of the province, but not to Dawson Creek.

### Over three million

According to the British Columbia Lung Association, Canadians suffering from lung diseases accounted for 3,519,312 patient days in hospitals during 1976, the most recent year for which figures are available. This represented an increase of some 14,246 over the previous year.

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## New rooms at Fernwood must go south urges Ivan Mouat

Fernwood School will be inadequate in the near future and the Gulf Islands School Board will have to consider an additional two rooms, reported superintendent Bob Huestis last week.

Ivan Mouat suggested that if the area served by the school were amended the children from Mobrea could attend Ganges School and

the two classrooms might better be built at the south end of the island.

His proposal did not meet with the warm approbation of Spencer Marr.

"I would hate to hear any such proposal while I'm on the board," he observed.

"I'll wait until January and bring it up again," countered Mouat.

Spencer Marr will not serve after December.

## Impaired

A \$750 fine for impaired driving was handed out to Murray Steinman in provincial court last week.

Police reported that they were called to the scene of an accident in front of the Village Specialty Cafe in Ganges on September 10. Police said a 1979 green Volvo wagon with about \$500 damage was in front of the cafe and Steinman's vehicle, which was also damaged, was sitting at the intersection of Fulford-Ganges and Drake Roads.

Police said Steinman was out on the road, apparently checking out the damage when they arrived. Steinman gave breathalyzer readings of 0.21 and 0.19 police said.

Steinman pleaded guilty to the charge.

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# Dollar went down and cost went up

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*Best way is to stay with friends if you have any*

**BY FRANK RICHARDS**

Going for a holiday in England?

It'll cost! But it's worth it!

Best way is to have a few friendly relatives who will welcome you. Failing that, better mortgage your future. You'll need all the money you can get.

The days of the cheap European holiday are gone. The day the Canadian dollar went down, the cost of a holiday in the Old World went up...way up.

Not so many years ago you could get one pound sterling for every \$1.80 you could find. Now it costs you better than \$2.50 to buy a pound and that hurts.

Getting there is cheap. Costs you about the same as going to eastern Canada or the southern United States. It's more than it used to be, a lot more, but what ain't?

Only two tips I can give you are old. Lay out all the clothes you will need, then cut them down to half. Then lay out all the money you want to spend and double it.

Here's a guide.

You get a car. Don't look at the pumps when you stop for gas. You'll pay \$3 a gallon and filling an Austin 1100 set me back \$25.

Answer? Rent a Mini!

**DON'T BET ON THAT!**

You want a few clothes? You may find something cheaper than at home, but don't rely on it! Suits do come cheap, but a cheap suit is cheap on either side of the Atlantic. Name brand men's clothes seemed a little higher than in Victoria. Women's Lib figured that in women's clothes it was the other way around.

Average pair of pants was \$50 and Hush Puppies were around \$40. Wool suit was priced at \$250 and the highest price I found in clothes was a sheepskin, full-length coat at \$1,000. These were priced in a

good class department store.

It isn't the visitor who is being hit.

You're a teacher of some experience? Odds are you'll draw around \$1,200 to \$1,500. A *Times* printer will earn at least double that figure if the announced new terms are accurate. Drive a truck and you will probably be in the \$200-\$250 a week category. Stenographer will get from \$125 up to \$250 a week with more at the lower end of the scale.

Hotels aren't cheap and houses cost the earth.

**NOT LIKE HOME**

If you find a house for \$25,000 it won't match up to anything you see in British Columbia. You'll pay around \$50,000 for a pleasant, comfortable home. Price is higher in the areas of high demand and less where the demand is lower.

Best home for sale I found was four bedrooms, separate living room and dining room and not cramped, with a price tag of \$180,000. Located in a subdivision, it was attractive, but I couldn't see a teacher or a small businessman buying it.

Rents, on the other hand, are mostly a fraction of the Canadian counterpart.

Portable television was around \$350 to \$500. Ornate cabinetry is more noticeable and you can buy a cabinet and then put your own choice of unit in it. Top price was a combination television and video recorder as one unit, going for \$3,000.

Of course, the strain of television is not as high as on the coast because they only have four channels to argue.

There aren't many bargains facing the British driver. He's going to pay \$6,000 for even a little car. Unless he's rolling in it. Then he'll buy a Rolls Royce Phantom and not even the *Daily Express* could report the exact price. It was offered at \$250,000

unless you wanted the landaulet model which would be more.

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Still hungry? You could try sirloin at \$5 a pound or chuck steak at \$2.50. Or what about turkey drumsticks for 49¢ the pound? Or stewing beef, \$2.50 and bacon a little less?

Food is not easy to compare because of sizes of packages. Frozen peas were about 60¢ a pound; sausages, \$1.25 the pound. Tea bags, a popular brand, were \$2.50 a pound or about \$1.75 loose.

If you're a camera buff you can buy an Olympia OM2 for \$600 or a Pentax K1000 for \$250.

The Brits eat out as they never did before.

Most pubs serve meals or snacks and there's a new restaurant on every street as well as all the old-established services.

Top-flight London lunch will cost you \$15 and up. Other end of the scale is going to set you back \$3 for hamburger and chips. Two eggs and chips were half that price.

