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Damage estimated at \$250,000

Police seek arsonist after Welbury fire

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August 21 was in its first hour when flames began eating angry holes in the darkness over Welbury Bay on Salt Spring Island as fire consumed plastic pipes stored on a barge.

The fire, set by persons unknown, destroyed almost \$250,000 worth of pipe for the Ganges sewer outfall as well as equipment of Tidewater Marine Contracting Ltd. of Duncan.

And in the process, it endangered the lives of the volunteer fire fighters who fought the blaze.

The wharf, to which the barge was secured, sits in rot with many of the decayed planks waiting to crumble beneath an unwary foot.

The sewer pipes, made by DuPont, are of polyethylene plastic. The pipes do not burn but will melt in an intense heat. When melting, the plastic emits toxic fumes.

BY BOAT

The culprits apparently arrived at the barge by boat under the cover of darkness. They brought with them several auto tires.

Once on the barge, they placed wooden pallets against the piles of pipe, laid the tires on top and doused the lot with gasoline taken from barrels stored at one end of the barge.

Officials speculate the culprits ignited the blaze by use of a fire-trail to allow them time to jump into their boat and escape.

Dave Todourk, manager of Tidewater, said the full extent of damage will not be known until officials in Victoria go over the melted pipe.

THE HEROES

He praised the volunteer fire fighters. "They are the real heroes of this," he said.

Fire Chief Bob Leask explained the problems faced by his crew. "They had to string a line from the pumper, across that wharf. Just getting there was pretty dangerous because of that wharf."

One of the volunteers, Neil Christiansen, was overcome by fumes but was revived by oxygen. He is reported in good condition after a weekend of rest.

Once the hoses were in place and water sprayed the flames, the fire quickly died.

A crane used for hoisting the pipe into position for fitting together was destroyed along with an estimated two miles of pipe.

MAY HAVE TO WAIT

"The fire won't delay the first phase of laying pipe," said Todourk. "The pipe destroyed was for the outfall end and that means we may have to wait to get replacements out here."

The next morning, one of the workmen sat on the shore watching the barge and said, "They could have done a lot more damage, but I guess they just wanted the pipe."

Quick action by the fire fighters
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Firemen don't need arson

"Accidental fire is our business, and we don't need fires that are maliciously set," said the president of the Salt Spring Volunteer Fire Department this week.

Bruce McPhee pointed out that two firemen were injured in the arson fire on the barge in Welbury Bay last Friday and many others could have been hurt.

"...we were hampered by a condemned wharf and also by the deadly fumes which were emitted by the burning plastic pipe," he said.

"I hope that the island people are behind their volunteer firemen...and help stamp out this kind of depraved action."

Permits total 32

The Capital Regional District issued 32 building permits in the Gulf Islands last month. Total value of all the construction was \$1,449,157.

On Salt Spring Island 14 permits were sold with a total value of \$543,036. At Pender there were 12 permits, valued at \$624,718. Six permits went to Mayne Island with a value of \$273,879. No permits were issued at Galiano or Saturna.

Figures for the calendar year to the end of July show that 110 permits were issued at Salt Spring; total value was \$5,282,960. At Pender there have been 42 permits issued; value was \$1,846,730. Galiano, seven permits, valued at \$429,953; Mayne, 36 permits, valued at \$1,365,244; and Saturna, one permit with a value of \$32,933.

In July, 1980, 12 permits were issued at Salt Spring, three at Pender, two at Galiano, two at Mayne and three at Saturna.

Last year's calendar year totals show 71 permits at Salt Spring, 23 at Pender, 13 at Galiano, 22 at Mayne and 10 permits at Saturna.



Fire chief Bob Leask and melted plastic outfall pipe. This was one of five places in which fire was started.

K & R to announce plans next week

Plans for the development of the shopping mall north of the Valcourt Business Centre in Ganges will be decided next week when contractors have submitted bids for the project.

A spokesman for K & R Food Stores told *Driftwood* Tuesday that the bids received will decide whether the company will continue with its plans to add to the shopping centre.

Peter Langdon said that the

project is estimated to cost in the region of \$2 million. He explained that requirements which had been laid down by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee would add about \$125,000 to the cost.

A stipulation that either a sprinkler system be installed or a fire wall be built between the store and warehouse area was thought to have been an obstacle to proceeding with the project.

A sprinkler system was not feasible, Langdon said, because of

limited water supply, and the fire wall would exceed height regulations. However, Langdon noted that in the building code the height of a building is measured from the floor to the roof. The roof height will be within the regulations but the fire wall will be about three feet higher.

Langdon said there was "a tremendous amount of landscaping" to be done and added that the building would have "a very smart-looking front" when it was completed.

If K & R goes ahead with the expansion, the existing building will be almost doubled in size.

The building will be occupied by the K & R store and there have been indications that Robinson's Stores would also be a tenant in the mall.

Boat refloated after hitting Canoe Rock

The 48-foot boat *Exodus* was pulled off Canoe Rock off Moresby Island last Thursday night almost 24 hours after it ran aground.

Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria called on the B.C. Lifeboat Society at Pender Island to assist the vessel.

Horst Klein of Pender answered the distress call and took two men and a woman off the boat.

The *Exodus* could not be refloated until high tide Thursday night, when Kel Klein's whaler, his boat the *Queen of Storm*, a tug owned by Ken Hughes from Knapp Island and the *Vita II* from

Piers Island attached lines to the boat and pulled it off.

Refloating the *Exodus* was not without mishap, however, as when it came off the rocks it towed Klein's whaler backwards and turned it upside down, trapping Klein and another man underneath. They were picked up by the *Vita II* and the whaler was turned over.

The *Exodus* was towed to Philbrook's Shipyard near Sidney and the whaler was taken to Otter Bay.

The *Exodus* is owned by Lorne Turney of Victoria.

Boat finds beacon

A sailing vessel discovered hard rock last week and needed assistance from the coast guard.

A sailing boat hit the beacon off Collinson Point on Galiano. The vessel was from La Conna, Washington.

In two separate incidents, the crews rescued boats which had broken down off Portland Island.

An historical review of the 19-year-old project

The Ganges sewer (March 1962—?)

Last week violence broke out on Salt Spring Island as the sewer dispute reached a head. What is the story of sewers in Ganges, asked a reader.

Here is the summary of sewer history over the past 19 years, from the day when the Greater Victoria Metropolitan Board of Health sent two inspectors to check out septic tanks around Ganges Harbour, to the burning of pipe aboard the contractor's scow.

May 28 - May 31, 1962: Health Inspectors L.E. Benham and N.L. Lewis undertake a survey of septic tank systems in Ganges. They list 29 inoperative and one which was formerly offensive but is now working. It was reported that some discharged into the creek, others into the sea and yet others on to the streets.

1964: A canvass of Ganges property owners undertaken by the sewer committee of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. Members pledge \$1,000 for an engineering survey of the community. Initial report shows 84 in favour of the formation of a sewer improvement district and 36 opposed.

December 22, 1965: Ganges sewer committee reports to the Comptroller of Water Rights on progress. Engineering study undertaken by W. Allen Ker and Associates. Provincial health reports quoted: "nearly every business, a great many residences and every institution in the area were in drastic need of proper sewer facilities." The Chamber of Commerce, as the "major organization on the island", appointed a committee to investigate. (This was contained in the report). Members of the committee were C.R. Horel, A.L. Young, N.J. McManus, John Waterfall, Jr. and Dr. T.L. Jansch. By this time the response had risen to 87 in favour of a sewer district and 47 against. Taking the total area, the vote was 65.4% in favour, the Chamber told the government official, but by paring down the area against the proposal it could be brought up to 70%. Capital cost is \$153,000.

1966: The proposal to form a sewer district was abandoned and incorporation of Ganges as a village municipality was proposed in order to enjoy more extensive government aid.

1967: Village vote attracts a 45% support and the project fails. Sewer cost is estimated at \$168,000.

April, 1969: Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce takes a new look at the sewer problem as the medical health officer, Dr. J.N. Whitbread, warns of the need.

August: The Chamber undertakes a review of the sewer survey at a cost of \$250. Community is now part of the Capital Regional District for financing.

December 1970: Engineer Bill Gerry reports Ganges sewer system

would cost \$331,000. This would be raised by a levy against each taxpayer of \$200 per year. It was deemed "not economically feasible."

July, 1972: Gulf Islands School Board calls a public meeting to debate the need for a community sewer. New sewer committee named by the Chamber of Commerce includes Charles Baltzer, Frank Richards, Jim Wilkinson and two others to be named later. The need was urgent in respect of schools, hospital and other potential users, it was stated. Updated sewer plan prepared by Ker, Priestman, Keenan and Associates shows total cost of \$460,000 and collectible at \$72 per annum per property.

October: Property owners give the green light to a further investigation of sewers at an estimated user cost of \$108 to \$276 according to the use of the property. A new three-man committee is formed, of George Heinekey, regional director, Tom Toynbee and Frank Richards.

November: The Capital Regional Board votes \$6,600 to a sewer study.

February, 1973: Derek Ellis prepares report on harbour waters and SPEC's Don Watmough expresses concern for fish and for swimming if effluent is turned into the harbour, and for the effects of a population increase in Ganges. The water in the vicinity of the proposed outfall is too turbid, he urges.

1974: The sewer system will run from the foot of Ganges Hill to the hospital and serve an area of 106 acres. The chlorinated, treated effluent will be discharged 1,400 feet out, according to plans. Main purpose of the sewer is to correct

problems with septic tanks and to cater to future growth. Mike Larmour warns that the sewer system is a powerful planning tool. As president of SPEC, he also looks askance at the outfall. The receiving waters are poor, he urges, for the shallow depth, smooth sea bottom, stratification of water and prevailing southwest winds. The harbour is a residential and recreational area requiring high water quality, he notes. A discharge of 75,000 gallons daily is expected by 1978.

March, 1974: Venables, director of pollution control, asks for amalgamation of the Ganges sewer and the projected septage treatment plant sought by the Capital Regional District. Population forecast for the sewer area is 380 by 1978. Mike Larmour, re-elected to SPEC, states two objections to plan: the sewer system would allow dense development in the area served and an overall plan for Ganges should be developed before such development occurs and, secondly, he is fearful for the harbour.

September, 1974: SPEC appeals the permit to discharge into the harbour, on the grounds that the water is too shallow at the end of the outfall; that sludge is to be discharged through the system; the need for chlorination and its effect on fish; poor tidal movement and the 15-ft. depth of water at the point of discharge when the pollution control branch had required a minimum of 20 ft.

March, 1975: Permit to discharge into Ganges Harbour is revoked by the Pollution Control Board, accepting the criticisms made by SPEC. The school complex continued to operate on a flexible permission to use its disposal facilities. Building in Ganges comes to a halt. Search for alternative methods of disposal is launched by SPEC.

May, 1975: Community Planning Association sewer committee offers three routes for sewage disposal: tertiary treatment and into the harbour, land disposal or an extended outfall farther out into the harbour.

July: Coulthard system for treatment of solids is proposed,

with a coal filter for the liquid effluent. Capital Regional Board withdraws appeal against pollution board's decision.

