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Garages

Backyard businesses a threat

Back-yard motor repair businesses on Salt Spring Island are a menace to established garages and repair shops.

On Wednesday last week Islands Trust committee on Salt Spring Island heard a petition from island businesses protesting the fact that any resident is permitted, under By-law 66, to operate from a private residence.

The practice is undermining the auto repair business here, said the letter. It was from Island Garage, Ganges Auto Marine, Ron Lee Shell Service and Don Irwin.

Trustees were not entirely clear what the writers were asking and the letter was passed on to the Trust solicitor for clarification.

Reference to the lawyer folled the recommendation of Jack Fisher.

Daily trip for Outer Islanders

Students at Ganges from Galiano may be travelling to school on a daily basis next year.

Last week the school board approved the payment of boarding allowance to a parents' group in order that it might be allocated to transportation costs.

The students may enjoy the benefit of a fine school and yet live at home, commented Mary Ann Neal, Galiano trustee.

Travel allowance boost from five cents to 23

Travel allowance in Gulf Islands School District will be boosted

Sports schedule for summer at Salt Spring

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has again applied to the Gulf Islands School Board for the control and co-ordination of the school grounds for 1978.

If approval is given, the Commission will meet with representatives of Minor Baseball, Women's Softball and Men's Softball to formulate a workable schedule for games and practices.

Interested groups should watch for further information on these schedules.

Fifty pints of blood for Red Cross



Fifty pints of blood. That's what J.V. Clement, of Beddis Road, Ganges, has given to the Red Cross.

Last week Mr. Clement received a small token of recognition from the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The picture shows Mr. Cle-

ment, right, receiving an illuminated scroll from the hands of Col. Peter Bingham, of the Salt Spring Island Branch, Royal Canadian Legion. Legion sponsors the blood clinics on Salt Spring Island.

Mr. Clement expressed regret that there were comparatively few years left to donate blood for a retired islander.

Trust is not pressing for village status for Ganges says chairman

Islands Trust may take a look at village status for Ganges, but in no way would the Trust endorse village incorporation, nor press for it.

On Wednesday afternoon last week, when the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee met in Ganges, Chuck Longueay, Salt Spring local trustee reported that two organizations on the island are at the present time investigating village status for Ganges.

He recalled that at the last committee meeting the staff had been instructed to enquire into village municipalities.

Chairman Marc Holmes explained that the enquiry was restricted to the question as to whether the province was still permitting village incorporation.

Longueay proposed that the two

They will pay if necessary

Pay phone is to be installed in the hall of the new Pender School.

Trustees recalled that the BC Telephone Company called for a minimum number of calls when a move was made to install such a phone at Gulf Islands Secondary School in Ganges.

Don Fairweather replied that the community is quite prepared to stuff the box with coins in order to keep the facility going to the company's satisfaction.

A phone is needed for times when the school building is in use and there is no access to the only telephone in the building, inside the principal's office.

Islander drowned

Resident of Valdez Island drowned last Friday after he left on a journey in his dug-out canoe.

Body of native Indian resident, Max Norris, aged 65 years, was found at Spotlight Cove on Galiano Island on March 10. His dug-out canoe was found later, Saturday by a Valdez Islander.

Seven members named

Salt Spring Planning Commission is appointed

Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission has been officially appointed.

When the Islands Trust committee met at Ganges last week, one of the first actions taken was to accept all nominations to the Commission and to pass the necessary by-law bringing the Commission into being.

The two Salt Spring Island Trustees, Charles Longueay and Jack Fisher will serve. So will Regional Director Jim Bryce. The other four members were named by various community organizations.

The seven members are Trustees Jack Fisher and Charles Longueay and Director Jim Bryce. Four named from the community are Nick Gilbert, Planning Association; Charles Baltzer, Gulf Islands School Board; Ken Patrick, North

Salt Spring Waterworks District and Gerry Bourdin, Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

Jack Fisher was named chairman of the Commission until it meets and elects its own chairman.

"I am looking forward to working with the Advisory Planning Commission," said Chairman Marc Holmes, "They are first class candidates and they represent a good cross-section of the community."

Village Bay wharf repairs

A contract has been awarded to Harbour Pile Driving Ltd., Nanaimo, to complete repairs to the ramp tower at the Village Bay ferry terminal, Mayne Island.

The firm, one of eight to submit tenders, bid \$43,056 for the job, the lowest tender received.

A crew of up to 10 workers, including divers, will begin the job at the end of the month, with completion scheduled by the end of April.

Total cost, including engineering, supervision and materials, will be \$56,000.

No dental insurance for Chamber

There is no dental insurance scheme for members of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

On Wednesday evening last week the Chamber met to hear a proposal from H.J. Carlin Insurance Agency for group dental insurance.

Harold Derbitsky, of the insurance firm, reported that no company would accept the Chamber proposal for lack of any large employer in the association.

The Chamber is to continue its enquiries into group dental insurance.

Varied field trips

Field trips for islands students were briefly considered by trustees of Gulf Islands School Board last week.

Trips ranged from an overnight trip to Camp Yawaca on Salt Spring Island for Salt Spring students, through ski trips, mainland trips and a proposal to spend several weeks in Quebec.

It doesn't matter if it rains!

When Mrs. Erika Ibing wanted to re-roof her home off Ganges Hill last year she discovered that no repairs could be carried out. Her home was located on a lot zoned for industrial use.

She approached the Capital Regional Board and some progress was made towards getting the property zoned for the use that was already being made of it. Then the Capital Region relinquished authority over land use. It became a problem for the Islands Trust.

On Wednesday last week the Islands Trust passed the final by-law transferring her property from its industrial zoning to residential.

It doesn't matter, now, if it rains!

She remembers Charlotte

BY JOAN RAESIDE

Remember Charlotte? Or maybe, Charlie? Players and singers may be interested to hear "our Charlie" Keeping is now Mrs. G.B. Madison and she is now busy painting Arizona, if not red, then all the other colours on her palette.

For those who don't remember her or who have only lately arrived on the island, Charlotte was the queen-pin in all the shows put on locally. She worked, literally, day and night, painting sets and designing and making colourful costumes for us.

She and "London" her English sheepdog spent nights at Mahon Hall or the Activity Centre subsisting on coca-cola and the next day - behold, the miracle!

By now she's probably becoming an expert on cacti and London an expert on coyotes. I gather he loves the life there and, according to Charlotte, he nearly heeded the call of a lady-coyote but decided against it, eventually.

I am sure everyone who knows and is grateful to Charlotte for her work join me in wishing her the very best of luck except; I should point out; she has it already as someone else's "Charlie".

They are confident that school will be fully accredited again

Accreditation of Gulf Islands Secondary School is under consideration this year. Trustees of the School Board were told last week that the internal appraisal had already been carried out by the staff.

The external appraisal may be undertaken by one of three methods, reported Superintendent Bob Huestis. It may be assessed by a visiting team from the ministry of education or it may be carried out by a visiting team called in by the superintendent. Third procedure is to invite the superintendent to do it. The last is the least likely, trustees learned.

Loss of accreditation would impose limits on the freedom of the school to institute locally developed programs, said Huestis.

It would also be considered by universities accepting graduates from the school, he said.

Trustees and superintendent were confident that the school will come out with flying colours.

No commitment on Foxglove site

Application by Tom Gossett for rezoning of property on Lower Ganges Road and Atkins Road to commercial has been withdrawn.

They used to go fishing at Galiano.

Speaking about fishing, during one of the meetings lately, it was mentioned that Ollie Garner, one day during the early 1950's, had landed a killer whale on his small Tom Mack spoon with no help. This statement was questioned in the way of "maybe he had Tom and Mack to help him". Here's proof of Ollie's big fish; He brought out this picture of the big whale on his truck, in front of his house. Getting it up on the land, and on the truck, only Ollie could do, but do it he surely did!

At last Wednesday's meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee it was learned that the applicant is now seeking a land-use contract for the new location of Foxglove Farms.

Chairman Marc Holmes noted that although he was sympathetic to the application, the Trust had earlier established the Valcourt Building Centre and the Court House as the boundary of commercial zoning.

The committee expressed sympathy with the proposal, although no commitment was made.

The trustees gained an assurance from the applicant that the appearance would change with the elimination of trailers from the property.

