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## NO FIGURES YET

### Sewer plan critics

— Ganges Hill

While a number of property owners in the area of Ganges Hill have expressed strong protest against the inclusion of their homes in the projected Ganges sewer area, the regional director is confident the vote will be strongly in favour.

Director George Heinekey told Driftwood on Wednesday that the final count will be made next week as still more replies are coming in by mail.

"It looks like it's going to be pretty positive," he said.

The percentage in favour now stands at better than 65%, said Heinekey and by next week he is confident that it will exceed 66 2/3%.

Earlier report that a simple majority is required has been corrected. The regional director explained that in the case of a plebiscite a 51% majority will carry the project. In the case of a petition, a two-thirds majority is needed.

Capital Regional District chose the petition instead of a plebiscite because the petition is addressed to the owners of property and a plebiscite is decided by residents, irrespective of property ownership. In the case of a secret ballot, tenants would have the vote, rather than owners.

#### NOT NEEDED

Residents of the area at the southern end of the projected area have protested that a sewer system is not needed in the residential section of the community and that they are being asked to support it in order to assist the owners of commercial property in Ganges.

Director Heinekey reports that he has heard from a number of property owners, and that after a detailed explanation of the circumstances, most have accepted the need.

The region will take the final count next week and then pass the results of the petition on to the minister of municipal affairs, Hugh Curtis, who is also member of the legislature for the Islands.

The minister will then decide whether to authorize the project.

## Two top teams at week end



Salt Spring Cablevision softball team, above, won the playoff championship when they defeated Kitchen Falling Contractors 14-2. Fulford Salties, below, took the Labour Day Championship when they beat Cablevision by a score of 9-5.



### No fare decision yet made

A decision has not yet been reached on the reinstatement of inter-island fares on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen ferry.

Fares for inter-island traffic were discontinued some time ago but the ferry corporation has been considering bringing fares in again.

The matter has yet to come up at a meeting of the corporation's board of directors.

### MOVIES GO TO FULFORD HALL AS ONLY PERMITTED LOCATION

The cinema is returning to Salt Spring Island but a change has been made in the location at which films are to be shown.

Steve Phillips, of Victoria, is staging the weekly movies and had originally intended to use Mahon Hall on Sunday evenings. A ruling from the fire department, however, has resulted in a change of plans.

The movies will be shown at Fulford Hall, time will remain the

same: two showings Sunday evenings at 5 pm and 8 pm.

Fire Chief Kelly Hanke said last week that Mahon Hall was not approved for the showing of movies, whereas Fulford Hall has that approval from the Provincial Fire Marshall.

When Driftwood asked Chief Hanke why Mahon Hall did not meet the approval of the fire marshal, he stated that he is not obliged to give a reason.

## One dies in plane crash

A plane crash on the south end of Salt Spring Island early Sunday morning has taken the life of a Vancouver man.

Found dead in the wreckage of the plane was RCMP Special Constable George David Foster, pilot of the Cessna 182 that was en route from Vancouver to Victoria.

The plane was located at a round noon on Tuesday after Kerry Akerman of Salt Spring Island reported seeing something on the mountain over Fulford Harbour. Mr. Akerman, who was near Beaver Point Road at the time, noticed the sun shining on something metallic. Within about two hours, the wreckage was located by the Rescue Co-ordination Centre.

This is the third aviation fatality on Salt Spring in the last ten years and possibly the 10th in the island's history.

#### NEAR HOLLINGS MINE

Bob Akerman, who drove up to the scene of the accident on Tuesday, said the plane came down about half a mile north-east of Mt. Tuam above Fred Hollings' rhodnite mine. The wreckage was buried in a thicket, said Mr. Akerman, and he believed a piece of the wing must have been torn off before it came to a halt.

"It was this piece of wing that Kerry (Akerman) must have seen from Beaver Point Road," he said.

The accident is under investigation by RCMP.

### Dollar gas is here

Dollar gasoline has reached the islands.

Last week premium gas on Salt Spring Island went over the 100 to \$1.02 per gallon. Regular stands at 95.8 cents.

The recent price increase brings gasoline to twice the price at the end of the Second World War. Price at that time stood at a little more than 50 cents a gallon for regular gas.

Last week's price hike across the country also raised the price of engine oil and other automotive petroleum.

Price of heating oils has also gone up.

## TOP SALMON IS CLOSE TO 16 POUNDS

### Tom Shelby shows Rotarians what's with fishing

Winning fish in the Rotary Club salmon derby over the week end was a 15 lb. 13 oz. salmon caught by Tom Shelby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Shelby of Ganges. Tom won the \$100 prize offered for the largest salmon.

Second prize of \$75 went to Don

Oswald for an 11 lbs., 3 oz. fish and third prize of \$50 was won by Vivian Oswald who caught an 8 lbs., 3 oz. fish.

Brenda Timbers caught the largest cod and won \$50 for her 17 lbs., 13 oz. fish.

Winner of the \$500 draw was

Don Spence of Salt Spring Island.

The derby, which was sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club, was held on Sunday and Monday and brought a large number of entries.

The winning salmon were all caught in Active Pass and most

reports indicate that mooching with live herring brings the most success in catching them at present.

The draw for the consolation prize was made by Lions president, Gil Humphreys, who drew the winning ticket from a plastic garbage pail full of the derby tickets.

The draw was hampered for a brief moment when a passerby seeing the plastic pail, dropped an empty milk carton on top of the tickets. The incident did not go unnoticed, however, and Rotarian Gerry Coers was quick to retrieve the offending container.

# Good man and fitting finale to this year's Theatre is Charles Brown

Summer Theatre on Salt Spring Island has offered variety, entertainment, tuition and You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.

The season is over, the theatre facilities are turned back to the elementary school in Ganges and the players are back home or back in school.

From the opening showing of Madness Strikes Back, which

really had nothing to do with the Summer Theatre, to the last strains of the last song of Charlie Brown, the season was bright, brisk and brilliant.

Charlie Brown was an excellent topper.

Everything about it was good. The cast were born to the parts. Every player was word-perfect and there was not a word or an action

that appeared contrived or forgotten.

Having said that the play was played like the cast were born on the stage, there is so much more that could be said of it.

### THEY WERE THE PART

The young players were playing the part. For an hour or so you could forget that the original Charlie Brown was a diminutive boy with impossible limbs and that his companions were large-headed and small-bodied.

From the moment it started, you knew that Charlie is really a lot bigger than you ever saw him. You realized that that dog Snoopy is an attractive young woman and you'd never guessed it.

And so on, through the show.

Lucy was a masterpiece for gearing down the age of the player to adapt to a younger part. And she lived the life of Lucy.

### HE COULDN'T DO IT

Diminutive Caroline Andress will always be Patty and Sherm himself could not deliver his sermons more solemnly than Scott Slocombe.

Linus is Linus and not even Tony Desbottes could make him a brain. He worked to make him alive.

Schroder played the piano almost as well as Alan Magee.

But that doesn't tell the tale. Not fully. Not even when you remember the activity off-stage.

Charlie was a happy, convincing, warm presentation. The audiences enjoyed it almost as much as the players. And the island players enjoyed the direction of Peter Mannering.

It was a very fitting finale.

-FGR.

## If it's fish he's right there



Floyd W. Kaye has spent most of the years since this picture was taken working in the woods. The odds are he hasn't had a catch like this in a good many years. This picture was taken in the spring of 1941.

## DEATH OF GLENN McMURDO IN LADY MINTO HOSPITAL

After a lengthy illness, Glenn Alvin McMurdo died in Lady Minto Hospital on Thursday, Sept. 2. He was 60 years of age.