1976: Director Heinekey sets plans for inclusion of all Ganges, phases one and two, in the sewer area.

1977: Health inspectors give Ganges school complex 60 days to clean up sewage discharge. Islands Trust refuses change to community plan to allow apartments without sewers.

July, 1977: Seven volunteers take around petition for sewers, to call on 347 property owners asking the regional district to initiate a sewer system and charge it to taxpayers

in the designated area. All members of the committee are owners of property in the area affected: C.J. Longueay, L.G.

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All schools will open on Tuesday, September 8, 1981.

REGISTRATION

Salt Spring Schools - all pupils who did not attend these schools last year, or who did not register for kindergarten during June, should report to the office of the respective school. The offices will be open from 1000 to 1200 during the week of August 31. In addition Gulf Islands Secondary and Salt Spring Elementary offices will be open from 1300 to 1500.

Outer Island Schools - pupils should register at the school on Tuesday, September 8.

SCHOOL BUSES

Morning pickup times will be the same as during last school year. On September 8 only, Gulf Islands Secondary will dismiss at 1000; Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood will dismiss at 1100.

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To Be Frank

by richards



There is a dispute on Salt Spring Island over the sewer project. And various news media from outside have taken up cudgels on behalf of the disputants. To date no daily paper has informed itself on the matter. One esteemed journal devoted a front page to a story which showed its bitter opposition to a sewer for Ganges and rounded off the story with a reference to a pharmacist as a "developer". All he's ever developed was muscles, on the ski slopes. The *Vancouver Province* is equally hostile to a sewer system here and carries reports on the evil men who would not be satisfied with a private personal privy on every lot. The television stations are even trying to stir up a stink for the benefit of their viewers and only come to Salt Spring Island if they can prove their original contention that the only decent islander is he who doesn't even use a toilet. It is now time to reveal the truth. The *Sun* is closing its toilet doors on Saturday and in future there will be a privy for all personnel in the main hall. The other newspapers are planning, I understand, to employ only persons who have abandoned the use of toilets and washbasins in order to maintain this air of purity. The television stations are taking the nasty way out. They are putting cameras in every cubicle.

I learned the secret of catching fish last week. It didn't happen in the islands, but it's well worth a try. A fisherman was out in the Narrows looking for fish. And nothing was biting except the mosquitoes. So he had a sudden brainwave. The sun was brilliant and he had coated his magnificent torso with oil specially blended to lessen the danger of sunburn and to enhance the beauty of the male figure at the same time. He looked nice and he smelt nice. But, he wondered, did the fish see it that way? So he hauled in his line and laid out his lure and weights and bits and pieces. He went for soap and found none. All he could find was a tube of toothpaste. Nothing could daunt him and he carefully washed his hands in toothpaste. Then he laboriously washed lure and weights and bits and pieces in toothpaste. And he wiped the first few miles of line. The rest you might know. He let out the line and within minutes he'd caught a 32 lb. salmon. But, no! He didn't tell me the brand. Look Mom! No cavities!

Ever seen a petition? Or signed one? Two years ago 438 people signed a petition asking the school board to abandon plans to build Fernwood School. And right now the board gets applications from all over north Salt Spring from people trying to get little Johnnie into Fernwood.

It was a good idea to think about senior citizens' housing. That's why the Legion-Lions-Rotary Committee for Seniors' Accommodation sent out a questionnaire to seniors. The committee wants to know what the island senior citizens want, now or later. If anyone is heading to the time when he or she can no longer till the soil and cut the grass and clean up an acre of spare rooms, what's next? If you get to this point, where will you go? What will you want? Even if you won't want it for another 10 years or more, what will you want when you want it? All they want is your answer. Give them that answer, will you? They're only trying to help.

Like everyone else on Salt Spring Island I've got a lot of maple trees here and everywhere. But this year one of them has changed its pattern of dying. The leaves are falling earlier than any of the others and most leaves are mottled with green spots, vivid against the yellow-brown of the dying leaf. It could be the end of the tree and that's no great loss, but I've never seen it before.

Kay Catlin doesn't know how to stop. Last Wednesday she drew a 29-hand in crib. And that was something for the Fulford artist. But it wasn't the first time. When she drew three fives and the Jack of Spades on Wednesday, the five of spades was turned up to make a total score of 29. But only in April she and her husband were playing and she drew three fives and the Jack of Hearts. At that time the five of hearts turned up and she had it made. But that wasn't all. In October, 1973, they were playing crib and she drew exactly the same hand and made exactly the same score. And it's all a matter of record because the winning hands are framed right there. It's a funny thing, she can do that three times in eight years and I can't do it once in a lifetime. But, of course, I never play crib and Kay does.

The B.C. Ferries travelogue "Passage" features the Gulf Islands this week. The islands are described broadly and the recollection of a Saskatchewan woman's guilt over relaxing here as written by Jack Hodgins. Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, is reprinted. Even island dogs get into the story. A letter from animal controller Bill Leach urges visitors to observe local ordinances regarding the control of dogs and the protection of sheep.

Salt Spring gets \$1,000 for fair

The Salt Spring Fall Fair has received money this year from the ministry of agriculture and food as part of a province-wide package of grants.

The Salt Spring annual farm

show, categorized as a fall fair by the ministry, was eligible for a \$1,000 grant to help defray the cost of prize money.

Louise Harkema, fair coordinator, said the group had received a "modest sum" from the ministry. Even with the grant, entry fees have had to be raised this year, she said.

be part of the B.C. Fairs Association and hold competition in at least two general agricultural classes.

Agriculture and Food Minister Jim Hewitt said, "We've awarded these grants once again in the hope of making the prize money attractive so as to encourage anyone with agricultural produce to enter in their local fair."

The provincial grants amount to \$162,000 and cover five categories of fairs from the Pacific National Exhibition which received \$30,000 to fairs the size of the Salt Spring effort.

To qualify for a grant, fairs must

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Sudden death of Peter Roberts in Victoria

Former Salt Spring Island figure and a long-term ferry employee, Peter Eric Roberts died suddenly in the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria on Saturday, Aug. 15. He was 43 years of age.

Peter Roberts was steward on the *Queen of the Islands* when she served the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen run.

He was the son of the late Eric Roberts who came to Salt Spring Island to write its history 20 years ago. Salt Spring Saga, now out of print, is one of the valued historical summaries of the island.

Peter Roberts and his mother left Salt Spring to take up residence in North Saanich several years ago.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Audrey Roberts, North Saanich; a sister, Mrs. Allen (Crista) McDonald, Victoria and a brother, Max Roberts in Ontario.

Private service will be held on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Contributions were invited to the Canadian Heart Foundation, 1008 Blanshard St., Victoria.

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Let's cool it

The damage to a scow engaged in laying the sewer outfall in Ganges Harbour last week was learned with acute concern by all Salt Spring Island people, whether they have strong views on the sewer controversy or not. After a steady diet of dispute over sewage disposal for the past two years, few were prepared for violence.

Arson is a particularly vicious weapon for the fact that it ignores the possibility of injury to persons. A fire, once lit, is no longer controllable and the ensuing damage or injury is out of the hands of the arsonist.

The battle of the sewer has raged for two years and more as litigation and legislation have both been brought into play.

At heart, the sewer dispute is a small war between the forces who would discharge unwanted wastes into the sea and the forces who would prefer to see unwanted wastes discharged somewhere they might be wanted.

On the shore is a community which is in need of a sewage disposal system. Down the harbour are homes whose owners fear that the discharge of treated effluent will detract from their amenities. There are tales of evil men and mysterious forces behind the scenes, but it is evil rumours which lurk in dark corners, cast out by one segment of the committee and feared by another.

And there is only one question: will it mess up my beach?

Violence is the frustration of unthinking men. It has no place in this debate and it has no place in this community. Those who were responsible for Friday morning's fire have earned the esteem of none of us. They are irresponsible people who have engaged in a criminal act and are no less wicked than the robber who steals at the point of a gun.

The action of these people will serve neither side of the controversy.

At the present time the provincial legislature has enacted a law requiring the sewer project to go ahead; the contractor is already engaged in constructing the sewer; the costs have risen to more than \$2 million which must be borne by the Ganges community.

The debate continues as well it may.

But let not one of us in this island community even hesitate in condemning this outbreak of violence and let each one of us eschew any thought of giving encouragement or sympathy to those who would resort to criminal acts in a vain effort to solve a community dispute.

Trapping wild animals

For a number of years there has been a steady campaign throughout the province to have leg-hold traps banned.

The people who don't want traps are the people who put out pictures of traps and pictures of animals held in their jaws. It was pointed out that animals thus caught died in great agony after prolonged suffering.

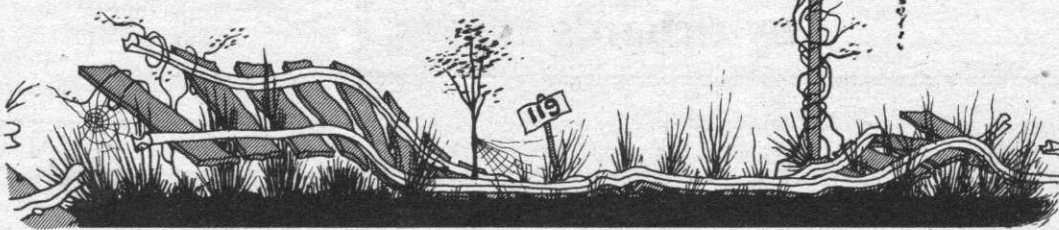
And for a number of years the provincial government was criticized for its failure to take action.

The minister of the environment has announced that in the vast majority of instances the leg-hold trap may no longer be used in British Columbia.

It's a funny thing that when previous ministers failed to do anything about it, the comments were loud and wide. But when the minister does act on it the silence is so loud it drowns out the protests.

Q: WHICH IS MORE LIKELY TO BECOME OVERGROWN AND FORGOTTEN?.....

Ⓐ The rail lines the federal government closed, to cut costs....



Ⓑ The money they saved to be used on upgrading rail lines still operating....



They'll take crying towels to the hearings

The brochure seemed innocuous

BY BILL WEBSTER

What with all the burning excitement on Salt Spring Island recently, one wonders if any paid attention to a seemingly innocuous phone bill enclosure.

The paternal folk at B.C. Tel included a neat little brochure extolling the virtues of the company along with the reminder to subscribers of money owed.

Two pages of the brochure urge the giving of "long distance gift certificates." That's not a gift for a friend or relative with body odour, it's a book of certificates, valued at \$20, which can be applied to long distance calls for any customer in North America.

Quite ingenious really, pre-paid phone calls and the possibility of more loot in the coffers for talking overtime.

Back-patter

The two centre pages of this public relations back-patter contain an interesting item about students from various provinces talking about various things. Except we aren't told what they talked about only that through the kindly beneficence of B.C. Tel and Ma Bell, the student dialogue occurred.

On the facing page, Summer Calendar, listing events of interest up to August 16, let's us know what happened when. The mail disruption belatedly strikes again.

As a public service, the editors of B.C. Tel Dialogue urge readers to subscribe to the Vancouver Public Aquarium Association, presumably to see wild creatures in captivity in a pool funded by B.C. Tel.