If you figure costs are high there, bear in mind that there are a lot of Brits still living there. And, even more surprising, there's a big crowd of Canadian travellers over there, finding out for themselves.

## Whistle-Fill-Spout basement project for Ganges man

The Whistle-Fill-Spout is used by most fuel companies in western Canada and local resident Phil Knowles has been the sole assembler and distributor of the device since it went on the market 27 years ago.

Knowles started the business in Canada shortly after seeing the spout at an Oil Heat Institute convention in Seattle. Knowles said he was approached by the inventors of the spout and was offered exclusive rights for distribution of the gadget in Canada.

What the spout does is simply prevent a fuel tank from being overfilled. The Whistle-Fill-Spout fits on the end of the nozzle attached to the hose from the tank truck. As the tank is being filled the spout lets out a high-pitched whistle which stops once the tank is full.

Overfilling a fuel tank may not appear to be a serious problem but in 1952 home heating fuel tanks had to be underground by law.

Overfilling a tank meant a ruined lawn and, according to Knowles, the fuel companies were spending considerable amounts of money replacing soil and re-seeding lawns.

**TOTALLY NEW**

The Whistle-Fill-Spout was a totally new idea which was readily accepted by the industry, Knowles said.

The spout consists of a brass tube, a neoprene cone, a bronze fitting or "spud" and a small elbow-whistle apparatus which is soldered to the inside of the "spud". As the fuel rushes through the spout, suction is created and air is pulled through the whistle. Once the tank is full the foam from the fuel reaches the tank's filler pipe and the whistle stops.

Knowles receives shipments of parts from Seattle, assembles them in his basement and then sells them through companies handling

tank truck equipment. He said there have been no changes in the spout since it was first manufactured. The only part that ever wears out is the neoprene cone, which he sells more of than the spout itself, he said.

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## FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

# The history of the Stark family

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The history of the Stark family, as written by Marie Stark-Wallace [1867-1966], is a moving chronicle of the first negro settlers on Salt Spring Island. In her manuscript, which she wrote at the age of 93, Mrs. Stark-Wallace traces her routes back to a town in Missouri where her father, Howard Estes, bought the family's freedom from slavery only to be driven out by the Klu Klux Klan.

The family moved west and settled in California, but state laws oppressive to blacks forced them to look elsewhere. They heard of the fir-covered hills of B.C. and decided to head north.

The manuscript, which has never been published, begins with the story of Marie Stark-Wallace's mother, who was born in slavery to the family of a German baker in Missouri.

It is said that memory is the heritage of old age.

It was to Sylvia Stark a diary richly filled with the strange and unusual happenings of her past life. It was on those occasions when she seemed to be living in the past, she would tell some of her early experiences, and I kept silent for fear of breaking the spell.

Although at that time I had no thought of preserving those memories, I was simply interested in listening to her tales. Some of those tales were very sad relating to the condition of the slaves. The blood of those poor tortured souls cries to God from the ground, but the Great Creator has a time set for judgment of the oppressor and a new life for the oppressed.

Sylvia Stark's maiden name was Sylvia Estes. She was born in Clay County, Missouri, in 1839 and was the youngest of three children who, with their mother, Hannah Estes, worked for a German baker named Charles Leopold.

### THEIR MASTERS' NAMES

Their father, Howard Estes, worked for a Scotsman named Tom Estes. The slaves bore the names of their masters. Sylvia's father considered himself lucky to be privileged to visit his family over the weekends.

The abolitionist movement sponsored by William Lloyd Garrison had been in operation since 1831. It was a menace to the slave owners. They tried to suppress it but to no avail.

Mr. Leopold was very much impressed with the movement. He said he was against slavery and would quit the traffic eventually, but he could not return to Germany.

He said all Germans going to the U.S. were under oath; if they ever held slaves, the penalty if they returned would be death. He said,



An early photo of Marie Stark and her younger sister Louise. Except for a short time in Vancouver, Marie spent all her life

on Salt Spring Island. She lived with her mother Sylvia and brother Willis until she married Joseph Benjamin Wallace in 1897.

Provincial Archives photo

"If I went back now, they would cut off my head."

Mrs. Leopold was not in accord with her husband; she thought they should conform to the southern rules for handling slaves.

### HER FIRST AWAKENING

It was one Christmas morning when little Sylvia had her first awakening. The children were very agreeable and were allowed to play together at this special season.

While waiting for their tree to be arranged in another room, they challenged who would be the first to see the tree. "I will," cried little Sylvia, and being small she crept in close to the door. When the door was opened she was the first one in. Suddenly, she felt herself jerked roughly back and Mrs. Leopold, scolding loudly, cried,

"Ni----, let the white children come first."

"Never do that again," said Mr. Leopold. He had put a nice doll on the tree for Sylvia, but the joy of Christmas was lost to Sylvia. That incident had served its purpose and never had to be repeated again. From that time on, Sylvia was thinking with the mind of a slave. When her mother became ill she was anxious and wondered what will happen to me if Ma dies; where will I go?

### ASSOCIATED WITH WORK

Sylvia's first recollections of her childhood days were associated with work. She said she must have been very small. She remembered that her mother used to tie her big apron around her neck and stand her up on a chair to dry dishes for the white folks, and there were so

many dishes to wipe.