Mr. McMurdo came to Salt Spring Island to retire seven years ago. A native of Tisdale, Sask., he had moved west with the dairy business, until he had left it to work with the federal government.

He graduated from Tisdale High School in 1935 and became plant manager of Glass Dairies, Prince Albert.

During this period he attended Success Business College, Prince Albert and completed the course in accounting.

He was married in 1939.

He joined the Prince Albert Volunteers in April 1942, was sent to Vernon and later transferred to the Postal Corps serving in Montreal and attended and graduated from Ontario Agricultural College.

He returned to Glass Dairies and in 1948 accepted a position as plant manager of Huff Dairies, Edmonton.

In 1953 he accepted a sales position with Palm Dairies, Edmonton and in 1955 was transferred to Victoria as manager of the Ice Cream Division.

In 1958 he and a partner purchased the Douglas Street Dairy Queen and opened the Nanaimo Dairy Queen. The Douglas Street Store was sold in 1958 and Glenn continued to operate the Nanaimo Store until 1960.

He then sold and joined Canada Manpower to work in Princeton.

He was promoted and sent to Mission City in 1962. The office was moved to Abbotsford and Glenn moved too.

He was again promoted and sent to Vancouver.

Mr. McMurdo's illness then became apparent and he took a demotion to Abbotsford, but in a short time he was forced to take retirement, and moved to Salt Spring in 1970.

He leaves his wife, Mary, at home, Wildwood Crescent; a daughter, Elisabeth Caldwell; three grandchildren, Daniel, Kathleen and Lisa Caldwell; and four brothers, Elmer, of Sardis, B.C.; Clarence, Mission City; Ralph, at Duncan and Ivan, in Nanaimo.

Funeral service was held in Ganges United church, with Rev. Dr. Vern McEachern officiating.

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# TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

Trouble with observing the speed limit on the way into Victoria is that you have to dodge the stream of traffic overtaking you. That's a good reason for not, I guess.

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Big chick in a fast car: a grande dame in a Grand Am.

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O.K., so I don't have much of an ear for music. Don't knock me for that! If you think it's such a sin, try and describe your favourite painting to someone who's blind!

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It couldn't have been my influence, but last week when I was at the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club dinner, there was a 100% attendance for the first time. Good job I'm not a Rotarian, because that would have made about 105% attendance!

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Fall Fair forms were at a premium last week. And a Fall Fair fan wanted to enter her produce. Dave Phillips, at Foxglove Farms, explained he was out of yellow entry forms. But it had to be a yellow form, explained his would-be exhibitor. "Tell you what," said Dave, "Cross out the blue and mark it yellow!"

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Saw a reference the other day to Miss Prince George. I'd have thought she would be Princess George.

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Few weeks ago a young man was drowned in Harrison Lake on the mainland. It was explained in the Advance, local newspaper, that the life belts, or rings, had been collected at 4 pm for safe-keeping. Vandalism was such that the village council could not guarantee that they would not be damaged or stolen. The British Columbia Community of Vandals and Pea Brains must be very proud of that tragedy. There is, of course, no assurance that the victim would have lived had there been adequate life-saving gear around. Nevertheless, the moronic freaks who get their kicks out of damaging and stealing property must envy a record of that nature.

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Nobody ever confused me with the publisher of the New York Times or anyone else as important. In fact, it's the other way round. If I happen to stand by the side of a garbage truck when I'm in the city, you can be sure that within minutes a city police constable will be demanding to know whether it's my truck. If a particularly revolting garment has been discarded in the city gutter, the same officer will enquire with suspicion whether it is mine. It's even a fair bet that if he found a bag of ancient sandwiches he would solicitously offer them to me before throwing them away and washing his hands. I have that inspiring effect on people. Nearest I ever came to importance was when I had the same telephone number as Mr. Simpson or Mr. Sears. Day after day we would be asked: Is that Simpson's-Sears? And, of course it wasn't. I discovered, the hard way, that we had the same last four digits as Mr. Simpson or Mr. Sears and it does something for a man to know that he's kind of digitally related to the Great. I had the answer too late. I decided that the next one to ask me was this Simpsons-Sears I was going to reply that I was Mr. Simpson's confidential secretary and that I was so confidential I was not permitted to tell them. But that was the last time we ever heard from a customer of the merchandizing company.

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Ever thought that the more important a man is, the more secrets he knows? It's like a phone number, in a way. Look at the ordinary man on the block. He

knows how old his wife is and how much he owes the bank. What's secret about that? But what's important about him? Take the civil servant. He knows how much money you earned last year; the name of your last sweetheart and how old your wife is. One after another, the civil service has every intimate detail about you. And figure the average civil servant: who could be more important than that? Then you have your alderman: if we had aldermen around here: he knows everything about your future and the police call him to tell him who is doing what when they shouldn't. That's importance. Even a regional director can call the RCMP and direct their activities. That's importance! Then you got your probation officer. He can send you to jail and that's about the top! But ever thought how unimportant a newsman is, really? Even if he knows the slightest thing, he blows it and everyone knows and he doesn't even start to be important!

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I was reading, the other day. It was another menu. For a man on a diet I sure read a lot of menus! And I put on weight! There must be a connection, somewhere. And it said I could have a Salisbury steak. Only it said Salsbury. And I got to thinking, which is alien to my nature. And I thought of getting married. About 150 years ago I was married in a great, marble church. That was my first introduction to Women's Lib. And we went away on a tour of the South Coast pubs in a dilapidated Riley. And we stopped at Salisbury. And that's the way they spelt it. Even the magnificent cathedral is called Salisbury Cathedral: on account of it's in Salisbury. I thought about that and I thought about Balogna and the way it has become Baloney and I realized that if you wear it or paint it or use it, the odds it will never lose its name. But, if you eat it, the name will be corrupted into almost anything. It just shows we're a bunch of dirty eaters!

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As the CBC Radio announcer commented one morning last week, what with the signs in kilometres and temperatures in Celsius, our American tourists will think they are in a foreign country.

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Last week was the 40th anniversary of Air Canada and Trans-Canada Airlines. I came in late. When they were flying Lockheeds in the early 40's, I never flew in one: I couldn't afford the fare in those days: but I remember the planes and I remember the crummy little TCA terminal at Patricia Bay. I can even remember some of the personnel there, but only those who were still at Pat Bay after the war. The workhorse of the TCA service to Pat Bay was the DC3 and I've done a few miles in those. They were flying the North Stars in and out of the Sidney airport. The North Star was a Douglas DC6, I think, with Rolls Royce engines. Very smooth, it was about the noisiest beast they had ever operated. I mean from the inside. The Air Force had them as well. Then they got rid of the DC3's and put on Viscounts with turboprops. I flew in one again last year when I was in London. I remember the introduction of the short-lived Super Constellation. It was when the familiarization flights were being staged that we made a heavy landing and rose quite high in a glorious geometric pattern. Why didn't he gun it and do another circuit, I asked the airport manager, next to me. Don't be silly, he replied, the runway is too short to risk it. I guess the Connie came before the Viscount. They were still flying Viscounts when I left Sidney. I remember the first three-motor Boeing to come in. Or perhaps not

the first. An irate resident came into the Sidney Review office one day and charged that some bum had messed up her clean wash, hung out on the line. I remembered the big plane going over the same day, low flying, with a black trail from its motors. The damage to her wash was airborne, I suspected. Maybe she collected. I came to Pat Bay initially and I met dozens of TCA personnel. I shared their regret when the name was changed to Air Canada, being as nutty as the next man. But I have a real, genuine memento of the days of TCA. I have in my office, the painted wood sign that once hung over the counter at Patricia Bay Airport. Last Thursday I even gave it a drink! After 40 years I reckon it was getting thirsty.