But the nitty-gritty of this slick little piece comes on page three under the title, "A few facts you should know."

Seems that some customers, misguided fools, want to own the telephone which graces the living room or den.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) plans to listen to people about the subject.

B.C. Tel, of course, espouses the position that ownership of telephones is its prerogative.

"The issue is whether it is in the public's interest," says B.C. Tel Dialogue, "to allow competition in the sale or rental of telephone equipment."

Don't you feel warm all over knowing B.C. Tel is concerned about your public interest. Sleep tight, little ones, B.C. Tel is keeping the world safe for monopolies.

The gem of corporate logic goes on to say that if the CRTC rules that ownership of telephones should be subject to the marketplace, "B.C. Tel must be in a position where it can effectively compete with other suppliers."

Removal of rules

The effective competition could only come, as B.C. Tel sees it, by the removal of "unreasonable regulatory rules."

Which is much the same as the wolf saying he'll watch the flock while the shepherd goes home for supper.

The kicker comes several paragraphs further on. B.C. Tel is able to keep rates so low, we are told, by juggling costs of local and long distance calls as well as monies gained by — now get this — premium telephone sets and extensions.

What the company wants, and so far has been able to maintain, is a thorough monopoly on all aspects of telephone service in this province.

Company officials will be at the October hearings with crying towels in hand. But if the labels, Property of B.C. Tel, were removed, another label would appear: Property of Bell Canada.

Healthy competition

The CRTC will hear the same arguments from the provincial phone company as it heard from Ma Bell just a year or so ago. At that time, the government body decided that a bit of competition for the phone company would be healthy.

One can justify a monopoly on phone service as necessary because of the contemporary electronic complications required.

The earth isn't going to start spinning backwards if B.C. Tel has to compete for the "terminal attachments."

The CRTC hearings are public and it wants to hear all sides to the debate. If you have a bone to pick with B.C. Tel, send your submission to the CRTC.

Wonder what will be included in next month's phone bill?

Letters to the Editor

Government action equally reprehensible

Sir,
A hot-head burnt a barge. I hope, however, that people with cool heads and hot determination will realize that the government's transgressions and denial of people's rights is not changed by this thoughtless and irresponsible act of violence.

Keep your perspective, don't forget that you were denied a vote. Don't forget that your access to court justice was denied. Don't forget that your Ganges Harbour is being raped, and that this governmental act of violence is equally as reprehensible as the irrational act of an individual. In fact more so because the government should uphold the basic rights of the people, not trample on them. Don't be misled by the opportunistic attempts of the small clique of sewer proponents to discredit the legitimate opposition to the BIG Sewer.

The business community and a few people directly involved with the School and Hospital Boards are the ones that played the successful political game and orchestrated, with the assistance of a compliant CRD and a friendly government, the big sewer.

Here are a few other points you should also remember. Why are you not getting the vote? Simple, because the CRD and the government know that 85 to 90% of the people on Salt Spring are opposed to the big sewer.

Ask the CRD engineers what the best solution is and they will tell you, discharge into Sansum Narrows because the water is fast flowing and with a depth of 100 fathoms the enormous dilution would render discharge of effluent unnoticeable. But even though this is a cheaper and better method they won't propose it because they have a permit to install and they won't surrender it even knowing

that it is the wrong thing to do.

You should also know that an engineer in the Waste Management branch has recommended that the addition of a sand filtration basin instead of a discharge to Ganges Harbour would produce a pure water for discharge to land.

Your indignation should rise, to find as I did, that neither the Premier, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Vander Zalm, Mr. Rogers, or any of their deputies was prepared to listen to this proposal made by the engineer within the Waste Management branch. After two days of attempting to see any of these Ministers I was told by a lawyer in the Attorney-General's department that the government was not prepared to discuss the sewer in any way.

I was told that the sewer had become a partisan issue, and so the government was not prepared to discuss it. What utter nonsense. The only partisanship is the irresponsible reaction of little

Hughie Curtis, who because his feelings were hurt, ceases to serve his own constituency.

I was discouraged when I saw that enormous barge invading the quiet residential tranquility of Welbury Bay. But one of the younger, more recent members of the Alternative group assured me that all that represented was a pipe in the water connected to nothing, since the big sewer would never be built. This is not wishful thinking on his part. Young people won't put up with much of the nonsense which we tolerate through indifference.

The government reversed their stand on uranium mining because of overwhelming public opposition.

When an 80-year-old neighbour of mine says that she will stand in front of the bulldozer, then I also believe the big sewer will never be built.

PAT TIERNAN,
Ganges.
August, 1981.

They have all had varied, interesting lives

Sir,

I began collecting stories, songs and poems from the residents at Greenwoods over two years ago. A Graduate Professor of Folklore at the University of California at Berkeley once told us that the elderly are the treasure chests of living history.

With this in mind, I began a project to collect interesting incidents or stories from each resident that was interested. These stories would be written down in the resident's own words as much as possible thus capturing each person's individual and unique style.

At first I met with some resistance: "I have nothing to

offer." "I haven't had an interesting life." These were some of the comments mentioned. No one was ever pushed and as the residents' trust and faith in me grew, I found that there was a tremendous response. All of the residents had led varied and interesting lives.

I did not use a tape recorder since I found that it would detract from the speaker and interfere with the special rapport between the speaker and myself. Most of the stories were written down in longhand and copied off in a legible manner. Then they were read to the residents for their approval and additions or

Sir,

In a letter to last week's *Driftwood*, David Lott suggested that the new "White Knight" of Maxwell Lake, Tom Gossett, was conducting a campaign of misinformation about the proposed rezoning of Lot 35. Dr. Lott further implied that Tom Gossett's farm was, itself, a major contributor of pollution to the lake.

This sort of personal attack is very destructive to the democratic system. The real issue before the public and the Islands Trust is the proposed rezoning of Lot 35, and its impact on Maxwell Lake — not Mr. Gossett's activities. However, to set the record straight, almost all, if not all of Mr. Gossett's farm drains away from Maxwell Lake, and therefore would not contribute to the pollution of the lake. And, I believe his information is correct regarding the impact of the development of Lot 35.

Mr. Gossett has, as anyone does, a perfect right to oppose a zoning change that could adversely affect him the conflicts between

farming and residential development are well known.

But beyond personal interests I believe Tom has a deep and well founded concern about the future of Maxwell Lake and has worked hard over the years to protect this lake for the benefit of the entire community. For instance, he was a strong supporter of the 30-acre minimum watershed lot size, even though this restriction would reduce the subdivision potential and value of his own property.

More recently, he has spent much time and effort in trying to ensure that the watershed and the lake will remain protected forever. We need more White Knights like him.

MIKE LARMOUR,
Ganges.
August, 1981.

Sewer synopsis wanted

Sir,

One gets the impression from the *Driftwood* coverage of the sewer protests that the sewer is a "foregone conclusion" — a legislative matter already dealt with.

I'd like to see a description analysis of present plans, an assessment of area impact, cost/tax factors, the alternative plans and procedures ... and a suggested route to follow.

How about an impartial synopsis of the whole affair?

SUE HISCOCKS,
Box 781,
Ganges.
August 21, 1981.

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Tony Richards

AT FIRST I THOUGHT someone was playing a joke when I began receiving brochures in the mail from suppliers of different types of building materials.

But I soon realized that the mail started arriving shortly after I took out a building permit.

Another such brochure arrived this week and prompted me to call the Capital Region's building inspection department. Sure enough, they told me, many building supply outlets check regularly with the inspection office and take down the names of new permit-holders.

They pointed out, too, that the information is public and cannot be withheld.

THIS NEWSPAPER'S NAME confuses a lot of people, as can be seen by some of the mail we get. A letter last week arrived addressed to "Ganges Gluff Islands Driftwood".

A VISIT TO A VICTORIA CABARET was about my fifth last weekend, and probably my last. I had reservations about going to Harpo's on Friday night because previous experience taught me to expect extremely loud music, a dance floor so packed that movement is severely restricted and temperatures that leave you soaked in sweat.

I discovered, without much surprise, that I was right on all three counts.

But I think the volume is the worst feature of Harpo's.

The band might have been good but at times the noise was so loud that it actually became painful. My ears were ringing and other people's voices seemed muffled for some time after we left.

As we were leaving, one of our company remarked that he didn't care much for the band, and certainly wouldn't buy their record.

I had to point out to him that had he done so, he would have been somewhat better off. He could have bought four records with the money the four of us spent going to the cabaret.

THE STAGE PERSONALITIES lined up for tonight's (Wednesday's) public meeting on the sewer lead me to wonder who we'll see at next year's Sea Capers concert in the park.

Should we expect Valdy (who, without question, has made a valuable contribution to Sea Capers in recent years with his free concert) to be sharing the stage with TV personalities, MLA's and members of the Sewer Alternatives Committee?

NEWSPAPERS SHOULD NEVER make mistakes, but occasionally they do. Last week, we did. We ran a picture of the ferry *Queen of Esquimalt*, saying that it was one of the ferries creating a large wash in Active Pass.

It was not one of the offending boats and we apologize for the error.

Now I'm just waiting for an apology from the foul-mouthed Galiano resident who called to tell us about it.

Psychological environment has been severely damaged

Sir,

In a recent letter to this paper I urged Islanders to have a care that the controversy surrounding the Sewer not be permitted to destroy our sense of community. The Sewer Alternatives Committee wishes to protect the environment. Unfortunately our psychological environment has been severely damaged, in the sense that inflammatory statements, accusations and paranoia, have created an atmosphere that encouraged an individual to commit arson, causing an estimated \$200,000 damage. A crime of this kind is not coherent with the Island lifestyle as we have known it.

We now present to the outside world, via the media, a picture of bickering, unharmonious people who cannot agree on how to dispose of their own wastes.

The S.A.C. insists that an unwanted sewer is being forced upon this island, ignoring the fact that many residents do indeed want the sewer. Ordinary people, long-time residents who are neither businessmen or developers, they are responsible people who

have long known our current methods of sewage disposal are inadequate, and have been satisfied as to the ecological safety of the proposed sewage treatment system.

They largely remain silent, for an unpleasant element of intimidation has evolved, and nobody likes to risk the enmity of their neighbours.

It is to be hoped that they start to make themselves known, by attending the meeting called for August 26 by the S.A.C. for example, but it is more likely that they will remain quietly at home, patiently waiting for the sound and fury to die away and the tranquility of Island life to return.

Unfortunately mistrust and unfriendliness will remain with us for a long time to come, and even though the sun still shines, the harbour smells, the letters to the editor rage, the media takes an amused delight in our affairs, and we don't much like each other any more.

It is very, very sad.
P. BARNES,
Ganges.
August 23, 1981.

More Letters to the Editor

Board has promoted private interests

Sir,

Mr. Aust, Chairman of the School Board, has declined to answer my two recent questions in writing. He gave me answers verbally, though, and I found it appropriate to check them out.

My first question, re a Resolution, 1972: Mr. Aust stated that there never was such a Resolution to install a sewage treatment plant and disposal field for the Ganges school complex.