She seldom took part in play with other children outside. Sometimes she would fight if other children were abusive but most of her time was spent learning to sew or knit. Her first knitting was done on broom straws. "When you learn to knit" her mother said, "I will get you some knitting needles."

She practically taught herself to read. The little Leopold child she used to nurse taught her the alphabet and when the white children did their home work, she would listen. When they went out to play and left their books, she would look at them and rehearse them to herself. Mrs. Leopold would have been very angry if she had known this was going on as it was against the law to teach a slave. With these small beginnings Sylvia learned to read.

### TAUGHT THEIR CHILDREN

Howard Estes and his wife were of the same mind in raising their children. Though at a great disadvantage themselves, not being able to read, they taught their children to pray and observe the Sabbath.

Sylvia never forgot the lesson her father taught her. One Sunday morning, their mother was working at the big house, and their father tended to the children. Sylvia had her new clothes on and could hardly wait for her father to finish combing her hair. She was so happy she skipped through the door. Quickly her father called her back, saying, "This is Sunday, now walk out with more modesty, not like a horse bolting through a barn door."

Sylvia never forgot the lesson, even after she and her son had grown old. When their hay was out in the field on Sunday and the clouds threatened rain, she would wait until the morrow.

The Estes family went to church; of course the coloured people were seated back by the door but they were allowed to partake of the sacrament after the white folks had theirs. And the sermon, especially for the slaves, was "servants obey your masters". Every slave knew that part of the bible by heart.

Although Mrs. Estes could not read, she was not deceived. She said no one could convince her that God was the author of slavery. Sylvia remembered on one occasion the taking of the sacrament became positively loathsome, changing her whole concept of the performance. The minister used the low language of a boss to his slaves, ending with, "God knows you are a hard nation."

[Next week, part two of Marie Stark-Wallace's manuscript tells more stories of the life of the Estes family before their hard-earned emancipation.

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## Not many pupils

The Gulf Islands School District has "probably" the lowest ratio in the province of school pupils to population.

For their population the islands have very few students, Ivan Mouat told the Gulf Islands School Board on Thursday.

The islands have long attracted retired couples beyond the age of raising families.

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## Oil contract

Shell oil distributor, Roy Lee Petroleum Ltd., has been awarded the contract for supplying fuel oil to the Gulf Islands School District on Salt Spring Island.

Tenders were invited by the school district from all distributors on the island.

Successful bidder offered the district a 1.65c.-per-litre discount. This is approximately five cents a gallon, the trustees of the district were told on Thursday.

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## Legion lists 13 Veterans

There are few First War veterans left in the islands. A man who served in the 1914-18 war completed his service more than 60 years ago.

Current bulletin of the Royal Canadian Legion on Salt Spring Island lists 13 Legionnaires who served in that war.

They are J.H. Deyell, L. Dupuis, H.C. Gurnsey, Warren Hastings, W. Irwin, F.L. Jackson, L.F. Kennedy, S. Lebell, B. Lemon, P. Marcoux, T.J. Sharland, W.G. Stone and Rev. T.F. Wright.

## Pumpkin time



There was no doubt about it being Hallowe'en at Fernwood School last week.

## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT Notice of Poll Electoral Area: SALT SPRING ISLAND

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Capital Regional District aforesaid that a poll has become necessary at the election now pending, and that I have granted such poll; and further that the persons duly nominated as candidates at the said election, for whom only votes will be received are:

SURNAME	OTHER NAMES	DIRECTOR	TERM OF OFFICE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
CLEMENT	VICTOR HOWARD	Director	Two years	Rourke Road, R.R.2 Ganges, B.C.	Quantity Surveyor
VALCOURT	YVETTE	Director	Two years	Park Drive, R.R.3 Ganges, B.C.	Housewife

Such poll will be open at:

**SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES, Lower Ganges Road**  
**CENTRAL COMMUNITY HALL**  
**ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL, Fulford Harbour**

on the seventeenth day of November, 1979, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 8 o'clock in the afternoon, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.  
 Given under my hand this 1st day of November, 1979.

Dennis A. Young,  
 Returning Officer,  
 Capital Regional District

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## Married in Victoria

A double-ring ceremony took place October 13 at Trinity Christian Centre in Victoria when Lynda Ann Mergens, daughter of Michael Mergens of Victoria and Thomas Robert George Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Brown of Ganges were married.

Pastor John Stone officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her only attendant was Mrs. Heather Pudio. Dick Toynbee of Ganges was best man and ushers were Steven Barnes and Paul Vandereist.

After the wedding a reception took place at Holyrood House. The groom's father was master of ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown will reside in Victoria.

## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT Notice of Poll Electoral Area: OUTER GULF ISLANDS

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Capital Regional District aforesaid that a poll has become necessary at the election now pending, and that I have granted such poll; and further that the persons duly nominated as candidates at the said election, for whom only votes will be received are:

SURNAME	OTHER NAME	DIRECTOR	TERM OF OFFICE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
CAMPBELL	JAMES M.	Director	Two years	Saturna Island	Farmer
PINCHIN	WELDON McKENZIE	Director	Two years	Mayne Island	Inn Keeper
RODDICK	VERNON	Director	Two years	South Pender Island	Retired

Such poll will be open at:

**GALIANO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**MAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**SATURNA ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL**  
**NORTH SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 1620 Mills Road**  
**PENDER ISLAND SCHOOL, Canal Road**

on the seventeenth day of November, 1979, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 8 o'clock in the afternoon, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.  
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## The bestsellers



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## This week at Fernwood School

### Kindergarten

The kindergarten children have had a busy week with parents coming in for observation days, Constable Hanna giving them the drift on Hallowe'en safety; and last but not least, a very successful Hallowe'en party.

### Primary

The primary children put on a short Hallowe'en concert for the kindergartens. However, as it turned out, all the kindergarten parents came in to watch from a jam-packed Hallowe'en party (I did mention that before, didn't I?) and then the fours, fives and sixes also decided to watch. A full house! Mr. Prendergast's class sang a Hallowe'en song accompanied on the dance floor by a scary skeleton who looked remarkably like Nancy MacDougald. This event was organized by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Severn.

### House System

As previously mentioned the new House names are the Hawks who play in Yellow shirts and the Falcons who wear Red. As it now stands the Falcons lead by winning eight games to the Hawks' total of six.

### Great Pumpkin Race

This week the big athletic event was the Great Pumpkin Race, a novelty race where everyone estimates his time to run around a cross-country course. The winners were those who ran the race and finished closest to their estimated time. There were boy and girl winners in each grade and a primary and intermediate Great Pumpkin winner. The winners are given below.

Special congratulations to Nicola Byron and Kirra Korrison who judged their time to within 1 second, and to Laurie Simard and Christopher Oben who calculated their time exactly! So fit and so smart - sickening isn't it?

This race was organized, ran and otherwise kept on the right track by Mr. Marsh, Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Wright.

### Band Program

The grade six band program is coming along fairly well. (We can almost get Mr. Marsh to listen to us play for slightly longer than the time it takes to get out of the room). The grade seven band is now getting on to more complicated tunes.

### Indoor Shoes

We now have a new program of cleanliness. The students do not wear their outdoor shoes inside the school. Mr. Marsh asked me to congratulate and thank all students and parents for their co-operation in making this work.

### Sock-Hop

The grades five, six and seven students held a short Hallowe'en party and sock-hop on Wednesday, October 31. A great success, by all reports.

### Chess

The first round is proceeding slowly. Mr. Wright, who organized this year's tournament, would appreciate it if players would make the effort to complete their first round games.

### Typical Fernwood Afternoon

I went through the school with Mr. Marsh, who wanted to speak to each class. Me? I was looking for news, as usual.

We left Mrs. Wright's six and seven class hard at it, mastering the language arts: business as usual!

We then went to Mr. Prendergast's grade five and six class and found them receiving singing instruction from Mrs. Severn. On to the grade two and three class where we saw the students clustered around Mrs. Smith listening to a story: no time to hear the ending though, because we were off to Mr. Wright's class, which was assembled in the library learning library skills with Mr. MacPhail.

On to the kindergarten class to see the grade six band students: strangely quiet though because Mr. Davies is away sick!

Presently, we arrived at the gym, where Mr. Prendergast is taking the grades one and two in their daily physical education class. Canada fitness program is happening today with the grades one and two. I can't understand how these little guys can count up to 46 sit-ups when they only do about 15! Maybe there is something in this new math for us kids after all!

Also, I now know how I can get my sit-up total improved. I just have to count faster and hope Mr. Marsh doesn't spot me. Boy if he catches me though! Maybe I'll just struggle through and carry on grunting and groaning my way to a gold award.

A special vote of thanks to Const. Glen Hanna who is a friend of the school and spent a large part of last week talking safety with our kids.

Pumpkin Race Winners were:  
Grade one: Sarah Jenkins, Leena Fears, Arlys Stratholt.

Grade two: Vivienne Prentice, Ian Jenkins.

Grade three: Kirra Korrison, Nicola Byron, Sussex Davis, Ben Clarke.

Grade four: Justin Williams, Elizabeth Scotton.

Grade five: Berdine Mulder, Alfie Shepherd.

Grade six: Melissa Farrell, Cindy Walker, Kurt Irwin.

Grade seven: David Lacey, Xandra Van Hamersveld.

That's all for this week from your friendly Fernwood reporter.

David Bremner, grade six, School Editor.

## Child leaves seat: driver fails to stop for bus

Passing a school bus while its emergency lights were operating cost a Victoria man six points against his driver's license last week in provincial court.

Hugh Hayward was charged with driving without due care and attention as a result of crossing a double solid line to pass a parked school bus May 17 on Fulford-Ganges Rd.

Hayward pleaded guilty to the charge with an explanation. He said his seven-month-old child, who was in the car at the time, managed to jump out of his car seat as Hayward was bringing his car to a stop behind the bus.

### UNDER PEDAL

He said the child's head was underneath the brake pedal so he swerved to the left shoulder and passed the bus at a slow speed. Hayward said that he reacted instantly and had no time to think of what else to do. He explained that he could see that the bus was discharging passengers but he believed none of them would be crossing the road when he passed.