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I was hungry and I stopped in Sidney and I went to a great restaurant and I found a waitress with a sense of humour. But I found a menu with some strange language. There was one word, and I can't remember what it was, but it was spelt logically. If you spell Valdez with a zed, then, obviously Gonzales should have a zed. But how could you justify "Ommlets"? Probably made with rooster's eggs!

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First thing Monday morning, chatting with Gil Humphreys on the street. And we didn't get on to real estate or news stories. We were recalling the days of the Second World War when a man could graduate from a normal Canadian community and find himself, a few weeks later, the target for every Luftwaffe plane in the sky, all dead set on eliminating the unfortunate soldier. Times have changed!

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Phil Valcourt may be a keen rock fan and enjoying every new boulder they blow out of his field. All I know for sure is that he's lucky Bob Blundell isn't sailing his boat anywhere near Valcourt Business Centre. He'd find those rocks for sure!

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Alan and Adelaide Black, from Vancouver, tied up at Ganges boat harbour on Monday afternoon. The efficiency of the operation of the government wharf and the courtesy of the wharfinger were better than they had found at any other port of call, they reported.

## PENDER GOAT BREEDER TAKES PRIZES AT SHAWNIGAN FAIR

Helena Turner, of Armadale Road, North Pender, took her Redroofs Dairy Goat Herd to the August 27 Shawnigan Cobble Hill Fall Fair.

in size at kidding time every spring.

### Former Island resident

Showing three of her goats in open classes, she won a first prize in a doe kid class and a third prize in the two to four year old milking doe class.

Competition was keen, with entries from as far away as Victoria and Hornby Island.

One of Helena's does also qualified for a Star Milker certificate in the official 24-hour Milking Competition with a yield of over a gallon of 3.2% butterfat milk.

Only a handful of the 24 does entered in this competition earned the necessary points to qualify.

The Turner family moved to Pender island, from the city, two years ago and within a few weeks bought their first milk goat. Now the herd has a nucleus of three or four does, but it doubles or triples

A well-loved former resident of Vesuvius Bay, passed away in Vancouver on August 29.

Miss Margaret Motherwell, came to Salt Spring Island some 30 years ago, and left three years ago, to be nearer her relatives.

She is survived by a loving family of nieces and nephews.

Miss Motherwell served as a Nursing Sister in England and France in the First World War with The Royal Canadian Medical Corps.

Funeral service was held Aug. 31 from St. John the Divine Anglican Church at Maple Ridge.

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## Scene at Fulford Wharf Labour Day



## The sewer petition

The story of sewers in Ganges is one of shipwreck. Every scheme to bring a sanitary sewer to the area has foundered on the rocks of the harbour. The current scheme has gained support very close to a majority. It appears likely that by next week, when the final mail response is received, the vote could well prove to be adequate.

In the meantime, the critics of the project have expressed concern for the lack of information offered on the subject by the sponsoring Capital Regional District.

Those who feel that they were not adequately informed may have a legitimate complaint. The Regional District has offered less information on this particular project than has been provided on any public vote in past years.

But, on the credit side of the supportive ledger, the majority of those who have expressed regret at the lack of information are those who declined to sign the petition, anyway.

The Municipal Act provides that where a plebiscite is taken there must be a simple majority. If 50% of the voters, plus one more voter, support a project, it has gained the necessary majority to pass. This is majority-rule. The same law states that where a petition is taken up, praying for the installation of public works, a 66.66% majority is required.

In each case, the Act provides for a substantial group of opponents to any scheme. There is bound to be opposition. Any voter and, indeed, every voter who feels that this majority set out in the Act is unfair or too low or objectionable for any reason, should be bombarding the minister of municipal affairs as well as his own member of the legislature to bring about a change. But, until that change is sought and agreed, the property owner, the regional district and the minister are bound by the terms of the Act.

In the islands, of course, the minister and the member are the same man, Mr. Hugh Curtis.

Those who feel that the Capital Regional District has been remiss in providing adequate information should be making that point very clear.

The majority of opponents to the present sewer project are concerned that the real problem is to be found in the "core, downtown" area of Ganges and that the outer fringe of the commercial community should not be called on to help resolve the problem. There are men who feel that the cost of sewers in the Ganges area should be borne by all islanders who use the services of that area. It is not likely that this could easily be done, as the taxpayer cannot be charged for a service that he cannot enjoy.

Some critics have suggested that the scheme to discharge effluent into Ganges Harbour is undesirable and that the treatment plant should empty into such regions as the BC Hydro right-of-way to provide an irrigation for a non-productive acreage.

The province has not shown itself keenly concerned with investigation of improved methods of sewage disposal and, indeed, asserts that what was good enough for the grandfather and the father is good enough for the British Columbian today. And what else is the sea for?

All these critics have a strong point. In fairness to Mr. George Heinekey, he has listened to every voice raised over the petition and he has made every effort to find the answer.

Today, with the apparent majority in favour of the project; with a strong voice raised in protest and the need still very clearly evident, it is time the Regional District provided us with a clear, detailed explanation of what is envisioned and what, exactly, it is going to cost.

It is a tribute to Mr. Heinekey's credibility that the petition has gained such a majority despite such a lack of information.

As far as critics are concerned, there is some possibility of modifying the boundaries to exclude areas and to include others, but by and large, the majority vote will inevitably be the determining factor in providing a sanitary sewer system or any other public works.

downtown area.

They sent a woman around canvassing for votes but her stories certainly didn't jibe. She told me I wouldn't be able to get into the hospital if I didn't vote for it. What that has to do with sewers I can't figure out. I was under the impression that the medical was a Provincial scheme. She also told one of the neighbours that it didn't matter whether they voted for it or not - as it was definitely going through and was already in the bag. Why so many conflicting stories?

V. Morrison, Charlesworth Road RR2, Ganges; Winifred M. Carter, Jack Kovacevich, Audrey Frost, Carl and Violet Norlander, Lena and Trudie Tuppon, John and Margaret Watson, August 22, 1977.

### FEW IN FAVOUR

Sir,  
We find it hard to believe your report about 65% being in favour of the proposed sewer system for Ganges. This may be so amongst the business section but in our area we have found very few in favour, of being included.

Why anyone in this sparsely settled area would sign the petition when they have good septic tanks and fields working properly is beyond us.

If it is vital to the village sewer project to get all the sewage possible, perhaps we old folks from this lonely outpost one mile from Ganges will be allowed to bring our little effort down in a pail each morning. We would like some of the petition canvassers to meet us, and show us which part of Ganges beach they would like it dumped on.

L.J. Tuppen,  
Reid Road  
Ganges, B.C.  
Sept. 2, 1977

### AGAINST

Sir,  
I wish to go on record as being definitely against the sewer "plebiscite", and to express my disgust in the way it was presented in the Charlesworth area in particular.

I put "Plebiscite" in parenthesis because, as such, it was a definite defiance of the democratic process.

If the business community of Salt Spring Island requires a sewer, and there is no doubt that something must be done, I fail to see why so few people, most of them pensioners, should subsidize their requirements.

If a sewer is installed in Ganges, then the cost should be borne by the whole of the Island, as they use the village facilities just as much as the few in this area.

No one knows the system to be used; no one knows the individual cost to the householder. I personally have been given three different figures, and talking with others, they are just as confused.