In March 1972, Dr. Whitbread, Medical Health Officer, wrote to the School Board stating the "urgent need for reconstruction" of the sewage disposal system, because the effluent "runs on to the shore and into the sea." And the Minutes of the board meeting, 17 July, 1972, record as carried the resolution:

"That it be the Board's policy to replace the present septic tank system with a sewage treatment plant and disposal fields as needed, with phase one being incorporated into the new construction" (the planned addition of a vocational wing to the secondary school).

Then in July the Permit was granted for field renewal of the existing buildings. And, the Minutes of the very next board meeting record (my only change being the replacement of a name with an X.):

"Mr. Baltzer said in reply to a question from Mr. X. (who had been requested by the Chairman to comment on this as he is a member of the group studying this), that he would be in favour of a community sewer system *in principle* provided it could be indicated that the Board could be involved satisfactorily. The Board concurred. It was pointed out that the Board minutes contain a resolution to proceed with the first phase of the required system ..."

In August then the Permit was granted for a septic tank and ground-absorption system for the two schools, complete with specifications including those for soil-fill. Now the Board was free to

go ahead with the construction. But the Minutes of the meeting of 16 October record (again, I replace a name with a letter):

"Mr. Y., who is a member of the group who are pursuing the matter of a public sewage system for Ganges Village, outlined the progress made so far in the study, and asked if it might be possible for the Board to contribute to the installation of a system such as this if it goes through."

After this second intervention of downtown businessmen, the Minutes are silent re the correction work for the disposal system. On the strength of the issuance of the Health Permit, it had obtained the building permit for the vocational wing; and it went ahead with that wing without installing the disposal facilities that it had undertaken to construct.

The Resolution of 1972 has never been rescinded and thus still stands on the books as the Board's obligation.

My second question, re the Health Officer's Order, 1977.

Mr. Aust explained, verbally, that the Board did not respond to the order because it was not in writing; and a written order was needed to request the funds from the Education Minister.

On 15 August, 1977, the Regional Health Officer, Dr. Arneil, wrote to the Board, referring to the Ganges School property:

"Take notice that, in my opinion, the sewage disposal system of the above-mentioned property is, or may become, a danger to public health."

"Pursuant to the Sewage Disposal Regulations, I hereby order you within 21 days from the date of this order, to take corrective action..."

In February 1979, the School Board wrote to Mr. Vander Zalm, asking for "no further delay" in the matter of the Ganges Sewer; in June 1979 it urged the CRD to take "Prompt action", in this matter; in March 1980 it sends another letter

to the CRD in support of the Ganges Sewer, and a telegram to the Minister of Education in the same vein; and in June 1980 to the Islands Trust and the CRD again in support of the Ganges Sewer.

I leave it to the taxpayers of Salt Spring Island and the Outer Islands to suggest what the School Board, having promoted private financial interests instead of the welfare, physical and mental, of the students entrusted to it, should now do.

DR. HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,
R.R.3 Ganges.
August 21, 1981.

Help Line is still operating

Sir,

On Friday I was told (by a "reliable source") that the children's Help Line had been closed down.

Because of my respect for my informant, and because I believed such action quite typical (I am presently involved in a battle with the Ministry of Human Resources over curtailment of family support services), I repeated the information to several people during the weekend.

This morning I telephoned Zenith 1234 and, to my great relief, found it to be still operating.

The man who answered my call assured me "this line will never close down".

I hope this letter will reach all those to whom I and my informant have given erroneous information. I only wish I knew which radio station was responsible for broadcasting the original misstatement.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
R.R.1 Ganges.
August 24, 1981.

Plant performance fluctuates widely

Sir,

Two weeks ago I promised some statistics concerning secondary sewage treatment plant performance. This is not the kind of evidence which CRD engineers and local developers would produce to prove that a reliable non-polluting system can be built. This evidence, consisting of effluent sampling of the eight secondary treatment plants in the CRD, strongly suggests that any proposed Ganges sewer is highly likely to pollute, toilet paper our beaches, and fill the harbour with raw sewage.

First, performance in these plants typically fluctuates widely, as much as 600% or more from week to week. That is to say that any one plant can be working within its permitted limits one week and the following week can be exceeding its permitted limits and putting out very high levels of pollutants. *The plants are not reliable!*

Of the eight plants for which I received computer records of sampling over the past three years:

— Three were operating (at the time of sampling) entirely within their permit with regard to BOD (decaying materials requiring oxygen from the water) and suspended solids (leftover fibre, tissues, and particles causing

murky effluent).

They are, however, putting out at times high levels of fecal coliforms (bacteria from human excrement which can cause dysentery, typhus, etc.).

— Four are operating very erratically and for weeks at a time are putting out extremely high levels of solids, BOD and fecal coliforms. *The amounts exceed their permit of operation by as much as 1400% with 700% being about average.*

— The remaining one, operated by the CRD itself, and handling high volumes of effluent, is so poorly sampled that statistical records are not kept!

One of the systems is the one at "Maliview Estates" near Fernwood. It is operating at worst only slightly above its permit levels which are 400% higher than those for the proposed Ganges sewer. It is polluting at least four times as much as the proposed sewer and in addition is putting out *extremely high levels of fecal coliforms*, and is contaminating all sea life on the Trincomali coast up to Southey Point.

The proposed sewer has BOD and suspended solids levels of 25 mg/l which are roughly half of the lowest levels permitted in any of the other treatment plants. An official of the Waste Management

Branch of the Department of Environment commented that the proposed levels for the Ganges sewer are "too good to be true".

To sum up, the government records of performance suggest that a conventional treatment plant has about a 70% probability of polluting in excess of its permitted levels by an average of 700%! This is the system that our dictatorial government is willing to force on our island.

Does any of us want to play Russian roulette with five out of eight chambers loaded? The stakes are our harbour water quality, quality of our beaches, shellfish and fish, and our health and way of life. There is an open meeting tonight (Wednesday). Let's get together to develop awareness of environmentally safer alternatives.

R. ELKINGTON,
R.R.3 Ganges.
August 23, 1981.

We remind readers that we reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, legality and taste.

Letters to the editor must be signed, and should be addressed to The Editor, Gulf Islands Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges.

'Fools' did not consider what Welbury fire could have done

Sir,

I would like to begin my letter by emphasizing the fact that my family and I are pro sewer system, but I will attempt to write this without any bias (I hope you are reading, Mr. David Skinner).

I have great respect for the reasons and arguments which the Sewer Alternatives Committee have against the sewer, but they have to agree that the sewer treatment system pumped several miles out, off the drop-off in the harbour, would be ecologically safer than the present shore-side raw disposal from several pipes (and streams) in town.

I really did not wish to resort to writing a letter (neither did my father), because I did not wish to make enemies out of good friends, but unfortunately recent circumstances force me to do something. The incident which occurred in the early morning of August 21 proved to be the most mindless, mentally incompetent and childish behaviour I have ever witnessed in a "grown-up" matter of such importance.

The fools (this is the name I shall give to the mentally incompetent people responsible for the incident) obviously did not take into account all the results which could have occurred. They did not realize (or perhaps did not care) that the barge had a quantity of gasoline, which could have blown apart, sending fragments of burning material towards the shores of Welbury Bay, causing a catastrophic fire because of the dry woods.

This, perhaps, is very improbable, but there is still another side to it. Look at the volunteer firemen who need not have risked their lives putting out the fire caused by these fools. The firemen began their battle with the

fire without knowing that there was gasoline aboard the barge, but as the fight progressed they were informed of the danger and still fought courageously. My hat is off to the firemen.

I hope that the fools do not attempt such a criminal act again.

KEN MARR,
Box 410,
Ganges.
August 21, 1981.

Use of force not condoned by committee

Sir,

The Salt Spring Sewer Alternatives Committee disassociates itself from all acts or threats of violence.

We do not condone the use of force by members of the community. We do not condone the use of force by government either.

We have always advocated the democratic right of every Islander to vote on the different types of waste disposal methods available for Salt Spring; whether land disposal or ocean disposal or combinations thereof — we could all accept whatever type of system the majority chooses.

We ask all Islanders to stand by us in pursuing an open, fair method of resolving the dissension which the government has allowed to fester in our community for so many years.

SALT SPRING SEWER
ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
Ganges.
August, 1981.

Pensioners will help defray costs for wealthy developers

Sir,

I have read with disgust letters in *Driftwood* by a self-styled arithmetical wizard, Mr. S. Marr, and by Les Ramsay, a "Dear Hugh Boy" both of whom are owner/developers who stand to make a lot of money by the installation of the big sewer.

But what about the old-age pensioners and others who are being forced to connect up to a sewer, which they never asked for and do not need. The only reason for their inclusion in the Ganges Sewer area is to help defray the costs for the wealthy developers. The immediate question now in the Ganges Sewer Area is the cost to every resident to connect up to the sewer and this has nothing to do with Government grants. Firstly there is a connection fee of close to \$800, plus a frontage tax cost yet unknown, then the costs of adapting their existing plumbing and providing and installing the connecting pipe from every residence to the lot line. This can be up to \$8,000 depending upon the terrain.

It is nice to know that you as owner developers can write off all these expenses (lucky you), but it is obvious that both of you and all of your moneyed confreres, plus Dear Hugh and Bill Bennett, simply don't give a damn about the unnecessary expense that faces

pensioners and others. These unfortunates will simply have to dig down into their savings and pay and pay, without any hope of relief; and now their basic right of recourse to the courts has been denied them by special legislation brought in by Mr. Curtis and the Bennett Government.

This special legislation enacted by the Bennett Government at the insistence of the CRD, in effect gives the CRD the authority to proceed with the sewer regardless of what the courts say. This is legislation of a most restrictive and repressive type.

A lot of us fought in world war two (possibly you two didn't) to preserve some of our democratic rights and freedoms, not the least being the right to vote, rather than bow to a totalitarian system. Yet, here we are faced with the same type of legislation that brought Hitler to power, and when you, Mr. Ramsay, as an ardent Socred supporter and one of the major beneficiaries of the big sewer system, actually commend dear Hugh, then "enough is enough". The public is long going to remember this erosion of one's basic rights and maybe Mr. Curtis will not be quiet so arrogant come the next election.

N.P. MERKELEY,
R.R.3 Ganges.
August 19, 1981.

Complaints the same but should not be ignored

BY BILL WEBSTER

"If you do not understand my silence,
you will not understand my words."
—Anonymous

The words decorate a sign on the kitchen wall of the Salt Spring Community Centre and hold special meaning for the young adults who frequent the building. The teen years rank as times of frustration, just as middle age or retirement do for older folks. The body and the mind are nearing maturity.

Questions plague the young adult, so recently a child but not yet accepted in the circle of the elders.

On Salt Spring Island, the teen years can be lonely and confusing or filled with action and purpose. Or a combination of both.

They hang around the pool table or electronic games machines. They can be seen in Centennial Park just talking. The beach, the movie theatre or the street corner hold but momentary attraction to a generation groomed to a short attention span by TV.

ONE MUST LISTEN

As with teenagers of every generation, they seek an undefined something. They, as teenagers before, cannot be talked to. One must listen. And in the listening, one hears complaints as old as time and as new as today's headlines.

To be a teenager in contemporary society is particularly trying. Illicit drugs, premarital sex, alcohol and petty crime cast lures to trap the unwary.