Day of Prayer for women at Galiano

The Womens World Day of Prayer was held at St. Margaret's Church on Galiano, on Friday afternoon, March 3.

The theme for this year was "Community Spirit in Modern Living".

Leader was Mrs. G. Philippson, who did an excellent job of the service which takes place each year in churches all over the world. Organist was Mrs. R. Parminter.

Also taking part were the following; Misses E.E. Trimmer, F. Druce, and K. Johnson; Mmes. H. Baines, I.A. Murphy, C. Morshead, C. Dodwell, D.A. New, J. Callaghan, R. Harding, A. Platt, J. Bellhouse, G. Foster and B. Bengier.

Offerings taken by Mrs. M. Bow and Mrs. J. Marchant were received by Mrs. R. Harding.

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Big fish



Telephone service for animals

The Salt Spring Island Auxiliary to the Victoria Branch of the S.P.C.A. will initiate a telephone service on Monday.

Through the Island Answering Service, calls concerning animal welfare, lost and found animals and requests for information will be received at 537-2123.

Messages will be taken between 9 am and 5 pm on weekdays. The calls will then be returned by a member of the association.

It is hoped that, from a study of a record of calls, the executive of the association can assess the needs and future services required in the Gulf Islands.

A membership and donation drive will be held in Ganges from March 30 to April 1.

Morning song

The birds are never very far away. They greet the spring each morning everywhere.

Here in a city church we kneel to pray.

And in the silence, joining with our prayer,

We hear their voices lifted all around.

Oh thank you, God, for such a lovely sound!

-Mary Garland Coleman

Stop smoking : call Virginia

"Stop Smoking" course, sponsored by the Continuing Education Department of Gulf Islands School District, is a five-consecutive-day session which will run Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 at 7.30 in the Elementary School library.

Dr. Ken Trefz will conduct the meetings. The system has proven very successful with a high percentage of "quitters".

Readers may call Virginia Newman for pre-registration.

Problem with hockey

Problem with hockey is the sticks.

Last week trustees of Gulf Islands School District heard two reports of injury in school due to a blow from a hockey stick.

Both victims suffered broken teeth.

Trustees have debated the idea of requiring mouth guards for indoor hockey.

B.C. Old Age Pensioners (Branch 32)

GENERAL MEETING

Thurs., March 23,
2 pm
St. George's Hall

Arrangements for Daffodil Lunch and Bus Flower Trip to Victoria

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by richards

I think I'm an eccentric. I don't feel like an eccentric to me, but I think I am one. I got a list of the top 10 TV programs according to the BBM measurement bureau. Of the top 10 I can recognize three. The top three I have never even heard of: Happy Days, Love Boat and American Music Awards. No. 4 is Hockey Night in Canada. No. 9 is Mash and No. 10 is Laverne and Shirley. I have seen Mash and I have seen Laverne and Shirley, once. Hockey Night is the only familiar one in 10. I quit!

Talking of ratings, my three-year-old grandson has been invited to maintain a diary of listening for a week. About all he can report is the day he pulled the knobs off the clock radio.

I wouldn't want to say a word out of place, but I know for sure that a man in big boots can make a lot of noise in a fire truck!

Is the wood in E flat or B flat, asked Tony Knight. He referred to a classified for alder wood at \$40 a chord.

Why do they call it the Golden Age? There's less gold around than ever before for most old age pensioners and even the Silver Age would be more obvious. The expression was probably coined by a youthful public relations man!

Television tells you all the secrets. Where else could you learn that a queen is a woman who is passionately fond of butter? Or that Mr. Sear is very fat, because he's the "largest retailer" in Canada?

It doesn't seem to matter too much which way you look at it, the question of unity in Canada will depend on how important Canada is. If it is merely that place on the other side of the mountains, then it's not likely we'll be frantic. But if it is the land of which we form the westernmost province, then we'll devote every last effort to hold it together. It's up to us, all of us.

Years ago we learned of the ice age and the iron age and the bronze age. Now we're in the

Strike Age. The ice age went and the world was better off and the bronze age went and mankind was better off and the iron age came and sticks around. But when the Strike Age passes, you can bet we'll all be better off!

It seems likely that the transit strikers in Victoria and Vancouver are doing islanders a favour. Part of the cost of providing city passenger transport is borne by hydro bills. All hydro customers in the area contribute towards the loss leader of town traffic. So, at least while they are not running, the buses are costing us less. Let's hope we see the reflection in our Hydro bills!

Film series for Salt Spring

Films selected from the vast catalogues of the National Film Board are being shown every Tuesday at 7.30 in Room 4 of the Gulf Islands Secondary School at Ganges.

Sponsored by the Continuing Education Department of Gulf Islands School District, the series is open to the public for a \$1 registration fee, plus a small silver collection at each session to cover postage. Programs are varied in subject matter and run from 60 to 90 minutes.

Next Tuesday's selections are "William Lyon Mackenzie", a half-hour dramatization of the rise and fall of this early Canadian leader. There will also be a 21 minute tour, "Passing Through Sweden".

"Satellites of the Sun", uses animation techniques in views of our solar system and a short colour fantasy, "Carroussel" shows the ponies of a merry-go-round break their bonds to race across the countryside.

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Lions at Galiano score again at Seafood Fiesta Saturday

The fifth annual Galiano Lions Seafood Dinner was held at Galiano Hall on March 11.

More than 100 people came to enjoy the fresh and delicious dishes, many and varied, tastefully prepared by Lions and their ladies.

President of Lionettes, Mary Knudson, was in charge of serving of the "bounties of the sea."

Grace was asked by John Liver, immediate past president of Lions, after which all sat down to enjoy dinner.

Master-of-ceremonies Frank Basarab, introduced president Roy

Harding, who welcomed all who came on this occasion. Mr. Harding thanked Geordie Georgeson and his wife for their help and advice - he introduced the new minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Dyer, and a Lion from far away up at Watson Lake, Jim Paul, as well as all other visitors and Lions. He said the Club also honours the youngest Lion of Galiano, Crawford Twiss, who was 93 years of age recently.

Mr. Harding then, with the assistance of secretary Archie Frewer, presented the past presidents,

Charter President Frank Basarab, Bob Knowles, and John Liver with past-president pins.

He thanked all who had helped to make this evening a success. It takes many hands to prepare and serve a large meal, he commented.

Dancing then followed to the music of "Whee Three" of Ganges to round out a most successful evening.



A Note From 'Salty'

The Easter Bunny has arrived at the Salty Shop and left all kinds of "Goodies"! Come in today for the very best selection.

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MOUAT'S

Island Night Fijian theme

BY LOUISA HILCKMANN

Of all the innocent small pleasures that we indulge in to ease the monotony of dull and dreary winter months, armchair travel must be one of the most comfortable.

Snuggled up in our favourite chair near the fireplace we take book and map in hand and before long we are off in some distant corner of the earth, preferably a tropical paradise where lofty palm trees sway gently in the trade winds, where waves break into spray against the reefs, where white sandy beaches and smiling natives await us and where sun and

languorous music caress our bodies and our minds.

Well, dream no more because the South Pacific is coming to Salt Spring!

On Saturday, March 25 the Fiji Association of Vancouver will give us a taste of the tropics by staging one of their popular Island Night dances at the Fulford Community Hall.

Music will be provided by the band, "Polynesian Sounds" and guests will be entertained by a full-fledged floorshow.

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No Village here!

It is 10 years since the voters of Ganges went to the polls and rejected a proposal to incorporate the village area. No way did they want to see a municipality administering their affairs as a village.

At that time the proposal was sparked by the desire for a sanitary sewer system. In those days of unplanned harmony, the islands had no Regional Board upon whose wealthy shoulders they might weep. The only style of administration available to islanders was a village for Ganges or a municipal district embracing all the island. The sponsors chose one and the voters chose neither.

To establish a sewer system in unorganized territory was prohibitive then because few of the available grants were payable to an area without a municipal council. With the subsequent introduction of regional districts the pressure was off because the region has the borrowing powers of any other municipal body.

The approval of a village municipality would have brought the sewer system to Ganges at a cost of some \$180,000. The treatment would have been primitive. It was in the days before the western seas turned green. But the more sophisticated treatments could have been added later.

There is no question but that a village incorporation could have been invaluable at that time for the fringe benefits it would have brought. The picture has changed.