What in Heaven's name do we need a sewer system in the Charlesworth area for? I do not know. I have used septic tanks for 35 years with not the slightest problem. The size of the properties here, and the scattered population

provide septic fields second to none. It is a gross misuse of the public funds.

We were told the petition was merely to get an expression of opinion regarding the installation of a sewer system. Now we are told a 65% vote - yes insures its right to go ahead.

In talking to people in this area, it seems that no one knows the true facts, or what the cost will be. Many, finding it impossible to raise the amounts of money they have been quoted, are very troubled. It has been a very poorly thought out scheme, if any thought really went into it at all.

A proper legal plebiscite should be taken covering the whole Island, regarding the installation of a suitable disposal system for the commercial buildings, and leave the home owners alone.

Any system that entails the dumping of treated or untreated sewage into our harbour is a crime against nature, and with the advancement of modern day technology, this is entirely unnecessary.

I implore the merchants and real estate interests to give more careful thought to the solution of this most difficult problem. Many of us came to live on this Island because it was possible to get along on our pensions.

As each day passes, another high cost is added to our living -- hospitalization, ferries, gas, oil, food, and now this. Who is going to raise our pensions to meet the cost of the proposed sewer? You?

John Watson  
Reid Road  
RR 2, Ganges  
September 3, 1977

### ALL GOOD MEN

Sir,  
As a "Peanuts" fan of many many years' standing, I want to express my gratitude to all who brought these delightful characters so vividly to life during the Salt Spring Players summer theatre programme.

Our local talent surpassed itself, and there is no question in my mind that the verve and polish

which distinguished the production were imparted by its highly professional director, Peter Mannering.

The show was deceptively simple, charming and heart-warming. I felt a distinct lump in my throat at the final line "You're a good man, Charlie Brown!" to which I can only add - you were all good "men", and Snoopy was Snoopy.

Mary C. Williamson  
R.R. 1  
Ganges, B.C.  
September 4, 1977

### SMALLER DISTRICTS

Sir,  
Regarding the Sewer Project for the Ganges Area.

I fail to understand why or how this project could go ahead.

At two million, five hundred thousand dollars, the interest alone on one individual connection, would be seven thousand dollars per year without touching the principal!

All costs to-date are projected estimates, and the final bill could easily be closer to four million as has happened at other places.

Would it not be more practical to form smaller sewer districts, as in water districts, whereby each unit or each district could be handled by a small disposal system that cleans with primary and secondary treatment being 90-95% effective. Effluent would then either be dumped into the Harbour or put into drain fields for percolation, as is done in septic tank systems. Either of these systems of disposal requires very little maintenance.

Cost of such disposal systems could be \$30,000 to \$50,000 and are already being used in West Vancouver School Districts.

A septic tank system, properly installed with a field, costs from \$1,100 to \$1,300. When a field has to be built up with soil to handle percolation, costs could run an additional \$1,500 to \$3,500 depending upon layout.

To sum it up, these smaller systems could be installed at much less cost than the interest we would

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## Church Services

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St. Pauls	Fulford	Holy Mass	11.15 am
Saturdays	Ganges	Holy Mass	5.00 pm
Saturdays	Ganges	Sunday School	10.00 am
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Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
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Community Church	539-5710	Pastor J. Rodine	7.00 pm in
the school			
Bible Study	Friday	in the homes	7.30 pm

## Letters to the Editor

### CONFLICTING REPORTS

Sr,  
Why are they arguing about sewers in the downtown area? They are definitely needed, but the way they are handling the situation leaves a lot to be desired.

Why are they including Charlesworth Road? There is nothing wrong with our septic tanks. Most of our fields are new and one were reconditioned. This area is not

as congested as some other sections on the island which are being by-passed.

In any case - a plebiscite should be taken but it would no doubt wind up like the recreation centre.

Many people are suggesting that the whole scheme should be charged up to all the taxpayers, regardless of where they live; it would certainly be a more equitable solution. Everybody uses the

**Letters**

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be paying on the proposed system. Some subsidy should be provided by the government where it is needed, and could be recovered through taxation.

I feel, as all Island residents do, that a sewer system is long overdue, but the current proposal is out of the question.

W.C. Carlson  
Box 401  
Ganges  
September 6, 1977

**NO NEED FOR SEWER**

Sir: We are writing to you in regard to the installation of a sewer system for Ganges and area.

There has been a decided lack of information concerning the cost, disposal of sewage, and the arbitrary nature of the area to be served.

The pressing problem at the present time seems to be the sewage and disposal of it in the village proper. For some obscure reason we have been chosen to help bear the cost for these services, and other areas which are just as close and more densely populated have been exempted.

We have been told that there is drainage from septic fields towards the bay. Homes on Churchill Road are much nearer the bay than we are, so why are they exempted? Fields near St. Mary Lake, using the same reasoning, must be draining into St. Mary Lake from which town residents and lake residents receive their water supply. Why are they exempted?

We believe that our fields in the Reid Road area off Charlesworth are capable of handling the effluent without drainage into the bay or onto anyone else's property. Why then should we go to the extra expense of paying for the sewage system in Ganges when others are exempted?

We hope this matter will receive thoughtful consideration and a solution arrived at which will treat all residents of Salt Spring Island fairly without discrimination or special privilege towards anyone.

Violet Norlander  
Carl Norlander  
RR 2, Charlesworth Road  
Ganges  
September 6, 1977

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**Five sets of candles for five birthdays in one at church**

When the Salt Spring Island Anglican Parish gathered to pay tribute to three members who were celebrating August birthdays, the party came in out of the rain.

The weather had been brilliant until Mrs. Mildred Norton, Mrs. Ann McCalman and Mrs. Grace Wright celebrated their birthdays.

The three ladies marked their birthdays on August 19. And it was a repeat performance. There were two other birthday girls who came into the party this year for the first time. Mrs. Dulcie Morrison, whose birthday fell on August 20 and Mrs. Margaret Dees, who was celebrating the 15th.

The project is a year old. In 1976, the three veterans of parish birthdays were marking their birthday on the Sunday. The Bishop of Columbia was on Salt Spring Island that Sunday and the

three were invited to a surprise party in the hall.

On that occasion, as well as this year, the cake was prepared by Mrs. Margaret Howell. There were five sets of five candles and five concerted efforts to get rid of the heat.

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I cannot rise up from the floor  
But it's not this that makes me roar  
You broke my toe in the bathroom door.

Now that is not my only pain  
You pushed my nose down in the drain  
And when I fainted with the strain  
You promptly brought me round again.

I cannot bat my eyes or blink  
I cannot nod my head and wink  
I cannot even sit and think  
You bashed my head on the kitchen sink.

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- John Healey

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Every chicken knows a good egg. But how does the owner of the chicken recognize the quality of the egg?

The Salt Spring Island Fall Fair will be staged on Saturday, Sept. 17, but there is a lot of preparation lying ahead.

Fall fair committee has prepared a list of the standards expected by judges when the fair is open.

Every chicken knows that an egg should break with a high-curved yolk and a thick white. This is

only one of the many pointers for exhibitors.

There is one week left before the fair and programs, complete with entry forms, are available from Fernwood Store, Vesuvius Store, Patterson's Store, Foxglove Farms and other Ganges businesses.

The forms must be submitted a week ahead and the deadline is Saturday, Sept. 10. Forms must be sent to Box 961, Ganes.

**NO COMMERCE**

The fair committee has ruled that there will be no commercial booths on the school grounds fair day, other than those operated by the committee.

Exhibitors who need transportation for their livestock are invited to contact the co-ordinator of the section concerned.

Copies of the government publication, "Exhibition Standards of Perfection for fruit, vegetables and field crops are available at Foxglove Farm.