He added that he looked in his rear view mirror after passing and could see children in front of the bus about to cross the road.

Crown prosecutor Nick Lang asked Hayward if he could have pulled the hand brake to which Hayward replied that he was holding the wheel in his left hand and with his right he was trying to control the baby.

### NOT IRRESPONSIBLE

Hayward insisted that he was very much aware that children were getting off the bus and that his actions were not irresponsible. He added that he tried to telephone the police when he arrived at the ferry but he couldn't get through, he said.

Hayward mentioned that he had made a special trip back to Salt Spring two days later to talk to the police at which time they handed him the charge.

After a few minutes' deliberation Judge D.K. McAdam said that the police may have come to a conclusion too rapidly when they handed

## Auditoria and auditoriums for activity

Interesting presentation of English was offered by two participants in Thursday's school board meeting.

Auditoria all over the province are poorly designed acoustically, commented trustee John Zacharias.

Auditoriums are always architect-designed, noted secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck, a little later.

Both were referring to activity rooms.

Hayward the charge before hearing his explanation.

But, he added, Hayward should have exercised extra care and caution because he had been following the bus for considerable distance and had been forced to stop behind it before.

"It is a type of hazard that would face anyone", McAdam said, "and I am satisfied that the allegation of the Crown is correct."

## Notice of Poll SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS) SATURNA ISLAND

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the school district aforesaid that a poll has become necessary at the election now pending, and that I have granted such poll; and further that the persons duly nominated as candidates at the said election, for whom only votes will be received, are:

### SURNAME

DAVIDSON

FIKER

GUY

### OTHER NAMES

THOMAS

CAROL-LYNN M.

JONATHON C.

### OCCUPATION

RETIRED

HOUSEWIFE

FARMER

All of Saturna Island. One to be elected for the two year period January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1981.

Such Poll will be opened at:

**SATURNA COMMUNITY HALL**

Saturna Island, B.C.

On Saturday, November 17th, 1979 between the hours of 8.00 A.M. and 8.00 P.M.

### ADVANCE POLL:

School Board Office, Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island on November 13th, 14th and 15th, 1979 between the hours of 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon to 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Given under my hand at Ganges, B.C., this Thirtieth day of October, 1979.

J. Vodden,  
Returning Officer.

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## Notice of Poll ISLANDS TRUST — LOCAL TRUSTEE Island — Mayne

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the aforesaid that a poll has become necessary at the election now pending, and that I have granted such poll; and further that the persons duly nominated as candidates at the said election, for whom only votes will be received are:

SURNAME	OTHER NAMES	LOCAL TRUSTEE	TERM OF OFFICE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
DOUGLAS	GEORGE L.	Trustee	One year	Mayne Island	Store Manager
SPRAGUE	HELEN JOAN	Trustee	One year	6325 Marguerite St. North Vancouver & Gallagher Bay, Mayne Island	Homemaker

Such Poll will be open at:

**MAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

On the Seventeenth day of November, 1979, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 8 o'clock in the afternoon, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C., this 1st day of November, 1979.