Neither then nor later would a village municipality have benefited the island of Salt Spring. A village municipality in the most developed part of the island would then have been divisive. It would cause division today.

All islands collect residents of determinedly independent thinking. Those who are born to island living tend to be distinctly recognizable. Those who adapt to island living rapidly become cast in the same mould. The habit of turning one's back to the sea and restricting his gaze to his neighbours is readily assimilated. Islanders are argumentative and ornery citizens. That's why they're islanders. And even if it hurts to face up to these things, when we consider incorporation, we must acknowledge that on Salt Spring Island, or any island, an administrative measure that splits the community will lead to an increasingly sharp division.

Division of a community breaks people into factions. On an island it would be disastrous. The Islands Trust is performing no service to the community by looking into what could only split Salt Spring Island beyond its various divisions today.

The lesson, however, goes beyond Salt Spring Island. The minister would not be getting good advice were he recommended to split any island in such manner.

When it comes to incorporation of an island it must be all or nothing at all and most island residents would probably plead for nothing at all. We have an Islands Trust Mr. Minister: we have a Regional Board. What more could we possibly need?

Letters to the Editor

ANOTHER PLAN

Sir,

Many islanders are concerned about the sewer system for Ganges that has been proposed by the Capital Regional District (CRD), and we think justifiably so.

A fundamental concern is that the CRD's proposal seriously violates the Salt Spring Island Community Plan. The projected population for Ganges with the large sewer area will be between 5,000 and 6,000, more than the entire population of the island at this time. This will make the total projected population of the island in excess of 20,000, far more than was agreed to by the islanders under the Community Plan.

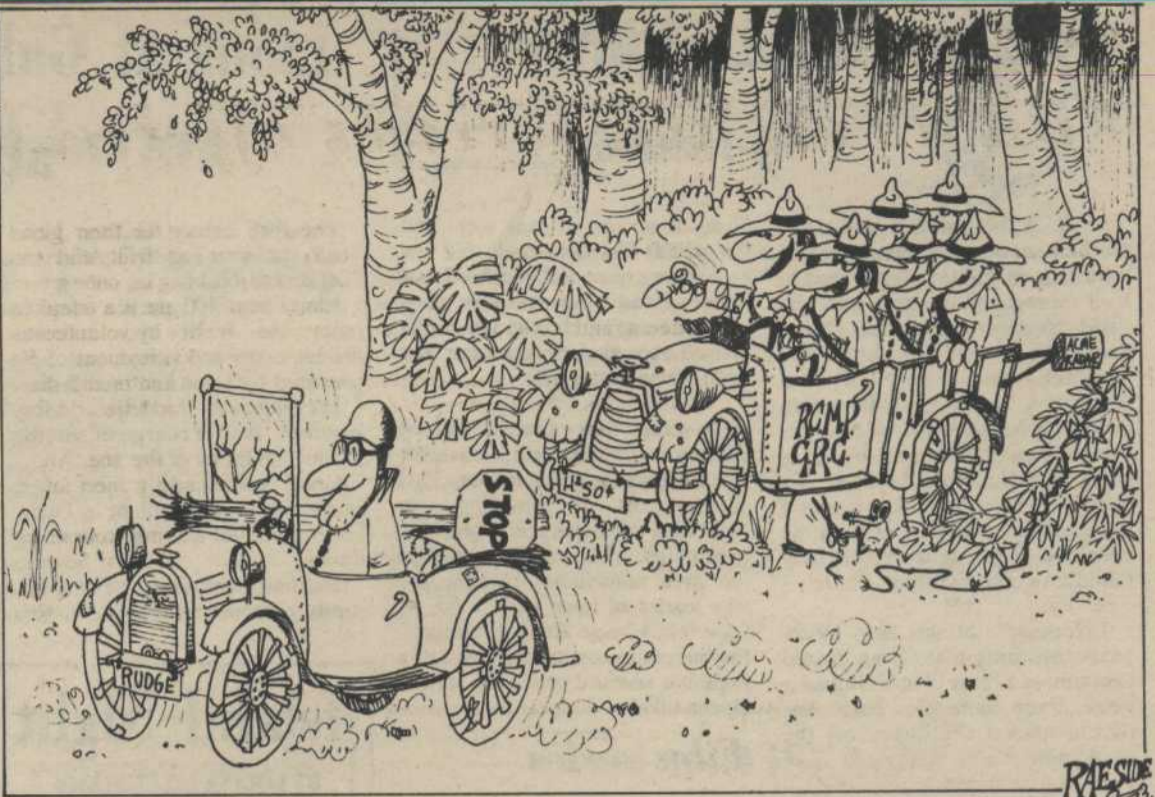
The social, economic and environmental impacts of this additional 5,000 people will be felt by all the islanders. For instance, such an increase would probably result in 2,000 more cars crowded onto island roads and ferry terminals. The very qualities that make the island and island life special,

peacefulness, beauty, freedoms, will be eroded as we drift toward suburbia.

A large sewer area such as the one proposed by the CRD will inevitably increase the pollution in Ganges Harbour. We may eventually expect an average daily discharge of sewage from this system into the harbour of several hundred thousand gallons per day. Surface runoff from a large densely developed sewer area is dirty, and will further add to the pollution load in the harbour.

The total cost of the CRD system seems to be excessively high to be warranted for a small community like Ganges to bear, especially considering the sizeable part of its population on low or fixed incomes.

Is it necessary to seriously violate the Community Plan, to discharge so much sewage in a sensitive area such as Ganges Harbour, and to inflict such a high financial burden on many island-



"...GET HIM!"

ers? We think not.

We have proposed an alternate sewer system to the Capital Regional District. It covers a much smaller area, about one-quarter that of Phases I and II of the CRD's sewer plan. The cost will be correspondingly much lower, and so will the amount of sewage discharged into the harbour.

The area covered by the alternate proposal includes the commercial/industrial/institutional core of Ganges, and so will relieve the existing sewage disposal problems, and yet allow some growth to serve the future needs of islanders.

We believe that this alternate proposal is a reasonable solution to our sewage problem in Ganges, but you must decide this, too. In the near future we will be circulating a petition in favour of a smaller system to be presented to the Capital Regional District. If you wish to make your preference known, please sign it.

M. LARMOUR
C. WOODEY
GANGES
MARCH 12, 1978

CHIVALRY

Sir,

The age of chivalry is not yet passed, and our sincere thanks go out to a young man from the Cusheon Lake area, who so kindly came to our aid on Sunday evening, March 5, as we returned home from the Fulford ferry.

Our faulty lights let us down badly. We had intended being home in the daylight, but it was later than we thought, and, at times, even thought it might be too late! So the young man's help was very much appreciated, by the recipients of his kindness, on Rainbow Road, The Bolands.

Mrs. M.J. Boland
Rainbow Road
RR 3, Ganges
BC V0S 1C0
March 7, 1978

INDEFENSIBLE WOLFE

Sir,

You published a letter in March 8 issue from Evan Wolfe, Minister of Finance, in which he attempted to justify his government's spending overruns.

We witnessed the sorry spectacle of a Minister of the Crown twisting, turning and dodging in a futile attempt of defending an indefensible position.

Remember, just three short years ago he and his colleagues put on a hysterical display in their condemnation of the \$100 million over-run of the former administration. They described it as gross mismanagement.

In seeking election they promised balanced budgets and no

over-runs. Now Mr. Wolfe is embarrassed since he has to admit to \$167 million in over-runs, with yet three more months left in the fiscal year. Were he to have simply owned up to his error of judgment in faulting the previous government in forecasting the 1977-78 budget, we could forgive him. Instead he attempts to tell us his over-runs aren't really over-runs at all but simply additional expenditures that display good management by him! Incredible!

Slice it any way you like, an over-run is an over-run. Once the budget is struck and passed, any expenditures beyond the declared amounts are automatically over-runs.

It is interesting to examine some of Mr. Wolfe's overruns. \$63 million for highways. It is patently obvious not one penny of it reached Salt Spring Island by the current state of our roads. They are in the poorest condition in years.

Taking a swipe at the former administration, Mr. Wolfe says he overspent the budget by \$7.8 million "to cover the mess at Swan Valley Foods".

Then he tells us he overspent his budget by \$8.5 million of our money "to transfer the V.R.B. people to Human Resources".