There is a change in the horse section.

Class 1 should read, reports the committee: "Best horse or pony foaled on Salt Spring Island. Horses and ponies will be shown separately if entries warrant. Class 1a, Foal; 1b, Yearling; 1c, Two-year-old."

**EGGS**

Some points to help you decide if your eggs should be entered.

The eggs must be well-shaped, clean, with uncracked shells. One egg from each dozen will be broken into a saucer, the position of the yolk, the conditions of the white and the size of the air cell will then be checked.

A high quality egg when broken out on a plate has a high curved yolk, well-centered and banded in a thick white. There is a little thin white. These are the characteristics of a fresh egg.

As the egg loses quality the air cell becomes larger due to moisture loss. There is less thick white. The yolk floats to the side or top of the egg.

The low quality egg when broken out on a plate has a flattened yolk and the white is watery and thin.

To be classed as small or pullet eggs they should weight 18-21 oz. per dozen. Large eggs should weigh over 24 oz. per doz.

**DRESSED FOWL ENTRIES**

Entries under the "New York Dressed" classes should have blood and feathers removed, but the head, viscera and feet are attached. The head should be wrapped in paper.

Eviscerated birds are birds which are fully drawn and are ready for cooking with a minimum of preparation.

A broiler or fryer is a young chicken (either sex, usually 10-16 weeks of age) with smooth thin, soft skin; tender meat soft flesh, and small amounts of fat underneath skin along the backbone, over drumsticks and thighs, along the sides of breast and a flexible-tipped breastbone. They usually weigh 1½ to 4 lbs. (dressed weight)

A roasting chicken is a young chicken (either sex, usually under 8 months of age) having the same characteristics as a broiler or fryer.

There is usually slightly more fat, the chicken is larger and the breastbone is less flexible. Weight is usually four to seven lbs.

A fowl or stewing chicken is a mature bird (usually more than 10 months of age.) It has less-tender, firm flesh; thick firm skin; well developed connective tissue; a layer of fat underneath the skin giving the bird a full well-rounded appearance; and a non-flexible breastbone. May weigh from 2½ to 6 lbs.

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**GOATS**

A few questions and answers for Gulf Island Capriculturists:

Why should I bring my goat to the fall fair?

A show is an excellent occasion for owners and observers to learn about goats. The competitive aspect of the show is a small one; the more important facet is the educational opportunity. The judge will tell you what she is looking for and why.

Productive dairy goats evolved because of selective breeding and knowledge, which can help people when buying or breeding goats.

Also the public will have an opportunity to view the goats close at hand and see that goats are not the "tin can eaters" that many people think them to be.

How shall I prepare my goat? A clean, disease-free animal is welcome. A good shampoo, done only on a hot day works wonders. No hair spray is necessary, just a good brushing will do the job. The hooves should be trimmed and clean.

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I would like to present an information board to the public and any questions or offers of help can be directed to David Phillips, Cheryl Murray or Sue Yardley.

## PRESERVING SECTION

The main point to remember in this section is to remove the wax off all entries.

The judge checks each exhibit for colour, texture (jams and jellies must be firm when put on a spoon)

and taste, true fruit flavour. Make sure no bits of wax are left on the top!

This year the categories, Jams and Jellies made without Certo have been added. Please make sure each entry is marked accordingly and put in the right class.

Marmalade, fruit, pickles and salmon complete this section.

Enter as many classes in PRESERVING SECTION "E" as you can, as total aggregate points will determine this year's winner.

For further information in this section, please call me, Catherine McFadyen at 537-5662 any evening, and Good Luck!

## Fashions and landscapes are all part of work to brilliant island painter

Harold Dobson is an artist who has many styles and a very varied experience.

After studying at the Winnipeg School of Art in the '30's, Dobson launched his career in art work with Sears, as fashion illustrator for the advertising pages of the Globe and Mail in Toronto.

It involved sketching the latest in fashion for all Toronto to view and it allowed the artist to combine his gift of representation with his career. Until 1968 Harold Dobson knew what was in and what was out in furs, hats and dresses.

While employed as fashion illustrator Dobson managed to



HAROLD DOBSON

move around and maintain his own personal gallery of art.

Sears did not press for sketches and the prairie-born artist enjoyed leisure time for other work. An easel and brush were items Dobson

didn't go without and galleries in the east didn't go without Dobson.

Harold Dobson's fashion illustrations included sketching the fashionable furs of the forties and the tight fitting hats of the early fifties. He recalls with amusement his hat sketches, remembering Gloria, his mannequin who was given a new face every morning for the Globe and Mail.

### MANY SCHOOLS

During Dobson's long career with Sears he studied at a number of schools. At the Winnipeg School of Art he studied under Lemoine Fitzgerald, one of the Group of Seven. He later attended Bournemouth School of Art as well as the Ontario College of Art.

He pursued sculpture, abstract expressionism and silkscreen, and his paintings have been exhibited in numerous galleries throughout the east. Later, Dobson found himself instructor at the Ontario College of Art.

Harold Dobson lived in Westport, Connecticut, New York, Montreal and Toronto. Five years ago he and his wife packed up their suitcases and hesitantly came west. They went back east, and came west yet again. After much vacillating the couple decided on Salt Spring. They enjoy island life although, remarked Dobson, they don't have a view.

Dobson's art is more impressionistic than abstract since his move west. He reflects island images of water and mountain, with some prairie influence in his wide and spacious skies and misted land.

In Toronto, his art was mainly abstract in heavier and sharper contrasting colours.

Landscape is now the island artists' concern, though he hesitates as to whether or not his landscapes could be considered abstracts. But there is water, sky and weather in all his west coast art which embody movement in mist and coalesce the beauty of fall with the rain and less enchanting aspects of landscape.

For an artist who has lived in the hubbub of New York City, the colony of art and literature of Westport, Connecticut and Canada's Leacock Capitol, Montreal, Salt Spring may prove to be too thin on top.

Dobson's art will be exhibited at Utey's Gallery in Saanich this month. While his art will remain coastal, will Harold Dobson be looking east again?

## It is his second show

It is not surprising to find Harold Dobson's work featured in Windsor Utey's galleries. They both make their home on Salt Spring Island.

Windsor Utey, internationally known artist established an art gallery of his own in a former Pentecostal Church in Sidney, between the Swartz Bay ferry termin-

al and Victoria, on the edge of Patricia Bay Airport.

In the course of this month the Canadian landscapes of Harold Dobson will be exhibited there.

It is not his first appearance at Utey's Art Galleries, as many islanders are aware. A year ago he held a very successful show in the same galleries.



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# ISLANDERS AT WORK

## Boats are necessary part of

By Tony Richards

Steve Nelson was on his way to Mexico when he came to Salt Spring Island in 1968. He never made it south.

Nelson Marine Service has been operating at the old forest ranger's station on Ganges Hill since 1972. Prior to that Steve Nelson was employed by Ganges Boat Yard (now Harbour's End Marina) until he took over the boat repair and maintenance service at the rear of the Boat Yard's building. It wasn't long after that he moved his business to its present location.

Nelson Marine deals with the sales and repair of chainsaws, lawnmowers and outboard motors, as well as boat hauling, sales and rentals. There is also dry under-cover boat storage available at the premises on the hill.

Steve Nelson has trained as a mechanic for almost three years. He came to Salt Spring from Vancouver, where he worked for the marine division of Woodward's for four years.

### MOTOR REPAIRS

He spends most of his time in the shop repairing motors but looks

forward to the day he can wash the grease off his hands for the last time and devote more of his time to sales.