Recently a group of Salt Spring youth gathered to talk of their frustrations. They offered candid comments on their lot and on society as they see it.

While vandalism is a recurring problem on the island, as it is everywhere, police on Salt Spring admit that local youth are not involved too deeply in destroying property.

Yet to the young it is a way of gaining attention. One member of the group discussion admitted to vandalism because of problems at home.

DON'T GET ALONG

"I don't get along with my parents, so this hostility pushes out towards them," was the explanation.

Peer pressure draws some teenagers into destroying things just as that same pressure contributes to other forms of erratic behaviour.

To a generation weaned on TV, illicit drugs hold few secrets, or terrors. The youth accept drugs as part of the growing process.

Few admit to having problems with either alcohol or drugs but many have indulged. Reasons for

the use of the drugs and booze vary from being bored to "because I'm tense and angry".

From one youth, "Because when we're drugged we can forget our problems. It's all an escape from reality, but it doesn't always help."

LACK OF FACILITIES

Some people may condemn today's youth for attitudes such as are expressed here. One root of the problem on Salt Spring can be traced to a perceived lack of recreational facilities.

Certainly the island boasts a bowling alley, tennis courts, a soccer field, several baseball diamonds as well as a golf course.

But the leisure activities are geared to adults or tourists, leaving island youth with time on their hands.

Another root traces itself back to the family situation.

"I'd rather have my parents for friends."

For some teenagers, home is a haven, but for others it is something from which to escape.

And for almost all, the island offers little in the way of escape.

When asked about their needs, some answered:

"We need a place to go besides the pool hall."

"To get off the island for a few days."

"Something to do like organized sports, roller skating, volleyball, soccer. Just something to do."

IT STANDS OUT

Salt Spring Island has a permanent population of about 6,000 people. For a community of its size the lack of organization for the young stands out.

Service clubs trip over themselves to supply the needs of the seniors yet the young may as well be crying in the wilderness.

Although the complaints are the same as those expressed by every generation which passes through the teen years on the way to adulthood, they should not be ignored.

The cry from youth of "nothing to do" may or may not be valid. The cry exists. It should be answered.



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Portable saw appeared in 1930's

From the Canadian Forestry Association of B.C.

Who invented the chain saw and when was it first used in the B.C. forest industry?

Over a period of some 100 years, there were many different inventors who applied themselves to designing a tool that would be easier, quicker, and more efficient than the cross-cut saw.

We can count among them a Canadian, one James Shand, a millwright and farmer of Dauphine, Manitoba. Although he was commercially unsuccessful, his achievement provides an interesting side glance into the workings of the inventive mind.

The story of Shand's saw began when he was out one day with a team of horses fencing his quarter-section of land with barbed wire. We are told of his amazement upon observing one of his seven inch oak posts completely sawn through by the horse drawn wire. Wheels started turning in his mind and out of this grew the idea of developing a new kind of saw.

BICYCLE CHAIN

Shand started with his son's bicycle chain into which he inserted cutting teeth. Next, he came to grips with the need for a power source that would be portable - eventually he produced and patented two models of a saw that ran on a comparatively light-weight source of power - a small gasoline motor.

In 1919, he took his saws to B.C. hoping to get them into production. But they were somewhat light for the dimensions of our trees. No one was interested and in 1930, he finally allowed his patents to lapse.

Elsewhere, others before him had worked with the same idea. As early as 1858, Harvey Brown of New York City had patented an "endless section sawing mechanism" which used moving saw bits on a guide bar, and a number of other designs followed in ensuing decades. But these were all heavy stationary affairs, powered by

large gasoline or steam engines, not devices that could be taken into the woods.

ANDREAS STIHL

It was not until the world was into the depression of the 30's that a German industrialist, Andreas Stihl, produced a powerful, portable chain saw for use by the German army. This happened to coincide with a critical period for the forest industry in B.C. In most of its processes it had become mechanized but out in the woods men were still hand falling trees with muscle, sweat and the old cross-cut saw.

The economics of the situation were poor. Worse still, the industry was having a very hard time attracting workers and began to stretch a listening ear to reports from California on the successful use of chain saws developed by Dow. Our people were impressed by a demonstration of the German Stihl at the Pacific Logging Congress, Eureka, California in 1936, and in 1938 a dealership for the Stihl was opened in Vancouver by Donald J. Smith Equipment Company.

At the same time, a number of

other North American models were tried by the B.C. industry and when World War II cut off supplies of the German saw, a plethora of manufacturers got into the act. The most successful was D.J. Smith's Industrial Engineering Limited (I.E.L.) which dominated the market throughout the war, a period which saw approximately 95% of the world's chain saws being manufactured in Vancouver.

BONE SHAKERS

Some of their saws have been variously described as "real bone shakers", "mechanical nightmares", etc. On the average they weighed 120 pounds and it is a matter of record that one forest company, Bloedel, Stewart and Welch, would only hire chain saw operators over 5' 10" tall and 175 pounds in weight.

Because of wartime shortages in this period, operators had to mix fish oil with the gasoline used to power their saws. Naturally, the sparkplugs were continually clogging and stopping the engines.

However, despite these and other irritations, it soon became apparent that an operator using

Once B.C. loggers had grasped the potential of the new device, the incentive was there to spur further development and it is safe to say that by 1939, the chain saw was on its way in. The cross-cut saw would soon become a thing of the past in our woods operations.

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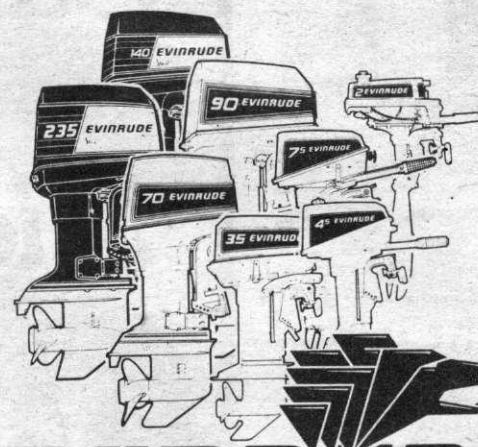
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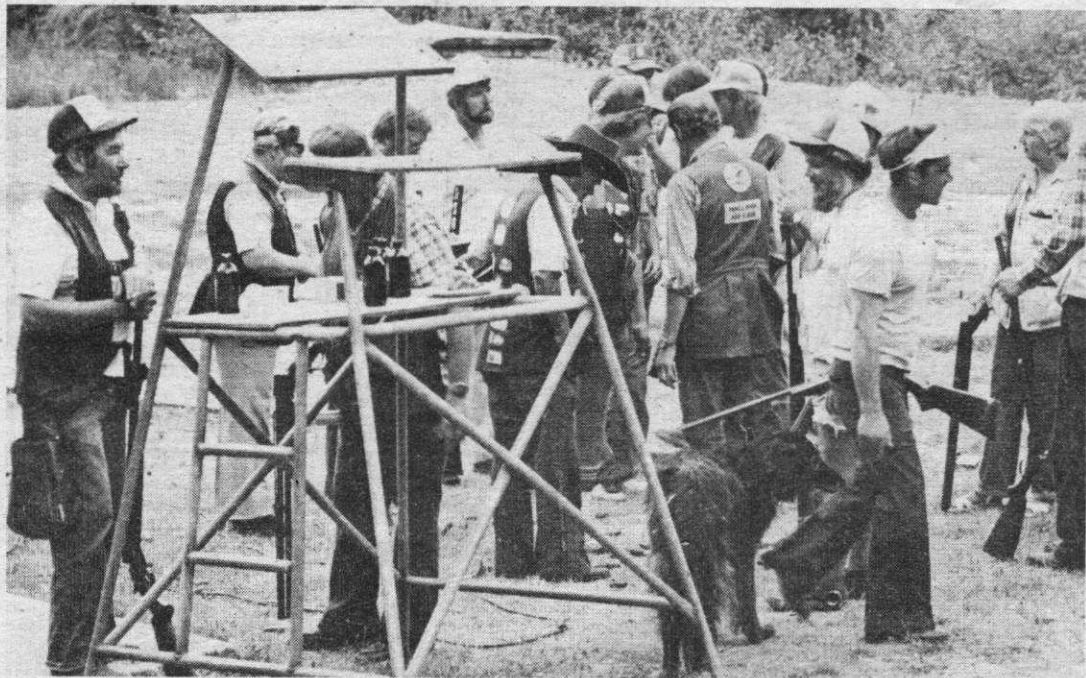
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Marksman at Rod and Gun Club shoot on Saturday are, from left, Dennis Howard, Fred Moulton, Bud Stager, Terry Slingsby and, taking aim, Frank Keoppel. All but Stager, who is from Powell River, are Salt Spring Islanders.



Local and off-island marksmen at shooting competition

"It was a wing-ding shoot," is how Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club spokesman Ellen Bennett described the club's Luau and shooting competition held last weekend.

The seventh annual Luau, held Saturday night at the clubhouse on Long Harbour Road, drew about 200 people.

In the Luau Handicap Shoot held the following day, about 43 took part, said Bennett, most of them from off-island clubs.

In the men's section, winner was Marvin Hack, believed to be from Penticton. Runner-up was All Ettinger of Nanaimo.

Karen Pike of Victoria was winner in the ladies' section while Ladysmith's Anne Waters was runner-up.

Winner of the junior section was Kent Willner.

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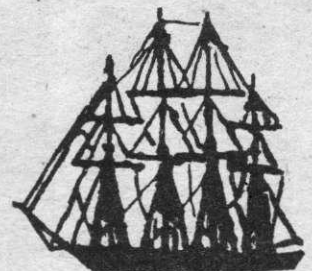
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The Ganges sewer: An historical review

From Page Two

Ramsey, Ruth Grant, Daisy Gear, Isabel Goodman, Bert Timbers and Dorothy Kyle. "We've done everything we can to get it on the road," commented director Heinekey. "It's now up to the people of the community." Total cost of the sewer: \$2.3 million and a unit charge of \$240 per year. The outfall is planned to run 4,200 feet into the harbour. Valcourt's protest inequitable charges against property in the projected area and charges are amended.

September: Ganges Hill residents strongly protest inclusion in sewer plan and charge they have been misled by petitioners. Hope slimming for governmental approval of the Coulthard system, says Heinekey.

October, 1977: Petition is accepted by regional district with 250 signatures from a total of 365 potential. "It is the end of a fantastic nine-year project," says Heinekey. Committee of Concerned Citizens challenges petition validity.

November: Dennis Young reports a 68% majority in the sewer petition and it is certified. Regional board agrees to suspend further activity on the sewer until the validity is settled. Yvette Valcourt emphasizes that she is not against the downtown area getting a sewer but it must be at their own cost. Phase two is phased out and only phase one is to be considered.

Yvette Valcourt asserts only 61% were in favour of sewers.

1978: Tim Stafford refutes his signature on the petition when Yvette Valcourt charges it is forged. Director Jim Bryce reports that between 75% and 80% of property owners in phase one

supported the sewer project. Pollution Control director William Venables issues his order to the regional district to proceed immediately with the installation of a sewer system in Ganges and region revokes November motion to suspend work on project.