He neglects to mention that this transfer was an unnecessary waste of our money as a huge majority of taxpayers, including Vancouver City Council, opposed the dismantling of Vancouver Resources Board. Only Mr. Vander Zalm favoured it to further centralize his Human Resources empire, and display his power.

Mr. Wolfe makes a better car dealer than a finance minister.

K. Arnott
Box 428
Ganges, BC
March 13, 1978

She lost two dogs

Dog owner at Southey Point is worried.

Carol Haigh used to have a sheltie-fox terrier and a four-month old border collie. Both have disappeared and no one in that vicinity has spied either dog.

Both dogs are female and may be keeping each other company or they may be separated, says the owner. If any reader has seen the animals on Salt Spring Island, the owner wishes to be contacted.

Park torn apart

Vandalism at Galiano's Montague Park was extensive last week.

Ganges RCMP were notified of the damages on March 11 but have not yet found the culprit or culprits.

Five rails and cement casings were broken and the lawns were torn up.

Only walk a mile

Kindergarten students living more than one mile from school are entitled to transportation.

Gulf Islands School Board accepted the walk limit on Thursday afternoon last week.

Two trustees voted against the motion.

Church Services

PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1978

ANGLICAN

8.15 am PARISH BREAKFAST at St. George's Hall			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
UNITED			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812 (church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm

COMMUNITY GOSPEL

Mr. L. Sheppard	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30 am
537-2622 (church)	Box 61	Evening Service	7.30 pm

MAYNE ISLAND

St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
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SENIOR CITIZENS

Visitors explain services offered at Sidney

BY ELSIE BROWN

Representatives from the Silver Threads of Sidney, addressed Silver Maynes last week and gave very interesting accounts of their activities at the Centre on Rest Haven Drive.

First to speak was Mrs. Muriel Ackinlose, director, who gave a brief history of the formation of the organization. So many people were retiring to Victoria that a means of communication was needed and the first meetings were held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Victoria.

Through a contest held by The Colonist the name Silver Threads was chosen. This was 20 years ago and three branches have been formed since.

The members finally acquired a building of their own, founded by a government grant on Fisgard Street. Money was raised through Arts and Crafts sales and United Appeal funds.

The land for the Centre on Rest Haven Drive in Sidney was donated and funds for the building were provided by a government grant with the help of community fund-

raising activities.

VARIED PROGRAMS

There are varied programs every day of the week. Instructors are volunteers and activities include Shuffleboard, tennis, carpet bowling, dancing, arts and crafts, concerts, films, conteen service. A part-time cook supplies a very inexpensive lunch at noon available to any Senior Citizens visiting in the area.

Trips are arranged which includes onto the Tacoma Daffodil Festival in April and short trips on the mainland.

Mrs. Marion Skinner spoke on her involvement at the Centre and teaches Arts and Crafts and is interested in quilting and weaving and dressmaking. She praised the

people of Sidney for their generosity in bringing fruit and vegetables and coming in, once a week to bake bread. There is a telephone answering service by volunteers.

Mrs. Mildred Seymour also teaches Arts and Crafts and stated that there were two kilns and three wheels in the ceramics department. Preparing for the Annual Bazaar is a major project of the Centre.

A creative writing course has been available and Mrs. Seymour read an amusing story about grandmothers written by one of the students.

It seems grandmothers are different today. They discuss politics and trips not Lydia Pinkham Pills. Nursery Rhymes have been replac-

ed by Superman.

The Centre publishes a monthly magazine, entitled The Silver Thread, edited by Mrs. Margaret Kadwell. It contains many interesting items along with the list programs, Gardening Notes, general information, poetry and recipes.

Questions were dealt with during the social hour, which followed. The president thanked the ladies for coming and an invitation was extended to the Mayne members to visit Sidney any time or take advantage of the noontime meal served by the Centre.

Firearms charge at Pender

Two Vancouver men appeared in Ganges Provincial Court last week on a charge of discharging firearms after dusk.

Lorenzo Moschette and Guseppe Ciulla were hunting on Pender Island last October 29 when they were found with their truck on a logging road near three dead deer, which were allegedly killed by the two hunters.

Police on Pender were notified by a resident of several gunshots, following sunset.

Moschette's charge was dismissed, while Ciulla was levied a \$250 fine for being in possession of an unloaded firearm

The firing of arms after sunset is prohibited.

Elementary Days

RUINS

By Ellen Box....Grade Seven

Lichens encrust the crumbling old blocks, which look out of place against the new green grasses and trees. The two greyish-green stone buildings amid piles of rubble, stand tall and stately, as though they could stare through empty black windows for centuries.

Mashed-potato clouds float by gazing at the ancient structure, and vines tendrils tenderly onto one building, peeking through the windows and trying to pull out the bricks. No one else is there to appreciate the buildings, so they stand immune to loneliness.

BALLOON RACES

By Marnie Dammel...Grade Seven

Quickly, hurry, this way ma'am, The races start quite soon. O'er there's the perfect seat, To watch the big balloons, Hey Mom, look, - quickly. Please? At number twelve o'er there. I can barely wait to see it sailing, through the air.

"We're starting now, attention please! Step back and let them through. Mommy are they going to fly? Is it really true? "Up they go! Who's in the lead? It's a big, black striped balloon.

The yellow one is gaining fast. It will be winning soon! A red and blue goes up, then down, And wobbles back and forth. The yellow one is going south. The red is going north! The red and blue is back in place, And rapidly joins the rest. It races past black and yellow. It's plain that it's the BEST!

A NEW DAY

By Leah Wiebe....Grade Seven

Perched lazily on a gnarled old branch a young Kingfisher awakes, just above a peaceful little lake. Next to him a beautiful weeping willow is draping a shower of golden green leaves which flickers slightly in the faint breeze. The ends are touching the surface of the mirror-like waters making thin ripples, that reflect the sun's pale-yellow rays. In the waters the silent reflections of the tall evergreens are shimmering in the blue-gray waters, standing tall and proud over the dainty little lake. A handsome white swan glides gracefully over the reflection leaving a long trail of wrinkles over the silky smooth surface. A loon is calling mournfully into the early morning introducing the dawning of a "New Day".

Possession of alcohol

Found in possession of alcohol was 18-year-old Michael Scott of Ganges.

Charged on January 25 for being a minor in possession of alcohol, Scott was fined \$25, when he appeared in court at Ganges last week.

When asked when he would turn 19, Scott told the court next January.

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Marina in Ganges held up for more details on extent

Application for a permit to fill a Crown lease in Ganges was held up last week by fears that it might be a threat to the Centennial Park in Ganges.

Islands Trust has been invited to express its opinion on the application. The request was not accompanied by detailed information.

Charles Longueay reported that he had inspected the property and that the fill would reach the level of the park. The application indicated that it could go beyond the park.

Application would extend the Ganges Auto Marine site another

60 or 70 feet out into the water, the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee was told.

It was accepted that the purpose of the proposal was to construct a marina, but the lands branch is not concerned with the use to which such a project may be put, explained planner Chris Ford.

The Trust wants more information. Exactly how far out will the marina extend? Will it be out to the level of the park or beyond?

The Centennial Park was set up by the old-timers of the Island and it must be protected, urged Chairman Marc Holmes.

Saturna Scene

BY KUKLOS

Familiar faces were back on island recently. Steve and Myrtle Maskow, now living in Sidney, made a day trip over, seeing old friends and inspecting their old neighbourhood in the valley.

Taimi and Bob Hindmarch were thrilled to welcome daughter Mary and granddaughter Sarah, out from Ontario.

Dr. Maureen Piercey, with son David, was over from Victoria combining business with a visit to Polly Howarth, and stayed longer than she had expected due to missing the ferry.....and that really hurts, especially on a Sunday!

Laura and Em Coombs have their grandsons with them for a few weeks. Also in the valley, it is good to see Marjorie Ratzlaff home from hospital.

FOR LUMBER

Tom Moore, now mostly resident in Victoria, made a brief trip over for lumber for house construction he is working on in town.

Barbara Scoones visited school and a few homes here.

Cathy and Jerry Shular are home on Samuel Island after their holidays. Gordie and Betty Wick will no longer then be babysitting island and animals.

Lou and Jim Money were hosts to friends Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guerard for a few days.

Terri, Andy and Kristin Siemens had Sam Fields and young Aaron Woodward as guests.