When Steve's not rebuilding a motor he's presiding over meetings of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, of which he is president. He will be taking some time off on September 24 for his

### READ ABOUT IT

Mrs. Tepper first heard of Salt Spring in 1967 when she read David Conover's book, "Once Upon an Island". Her husband had been through the islands by boat about 19 years ago and liked what he saw.

They have remained on Salt Spring despite the fact that it took

Mrs. Tepper a long time to get used to riding the ferry.

Preston Ford has been around boats all his life in both California and British Columbia. In California where he was employed in the construction of steel boats, he was working topsides laying wooden decks.

He worked at Canoe Cove



Steve Nelson puts aside his tools while he points out some Pioneer chainsaws.



Clayton Brown gets into

Marina, near Sidney, for two and a half years. He was a purchasing agent there.

Preston moved to Salt Spring three years ago and has worked for Nelson Marine for a month. He looks after the front desk: running the store, taking work orders and keeping the stock of engine parts in order.

They use a microfilm system in the parts department at Nelson Marine; they have between 3,000 and 4,000 parts listed on microfilm. About half a dozen microfilm negatives, approximately five by seven inches in size, take the place of a parts list the size of a large dictionary.

### HAULING AND SALES

Clayton Brown takes care of the boat hauling and also handles some of the sales for Steve Nelson. And when he's not driving around with a boat in tow, he's transporting island students to school on one of the school buses.

Clayton has worked for Steve Nelson for almost six of the eight

John Ak

marriage to Randi Reid.

The Chamber of Commerce is well represented at Nelson Marine. Terra Tepper may be afraid of the water but that doesn't seem to have any effect on the bookkeeping according to Steve.

Mrs. Tepper is Steve's accountant and, as of last Saturday, is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

She has been on the island for two years and has worked at Nelson Marine since February of 1976. She moved to Salt Spring with her husband, Ira, from Los Angeles, California.



Terra Tepper keeps the books in order and tries not to think about the water.

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# f Island life

years he's been on the island. He lived in Edmonton before he came here and worked in the Alberta city as a bodyman.

One of Nelson Marine's chief mechanics is Ross Van Winckle. He has worked for Steve since he came to the island in 1974.

He began working in the mechanical field in 1962 in Ontario.



truck to move a boat.



t removes the drive shaft from a Johnson.

Not long ago Ross took a course offered by Mercury Marine and he was rated one of the top three Mercury mechanics in British Columbia. He has taken factory training for OMC stern drives and Mercury outboards. He has also taken several courses on other motors such as Volvo and Gale outboards and Volvo stern drives.

Before coming to Salt Spring Ross worked at Pennant Marine, in Coquitlam, for three years.

Ross, who is single, also works on the BC Ferries and is engaged in model railroad building.

"Boats are beautiful", says John Akehurst, another Nelson Marine employee.

### WINNER WORKER

John has been around boats for quite a while. He has worked in



Ross Van Winckle sets the points on a 2 hp Evinrude outboard.

Vancouver, building fibreglass sailboats and he helped to build the Kanata, winner of the Swiftsure race this year.

John has been on Salt Spring for about nine years and he's worked for Nelson for about five months.

Besides boats, his interests lie in music and the manufacture of musical instruments.

In charge of cleaning up and yard work is 15-year-old George Edwards who's been employed at Nelson Marine for about a month.

George is a student at Gulf Islands Secondary School. His picture isn't here because he wasn't around when the others were being taken.

Nelson Marine Service, whose shop has been rated as one of the top ten in the province, is the kind of business no island can be without.

After all, boats are a necessary part of island life!



Preston Ford writes out a receipt at the front desk.

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## ISLAND ARTIST AND RARE FIND IN ITALIAN STUDIO

Windsor Utley is a regular visitor to Europe, where he haunts the studios and galleries of Italy.

Last time he was there, he found some paintings hailing from China. Here is his summary of his find.

Recently, while Salt Spring Island artist Windsor Utley was in Rome, he was searching for some typically Roman watercolours for his Utley's Galleries, in Sidney. He had no success.

One day a lady in a fine antique shop, just off the Piazza di Spalagna, asked if he might be interested in some fine Chinese watercolours instead. He was immediately impressed, for they showed great delicacy, sureness of touch and exquisite colouring.

The lady had no information about the artist, saying only that

they had been the property of a prominent collector.

After his return, Windsor Utley took the watercolours directly to Joan Stanley-Baker, Asian Curator at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. He found out that they were done by a well-known artist (and a lady artist at that!)

Her name was Ch'en Shu and she lived in the 18th century. She was, besides being a fine artist, the mother of a Prime Minister, who governed during the Ch'len-Lung Reign (1736-96) of the Ch'Ing Dynasty.

The nine paintings (originally an album of 12) are executed in the traditional "boneless" (without ink outlines) style.

They depict flowers, foliage, insects, birds and butterflies. They will be exhibited during the month of September.

## Late summer pictures of Saturna activities



As school starts it is late to be showing the results of last summer's school. These Saturna pictures were delayed by the mails when they were sent off for processing. They were taken at the final ceremonies in Saturna School in June.

Top left shows Shelley Crooks accepting the Saturna Cup from Women's Club president, Priscilla Janszen. To the right is Cindy Hogg receiving her trophy for outstanding athletic ability.

Below, the Saturna school children are watching the proceedings on Awards Day.



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## DEATH OF MARJORIE ACLAND IN LADY MINTO HOSPITAL

Active member of the Anglican church on Salt Spring Island for many years, Mrs. Marjorie Acland died in Lady Minto Hospital on

Sunday, Sept. 4. She was 81 years of age.

Mrs. Acland had suffered ill health for a long period.

For many years she and her husband operated tourist and similar facilities. They were in the Cowichan area before establishing Aclands, now Booth Bay Resort.

Past president of St. Mark's Altar Guild, she had been active in

every phase of the church activities at Central.

Mrs. Acland leaves her daughter, Nonie Guthrie and a brother, Cmdr. Hugh Guernsey on Salt Spring Island and two sisters, Mrs. B.D. Griffin, of Kelowna and Mrs. T. Millin, in Ireland; two grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Service will take place in St. Mark's Church, on Friday at 1 pm, with Rev. Peter McCalman officiating. Cremation will follow.

Arrangements were by Goodman's Funeral Home.

## Few have water

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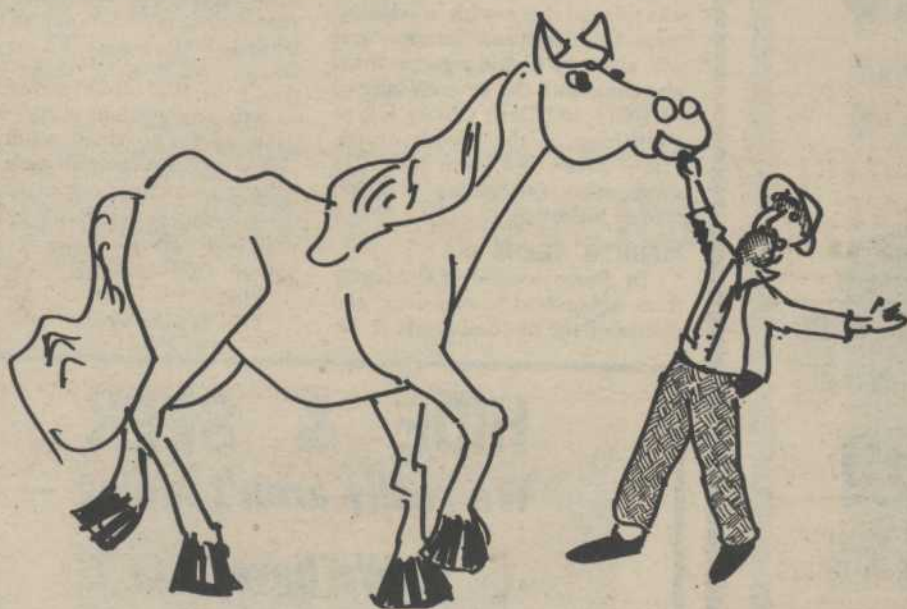
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**NEW STORE KNOCKS ODD FIGURES**

*It's even money they're right about prices*

BY TONY RICHARDS

It was less than one month ago that Pat Carter and Winnie Edwards decided to open a store on Salt Spring Island. On Saturday, Even Money Children's Wear opened at the Mini-Mall in the Valcourt Business Centre.

