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REFERENDUM - AUG. 3rd.

The referendum concerning the auditorium-gymnasium-science room will be placed before the eligible voters on Friday, Aug. 3rd. This date was set by the School Board at their regular monthly meeting held last Tuesday evening.

The proposed auditorium-gymnasium and the science room will cost \$162,350, payable over 20 years. The cost to the taxpayer will be less than one mill per year.

Voting will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on that date. Mrs. Roma Sturdy, Secretary - Treasurer of the School District, has been appointed Returning Officer. Eight deputy returning officers will be appointed to assist.

Proponents of the referendum stated that a pupil enrollment that has doubled since 1941 makes the new auditorium-gymnasium-science room imperative for a better education.

Many visiting yachtsmen have been heard to say that they would love to live in the Gulf Islands if there was a way to make a living; a living that would not interfere too much with their pleasure. Here are a few suggestions:

Take out a barber's license, put a barbering chair in the cockpit of their boat and cruise the isolated islands, cutting hair. Cruise slowly, of course, with the fish line out. Stop at a small settlement, cut hair, sell fish and save the hair, to stuff pillows, etc. and sell those to the tourists.

A semi-retired dentist could install dental equipment in his boat and without half trying make a fortune out of the millions of bad teeth that must lurk in every little cove up and down this cruising area.

A shoe-repairing boat, stopping in far-away places whenever the owner got tired of fishing or cruising, would be greeted with (Cont'd to Page 5)

In an effort to clear up some of the mumbo-jumbo and confusing fiscal utterances by the B.C. Government, the School Trustees of this district has pointed out, in a letter to the Minister of Education, the Hon. L. Peterson, some pretty lucid facts that should give the taxpayers of this district a clearer understanding of how the government, and only the government, sets the policies that cause our taxes to be raised.

This letter, is in answer to one from the minister which the School Trustees assert does not answer their protest of, "the consistent tendency of the Government to reduce the government's contribution to the cost of education in this school district, both in amount and percentage, over the last five years".

The letter from the School Board reads: "Honourable Sir: In reply to your letter purporting to explain the school tax situation in District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) and containing what could be inference of extravagance on the part of the School Board, let me make it plain to you and the taxpayers that as a School Board we do not have control of the situation.

We have no powers with regard to the assessment of the area. Your government alone sets this and so inflates or deflates the production of a mill.

We have no powers in setting the Equalization rate, but your Government has, and may manipulate this for whatever reasons you as a Government think right.

We have no powers in setting what you describe as the Basic Education Cost which in no case meets the actual cost.

By exerting these three basic authorities you have placed the Gulf Islands School District in the position of actually paying 78% of the Basic Education Cost and receiving from the Provincial Government only 22% or 18 1/2% of the total budget. Another increase of assessment by a little over one-fifth of the taxable value will obliterate "Government Grant" entirely.

That we have not practiced extravagance is shown by your own figures. If the average school district exists and if the word "average" is at all pertinent to the matter, we could in no way be classed as average. The average school district as you explained must already tax two mills over the Equalization to meet costs. By our very geographical make-up we are probably the most "un-average" school district in the Province.

With five separate schools all divided by water, we naturally have: a higher teacher-pupil ratio; a higher transportation and boarding allowance; a higher buildings and grounds upkeep (Cont'd to Page 2)

FULFORD HARBOUR TIDE TABLES

Time: Pacific Standard Time

July	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.
12	0727	3.7	1524	8.3	1820	8.1		
13	0007	10.3	0758	2.9	1612	9.0	1934	8.6
14	0039	10.3	0832	2.2	1652	9.7	2038	8.9
15	0116	10.3	0909	1.4	1726	10.3	2136	9.1
16	0157	10.4	0949	0.9	1802	10.7	2229	9.1
17	0243	10.3	1030	0.5	1838	11.0	2321	8.9
18	0333	10.2	1112	0.4	1913	11.2		
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**LOCAL GOLF CLUB LEADS IN INTER-ISLAND
TOURNAMENT.**

The first round matches for the Inter-Island trophy were played on the S.S.I. golf course last Sunday with S.S.I. winning 13 points. Pender Island picked up 6 points while Galiano island received only 4 points. The advantage of playing on the home course undoubtedly helped S.S.I.

Mark Crofton, Inky Humphreys, Sam Hughes, Nels Degnen, and Archie McCowan picked up two points each while Fred Morris, and Doug Cavaye won one point for their team. Ed. Richardson, who played a tie match with B. Beech of Galiano was also awarded one point, as was Mr. Beech. Young Breahon Denroche of Galiano and Elmer Bowerman of Pender won two points and A. Crawford, D. Grimmer, Bob Mollison and N. Amies of Pender won single points. Peter Denroche was the other point winner for Galiano.

