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NINETEENTH YEAR, NO. 17

GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1978

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Autoplan claims

No need to go to Duncan

It will not be necessary in future for Salt Spring Islanders to go off the island for insurance claims as some people may have been led to believe. A new system for handling Autoplan claims has been advertised by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, whereby a claimant is required to call a Duncan telephone number to give details of the claim.

The advertisement read that an appointment would be made for the claimant to take his vehicle in for a damage appraisal and it appeared that one would have to go to Duncan for the purpose.

The corporation's appraiser will continue to make regular visits to Salt Spring on Thursdays.

Ganges is 70 per cent asphalt

Ganges is better endowed with blacktop than is downtown Toronto.

Speaking at Friday afternoon's meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, Planner Chris Ford reported that 70 per cent of Ganges is asphalt.

Ganges Plan from six months to three years of futile exercise

The Ganges Plan has a history.

On Friday afternoon Tom Toynbee reviewed it very briefly and very bitterly when he spoke with the Islands Trust.

Three years ago the planning committee set out to draw up a plan for the village. It was going to take six months.

They worked for three years

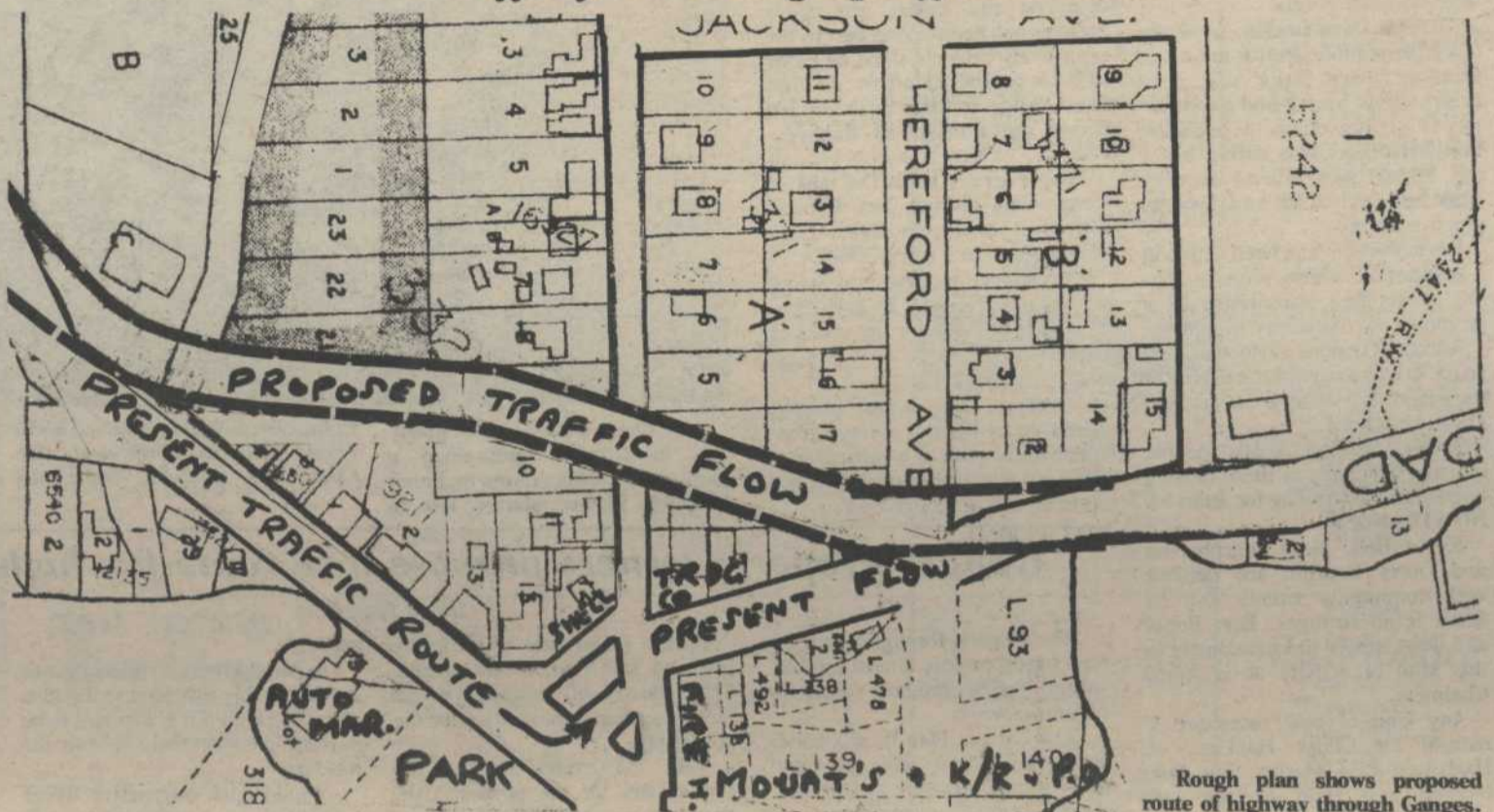
Advisory commission to meet

Advisory Planning Commission on Salt Spring will hold its first meeting in the next few weeks.

Islands Trust was told on Friday that the meeting is imminent, with Dr. Jack Fisher to serve as chairman until the Commission appoints its own chairman.

Commission is named from various bodies on Salt Spring Island and is the first in island planning history to be named entirely by the public.

New traffic flow through proffered route



Rough plan shows proposed route of highway through Ganges.

Fire caused by flooded oil stove

No damage was reported following a fire at the home of P. Ford, Beddis Road on Monday. Fire was caused by a flooded oil stove, said a spokesman for the Salt Spring Fire Department.

Island Trust hears offer

Rerouting of highway is proposed through Ganges vacant properties

Biggest change ever proposed in the pattern of Ganges traffic flow was heard by the Islands Trust last week.

Appearing before the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee on Friday afternoon, Tom Toynbee, on behalf of Mouat's Trading Co., Ltd., presented a proposal to move the main Fulford-Ganges Road to run to the west of the present traffic-commerce area of Ganges.

Plan, which has already been endorsed, with some amendments, by merchants and property owners in the downtown community, follows a route through vacant property.