Dennis A. Young

**W. Charles Beale**

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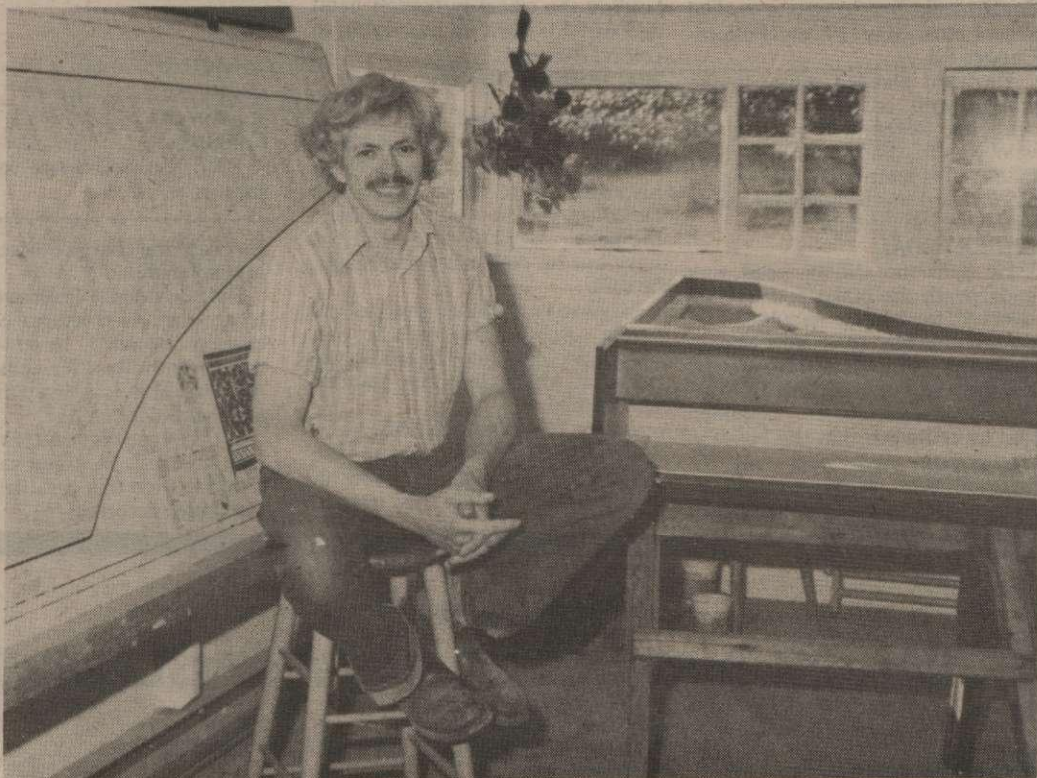
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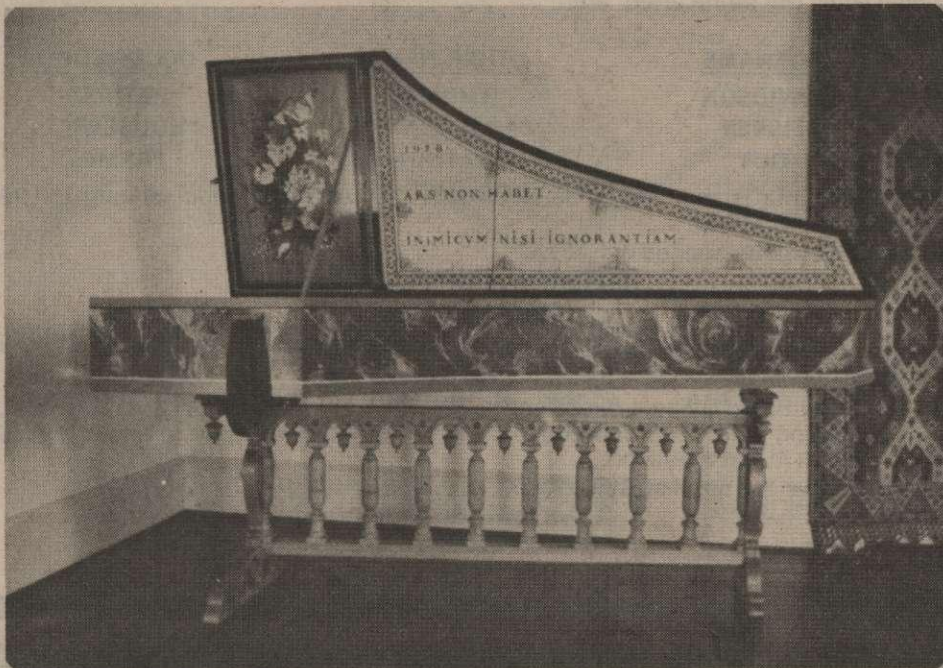


# Edward Turner: Harpsichord builder

## Outstanding technical abilities, rare artistic talent



Ted Turner in his workshop on North Pender Island. Behind him is one of his drawings, a work of art in itself, and an unfinished harpsichord case.



A harpsichord finished by Turner in 1978. He will produce four similar instruments this year. Each is an exact replica of a famous original.



The builder's signature incorporated into the sound board, which is located

BY BRIAN SOBER

Few Canadian craftsmen, particularly instrument builders, have had the opportunity to revive a lost art and bring to life an instrument that dominated the courts of Europe for over 300 years.

In an unobtrusive looking workshop in his backyard on North Pender Island, Edward Turner has been producing the world's only scientifically accurate full-scale drawings of antique harpsichords.

After spending several months completing the working drawings, Turner then begins what he has been commissioned to do: building an exact replica of the original, using the same materials and methods that were employed centuries ago.

The job of completing the replica takes Turner a year and a half and he can work on four instruments simultaneously. The commissions come from private individuals and schools across Canada and the United States.

### FROM QUEBEC

Ted Turner was originally from Quebec, where he attended the Montreal School of Fine Arts and Design under Arthur Lismer. After moving to B.C. he found employment as an architect's draftsman, an experience which was later to prove invaluable.

His first experience building harpsichords came while working in Vancouver with the well known guitar maker, Michael Dunn.

Dunn had started constructing a small, single-manual harpsichord which he asked Turner to finish. Even before the instrument was completed other commissions began to follow: for the Vancouver Society for Early Music, the Community Music School of Greater Vancouver and Capilano College.

Although he lacked specific information concerning design and

construction, his early instruments clearly followed traditional patterns and were superbly decorated.

### MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Contact with the famous Russell Collection of over 45 harpsichords resulted from an article on B.C.'s instrument makers published in *Beautiful B.C.* magazine. The article fell into the hands of Grant O'Brien, a Canadian who works as a researcher and historian for the collection. O'Brien invited Turner to visit the collection and the two men managed to persuade the museum authorities to appoint Turner as the Russell Collection's official draftsman.

Turner said that the university was anxious to begin restoring its collection and his offer to measure and record each part without charge was eagerly accepted.

His subsequent studies and drawings were published by the museum and are available to the public. Harpsichord builders can buy a "kit" on a particular instrument, which contains a full-scale accurate drawing, photos of the original and written information.

Armed with vast amounts of information, Turner returned to Canada and began production.

### A COMMISSION

He accepted one large commission: to build a double-manual harpsichord copied from the famous 1769 instrument of Pascal Taskin, housed in the Russell Collection. It was ordered as a gift for Dr. Henry Elder, the retired head of U.B.C.'s school of architecture, by his students and colleagues.