The next round of the match will be played at Pender Island on July 22nd, and the third round will be played at Galiano on July 29th.

GANGES NEWS.

Mrs. Geo. St. Denis returned home on Sunday after spending a week in North & West Vancouver visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Denis St. Denis and Mr. & Mrs. A.J. MacDonald. Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hackney of Victoria are spending three weeks at the Harbour House Hotel. Mr. Hackney is substituting as the bank manager of the local bank while Mr. & Mrs. Lorne Earle & family are vacationing in the Interior.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Green, & children of Kitimat and former residents of S.S.I. are vacationing here. Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bennett of London, England, the latter a niece of Mrs. A.W. Barber, and Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Quanties of California visited the Barbers last week. The Bennetts, who flew to N.Y.C. and drove to Calif. before coming to S.S.I., and had great difficulty in locating Mrs. Barber due to a name mix-up. Some good sleuthing by one of our telephone operators succeeded in bringing the aunt and niece together.

TAXES (Cont'd from Page 1) expense; a higher sports equipment cost; a higher library and teaching supply cost; a higher principal allowance cost; and partly because of our desirable climate, a higher percentage of teachers at the top of their scale and others.

That we do meet all these and any extra costs evolving from our desire to keep the standard of education in this district competing with surrounding areas of Nanaimo, Duncan, Victoria and Vancouver and do it for only three mills above the provincial average is greatly to our credit!

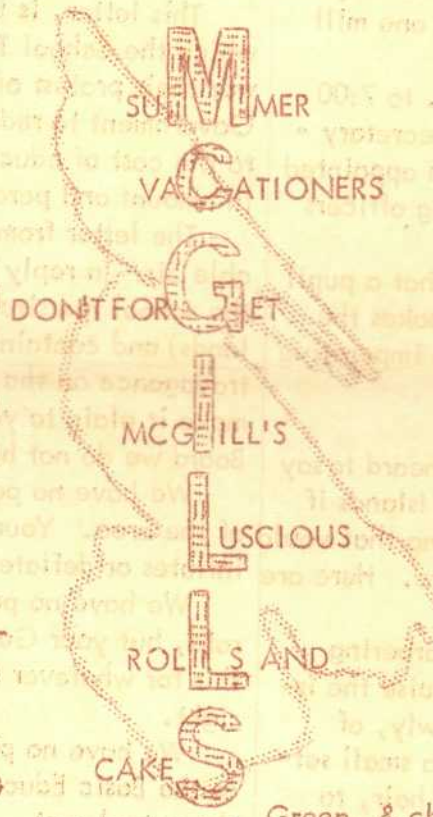
These three mills are directly comparable to the rural allowance of three mills that was in effect until removed by the present government.

And even these same three mills would be unnecessary if we received fifty percent of your Basic Education Cost.

Your restraint in refraining from answering the protest contained in our letter is puzzling, i.e., protesting most strongly the consistent tendency of the Government to reduce the government's contribution to the cost of education in this School District, both in amount and percentage over the last five years.

We know it was not your intention to disparage this Board. At a time when we have a large Referendum to place before our taxpayers for a capital expense of \$162,350.00, or a further four-fifths of a mill on the capital portion of taxes, your letter will undoubtedly make it more difficult to convince the District of this need.

We do earnestly place before you a request for further consideration of our unique position, for regardless of what you may have heard, we are not a wealthy population. And some relief from the adverse results of your assessment and equalization policies would be welcomed. (Signed) G.S. Humphreys, Chairman.



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The christening of Howard George, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Horel was held on Sunday, July 8th, at St. George's Church with Archdeacon G.H. Holmes officiating. The child's grandparents are Mrs. W. Howard and Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Horel and Great-Grandmother, Mrs. W. Watmough. The Godparents are Miss Joan Bidwell and Mr. Larry Horel.

MEMO TO SALT SPRING HOUSEWIVES.

When cleaning out the guest room for the summer visitors don't throw anything away - remember our Hospital Bargain Sale in September, we take clothing, household furnishings, jewellery, and white elephants. Phone 224 or 57-G for pick-up service or leave the articles at the Hospital. Anyone donating Hats could we have them in by the end of July please?