Road would veer away from its present course at the foot of Ganges Hill, swinging across the front of Embe Bakery and behind Harbour Grocery. It would follow a path through mostly vacant property, except on McPhillips, behind the Trading Co. building and across the old lumber yard to join the present highway in front of Rita's Inn.

Majority of the present downtown commercial area would lie between the highway and the waterfront.

"We are not applying for anything," Toynbee told the Trust.

"We are making proposals for what we believe is an improvement in Ganges."

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT

The spokesman for Mouat's explained that it would make a substantial improvement to the route of the highway through the village.

It could only be done at the present time, he noted, for a number of reasons.

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Regional Board

Sewers discussed again at Thursday meeting

Sewers are in the news. Second meeting within a week to consider the Ganges sewer project will be held at the Activity Room in Ganges on Thursday evening.

The meeting is called by the Capital Regional District. It will present the summary of plans for Ganges sewers and two district engineers will be present.

The meeting will also go into the costing of the project as far as the plans have been completed.

Regional Director Jim Bryce explained last week that the project awaits final specifications, notably in connection with the outlet in the harbour.

"There is still work to be done in order to satisfy the Pollution Control Branch that effluent will not be detrimental to shell fish, spawning herring and other fish in the harbour," he explained.

Taking part in the Ganges meeting on Thursday will be the chairman of the Capital Regional District, Jim Campbell and the executive director, Denis Young.

WHAT'S IN A NAME, ANYWAY?

What's in a name? Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society is looking at names.

Under construction at Ganges is the new accommodation for intermediate and personal care sponsored by the Intermediate and Personal Care Society.

They are all for one island

Salt Spring Island is hogging the limelight of the Islands Trust.

At Friday's meeting of the Trust in Ganges, it was noted by Chairman Marc Holmes that between one-half and two-thirds of communications with the office of the Islands Trust are concerned with Salt Spring Island.

It is not a hospital, explains the society. It is not a hotel or boarding house. What is it?

The Society is sponsoring a contest for a name, with a top prize of \$25. Some resident of the islands will name it for them.

A name such as the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society's Intermediate and Personal Care Building would clearly indicate the purpose and the use of the structure. But it might be considered too long.

On the other hand, Lorraine's Lodge, in token of the chairman of the society, Lorraine Campbell, might be too reminiscent of a discotheque.

Somewhere in between, the new answer will be found by an islander.