February: Sewer cost to be \$2.45 million.

May, 1978: Charges of falsifying documents and imposing the will of outsiders on the islands are heard at public meeting in Ganges.

July, 1978: Contract for \$97,000 is awarded H.A. Simons (International) Ltd. for oceanographic, biological and environmental study of Ganges Harbour. Supplementary letters patent issued by Cabinet to Capital Region authorizing sewer function in Ganges. Phil and Yvette Valcourt announce appeal to Supreme Court against the legality of the order to install sewers in Ganges.

October: Mr. Justice Callaghan denies injunction against the region to stop work on the sewer on the grounds that the director of pollution control has the authority to take such measures as he sees fit.

February, 1979: Lady Minto Hospital and Gulf Islands School Board sound urgent call for sewer system.

March: 150 people hear report on the sewer system at regional board meeting in Ganges. Sewers to be operating by summer, 1981, using a bio-disc. Lady Minto Hospital faces acute disposal problems as two septic fields are malfunctioning. Greenwood's system seeping sewage on to the ground.

September: Permit issued for Ganges sewer with 1½ miles of outfall pipe.

October: Twelve appeal sewer permit.

November, 1979: About 350 attend hearing in Central Hall before Dr. C.J.G. MacKenzie as Pollution Control Board sits for 38 hours of presentations.

January, 1980: Region orders no new permits where sewage disposal is not possible.

February: Pollution Control Board revokes discharge permit and calls for extension of outfall by 2,000 metres.

March: Region estimates cost of extension to increase total cost from \$3,094,000 to \$4,017,000.

April: Region to proceed, with a target of spring, 1981.

May: Sewer Alternatives Committee protests Ganges sewer, and launches Supreme Court challenge to validity of order to install system.

November: Province amends regional letters patent to provide for additional cost of Ganges sewer.

December: Region approves sewer plan as province allocates final federal grant of \$800,000 to Ganges.

January, 1981: RCMP reports that allegations of impropriety in respect of the Ganges sewer petition do not merit any action.

April: Sewer Alternatives Committee wins as Judge John Gould rejects Venables' order for installation of sewers. Region asserts that sewer project is now based on amended letters patent and that Gould's decision will not affect the project. Director Valcourt protests, but finds no board support for motion to halt work on the project.

June: Director Valcourt withdraws from regional board meeting as board calls on province for special legislation to confirm its authority to proceed with the Ganges sewer project.

July: About 75 take part in demonstration in Victoria protesting the pending legislation to validate the sewer project. NDP spokesmen attack Hugh Curtis and Tom Toynbee in provincial legislature as Robert Skelly is ejected and the validating act is passed. Region lets tender for outfall to Tidewater Marine Contracting for \$1,508,475 over

the objections of director Valcourt. Sewer Alternatives Committee launches appeal against sewer on grounds that residents were not properly advised of an amendment to the

pollution permit. **August:** Judge Tom Berger rejects appeal against sewer order. Demonstrations continue in Ganges and contractor's barge is attacked and pipe burned.

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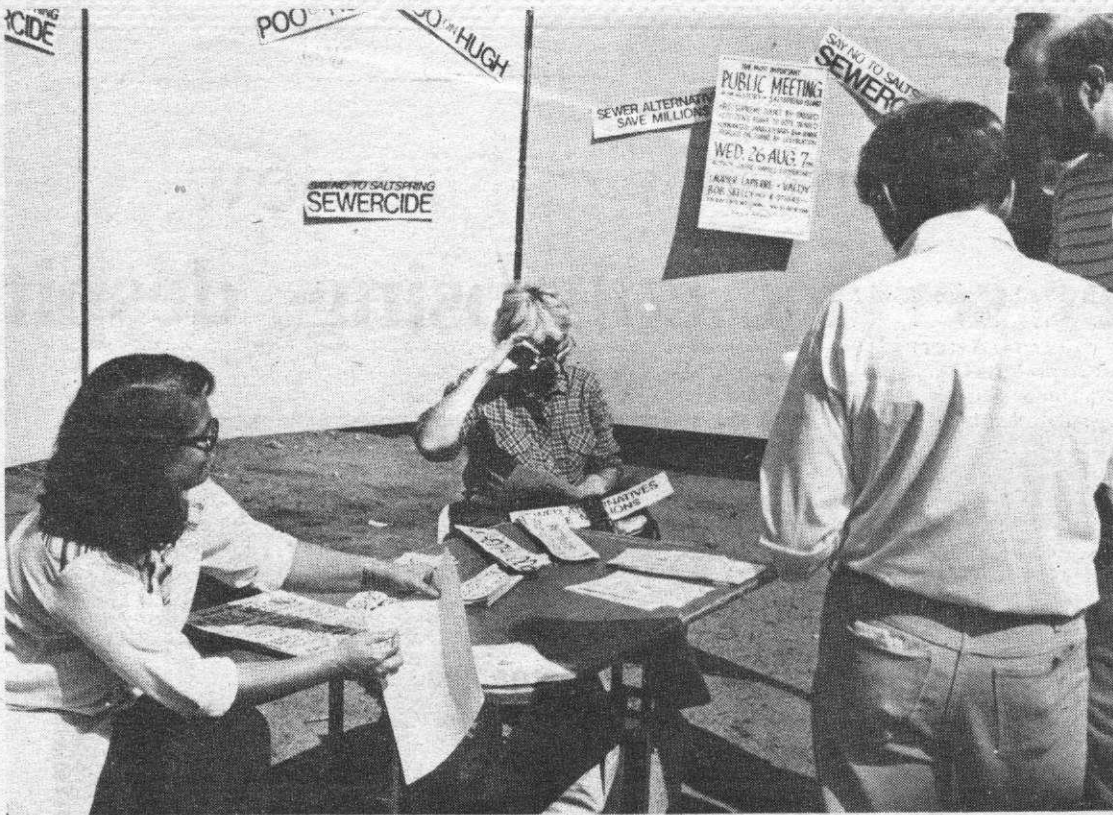
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Opponents stage "poo-rade"

The opposition to a Ganges sewer was out in strength on Saturday when a "poo-rade" of decorated vehicles went through Ganges urging support for the Sewer Alternatives Committee in its campaign against the project.

Cars and trucks drove through the community and drew attention to the protest meeting in the elementary school activity room at Ganges on Wednesday evening.

During the Farmers' Market activity the already familiar privy

on a trailer was maintained as well as the information booth in the market.

Two-foot waves

The Coast Guard unit in Ganges continued to monitor the swells thrown up by ferries in Active Pass last week.

With the gauge at the wharf in Miners Bay, the crew found that the *Queen of Vancouver*, a stretched and raised ferry, was the worst offender.

The *Vancouver* threw up waves of up to two feet at the wharf. The average wave from the vessel was about one foot.

The *Queen of Tsawwassen* and the *Oak Bay* also gave off high waves. The *Tsawwassen* has not been adjusted and the *Oak Bay* is one of the new ocean-class ferries.

The highest waves seemed to come at ebb tide when the ferries

were southbound. The waves took up to five minutes to hit the wharf.

The coast guard unit will return to Miners Bay to study the ferry wakes at low tide.

Grass fire extinguished

A grass fire on Vesuvius Bay Road last week indicated the hazard of open flames around dry grass and brush.

The Salt Spring volunteer fire fighters were called to deal with the grass fire, which started when flames escaped from an incinerator. No damage to property was reported.

The extreme hazard remains in effect but garbage burning is permitted if watched and controlled. Somewhat overcast skies and the threat of rain has eased the situation but fire chief Bob Leask is maintaining the extreme warning.

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Homemaker service collapsing despite

BY BASIL AND
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The homemaker service on Galiano is on the point of collapse. The number of ladies willing to undertake this work has declined to zero, and co-ordinator Jean Dunn is resigning in frustration. Application for help may still be made to the Peninsula Community Homemaker Service, but it hardly seems likely that they would send a home-help out from Sidney.

That there is a great demand for this service cannot be denied. Cases of urgent need spring immediately to mind. There are on Galiano many old and infirm people living alone, often without friends or relatives to provide assistance. There are couples where one of the partners is in need of constant attention, and the other can only obtain relief from intolerable strain by placing his spouse in hospital. The cost to the public of an acute care hospital bed exceeds the cost of providing homemaker service many times over.

OBVIOUS DILEMMA

The dilemma of the provincial government is obvious. The homemaker service instituted by the present administration was compassionate and prudent. Once the program was in place it soon became apparent that the need had been greatly under-estimated and insufficient funds allocated. Now, in a time of financial stringency, substantial cuts in funding have been made, making the program even more inadequate.

Rates of pay for local homemakers average about \$5 an hour, but for doing more or less the same house-cleaning work on a private basis a person can obtain 20 to 40% more. The charge to the recipient of the service is \$7.50 an hour, although a means test often reduces this considerably. It is not surprising, therefore, that a homemaker would prefer to work outside the government system for more money and less bureaucratic hassle.

SOME MAKE IT DIFFICULT

Some recipients of homemaker service make its operation more difficult. They can be very exacting and demanding, so there is insufficient incentive for the homemaker to accept the low wages. The minister of health has hinted that more of the burden of care for the aged should be assumed by relatives and volunteers.

A return to the "extended family concept" where the older

generation is cared for by the younger is required. Unfortunately for the government it would probably be politically unwise and practically impossible to legislate this solution to the problem.

Emergency Service

In this column last week the number to call for the Ambulance was wrongly reported. The number to call is 112-595-9911. Dr. Nolan's office hours are Wednesday afternoon, Friday after 3 pm, Saturday morning and alternate Mondays. He is not available on Tuesday or Thursday. He is on the island at weekends.

At other times, especially evenings, Dr. Hales at 2735 may be available to answer emergency calls. There are several retired doctors on the island who wish to remain that way. However, if a desperate emergency should come to their attention, they would doubtless render their professional assistance.

Uncle Archie's Birthday

Uncle Archie, oldest member of the large Georgeson clan, celebrated his 87th birthday with a party in Page Drive Lounge last Wednesday. Guests included fellow residents of the senior citizens housing complex where Archie now lives, and many of his relatives.

Plans for the social gathering had been started by Mary Harding, Archie's niece, but unfortunately she was taken to Lady Minto Hospital early in the week. Mrs. Ralph Stevens stepped into the breach and, helped by Leigh Stevens and Janice Wilson, prepared festive refreshments including a birthday cake ceremonially cut by the guest of honour.

Five generations of the Georgeson family were present from Uncle Archie himself to great-great-nephew Randy Wilson.

North End Gardens

Over 20 Galiano gardeners received encouragement and new ideas from a tour of north end gardens last Wednesday.



Uncle Archie celebrates his 87th birthday

Organized by the Garden Club, the tour began at Linda Laughlin's, where from a hill top is a spectacular view extending from Active Pass to Fernwood and the north shore of Salt Spring, with the islands of Trincomali Channel intervening.

Besides looking after a collection of house plants Linda is in the throes of putting in a patio, nurturing a new lawn and constructing a rock garden. The Laughlins are fortunate in having a plentiful water supply from their own lake.