The resulting copy is termed a masterpiece and has been played by such eminent harpsichordists as Gustav Leonhardt, Kenneth Gilbert and Mireille and Bernard

Lagace. In a way, touch and tone are praised as 'art'.

During the production work would fall to him as an artist, drawings to family and friends.

The Turner Pender Island renting a workshop, he said, would from spending at the drawing.

An account even more production of instruments was materials, and sary special actual building.

### SOURCES TO

Sources for cow bone, feathers, bone fashioned or found. Seemingly jigs, blocks had to test pieces and discarded be were ready to instrument.

The result of instrument chord builder finest product.

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## The harpsichord lost its popularity to piano

The harpsichord, which had been the favoured instrument of the baroque composers, lost its popularity when the piano was introduced around 1800.

Thus the fate was sealed for the craftsmen of Flanders and Italy who had invented and perfected the ornately beautiful instruments.

Only in the latter part of this century has the renewed interest in authentic early music created a demand for exact replicas of the original instruments.

Efforts to create exact replicas, however, were hampered by museums and private owners who refused to allow the public access to their originals.

The production of harpsichords in the last century was predominantly undertaken by piano manufacturers, who produced massively heavy instruments with weak tinkling sounds far removed from the full-bodied sonorous tones of the early instruments.

### COLLABORATED

Those early instruments were the result of a collaboration of artisans: wood joiners, printers, painters and artists, who worked together with the harpsichord builder to produce what was unquestionably the most beautiful of all the baroque instruments.

The methods and materials used to create the 17th century harpsichord were lost when the Flemish and Italian workshops closed down. Only recently has the University of Edinburgh Museum in Scotland been providing instrument makers with information and drawings of harpsichords in its collection.

The Russell Collection of early stringed instruments at the University of Edinburgh is considered to have the world's finest collection of antique harpsichords. The collection is open for viewing but roped off from the general public. Occasionally, a visiting musician is permitted to play one of the originals.

Not until six years ago did the museum authorities allow an instrument maker, a Canadian from Pender Island exclusive access to the collection for the purpose of creating full-scale drawings of the early Flemish, Italian and French harpsichords.



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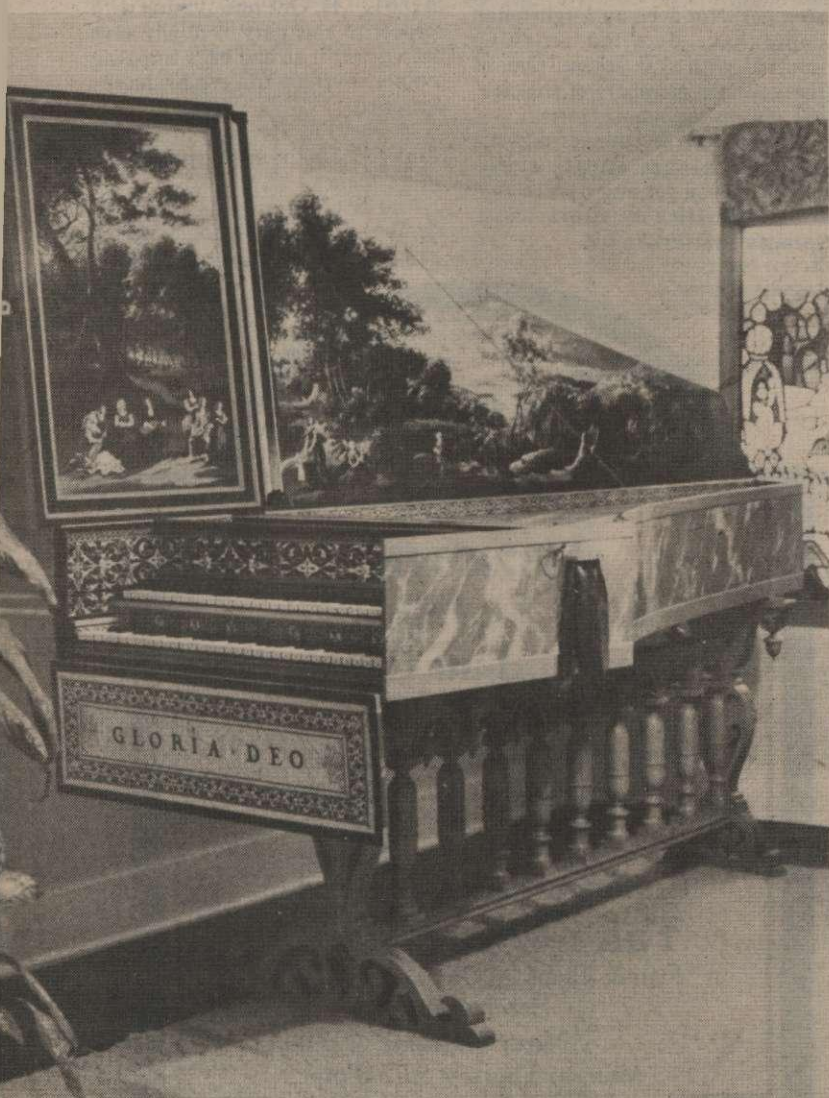
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His inexhaustible dedication to  
reviving this ancient craft, place  
him apart from all but the most  
eminent harpsichord builders.