The Water Committee of the Community Club met and considerable concern was expressed about the lack of progress re the feasibility study by the Regional Board Engineering Department. It is extremely important in view of Water Rights Controller H.D. de Beck's deadline of August 31 for a solution.

VISIT FREIGHTER

On a calm, if cloudy, Friday afternoon, the school population, outfitted with life jackets, were taken over in Davy Jack's boat for a special tour of the freighter, California Rainbow. They were all given an enthusiastic welcome, especially by the captain and chief engineer.

Thanks for the crew's treats of cake and pop were expressed by a gift of a home-grown avocado plant, and a copy of the Gulf Islands Patchwork.

The personnel of the freighter were also guests of honour at the Saturna Community Hall, when

islanders put on a special party for them. Everyone brought food, and a donation jar for liquid refreshments for the crew had been gathering money all week at Wick's Store.

Work on the new transmitter on the TV tower hill has started, and Mike and Debbie Graham will be having guests for some weeks at Boot Cove Lodge. Work on fixing up the dock seems to be very slow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20: Community Club quarterly and annual general meeting -- lots of issues, and election of officers for the coming year. 8 o'clock, Monday evening.

March 25: Easter Saturday, annual bake and handicraft sale, tea - put on by the Saturna Women's Service Club. This is always popular and sold out early and this year should be even better attended. Also on sale with the great home baking will be the fruits of the labours of the Upholstery people with Len Hobbs -- ottomans, children's Cogswell rockers, and decorative pillows. (Tickets on a 'seahorse' pillow on display at Lawson's store are available)

Tickets are also available on a beautiful afghan, hand-crocheted by Bernice Crooks. The draw will be on May 6. Tickets are 50c each or three for \$1, and the proceeds are for the Mayne Island students transportation fund.

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Zoning charge leads to \$100 fine after hearing

Charge of operating a commercial undertaking in a residential zone was heard against Margarete Nehl in Ganges Provincial Court on Wednesday last week.

Mrs. Nehl is alleged to have operated a retail business from her residential property on Lower Ganges Road at Crofton Road.

She appeared before Provincial Judge D.K. McAdam.

The case was adjourned on Wednesday to Victoria.

Chief Building Inspector William Cunningham told the court that Mrs. Nehl had been operating a business, selling hobbycrafts. Mrs. Nehl was fined \$100 when the case was continued in Victoria on Tuesday.

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March 16th (Thurs.) All-stars practice 3.30 pm
March 18 (Sat.) JAMBOREE Starts at 1.00 pm

Weavers enjoy two workshops



Jane Kidd, left, details the operation for Cheryl Murray.

BY OLIVE CLAYTON
A great diversity of tapestry designs were produced by the enthusiastic participants in the Jane Kidd workshop held recently by the Salt Spring Island Weavers' Guild.

Although still very young, Jane has established herself as one of B.C.'s foremost fibre artists with several important commissions such as the 16ft x 19ft tapestry in the BC Telephone Building in Burnaby, and others in the Bentall, Finning Tractor and Kofler Drug buildings in Vancouver.

She lives in Victoria and gives workshops at the Fan Tan Gallery there.

Jane has travelled widely in Europe and showed beautiful slides taken at two Weaving Biennials in Switzerland. She also showed many other slides of shows in B.C. and the U.S.A. which illustrated the amazing variety possible in modern versions of the ancient art of tapestry.

interested non-members to participate. For information weavers may phone either Beth Cherneff or Gerry Layard.

Members are reminded that on Wednesday, March 22, there will be a session on finger-controlled weaving on a two or four harness loom, and that later in the season Judith MacKenzie will be giving a workshop in double weave.

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Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

The Eighth Annual Art Show sponsored by the Paint and Sketch group will be held Easter weekend: Saturday, March 25, 1:30-5 pm and Sunday, March 26 1:30-4:30 pm. Plans are being finalized for this annual event.

In charge of arrangements are Joyce Mitchell, Marjorie Haggart and Sophie Betts. Paintings for the show are limited to members. Tea will be served.

Spending the week-end at their summer home on Waugh Road have been Maurice and Etta Reitz of White Rock. They were away on holiday in Hawaii in January. Other islanders returning from holidays are John and Kathy

Mundie from Hawaii.

Visiting Pat and Bill Dawson have been their son and daughter-in-law Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Flemming son Wesley and daughters, Laurie and Linda from Camp Zama, Japan. The Dawson's latest grandson is three years old and had his first visit to Mayne Island. They really enjoyed their visit with the family.

The Jerry Beaumonts have been entertaining Jean's cousin, Mrs. Annie Henry from Selkirk, Manitoba. Also visiting has been Jean's mother Mrs. Beth Brandrith of Tsawwassen.

Spending a holiday at their summer home at Gallagher Bay have been Canon and Mrs. Dick Hunt of Williams Lake.

Clare and Vi Hamilton in company with Blanche Anderson have returned from a bus trip which took them to California, Mexico City, El Paso, Texas, Tucson, and Phoenix, Arizona, visiting friends and rela-

tives en route. A Pre-Lent Carnival at Massettland was especially interesting. Before returning to the island they visited their family on the mainland.

WORKSHOP

Prior to the two-session Jane Kidd workshop, the Weavers' Guild held a highly successful three-session workshop on "Loom Shaped Wearables" with the Guild's own Beth Cherneff.

Coming up in April is a two-session workshop in Basketry with Meneke Mees of Vancouver.

The dates for learning this popular craft will be April 15 and 16 and the Guild is inviting

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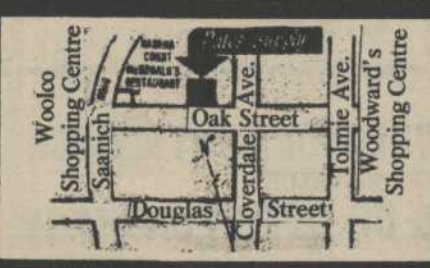
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Silver Maynes hear many reports from committees

BY ELSIE BROWN

The regular meeting of the Silver Maynes Association was held, Monday afternoon, March 6 at Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, with a good attendance.

President Vic Griffiths opened the meeting by introducing the guest speakers, Mrs. Muriel Ackinclose, Mrs. Marion Skinner and Mrs. Mildred Seymour, from Sidney.

Secretary, Wally Twamley read the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted after amendments.

Corresponding secretary, John Mundie read a letter from the B.C. Senior Citizens Association with the information that the annual meeting will be held in Cranbrook,

May 16, 17 and 18.

A letter from the recipient of the layette for the first baby born on the Gulf Islands in 1978 was read from Mrs. G. Molnar.

REPORTS

Reports were given by the following:

Vic Griffiths: carpet bowling. Maggie and Jiggs Tournament is progressing. A visit of Mayne bowlers to Kensington and West Vancouver Clubs was made last month and were treated to the usual wonderful hospitality. Members of the mainland groups will be coming to Mayne, March 29.

Ceramics: Wally Twamley reported Margaret was away due to illness. (Since the meeting information received from Margaret is that newcomers would be welcome. Sessions are held at the Craft Center at 1 pm, Wednesdays.)

Lapidary: Bill Dawson. Sessions are held at the Craft Centre, Thursdays at 2 pm. New members are welcome.

Garden Club: Albert Wardle is organizing a work party for Saturday, March 11, at 9:30 am.

Camera Club: Vic Griffiths. An interesting meeting was held at the Health Centre last month. Films were shown by Dick Tipple and Harry Adams. Meetings are held third Monday in the month.

Counsellor: Edith Griffiths read excerpts from the Counsellor's Reporter outlining few problems facing counsellors in other districts.

Anyone having problems making out their Income Tax forms can get in touch with Edith who will be able to give aid in this matter.

Application for S.A.F.E.R. should be sent in before the end of March. Members were reminded of this service. A Special Rate for 10 subscribers to The Elder Statesman is available. Cost is reduced from \$4 to \$2. A suggestion was made that the pharmacist supplying drugs regularly to patients should have a file on them to prevent adverse reaction.

DELEGATE

Election for a delegate to attend the annual meeting in Cranbrook was postponed until next meeting. Bill Dawson requested time to think it over.

Guests at the April 3 meeting will be Jack and Dorothy James of Salt Spring Island, who will speak on gardening. The Mayne school choir will present a concert under the direction of Nita Flick. The meeting will start with a Pot Luck

supper at 5:30 pm.