The second garden visited was that of Elspeth King. Overlooking Trincomali Channel this garden is remarkable because Elspeth has made it herself. Less than five feet tall she has laid turf, moved rocks, poured cement, made pocket gardens in rock niches and has boxes and hanging baskets ablaze with flowers.

The third port of call was at the

home of the club's secretary, Tom Liddell and his wife, Peggy. Here a division of labour assigns the flowers to Peggy and the vegetables to Tom. Peggy, who is a wildflower expert, has created an elfin miniature kingdom by combining the rocks and mosses on site with wild plants, shrubs and little trees.

CREATED SOIL

Tom has literally created the soil for his raised beds which now are a

mass of greenery with scarlet runners 12 feet high. The Liddells have their decks festooned with pots and baskets of flowers and a standard ivy trained into a ball as if by a professional topiarist.

At president Aini Haksi's house, which also doubles as The Little Flower Shop on Porlier Pass Road, the visitors admired her greenhouse tomatoes and huge African marigolds. Aini had a fine show of white petunias and

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gladioli in her flower bed, with healthy looking corn and beans in the vegetable section.

Last of the gardens to be visited was the Ross's where the guests admired Alistair's flowering artichokes, his porch full of geraniums and the red combs and blue legs of his silky Chinese bantams. The by now tired tourists were revived by coffee, fresh blackberries with cream and currant scones baked by Dorothy Ross.

One of the south end members commented that the tour was particularly interesting because all the gardens visited were new ones in contrast to the more established gardens seen on the previous tour. May we have more of these horticultural exchanges.

Annelies and the Prince

Annelies Waldenmaier came to Galiano from her native Germany seven years ago to be near her father Bill Maier. She had worked in the theatre and in films and for some years had been a sales executive. Accustomed only to an urban existence her lifestyle changed completely when Annelies emigrated to Canada.

She lives in a small house on Burrill Road looking down over Sturdies Bay and the entrance to Active Pass. On the almost bare rock surrounding her cottage Annelies has built up beds of soil filled with flowers and shrubs, and for somebody with no previous gardening experience has quickly developed a green thumb. She has learned to split wood and cope with some of the problems that face a Gulf Island householder. She has also developed a keen interest in nature.

One of the first things she had made was a bird feeding station placed in full view of her living room window. With binoculars and bird book always at hand, she soon learned to recognize and delight in many species of local birds that came within her sight.

TAKEN BY A FROG

Since she retired from her job in a real estate office a few weeks ago, Annelies expected to have more time to relax and a patio chaise lounge on her sundeck was waiting to receive her reclining figure. Unfortunately for Annelies the space was pre-empted — by a frog.

The bright green little creature found a comfortable billet in the

fold between the horizontal and sloping section of the cushion, and so far has returned daily to the same place. Annelies, not wishing to disturb the tree frog, has given up her favourite chair.

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Birds Migrate

Two years ago in November Chris Bird came to Galiano to work at Sturdies Bay Service Station. Chris had been trained as a mechanic in the Canadian Armed Forces. He soon fitted into the life of the island, dispensing gas with a cheerful smile and delivering oil to many Galiano homes.

Chris was also active in other aspects of Galiano life, becoming vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce. He will also be remembered for a very notable performance as Bottom in scenes from *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Chris and his wife Sandy have two young children and possibly a third by the time this is read.

The Birds are moving to Ucluelet where Chris will work with his father in a wholesale food business. Their many friends on Galiano will wish them well in their new home and work.

Coming Events

Galiano's Harvest and Flower Show sponsored by the Senior Citizens Association is to be held in the South End Community Hall on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Those planning to enter exhibits should have obtained a show catalogue and be preparing their entries which should be taken to the hall on the previous evening.

Over the summer months the Art Group has met each Monday afternoon at outdoor rendezvous. Future meeting places where easels will be set up include Salishan, under the trees at Ross's and the hill top panorama from Linda Laughlin's. When the weather becomes inclement, meetings will be held in the community halls alternating between the north and the south.

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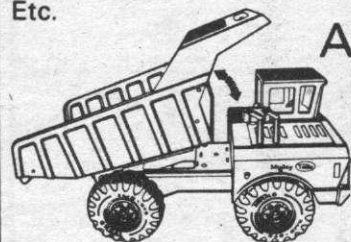
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Here we are, at the end of August, with nothing much else to do except harvest, start a few fall vegies and generally just sort of putter around.

It seems to me that there are two types of gardeners, the growers and the harvesters. Myself, I am a grower; harvesting is not my bag, my wife is much better at it.

So, at this time of year, I get itchy fingers; I am looking around for something to grow, but what? Well, if in doubt, I can always grow a geranium.

The sight and smell of geraniums is one of my earliest childhood memories. My grandmother grew them in great profusion. There were geraniums everywhere and her whole house was pervaded with the earthy smell of them. She is my very favourite grandmother, and perhaps that is the reason I like geraniums so much.

However, I assure you, you do not have to have a geranium growing, favourite grandmother to appreciate them. Geraniums are the centre-piece of almost all hanging baskets and rightly so.

GROW FROM CUTTINGS

If you have any geraniums now, it is very easy to grow some from cuttings for next year. Or you can start some from seed. Both ways are rather easy and assure you of exactly the right kind of geranium you love best.

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

Cuttings taken now make the best plants for next year. You can take cuttings later, just before frost, when the outdoor plants are lifted and brought indoors for the winter, as well.

To take cuttings, take a healthy shoot, cut it off just below the third or fourth joint from the top, remove all leaves except the top two and remove also the little leaflets at the base of the leaf stalks. Also remove all flower buds.

Let the shoots dry out for a few hours to let a corky sort of skin form over the fresh cut. This prevents rotting. Insert these shoots into sandy soil in your propagation box or in a pot and cover with a glass jar to preserve moisture. Keep the whole thing moderately moist at all times. Ventilate your arrangement from time to time to prevent excessive humidity.

TRANSPLANT

After the shoots have formed roots about two inches in

diameter, transplant to four-inch pots. You can grow these indoors for winter blossoms, or keep them in an unheated, frostfree greenhouse over the winter for next year's blossoms; or both.

Plants dug up just before frost are cut back to three or four buds per shoot. Also trim back all long roots. These then can be planted close together in a flat or in pots and overwintered in cool, frost-free areas. Mine survived last winter in our unheated plastic greenhouse. Water sparingly, just keep them barely moist; otherwise new growth will appear which could be damaged by light frost. When new growth starts in early spring, pinch out the tips of the main shoots to make bushy plants.

Raising geraniums from seed is almost as easy. Dominion Seed House (Georgetown, Ontario) offers a large variety of seeds, both in individual and mixed colours.

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So if you want lots of geraniums, take into account that there are only 15 seeds in the packet.

You can start seeds anytime, and under ideal conditions, first

blossoms may appear around 100 days from seeding. Seeds should be soaked in water for 24 hours to speed germination. Plant in moist soil at 70 degrees soil temperature. Transplant to four-inch pots when the first two leaves have appeared. Jiffy pots are good as the whole thing can be planted out later. But watch your moisture as jiffy or peat pots tend to dry out easily. Provide liquid fertilizer at regular intervals.

Ideal growing conditions for geraniums are as follows: 70 degrees soil temperature from germination to transplanting, 60 degree air temperature thereafter, to be reduced to 45 degrees two weeks before planting out.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT

Provide gro-lux or cool-white artificial light after darkness for a 24-hour lighting period after the first two leaves have fully developed. If things are going too fast reduce air temperature to 45 degrees (F). Lights should be about 15 inches above the plants.

We grew ours in our unheated greenhouse and without lights; it just took longer. (Quite a bit longer, really).

Indoors, geraniums are lovely windowsill plants: they love lots of light and do not seem to suffer at all from the rather large temperature variations commonly encountered behind a south-facing window pane. East and west

window exposures are equally satisfactory. The most important item is constant moisture, which will be rewarded by thriving, freely blooming plants. This holds true for both indoors and outdoors.

Well, who knows, maybe you or I will become someone's favourite grandmother, who is fondly remembered for her love and her geraniums.

Poet's Corner

Meals-on-wings

What does the tunnel web spider do

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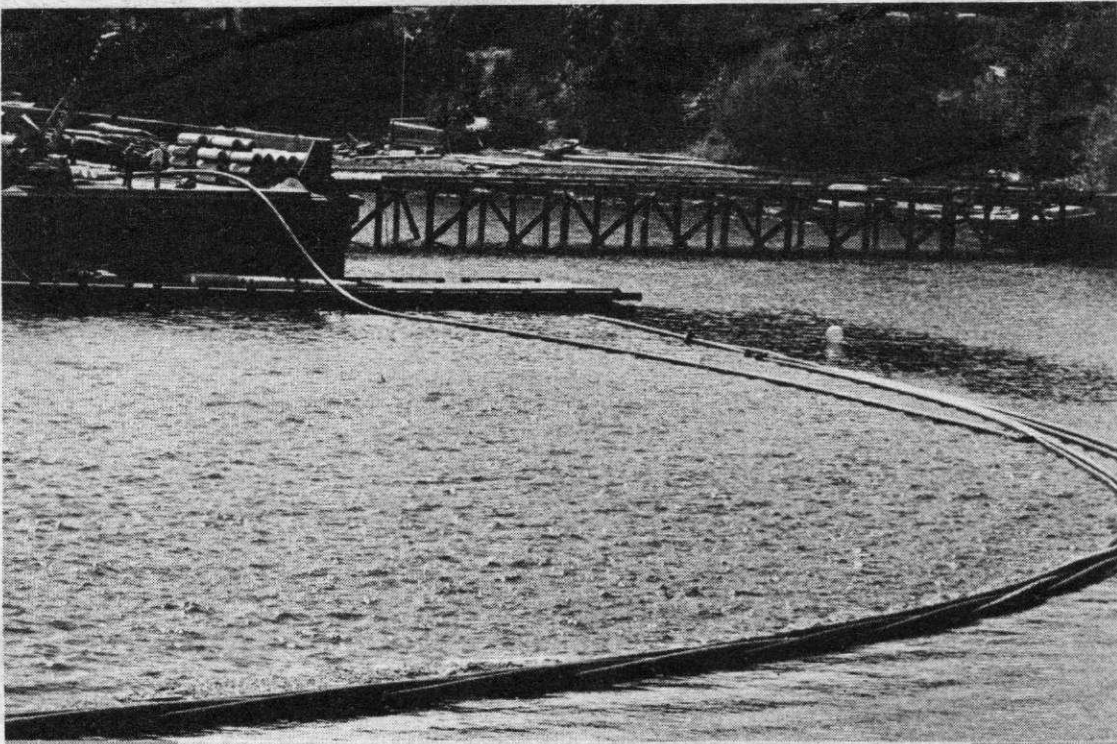
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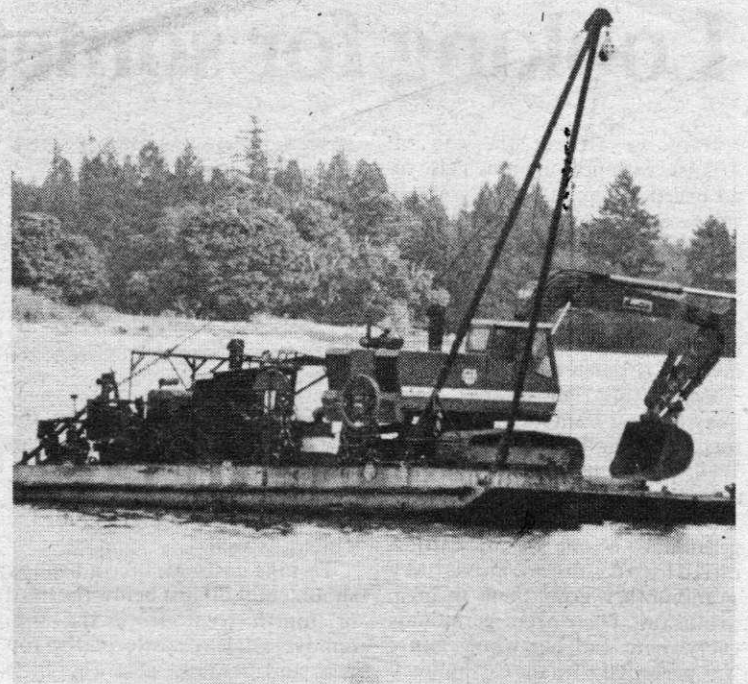
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Work had already begun (left) when barge was set afire at Welbury Bay last week. Outfall pipe already pieced together is seen



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Bradley and Mary Lou Bompas are seen following their marriage in Ganges United Church August 15. Bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Kobierski of Sidney

and groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bompas, also of Sidney. Rev. Al Skinner officiated at the wedding ceremony. Reception was held at Fulford Hall.