HOSPITAL NEWS. 44 Patients were under care during the month of June, of this number 4 were from Fulford, 5 from Mayne, 5 from Pender, 1 from Saturna, 1 from Galiano and 1 from Victoria. Two babies were born during the month. Patient Days for Adults and Children for the month were 330 and Newborn 12. 2 Major and 32 Minor Operations were performed, 73 films were examined, 14 Electrocardiograms, 8 Blood Transfusions and one Fluoroscope were carried out. Flowers from St. George's Church and a pair of Crutches from Mr. Wolfe-Milner

are gratefully acknowledged.

DOG TRIALS. A most successful Dog Obedience Trial was held on Saturday, June 30th at Mahon Hall with Mr. D.B. Hudson of Victoria as judge.

Entries came from all Vancouver Island points. Mrs. V. Salliss of Isabella Pt. with Prancer, a young Sheltie, turned in the top score of the S.S.I. entries with 191 out of a possible 200 points taking the Willingdon Farm and the Companion Dog Trophies. 15 year old, Miss R. Mayhew of Victoria with Sami, a poodle, worked as a most happy team winning the coveted Fernwood Farms Jr. Trophy and the award for highest out-of-town dog in the Novice Class.

A most pleasant day was spend with visiting members and plans were made for a future garden party.

The O.A.P.O. met at the United Church Hall on Thursday, July 5th, 1960 to enjoy their annual Picnic. Due to the inclement weather, the trip to St. Mary's Lake had to be cancelled.

Lunch was served at 12:30 p.m. and an afternoon of fun and games followed. Mrs. M. Till was the winner of "The Leg Show", and Mrs. Jeanne Prochar won the "Hop and Jump". Mr. Frank Haywood kindly supplied the music which was an effort seeing he had supplied the Victoria Branch 5 with an afternoon of music on the day before.

There are two reasons for the proverbial persistence of anglers. The first is that the fish are biting; the second is that they are not. Either is a sufficient justification for fishing a little longer.

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ROAD REPAIRS (Cont'd from Page 4) will long be remembered for this worthy deed! The road trucks and machinery came from Duncan, and the black surfacing mixture comes from Burnaby, and it arrives hot, as it is poured into a insulated tank at boiling point, and is still very hot when it reaches Salt Spring Island. And if it cools too much when it is piped into the distributing monster, they can beat that too; they can turn on a heating element which does the trick. And there you have it - the hottest news that has come from the Isabella Point area yet! (In 1897, there was a wagon road made through as far as Dromore (the writer's home) further on down Isabella road, there was a foot path or cattle trail, used by the first settlers down the Point. Progression regarding the road has been slow, so this sudden luxury, with a road that is second cousin to a highway, is enough to bring excitement into any district.)

That Salt Spring Islanders are Canadians because of Kaiser Wilhelm. He located the border, during arbitration, between the Canadian and American islands, following the "Pig War" in the San Juans.

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OCCUPATIONS (Cont'd from Page 1) enthusiasm by poorly shod natives with money in their hands,

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FERNWOOD NEWS by Doris DeLong. On Dominion Day, July 1, a filly was born to Sky and Buttons at the ranch of the L. Loiselle's. One week later on July 8th at the King's Daughter's Hospital in Duncan, their first grandchild (a girl) arrived. The proud parents are Jim and Loree Loiselle of Duncan. Mrs. John Evon, of Vancouver, is spending a week's holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. DeLong.

The Lions Club roller skating of last Saturday at Fulford Hall was an outstanding success with nearly 100 people joining in the fun. This popular pastime and wholesome recreation for our younger set will be continued every Saturday throughout the summer. The afternoon session, primarily for the 12 - year old and under, is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The evening session is from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Admission is 50¢, including skates. The 12 and unders are admitted to the afternoon session for only 25¢.

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COMING EVENTS

- FRI. JULY 13 - Strawberry Tea & Garden Party - United Church Manse - Starting at 2:30 p.m.
- SAT. JULY 14 - Clambake, Welbury Point - 9:30 p.m.
- Smorgasboard - Solimar Resort - 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- SUN. JULY 15 - Smorgasboard - Solimar Resort - 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- SAT. JULY 14 - Roller skating - Fulford Hall - 2-4 p.m. & 8 - 10:30 p.m.

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 St. George's - Holy Communion - 8:30 a.m., Evensong - 7:30 p.m.
 St. Mary's - Evensong - 2:30 p.m.
UNITED: Ganges - 11:00 a.m.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP -
 Mahon Hall - 11:00 a.m.
JEHOVAH WITNESSES: Mahon Hall - 2:00 p.m.
BIBLE CHAPEL: Sunday School - 10:30, Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.
ROMAN CATHOLIC: Our Lady of Grace, Holy Mass, 10:45 a.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR. "Dear Sir: I was interested in reading the letter, signed Ex-High School Teacher appearing in the June 28th issue of Driftwood. And was particularly enthralled at his glowing account of his own educational achievements, that he taught the sciences even to Grade 13 students and in a twenty-one room senior high school. He deserves the highest acclaim.