A Spring Sale will be held April 29. Handicrafts, home baking and plants will be available. More later.

John Dought reported that a Band Concert under the direction of Derek McDermott of King George Secondary School in Vancouver will be presented at the Activity Centre, Friday, May 12, at 7:30 pm.

Roy Betts spoke on the Smoke Detector system available through the Mayne Fire Department. Making these systems mandatory will reduce the number of fires in private homes, the members were told. Ease of installation was demonstrated.

Impaired charge costs \$450

A single motor vehicle accident at Pender Island, January 28, resulted in a \$450 fine.

Peter MacPherson, of Burnaby, was driving while impaired on Pender when he went off the road.

The fine and a three-month suspension of MacPherson's license was imposed by Ganges Provincial Court Judge D.K. McAdam.

Galiano

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

Residents of Galiano were sorry to know of the sudden illness of Victor Zala on Friday morning, March 10. He suffered a heart attack and was taken to hospital in Victoria immediately following preliminary medical attention. Mr. Zala is owner of the Corner Store, and his host of friends hope for his recovery soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Woodbridge have returned home from holidays in Southern California. Home also now to "Chuckles Inn" are Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Webb from a trip to the South.

Not long ago we mentioned a group of trap shooters coming home from Hawaii with Frank Basarab and Ollie Garner winning some of the prizes. On Friday we learned that they were not the only ones - Fred Robson received a nice cup and also an impressive belt buckle. He won too!

Police for Pender

With the population of Pender Islands now standing at 800 permanent residents, the provincial attorney-general's office has announced the establishment of a new RCMP detachment at North Pender.

The detachment, which has hitherto been operated out of Ganges, will be in the charge of Cpl. T.P. Driscoll.

Attorney-General Garde Gardom announced the change last week. With the increasing population of Pender and the heavy increase in tourism, the establishment of a separate detachment proved necessary, he explained.

Cpl. Driscoll has been stationed at Pender since September of last year.

All Gulf Islands have been administered by the Ganges Detachment for many years. In charge of the other islands is Sgt. Ray Stelter.

Next highest population among the islands is Galiano, with 524. Mayne has a permanent population of 495.

Away for year

Leave of absence for one year was approved for Miss Barbara Persson last week by Gulf Islands School Board. Miss Persson will be away for the year, 1978-9. She is a member of the teaching staff at Ganges.

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Sabots to sail again at Ganges

as new club formed for students

BY ROSEMARY FOERSTER

The organizational meeting for Sabot Sailors was held on Monday evening, March 6, in the Salt Spring Island Elementary School library.

The Club has been started for school students who are interested in sailing sabots and already there is an enthusiastic group getting ready to sail after the Easter Holidays.

The starting days will be Tuesday, April 4 and Thursday, April 6.

Special thanks go to Mrs. W.R. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Neish, Mrs. R. Dammell, Mrs. Bruce McFadyen, T. Watson, Hugh Archer, Mrs. W. Elliott, and Mrs. Semple for their help and encouragement.

Several members of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club executive were present at the meeting and their offer of assistance was

most appreciated. The Sabot Club is going to use their property.

Robbie Cannon was elected Fleet Captain and high school representative and Alex Neish and Aaron Minvielle were elected elementary school representatives.

Adult or teenage sailors who would like to introduce children to the fun of sailing may phone the writer, Rosemary Foerster.

Hit-and-run at Fernwood

A hit-and-run incident at Fernwood resulted in damage to two parked cars on Sunday.

Collision occurred at about 2 am, March 12, and a small red automobile is suspect.

Damage to the two cars at Fernwood is extensive enough to assume the offending vehicle is also damaged.

Police are investigating the occurrence.

40th Wedding anniversary card, several "Get Well" cards, and Valentines to dear friends in Extended Care wards or homes for Senior citizens. She reminded the group how much a visit can mean to someone who is ill or housebound.

Plans for the annual St. Patrick's Day Tea were finalized. It will be held in the lower hall of the Ganges Church on Friday, March 17, from 2 to 4. Mrs. Woolley is over-all convener; Mrs. Grace Williams will be responsible for the Home Baking table; Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Mary McMurdo for the tearoom. Mrs. Ruby Johnston and Mrs. Wilma Meagher will decorate for the occasion.

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and of course how to get stuffing into a monkey's long tail and which scissors would really cut.

TO MEETING

The work continued well after 1.30. Then suddenly, with no apparent signal, chairs were swung into a circle, tables were moved out of the way, threads and scraps were gathered up, and there we were, all ready for our Mizpah meeting.

President Mrs. Marion Woolley was in the Chair. The room was beautiful with the sunlight falling on large bouquets of golden forsythias and soft pink Japanese cherry, arranged by Miss Betty McGinnes, the innovative leader of the Devotional Period, who had brought a tape about Community of Living and who ran it for us on her speaker. It was Betty, too, who read the minutes and called the roll to which she received twenty answers.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Letters of thanks from two friends to whom cards had been sent during their illness and from the wife of the skipper of the mission boat, Thomas Crosby V, were passed around.

Mrs. Woolley gave a report on the organizational meeting called by Mrs. Mary Williamson in preparation for the tea and sale undertaken by members of the World Development and Relief Committee.

The tea will be held again in the Fulford Hall and the date has been set for April 22. Anglican, Community Gospel, Roman Catholic and United Churches are cooperating in preparation for this important event.

The emphasis this year is on simple living, to which we all felt must be added self sacrifice and generosity to those in need.

\$111 AT SERVICE

Mrs. Bunty McNally gave a very satisfactory Treasurer's Report, during which she said that the collection taken at the World Day of Prayer service had amounted to \$111 which has been sent to the Canadian headquarters in Toronto.

Mrs. Doris Gibson, friendship convener, had sent 20 cards during the month, two birthday cards, one

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Trust to present brief to minister in respect of Cowichan Bay dispute

Industrial development of Cowichan Bay is a matter of concern to the Islands Trust.

On Wednesday afternoon last week the Islands Trust decided that the threat to the environment posed by industry in the Vancouver Island bay would affect Salt Spring and other islands.

The Trust authorized Dr. Jack Fisher to prepare a brief for

presentation to the minister of the environment.

In reply to a question regarding offensive odours, Fisher explained that a thermo-mechanical plant would not contribute offensive odours. He added that he was defending the proposal and that it could contribute to contamination of the sea.

Before being invited to prepare the brief, Dr. Fisher explained that there are three questions arising from bids to build in Cowichan Bay.

THREE QUESTIONS

- Do the timber resources of Vancouver Island merit a new mill? If the mill is merely spreading the existent supply, then it is offering no additional employment.

- Is the preparation and sale of groundwood in the interests of British Columbia or the country?

- Would it be in the interests of

the environment to put the mill in Cowichan Bay? Cowichan Bay is the traditional sports fishing centre of the lower Vancouver Island coast.

Duplicate bridge at Legion Hall

Canadian Legion duplicate bridge winners on March 7 in the hall at Ganges were as follows: Afternoon, 1, Mary K. Thomas and Bunny Jordan; 2, Lois Popkin Clurman and Hilda Orchard; 3, Anne McConnell and Gordon Hutton.

Evening, 1, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop, 2, Gordon Parsons and Bud Keech; 3, Terry Ferguson and Norm McConnell.

Meeting with trustees to examine alternate needs

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District agreed to meet at once with representatives of the Salt Spring Society for Educational Alternatives.

On Thursday afternoon last week the society attended on the school board to protest the failure of trustees to meet and discuss their requests.

Ann Foerster explained that the board had named a committee to meet with the society and that the committee has been awaiting a call from the society.

Presentation to trustees consisted of letters from Educators Judith Boel and Byron Marks extolling the concept and the value of the alternate class system.

A lengthy petition recalled the history of the class and its progress.

The petition agreed that the system is not universally acceptable but that it is effective in encouraging students who might

not respond to traditional tuition.

COMMUNICATIONS GAP

The petition complained of a communications gap between the alternate class and the school board. Purpose of the approach was to seek increased accommodation for twice the number of students in the special course.

It should not be necessary to resort to confrontation in order to gain the ear of trustees, concluded the presentation.

Petition was read by Jezrah Hearne.

Thanking the delegation for its attendance, Chairman Tom Davidson explained that the board was in the same trouble.

"We don't know where we are going to expand, either," he told the delegation.