The name of the new business venture has, no doubt, puzzled a few islanders. It actually means just what it says. The price tags on the articles offered for sale in the new store are all in even figures. Price tags such as 79c, \$1.49 or 98c are awkward and misleading say the two island ladies and they

intend to stick to even numbers. Winnie Edwards came to Salt Spring two and a half years ago as well. Mrs. Carter has lived in various parts of the province: her husband Alf used to

be in construction with B.C. Hydro. Their five children were born all over British Columbia.

Mrs. Carter was working at Turner's Store in Ganges until recently and she also has helped her husband run the Pop Shoppe.

Even Money Children's Wear caters to children between the ages of seven and 15 or 16, or sizes seven to 14.

**NOT AVAILABLE**

"These clothes weren't available on the island," said Mrs. Edwards last week.

"We intend to keep the prices reasonable because this age group grows out of everything so fast," she added.

If the new store hasn't got what a customer wants, the operators say they can order it and have it in within a couple of days.

"We have a complete selection of children's clothes," said Pat Carter, "including running shoes and rubber boots."

The ladies also mentioned they might carry children's shoes some time in the future.



Winnie Edwards and Pat Carter in their new clothing store at Ganges.

from Victoria. Wife of a commercial fisherman, Mrs. Edwards says she is always ready to venture into something. She had been to the island before and she was impressed by what she saw.

In Victoria, she did office work for the RCMP for about two years. Mrs. Edwards has four children.

**HER SECOND TIME**

Pat Carter has lived on Salt Spring for three years but it's her second time here. She lived here 14

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**Saturna Scene**

BY KUKLOS

Lots of activity this week has related to school starting on Tuesday, September 6. Parents took children to town for new clothes and stocked up on the necessary supplies. Taimi Hindmarch and Mike Hayes met with Melanie Gaines to discuss her job of providing learning assistance and relief. Melanie will be at the school three mornings a week, and is welcomed by both teachers and students.

Gulf Islands with Polly Howarth and Michael Hayes, with a view to the possibility of practicing in this area.

The RCMP have also been on island a number of times recently in connection with a few small break-ins, and the slaughter of one of Jim Campbell's cattle. They were also responding to complaints of dogs running loose, and running sheep.

Morley and Diane Crosby have returned, with their family of Shawn, Nicole, and Megan. They are living in the home previously occupied by the Hogg family.

People are saddened at the news that Pat Neumann and her girls have left to reside on the Lower Mainland. They plan to be home on Saturna at weekends as often as possible.

We also said au revoir to Lil Cunningham and Laurie, until next year. Laurie is back to school in the United States, and Lil to Abu Dhabi. We'll miss their happy faces!

Michelle Landers from Courtenay, and Todd Lawley added to the roster of visitors for Betty and Gordie Wick. Marie McMahon had her family over; as did many other islanders, all to enjoy a damp Labour Day weekend, and Lions Auction.

Details next week.

Taimi attended a principals' meeting at Ganges, where she was introduced to new personnel of the district. She took the opportunity to look in on Clarice Warlow, who is always pleased to see Saturna friends. Arthur Ralph, at Resthaven Hospital, also spoke happily of visits from Saturna neighbours and friends.

An inter-island softball game was played here with a visiting team from Mayne. Saturna won with a victory 13-6 in a game which was close until the seventh inning.

Barry and Dave Crooks left to go fishing at the mouth of the Fraser River, but were forced to abandon the idea because of the oil spill at Steveston.

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Dr. Peter Hoogewerf and family from Abbotsford boated over, and discussed the medical needs of the

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(The following article on carpenter ants was submitted by Bernie McCarthy, District Supervisor for PCO Services Ltd. (Pest Control Operators) of Victoria.

The Black Carpenter Ant is strictly a woodnesting form, its colonies occurring in logs, stumps, trees, poles, posts, and the wooden structures of buildings, such as rafters, beams and sills.

The ants enter the wood through crevices or faulty or rotten areas, and even establish colonies by extending their galleries and chambers into the sound wood. Large colonies may contain as many as 5,000 individuals, but colonies are often much smaller, sometimes consisting of only a few dozen individuals.

Carpenter ants may be mistaken for termites, but have elbowed antennae, prominent constrictions between head and thorax and thorax and abdomen, and the wings are transparent with a few coarse veins.

Carpenter ant colonies become established in new situations either through invasion by fertile queen and development of her progeny, or through immigration of all or part of an existing colony. The latter seems to be the more common way in which houses become infested.

Evidence gathered over a period of several years shows that houses near wooded areas, stump land, or brush-covered vacant lots are most likely to become infested. It is by no means uncommon, though, for carpenter ants to invade dwellings in thickly populated districts of a city.

**MOVE IN FIRST**

Ants from any neighbouring colony may move into a house, especially when seriously disturbed as often happens in the clearing of building sites; in fact, cases are on record where disturbed carpenter ants became established before the home owners moved in. Usually they take the course of least resistance and enter the any available openings about the foundations, but occasionally they exhibit considerable ingenuity in gaining access to a house and have even been known to enter along telephone and electric wires. Often the point, or points, of entry are a considerable distance from the place where the brood galleries are excavated.

All kinds of houses, from the oldest to the newest and from the most poorly constructed to the best, may become infested. In general, the houses most subject to attack are frame buildings without basements or with only part basements, those with very low founda-

tions, those with open rambling porches, and those of loose construction.

The ants show some preference for moist rotting timbers about the foundations, but readily mine sound dry wood any place in a house. Among the commonly mined portions are porch pillars and supporting timbers, sills and girders, joists, studs and casings of houses, garages and other buildings.

**NOT UNNOTED FOR LONG**

When a house becomes thoroughly infested there is little likelihood that the fact will be long unnoted by the human occupants. The continued presence of numerous workers, whether they are attracted to food or are merely running around the rooms, is strong though not conclusive evidence that a colony is established in the house.

On warm days early in the spring many people first become aware of carpenter ants in their homes when swarms of large winged ants emerge from the walls and try to escape through the windows. The appearance of these winged forms is an almost certain sign of continued trouble, for the main part of the colony remains behind and continues to develop.

The ants do not utilize the wood for food, but the galleries form a

home for their colony. Although the galleries probably originate in a decayed spot, a deep check, a knot-hole, or some similar defect, after the colony attains some size the sound wood is extensively excavated.

**PREVENTION**

Several precautions can be taken to prevent infestation.

Remove decaying wood from around your home or other build-

ings. Don't store firewood for a long time or bring infested pieces indoors. Provide good ventilation in your house and good drainage around it so that any wood used in the building stays dry. Wood to be used where dampness may occur should be treated with a preservative. Get rid of your garbage quickly. Store food in safe containers and keep your kitchen counters and shelves clean. A few crumbs or drops of syrup can feed many ants.