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These are the facts:

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- Treatment of sewage in the Ganges plant will be the most sophisticated to be found in British Columbia. It will include a comminuter, to chop up the effluent, settling tanks, bio-disc and ultra-violet rays. The effluent will be of better quality than many water sources used all over this continent. It is a \$4 million sewer and \$2 million of that goes to the provision of treatment and the long outfall
- There will be no more water introduced into the system than is presently being flushed into the ground, or into the creek or into the harbour. Water is the enemy of a sewage plant. The less water the better
- Growth in the Ganges area is governed by the Community Plan, which we islanders developed and approved in the full expectation of a Ganges sewer system
- The sewer will enable Lady Minto Hospital to operate to its full potential without constant disposal problems
- The sewer opens the door to cleaning up the septic tank systems of Greenwoods and the school complex at Ganges
- The filthy conditions at the head of the harbour will be cleaned up by the installation of the sewer
- The property owners of Ganges have already voted in favour of the Ganges sewer project, when the Phase One area offered a 75% support for it. The 1977 petition which was circulated is still a legal document
- There is a clear legal authority to install the sewer system and it must be recognized by all who believe in the parliamentary system and the rule of law

A public debate on these points would be welcome. We are prepared to meet the Sewer Alternatives Committee at any time for such a debate.

The responsible citizens of Salt Spring Island.



Peter Selby sings to Freda Hanson as Pender musicians entertained fairgoers.

Nep Grimmer opens

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Pender Island's annual Fall Fair was held Saturday at the School-Community Centre.

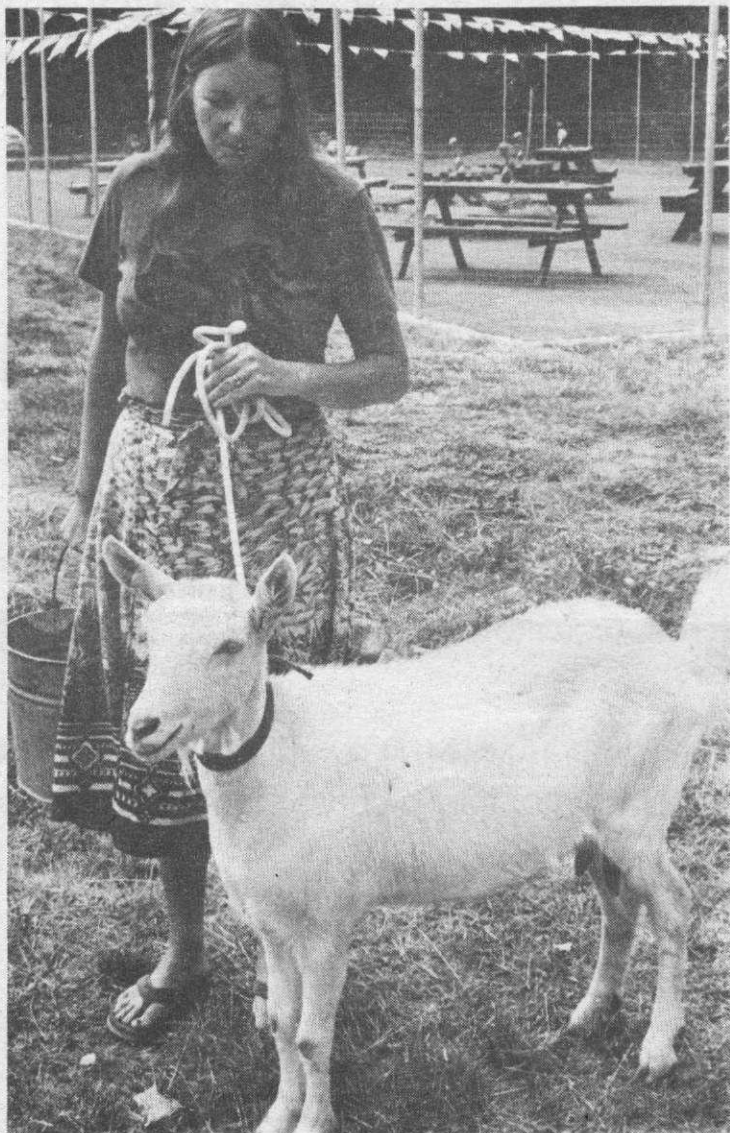
At 1:30 Peter Campbell, chairman, spoke to the crowd assembled outside the entrance, saying that this is the 49th anniversary of the fair. Although the program stated that Mayor Mike Harcourt of Vancouver would open it, he was unable to do so as opening day of the PNE happened to coincide. Nep Grimmer, one of Pender Island's oldest and most respected citizens,

had agreed to take his place.

Campbell said that Nep Grimmer has been a formidable competitor over the years of the fair's history but since he is retiring this year from competition, he had a special award to present to him.

Campbell then presented and Mrs. Grimmer with a watercolour picture of his home, Ann-Henshaw of South Pender, recognition of his nearly 50 years of service and competition.

Grimmer then opened the fair by saying that he had always loved working for the fair.



Judy Taylor brought Nancy the goat.



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loved competing in it, and felt it a duty to work and compete over the past years. He was disappointed Mayor Harcourt was not present to open it, but was happy to take his place as Mayor Grimmer of the Penders, and to open this year's fair.

There were 999 tickets sold. It proved to be the biggest attendance ever, with everything running smoothly. Peter Campbell and his committee did an outstanding organizational job.

Some new features were added this year, such as the decorated bicycle with about eight entries

showing imagination and a lot of work. The horseshoe games were new and attracted quite a number of participants. This year the Lion's Club operated a beer garden very efficiently on what is to be the new tennis courts.

About 350 guests enjoyed tea served by the Women's Institute. The talent show, a new innovation this year, was popular with Pender Island's local talent performing.

Entries were up by over 100 this year. The Pender Islands' Fall Fair is sponsored by the Women's Institute and the Farmer's Institute and Garden Club.



Peter Campbell, fair chairman, right, opens the fair and prepares to honour long-time competitor Nep Grimmer and his wife.



Children mount for entrants in the decorated-bicycle contest.



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Golf championships played at Galiano club



Men's handicap champion Dr. Harvey Armitage.



Winner of the men's championship was Harold Keenleyside, left, while runner-up was Peter Darling, right.

Galiano Junior Golf Championship was played on Thursday and the winner of the Beechwood Trophy was Doug Donaldson with a gross 41 for nine holes. The Lockwood Cup was won by Greg Hartley, with gross 37 and the prizes were presented by the president, Al Lantinga.

The Golf Club's Men's Championship is played during August. Semi-finalists were Reg

Cornwell, Don Anderson, Harold Keenleyside and Peter Darling. On Saturday the final of 18 holes was played between Peter Darling and Harold Keenleyside with the latter emerging the winner.

The following day, Sunday the 23rd, the Men's Handicap final of 36 holes was played and Harvey Armitage and Frank Sarson were tied at the conclusion. These two played a further 18 holes resulting in a win for Dr. Armitage.



Junior golf championships saw Greg Hartley, at left, win the Lockwood Cup and Doug Donaldson, right, the Beechwood Trophy. In centre is Golf Club president Al Lantinga.

Golfing

with Pat Doherty

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, there were 16 ladies of the nine-hole section playing in the very hot weather. The hidden hole prize went to Jo Stone, while Joane Millner was awarded the closest to the pin prize on No. 11, which was the second hole that day.

The Connie Porter trophy for chip-ins will not get time to gather dust this week as no less than three accurate ladies laid claim to the trophy. They were Kathy Darling on No. 1, Mary Clements on No. 3 and Dorothea Crofton on No. 9.

In the ladies' 18-hole division, there was a large turnout for the first day of a two-day eclectic. Mona Coulter was the first day winner touring the course with a sizzling net 61, while Irene Hawksworth took runner-up spot with net 66. The putt pot was shared by Irene and Dorothy Sneddon, each taking 26 putts.

On Thursday our ladies were host to Glen Meadows and came out on the wrong side of a 28 to 20 result. Overall our ladies' teams have done very well this year, and deserve all the praise they get. Ada Woodley is turning out to be the trick player of the ladies' section. While playing for the team on Thursday Ada found her drive on No. 7 lodged in a small tree on the right of the fairway. After electing to play the ball as it lay, she finished out the hole with a birdie 4. Well done, Ada.

All those who play from the other side of the ball are reminded that the Dods Trophy for left-handers goes on Friday. This is a nine-hole medal event.

In the men's section the playoffs for the Parsons Cup continue. The writer lost his "Sandbagger of the Year" title to a new member who shall remain nameless. Sufficient to say this colourful character carries a shooting stick, and wears his sunglasses on the back of his head, so that you are never sure whether he's coming or going.

Congratulations, Ralph baby.

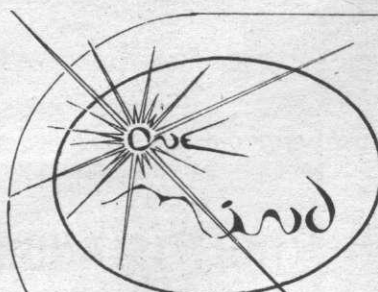
The ladies ran a very successful Flea Market on Saturday and Shirley Parsons wishes to thank all those who donated items together with all her helpers. The raffle winners were Helen Shandro, Raggedy Ann doll; Bob Welliver, lady's hair set; Libby Noble, men's haircut; Bill Mills, fryer; Bruce Kelly, napkin holder; L. Cornish, Crown Royal. All who helped are to be congratulated. When Shirley counted up the proceeds, she had \$1,529.65. Tremendous!

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