Mrs. Foerster and David Stacey have been named to the steering committee to work with the society. They will meet on March 20.

Youth grant

Gulf Islands School Board will make application for the Youth Employment Program grants this summer.

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AT SATURNA MEETING

Historians hear of HBC Brigade Trail

BY ELSIE BROWN

The regular meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association was held on Satur-

When band's away Board will pay!

When the Gulf Islands Secondary School Band leaves for the western United States next week, substitutes for travelling teachers will be paid by the Gulf Islands School Board.

Decision was reached last week. It was noted that when the travellers first asked approval for the trip, the board had stipulated that the trip must be at no cost to the district. Support has been so strong, in the meantime, that trustees agreed to foot the bill for substitute teachers.

na, on Sunday, Feb. 26 with all islands represented, except Pender.

President Lorraine Campbell was in the chair.

In the absence of secretary, Mrs. Helen Claxton, the minutes were recorded by Mrs. Walter Bavis.

Correspondence included a letter from Friesen Printers stressing the importance of preserving local history. A catalogue listing their publications was enclosed.

A talk on early Indian churches given at the Victoria Branch of the Association was suggested as a topic of a future meeting, possibly being arranged for Pender Island.

BRONZE STATUETTE

Mrs. Campbell reported she attended the unveiling of the bronze statuette of Washington Grimmer designed by sculptor, Ralph Sketch erected on the Golf Course formerly owned by the Grimms of Pender Island, in

honour of the pioneers of the Gulf Islands. Many friends and relatives of the Grimms, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sketch, and members of the Historical Association were present for the occasion.

The Essay Contest sponsored by the Branch for the students of the Outer Islands includes Grades 4 to 9.

Schools have been notified by the committee, Taimi Hindmarch and Will Hayes and interest is growing. Money prizes are being awarded and the deadline has been extended to May 15.

A bus trip to Sooke to visit the museum was a suggested project for some time this spring.

The president reported that the annual meeting will be held in April.

An interesting illustrated lecture on HBC Brigade Trail from Hope to Princeton was given by Tom Nicholls and Peter Hatfield of Vancouver, both members of the Federation of B.C. Mountain Clubs.

BACK TO 1849

Prior to the showing of the slides Mr. Nicholls used a map to point out areas which had been travelled on foot and by pack train

dating back to 1849. Forty miles of this historic route has been preserved.

The slides and commentary by Mr. Hatfield described the rugged territory of mountains and valleys of the wilderness area. The beautiful scenery compensating for the hardships encountered on the way. Weather was very changeable, fog replaced by sunshine or rain and snow.

In developing their trade routes early pack trail explorers were looking for firm but not rocky terrain for their unshod animals and grassy slopes to provide fodder for the horses.

The first recorded trip by a white man through Manning Park was Alexander C. Anderson's exploration for the Hudson's Bay Company to find a route to Kamloops.

Early pioneers traversing this route included Judge Begbie, on his first trip to Kamloops. Lieut. Palmer, R.E., discovered the grave of Paul Fraser, Chief Trader at Thompson River, at Campement du Chevreuil in 1885.

MODERN EQUIPMENT

Modern equipment includes, tents, sleeping bags and camping gear which helps to lessen the hardship of this mode of travel. The slides depicted camps made at Manson Camp named after Donald Manson who travelled the route in company with Henry Peers, early explorer for HBC Fur Brigade Trail.

Mr. Nicholls read excerpts from Lt. Palmer's diary which described the laborious ascent of Mount

Tulameen, the magnificent view compensating for the labour. Arthur Bushby's diary refers to a meal consisting of flour cake and raw salmon given to them by an Indian and some brandy which served to alleviate hunger pangs.

Trail blazes supplied valuable assistance en route and are still in existence today. Vegetation grows quickly after the snow is gone and lilies, Indian Paintbrush and other wild flowers grow in abundance. Wildlife consisting of Marmots, weasels, grouse and ptarmigan make their home in this wilderness area. Bear tracks were seen but not encountered.

THE PUNCH BOWL

A beautiful lake up in the mountains was named The Punch Bowl an ideal place for a rest stop. Besides Manson Camp, overnight camps were made at Campement du Chevreuil and Horseguard Camp.

Those interested in preserving this area as a Park or Wilderness area are asked to write to the Premier, Hon. Jack Radford, Minister of Recreation and Conservation and Hon. R.A. Williams, Minister of Resources. If logging is allowed to continue, valuable timber will disappear along with the wildlife and the Brigade Trail lost to the generation to come.

The speakers were introduced by Elsie Brown and thanked by Mrs. Campbell for their informative lecture and slide presentation.

Refreshments were served by the Saturna ladies and a social hour followed before boarding the ferry.

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DOWN THE GUTTER

...with Ken Collins

During the last couple of weeks I have been in the bowling alley when the Golden Agers have been bowling.

They have to be one of the happiest bunches of people it has been my pleasure to meet. They thoroughly enjoy their two hours of bowling.

Age doesn't seem to matter in their case. The joy of the strike is the same whether you be 25 or 65.

I was able to help a few of the bowlers with a couple of tips on spot bowling. Nothing gives me greater satisfaction than to see someone who I have been helping, enjoying themselves. The only thing I couldn't fathom out was, how come a young chick like Lucy Moore could be bowling with the Golden Agers!

The Thomas Adams zone roll-offs will be held as follows: for the two men's teams it will be at Wilson's Bowl-a-drome in Esqui-

malt, on Sunday, March 19 at 10.30 in the morning and for the two ladies' teams it will be held at Chemainus on April 2 at 12.30 in the afternoon.

The bowlers of the week were as follows: for the ladies it was Carol Kaye with her 787 and for the men it was Julian Valcourt with 801.

We had some other good totals rolled this week, and are as follows, Ron Nordine (797) Charlie Byron (748-726) Ron Robertson (719) Carol Kaye (720) Blain Mathews (738-717-707) Frank Keoppel (709) Ken Collins (769-755-722) Julian Valcourt (740-732-709) Greg Duke 1st year bowler in Y.B.C. bowled 276.

The three hundred games came from Anne (Cookie) Lane (328) Ron Nordine (311) Blain Mathews (300-310) Mickey Gulland (310) Kevin Noble (303) Julian Valcourt (300) Robert Taylor (318).

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BY PETER MOONEN
Salt Spring Cablevision Kicks, 1; Gorge Canadians, 1

Sure, the game ended in a tie, but in essence it was a fitting finish as neither squad deserved to lose in a fine exhibition match. Both teams played a high calibre of soccer with the Kicks controlling the opening half and the Canadians the latter half.

The two clubs featured similar styles with the Kicks slightly stronger defensively. The Kicks defence is anchored by Jimmy Buckley, the heart and soul of the team, who displayed his dominance once more. His strengths lay not only in his booming kicks and sure tackles but also his great ability to read the flow of the play and his coolness in defence, like the Fonz of the Kicks. Jim's performance was outstanding in last weeks match as he neutralized

the Canadians offence for the majority of the match.

The game was very exciting, since a lot of the play occurred in front of both goals, and also had some hilarious moments. From the opening whistle the Kicks carried the play to the Gorge and created scoring chances, chances that they somehow kept missing. The usually productive forwards somehow forgot how to score. Both Andrew Hoeller and Paul Cottrell missed glorious opportunities to score. Paul did score the Kicks lone tally on a beautiful combination with Andrew and Peter Coates.

STRONG SUPPORT

Ricky Andrews played a strong supporting role for his forwards as he continuously created opportunities to score, only to see his work fumbled away. For Ricky it was his finest match.

Gorge came on strong in the

second half as their players settled down. Late in the match the Canadians scored when their winger slammed a high shot past Kenny Marr, who made several crucial saves late in the game to preserve the tie.

Other players deserving mention are Peter Coates and Roger Trory who played strong games.

District Cup match for the Kicks will be on April 1st against either the Chinooks or the Rovers. Special thanks to Malcolm Legg for refereeing.

No helmet

Trial date was set for April 19 to hear a charge against Douglas McDonald of riding a motorcycle without a helmet.

McDonald pleaded not guilty when he appeared in court last Wednesday.

Ran a light unaware his license was suspended after earlier charges

Island man was fined \$75 for running an amber light and driving without a valid driver's license.