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**FERNWOOD**

BY JESSIE SAYER

Mr. and Mrs. J. McAndless, of Maliview, left recently for an extended trip in their lovely motor home. They intend to travel across Canada first and eventually arrive in California to enjoy the winter season.

Lawyer Brian Lercher will occupy the McAndless home during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Paton and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Horncastle are now residing in their respective homes on Fernwood Road and it is hoped they will enjoy living in the district.

The last of many vacationers from Washington and California left Wallace Island during the weekend. Some enjoyed our warm weather, others were not so fortunate.

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## Down Through The Years With Driftwood

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Mr. H. Carlin, the official Ganges weather observer, reports that this August has been the wettest in his records, which cover 36 years. The total rainfall this year was 3.16 inches, compared with 1.10 for August last year. The highest temperature reached was 76 degrees on the 29th and the lowest was 49 degrees on the 26th. Last year's high was 87 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Frattinger have announced the sale of Scott Point Marina to Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bradley.

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Last Saturday afternoon as two Salt Spring divers were entertaining a guest from Victoria with a cod-fishing outing, they bumped into a Fathom Phantom first.

Mr. Bernard Reynolds, the visitor, spotted the 20 to 25 pound octopus swimming below him in about 15 feet of water. Being without scuba equipment, he called for assistance. Steve LaFortune rushed to the spot for the touchy operation of capturing the little fellow. To catch the octopus, the divers had to sneak up on it, surprise it, and scoop it from the bottom before it stuck to a rock. The operation was successful and thanks to the captor, the club can now hold its head up in the council.

The octopus, which is a delicacy if one knows how to prepare it, was taken home to be tasted.

A bulldozer operator was putting in a new road for a local farmer, and after some hours work, he dropped down to the house and told the farmer: "Say, I've found you a dandy spring up there on the bank."

When the farmer did a little checking, he found his main water pipe was cut off.

The yearling Palomino filly, 'Blithe Spirit', was shown by Rosalind Hildred at the Saanich Fair this week and won the first prize in her class.

On show at the fair, but not competing, were two registered yearling Morgans owned by Mrs. Harkema of Fernwood Farm.

### TEN YEARS AGO

New traffic pattern in Ganges came into force this week.

The intersection opposite Centennial Park has been repaved and traffic is routed through the centre. Car parking area previously available on the triangle has been eliminated.

Tuesday marked the end of summer holidays as children swarmed back into island schools.

Anticipated enrolments were more than realized and at Ganges the combined

attendance came close to 600.

Initial figures showed an enrolment of 229 secondary students and another 345 scholars in the elementary school.

The holiday was well and truly over for the staff. Classes are set up in classrooms on the stage, in the auditorium and in Mahon Hall.

During wet weather classes will be moved into the corridors to provide indoor accommodation for physical training.

Peaceful Valley Ranch, home of Tom Carolan on Galiano Island, was the setting for an attractive summer wedding on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Patricia Maureen Arnfinson became the bride of Robert Stephen Slanski at 7 pm, the vows heard by Rev. E.W. MacQuarrie of the United Church at Salt Spring Island.

Patricia is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Dora Arnfinson, of Vancouver, and Robert is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Slanski, of Fernie.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

The Ganges Runner is away. On Tuesday, Sept. 5, when islands students are returning to school, Bill Arnold and his family will set out for eastern Canada at a brisk pace.

Setting the pace will be Bill, himself, on his Cross Canada Run. He will start running on Tuesday and he will stop running on or about the beginning of December in Halifax.

I'm at odds with the tailors. Years and years ago you wore a pair of breeches and the pockets were small and fore-and-aft. If you wore pants you had somewhere to put your keys and your caddy and your pocket knife. Now you wear a pair of pants and the pockets are like the tailor figures you don't have any money left after you've bought them.

Ron Lee caught the top fish in the Rotary Salmon Derby. He was quiet about it. Bob Blundell caught nothing and he told everyone. Seems Ron kept quiet and let the fish do the talking.

Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace in Ganges provided the setting for a lovely August wedding when Carolyn Diane, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Webster of Fulford Harbour, exchanged marriage vows with Raymond Tenisci, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Tenisci, of Trail. Rev. Fr. W. Mudge performed the double-ring ceremony.

Charlie Forsythe and Bev Menzies were low net winners at the Salt Spring Island open two-day tournament last week end. It was the third annual invitational golf tournament to be staged by the island club.

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**Letters**

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be paying on the proposed system. Some subsidy should be provided by the government where it is needed, and could be recovered through taxation.

I feel, as all Island residents do, that a sewer system is long overdue, but the current proposal is out of the question.

W.C. Carlson  
Box 401  
Ganges  
September 6, 1977

**NO NEED FOR SEWER**

Sir: We are writing to you in regard to the installation of a sewer system for Ganges and area.

There has been a decided lack of information concerning the cost, disposal of sewage, and the arbitrary nature of the area to be served.

The pressing problem at the present time seems to be the sewage and disposal of it in the village proper. For some obscure reason we have been chosen to help bear the cost for these services, and other areas which are just as close and more densely populated have been exempted.

We have been told that there is drainage from septic fields towards the bay. Homes on Churchill Road are much nearer the bay than we are, so why are they exempted? Fields near St. Mary Lake, using the same reasoning, must be draining into St. Mary Lake from which town residents and lake residents receive their water supply. Why are they exempted?

We believe that our fields in the Reid Road area off Charlesworth are capable of handling the effluent without drainage into the bay or onto anyone else's property. Why then should we go to the extra expense of paying for the sewage system in Ganges when others are exempted?

We hope this matter will receive thoughtful consideration and a solution arrived at which will treat all residents of Salt Spring Island fairly without discrimination or special privilege towards anyone.

Violet Norlander  
Carl Norlander  
RR 2, Charlesworth Road  
Ganges  
September 6, 1977

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**Five sets of candles for five birthdays in one at church**

When the Salt Spring Island Anglican Parish gathered to pay tribute to three members who were celebrating August birthdays, the party came in out of the rain.

The weather had been brilliant until Mrs. Mildred Norton, Mrs. Ann McCalman and Mrs. Grace Wright celebrated their birthdays.

The three ladies marked their birthdays on August 19. And it was a repeat performance. There were two other birthday girls who came into the party this year for the first time. Mrs. Dulcie Morrison, whose birthday fell on August 20 and Mrs. Margaret Dees, who was celebrating the 15th.

The project is a year old. In 1976, the three veterans of parish birthdays were marking their birthday on the Sunday. The Bishop of Columbia was on Salt Spring Island that Sunday and the

three were invited to a surprise party in the hall.

On that occasion, as well as this year, the cake was prepared by Mrs. Margaret Howell. There were five sets of five candles and five concerted efforts to get rid of the heat.

After blowing, each celebrant was presented with a carved mother-of-pearl brooch, in the shape of a flower or a fan. And each had a hand-painted card, the work of Caroline Hamilton.

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When I suggested some repairs  
And I'll remember in my prayers  
The way you hit me with those chairs

I cannot fly I cannot soar  
I cannot rise up from the floor  
But it's not this that makes me roar  
You broke my toe in the bathroom door.

Now that is not my only pain  
You pushed my nose down in the drain  
And when I fainted with the strain  
You promptly brought me round again.

I cannot bat my eyes or blink  
I cannot nod my head and wink  
I cannot even sit and think  
You bashed my head on the kitchen sink.

You've been my host for just one week  
And you have made my stay here bleak  
To show you I'm not mild or meek  
I'm going to sue you 'til you squeak!

- John Healey

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