An entry form for the contest appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Wanted

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Licensed hairdresser, phone after 5 pm, 537-2356 tfn

Help! Do something nice for whales, seals and the planet. Sell Greenpeace Spring "Go Anywhere" Lottery tickets. 2108 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6K 1N6. Phone (604) 736-0321. 16-3

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Qualified pre-school supervisor required for a minimum of 3 hours per day, afternoons and substitute work at Salt Spring Island Day Care. Applicants must be registered with CCFB. Please reply in writing only to P.O. Box 924, Ganges. Thank you. 17-1

Career opportunity. We require a village administrator. Our village is small but growing so this is a key position. For details write Mayor John Allen, Box 28, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. VOM 1K0 17-1

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Deadline: Monday, May 8 17-1

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1 or 2 able-bodied young men available for any kind of work. Phone Bob or Pete. 537-9605 or 653-4588. tfn

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For Rent

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One and two bedroom suites; no pets. Phone: 537-2252, after 6 pm 17-1

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3 bdrm. house, 1 1/2 bath, washer, dryer, fridge, stove, dishwasher, W/W, garden, fireplace. 400 sq. ft. workshop, \$350 per month. 537-5708 17-1

2 room cottage on Ganges Hill. Suitable for pensioner. 537-5824 eves. tfn

Modern, unfurnished house on Booth Bay Canal, month to month rental. 537-2197, 9 to 5 17-1

One bedroom, all elec., no dogs, adults only, \$165 month, available June 1. 537-5345. tfn

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2 bedroom house in Ganges 537-5620 tfn

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2 bdrm. apartment in Ganges, \$200 537-5412 tfn

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Small shop, newly decorated. Ideal for a craft shop or variety store. Available immediately. 537-2186 (eves.) tfn

Warm comfortable furnished 1 & 2 bedroom cottages with a view, fully insulated. Cablevision, No pets. 537-2585 tfn

1 bdrm. apt. in Ganges. No pets please. Ph. 537-5620 tfn

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Deadline for Classified Monday 4 pm

Wanted to Rent

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Family would like to rent waterfront home or cottage for month of July. References available. Phone 753-6781 collect 14-4

Coming Events

There will be a public gathering Friday, May 5 to share the findings of Sydney Banks' "The Conscious Mind" by those who listen to the level of consciousness at Beach Resort L. MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. For further information please call 653-4525 16-2

Salt Spring Island Riding Club Play Day, Sunday, May 7, 1 pm, Rainbow Riding Ring. Spectators and participants welcome. 17-1

May 6 and 7 - Saturday and Sunday - 10 to 6 pm at Sanscha Hall, Sidney. Saanich Peninsula Arts & Crafts 25th Annual Arts & Crafts Show & Sale. Exhibitions and demonstrations. Presenting Molly Lamb Bobak - Artist - and Robin Charles Hopper - Artisan Potter. Admission 50c. Door Prizes (4). 16-2

"The Pied Piper" will be at the Activity Centre, May 18 and 19 at 8pm. Admission \$1. 17-3

ISLAND SWINGERS

Wind-Up Square Dance

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SATURDAY, MAY 6
8 PM MAHON HALL 17-1

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Tendering documents may be obtained at the above address after 9.00 am on the 3rd day of May, 1978.

Tenders must be filed on the forms provided, in sealed, clearly marked envelopes.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Documents may also be obtained from the Court House, 3 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Howard Cronk Building Manager 17-1

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TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

When a super tanker came close to blows with a passing freighter off Sooke a week or so ago, a news report explained that the collision was averted when the freighter hurriedly cleared out of the way of the big oil ship. There was no collision. There was no incident. But the significant feature of the story was that port authorities in Vancouver were unaware of whether the ship was empty or full. Not only do we face a major hazard of oil spills here, but there appears to be no source of information on ships in Canadian waters.

Saga of a drowning eagle: I had a call from Pearl Brau on Mayne Island last week. She knew about the eagle drowning off Mayne with too large a fish in his talons. Al Brau had taken a call from the Queen of Sidney, while he was collecting school children for the Mayne School. He had been tied up but he saw School Board Chairman Tom Davidson at Galiano wharf waiting for the taxi to take trustees to Ganges. Tom had agreed to look out for the drowning eagle. Later the chairman of the board reported that he had found the bird on shore, very wet and shaking itself off. But how did it get there? When I saw it at 8 am, it was ready to go under and its head disappeared from time to time. No way was he able to get to shore. On the other hand, there could have been two eagles. But two off the same beach? I think some other boat went to the rescue. I wonder who.