I also noted his remarks about a Mr. Bourdillon, his doubts as to whether Mr. Bourdillon has ever taught and the inference that perhaps Mr. Bourdillon is not academically fit to discuss the sciences with such an exalted person as an ex-excellent high school teacher.

If by Mr. Bourdillon, he is referring to Dr. R.B. Bourdillon, I submit a partial list of Dr. Bourdillon's academic pedigree and achievements, in order that Ex-High School Teacher may decide whether or not Dr. Bourdillon is qualified to enter into a verbal argument with him in the columns of Driftwood: Received his B.A., M.A., B.M.B.Ch. and Doctor of Medicine at Oxford University; Lecturer in chemistry at Balliol College, Oxford; Instructor in undergraduate chemistry at several colleges at Oxford; Examined students at Oxford University in the sciences; Fellow in Chemistry, University College, Oxford; Member of the governing body, University College, Oxford; Dean of University College, Oxford; Member of the scientific staff for medical research in Great Britain; Director of an electromedical research unit in Great Britain; Has written a great many papers and reports on scientific projects such as: bombsights, bombs, aircraft performance, isolation and properties of calciford, methods of defence against flamethrowers and he designed the closed circuit oxygen units used in the successful Mount Everest expedition undertaken by Sir Edmund Hillary.

In addition to the above, Dr. Bourdillon received the Air Force Cross and Military Cross in the first World War and the honour of Commander of British Empire was bestowed upon him during the Second World War. (Signed) C.W. Harrison."

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-Ad.

Gluttons for punishment, the Royal Canadian Navy boys of the H.M.C.S. Stettler have asked for a re-match with the Salt Spring Island Girl's soccer team. Highly mortified by the drubbing the girls gave them last year, the Navy wants revenge. The game will be played tonight, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the School grounds. Running shoes only, girls. The boys remember the painful shin-kicking of last year's game.

BABY NEWS. Born to Mr. & Mrs. (nee Joan McDonald) Denis St. Denis, of North Vancouver, a boy on June 29th, in Lion's Gate Hospital, No. Vancouver. Weight 8 lb. 5 oz. and named Anthony Robert. A grandson for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. St. Denis of St. Mary's Lake and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. McDonald of West Vancouver and former residents of S.S.I.

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A wonderful day was enjoyed by all with many winning prizes.

INDIAN WAR CANOE RACES TO BE HELD ON S.S.I. Final plans to hold the famous Indian War Canoe races on Salt Spring Island on Aug. 11th., were made last Sunday when Chief Edwin Underwood and 4 other members of the tribe visited the site of the races, the lake at Lake-ridge Summer Camp (The old Bullock estate).

The day's entertainment, a rare treat for residents and visitors will feature, besides the races, exhibitions and Indian dances, plus other events to be announced later. The races will be between four of the 11-man, 52 ft. colorful war canoes.

- Mrs. G.A. Philion and sons, Eugene and David, of Dawson Creek are holidaying with Mrs. Philion's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Carlin of Ganges, while Mr. Philion attends summer sessions at Victoria University.

With Ted Akerman pitching both games and Tom McIntyre hitting a home run, the Salt Spring Salties softball team won both ends of a double-header against the Duncan Legion at the local ball park last Sunday.

Another double header will be played this coming Sunday at the local ball field against Westholm.

The first game is to start at 12:30 p.m.

The No. S.S.I. Waterworks crew is busily installing new 4-inch water line up McPhillips Avenue in Ganges, replacing the old inadequate pipe.

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Our Lady of Grace Church has just concluded their annual week of catechetical summer school under the direction of Rev. Father W. Mudge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Spencer.

The successful week of summer school was attended by 34 children with 5 Div. There were 5 teachers teaching, all members of the C.W.L. At the conclusion of the school prizes were awarded by Father Mudge to the following children: For general achievement, Darlene Marcotte, Cheryl Horel, Cathy Akerman, Grant Marcotte, Stephen Alexander, Ginny Horel, Marcelle Marcotte, Mike Wallace, Wayne Taylor, Mike Spencer, Danny Taylor, Lorne Roland, Paddy Akerman, Paddy Taylor, Ricky Kitchen, Darleen Byron - Citizenship.

Mrs. Spencer was presented with a bouquet of red roses by Marcelle Marcotte on behalf of all the children in appreciation for her co-operation.

A picnic was held at Beddis beach after Mass for the children, provided by the members of the

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