Ken Featherstone, of Ganges, was apprehended in Kamloops when he ran a light in his '66 Ford Van. When the police investigated his driver's license they discovered it to be invalid after previous

driving charges.

Featherstone told the court he had not realized his license was still suspended and, having had it on his person, believed it was valid. Previous suspension of the license was over two years ago.

Featherstone was given a week to pay the fine.

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When does this common use rate go into effect?

The rate is effective retroactive to March 1st, for eligible customers applying to Hydro in writing before April 1st. For those applying on or after April 1st, the rate will be effective from March 1st, or from the last previous meter reading date, whichever is later.

How to apply for this common use rate?

Application by customer is necessary because B.C. Hydro has no way of identifying those who may be entitled to the new rate.

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Down Through The Years With Driftwood

15 YEARS AGO

At the Recreation Commission meeting last Thursday night, a mammoth audience of five people were there. And that included one person who thought it was a Sacred meeting.

The 50 mile Walk-a-thon craze has finally reached S.S.I. High schoolers D. Byron and Alan Perry have invited all 8th to 12th graders to join with them to walk 50 miles beginning at the Cenotaph at 5 pm on Friday, March 15.

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Mouat, well-known Salt Spring Island pioneers are receiving congratulations from a wide circle of friends on their approaching 50th Wedding anniversary. They were married March 19, 1913 at Ludlow Street Baptist Church, West St. John, N.B. and have lived all their married life in Ganges.

Mrs. Hilda Prior, well-known and widely respected resident of Pender Island, and former school trustee, passed away in Port Washington at the weekend.

Mrs. Dennis Deacon was elected chairman of S.S.I. Recreation Commission at the annual meeting held March 7. Other members include: Barney Lukas, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. A.M. Brown, Mrs. V.A. Bishop, Fred Hollings, Tom Butt, Robert Patterson, Ivor Ginn, Mrs. B. Hughes.

The Monday March wind raised a little havoc and a lot of the Vesuvius docking facilities. The ramp has now been put back in place and the ferry schedule is back to normal. Also on Monday the Pender Queen, whose Chief Engineer is out playing politics, decided she needed a rest after her overhaul and she laid at Ganges most of the day with a temperamental engine befitting of her new rank.

The swallows returned to Fulford March 12. Also the famous white robin was seen.

TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. Guy Cunningham, Co-ordinator of the Gulf Islands Came a Club announces that the monthly meeting of the club is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, will instead take place one week later, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bird when pictures will be shown by

Mrs. Bess Stafford.

Ceremony took place when four cubs were invested last week at Mahon Hall. Stephen Pallot, Mark Hughes, Sandy Wright, and Trevor Dixon were new members of the pack. Mark Coels gained his toy maker's badge.

What has happened to the out cry against the loss of the late Friday night ferry service between Salt Spring Island and Swartz Bay? T.W. Portlock of the Chamber of Commerce has asked for greater response to the plea of the chamber for support in their protest.

Top of the Red Cross in B.C. is Galiano. The drive was under the direction of Mrs. D.A. New and has exceeded the quota of \$350 by \$30.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Chairman of the CRD explained last week the relationship between islanders and transportation when he addressed a legislative committee in Victoria. "The quality of your insularity is in inverse proportion to your transportation," he suggested. That is Campbell's Maxim, he told the committee.

Ed Bettis, of Vancouver, formerly of Fernwood, spent a short holiday in Ganges recently. Ed is expecting to attend SFU.

Mrs. Nicolette Hamilton, of Thantcham, Berkshire, England, has been visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Denis Seward. Mrs. Hamilton was here on a ten day visit. During her stay she has toured the Okanagan and other mainland centres.

Three island sailors made first places in their class when the island sailing team went to Victoria recently. Top place in the sabots went to Robert Neish with Mike Cannon in second place and Arthur Buitenwerf close behind.

Elected president at the Galiano Golf and Country Club was Peter Darling. Others elected are vice president Dr. Glen Stahl, treasurer, Robert Aston; secretary, Miss Jean Lockwood; committee, Arthur Platt, Max Wells and John Arnott.

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On The Penders

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

A 55th Wedding Anniversary was celebrated on Pender Island on Sunday, Feb. 19th, when Ed and Olive Fralic were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Finnie, cousins of Mrs. Fralic, who live on Cutlass Road in Magic Lake Estates.

The table was beautifully appointed with yellow candlesticks and a centerpiece of spring flowers. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Forberger. The Fralics were married in Vancouver in 1923 and lived there until 1959 when Mr. Fralic retired from the Vancouver Fire Department and they moved to their charming seaside home overlooking Navy Channel and across to Mayne Island.

The Farmer's Institute annual meeting was held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 pm with President Bob Allison in the chair and 25 members were present.

A number of resolutions were passed, the first one being to build up the membership, and with this end in view, two meetings will be held in March to which the general public are invited.

The first one on March 7, will be on the subject of milk production and Mrs. B. Hobday, Mrs. H. Turner and Mr. J. Slobodian will lead an informal discussion. On March 14, Mr. and Mrs. P.G. James from Salt Spring will be on the Island to show slides of

vegetable and flower growing.

Both meetings will be at the Legion Hall. Also, it was resolved to write to the Wildlife Department, Fish and Game Branch to seek their help to try and reduce the incidents of trespassing and disturbance to residents which has resulted in many confrontations over the last two to three years.

Throughout the year plans are being made to have numerous semi-social get-togethers when various subjects of interest will be discussed.

FIRST GATHERING

On Tuesday evening March 7 the Farmer's Institute held the first of the informal gatherings planned for this year at the Legion Hall at 8 pm with about 20 some members present.

It was a very interesting couple of hours with Mrs. Barbara Hobday, who is extremely knowledgeable sharing her knowledge and experience on milk production from cows.

Mrs. Helene Turner, who has specialized in goat raising on Pender recently then discussed the subjects with the audience, who had an opportunity to taste samples of her goats milk and were very much impressed.

John and Vi Slobodian then continued the discussion on milk production with the audience having had much experience in Manitoba in earlier days and now have three cows on Pender to keep them busy. Refreshments were served and the group are looking forward to a similar meeting on March 14 when Mr. and Mrs. James will be the guests.

George Logan is retiring at the end of March as the Penders well loved taxi driver, a job he has been doing faithfully for us for the past 40 years through bad snowstorms, pouring rain and all hours of the day and night.

We will all miss his cheerful

Faith-word seminar at Ganges hotel

Rev. A.E. Sheppard, Pastor of Vancouver's Evangelistic Tabernacle, will speak on Friday, April 7, at Harbour House Hotel in a Word-Faith Seminar, sponsored by the Community Gospel Chapel in Ganges.

Pastor Sheppard, who founded the Chapel in 1961, will be accompanied by his wife Greta, who will speak on Worship and his son Lowell, who is "interim pastoring" on the Island at present.

Reservations for the dinner and seminar may be made by contacting Bob Bidwell.

"The greatest need today is for people to have a positive faith confirmed by a positive confession of the mouth", said Rev. A. Sheppard.

"We will be giving helpful hints for people of all walks of life. We welcome people of all denominations to enjoy this seminar."

smile and good humour and dependable service, as well as his wife Addie, who has handled our telephone requests so efficiently over the years.

George has lived on North Pender all his life and in 1956 started the Pender Island Freight and Building Supplies which he and Addie operated until 1967, when they sold the business to Pete and Doreen Carter, George continuing to operate the taxi until now.

Our best wishes go to them in their new opportunity to enjoy a more relaxed way of life in the future.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday afternoon, March 7, the Women's Institute held their monthly meeting in the Community room at the School Complex. Mr. Bernice Hogarth, president conducted the brief business meeting after which the members moved to the School Gym where they were joined by those interested in the Fall Fair.

Here an interesting hour was spent learning about how to set up and display correctly articles to be shown at the Fair. Miss Marjorie Bailey of South Pender spoke first on cooking and canning entries.

We were fortunate to have three ladies from the Sooke area, Mrs. Jean Robinson, Mrs. Dot Robertson and Mrs. A. Galbraith guest speakers who shared their considerable knowledge and experience on "showing" sewing, embroidery, quilts, knitting and needlecraft.

A long-time member of the Pender Institute, Mrs. Dorothy Grimmer was specially honoured on the occasion of her 85th birthday at tea time with a beautiful birthday cake and the good wishes of the group.

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