A copy of a 17th century instrument, this  
harpsichord should last as long as the original.  
Its tone and performance has prompted players  
to regard it as a model of perfection.



An exact replica of a double-pitch Flemish harpsichord built by  
Bachelors in 1628. The outside of the case is painted in red  
rble, one of the many lost techniques re-discovered and used by  
ward Turner. Turner spend 1½ years completing the instrument.

## Yvette Valcourt outlines her reasons for being candidate

In a race for a seat on the Capital  
Regional Board last year Yvette  
Valcourt of Ganges was defeated  
by Mike Clement as Salt Spring  
Island's representative on the  
board.

One of her main concerns and  
reasons for running, she said, this  
week is to oppose a new bylaw



YVETTE VALCOURT

which the CRD has given three  
readings. The Building Mainte-  
nance Bylaw #637, Valcourt said, is  
an "insidious invasion of personal  
liberties".

The bylaw, according to a Victoria  
*Colonist* report, gives the  
CRD the right to inspect any "land,  
building, structure or thing" at all  
reasonable times.

### TO BE MADE SAFE

The report states that under the  
bylaw, buildings or excavations  
deemed to be unsafe would have to  
be made safe by owners.

The schedule attached to the  
bylaw, according to the *Colonist*,  
demands that every floor in a house  
shall be reasonably level and  
smooth and maintained in good  
condition. Other standards includ-  
ed in the report are that all exterior  
doors shall be weather-stripped, or  
have an appropriate combination  
storm and screen door suitable for  
all-year use; all bathrooms and  
toilet rooms shall be fully enclosed  
and have a lockable door to provide  
privacy; all residential accommoda-  
tion shall be equipped with suitable  
heating facilities capable of main-  
taining an indoor temperature  
acceptable to the authority having  
jurisdiction.

Valcourt said that only directors  
Tipton, Campbell and Westwood  
opposed the bylaw, which has yet  
to be given a fourth and final  
reading.

### POLICE STATES

She said the proposed bylaw is  
an example of the type of laws that  
"exist in police states." She added  
that it does not belong here and  
should be thrown out.

"Nobody has the right to come  
into your house and dictate to such  
an extent," she said.

Valcourt told *Driftwood* that she  
also believes the people of this area  
are not informed enough of CRD  
matters which concern them.

She said that any matter coming  
up for decision by the board should  
be publicized in the newspaper.  
She added that no decision should  
be made by the board without a  
mandate from the people.

Valcourt said if elected she  
would make available a place  
where she could meet with people  
every day to hear and discuss their  
problems. She accused other  
directors of having unlisted phone  
numbers, and said her line would  
be open every night to callers.

Valcourt mentioned "favourit-  
ism and conflict of interest" on the  
islands, which she said she is  
against. Rezoning applications  
where some persons are favoured  
and others aren't, she said, are

and they are exempt, yet others are  
forced to observe that same law." Equal rights for all members of the  
community must be ensured, she  
concluded.

She re-emphasised that decis-  
ions regarding Salt Spring should  
be made by Salt Spring Islanders.  
"As an island, we are in a unique  
situation and our problems are not  
the same as those of cities or large  
urban areas," she said. "We must  
not be lost in the shuffle of  
regionalism," she added, "but  
should have our own Gulf Islands  
Regional District."

Valcourt said that she is in no

way departing from her comments  
of a few years ago concerning the  
existence of the regional board.  
She said she still considers "this  
added level of government to be an  
unnecessary duplication and a  
useless expense to the taxpayer"

She added that if the govern-  
ment "in their unquestionable  
wisdom" decrees that there must  
be a regional board then "we must  
expect alert, sincere and effective  
service of the needs of all island-  
ers."

"We haven't enjoyed this," she  
concluded.

### Are you interested in doing day work?

House work, garden chores, odd jobs, child care?

### Are you in need of someone to do these jobs?

If you need work or if you need work done,

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## VERN RODDICK

is a

## Candidate

in the 17th November 1979 elections for the  
office of Director, representing  
Galiano Mayne The Penders Saturna

A resident of South Pender for  
over thirteen years, he has a very  
wide experience in community  
matters throughout the Outer Gulf  
Islands and especially the Pen-  
ders.

His prime interest in running for  
office is to bring a more demo-  
cratic representation to bear on  
matters concerning the Outer Gulf  
Islands. In addition, it is his  
intention to ensure your taxes pay  
only for those services available to  
the Outer Gulf Islands.

Vern will do all he can regarding  
problems of individuals. In com-  
munity matters he intends to  
involve the community to deter-  
mine their needs. He will be  
guided by the wishes of the  
majority. He is capable and willing  
to devote his time working for the  
Outer Islands.

### REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR VERN RODDICK

on 17th November and help to bring better  
government to the Outer Islands.

(The above is a paid political advertisement paid for by the  
Committee working to have Vern Roddick elected as the next  
Regional Director for the Outer Gulf Islands.)

### SOME ARE EXEMPT

"It's the same with bylaws,"  
she added. "Some break a bylaw