Ganges gets more like a chess game every week. There's a new face or two in the Village Jeans and Harbour House Hotel no longer links with Christel Herzog. Dave and Sonja Hill have relinquished the Ganges Crest to Ron and Mae Spear and there is talk of a change in the ownership of one of the local service stations. The Em is pulling out of EMBE Bakery, with the retirement of the Minten's. In a slightly different direction, the Land Mart has become the Mini Mart. And now Nelson and Auto Marine are one marine and you can't miss them! It's like chess, but there are no pawns!

I heard Premier Bennett speaking briefly in reference to Canadian integrity a week ago in Vernon. He made his point. The decision as to whether Quebec remains within Canada must rest with Quebec, he told newsmen. If British Columbia were facing such a decision, there would be strong resentment towards any remote suggestion that other provinces could make that decision for British Columbia, said Bennett. And Quebec would see it the same way. And, of course, he's right. All the rest can do is to discourage Quebec from taking such a course.

And I do appreciate the kind words said of my granddaughter by a well-wisher in Ganges. The only problem was that the young lady in question is not my granddaughter!

Rules are required due to excessive absence

-By employees

There was no clear indication of where this came from. There is some indication that it has not been put into effect at any plant known to islanders. But readers may see for themselves.

NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES Subject - Excessive Absence:

Due to the number of absentees from the office, the following rules and procedures will be put into effect immediately.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

For an operation, we are no longer allowing this practice. We wish to discourage any thought you need an operation, as we believe that as long as you are an employee here you will need all of whatever you have, and you should not consider having anything removed. We hired you as you are, and to have anything removed would make you less than we bargained for.

DEATH:

(Your own) this will be accepted as an excuse but we would like two weeks notice, as we feel that it is your duty to teach someone else

your job.
ALSO:

Entirely too much time is being spent in the rest room. In the future we will follow the practice of going in alphabetical order. For instance, those whose names begin with an "A" will go from 8 to 8.15.

Those starting with "B" will go from 8.15 to 8.30 and so on. If you are unable to go at your appointed time, it will be necessary to wait until the next day, when your turn comes again.

Your full co-operation in these matters will be appreciated.

School District No. 64

(Gulf Islands)

Salt Spring Elementary School

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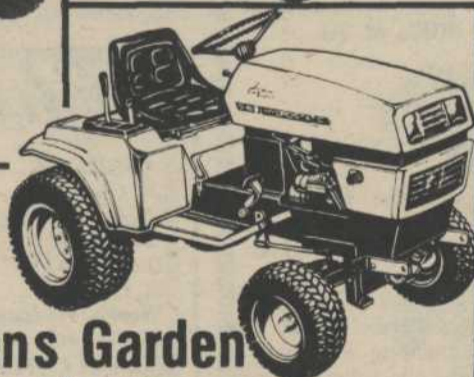


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Transportation here and there

The entire province is aware of the call for railway service to the north of British Columbia. The clash of opinion between the commission examining the British Columbia Railway and the people served by a northwards extension has brought the position of the provincial service into the national picture.

Far from the Deas Lake area and unfamiliar with the problems of long, hard winters, are the people of the islands. Yet, the current controversy has a close link with the islands.

It is only a matter of months since the islanders were told that there is no way the residents of the Fort St. John community should be expected to contribute to the cost of ferry service to the islands. The people of the islands, we heard, should be expected to meet the costs of island transportation out of their own pockets without help from other sources.

Logically, the islanders should at this time be demanding of the provincial government that no public moneys should be expended on a railway extension to the north of the province.

The people of the north should be prepared to pay for their own transportation, we might urge. If they want trains instead of roads, they should not expect the people of the islands to contribute, we could suggest.

But we haven't.

We would urge the provincial government to recognize that transportation is vital to the people at the end of the line, more than 1,000 miles from here. And we would urge it with the experience of a community already well-versed in the costs of transportation.

And, having pleaded the cause of the northern communities so dependant on rail transportation, we entertain the faint hope, or perhaps the remote thought, that one day those Northern British Columbians will not be eager to condemn our transportation needs without pausing to compare them with their own.

It's the same province and the same problem.

Island living

For many years two service clubs have played a big part in island affairs. The Lions Club extends into all the Gulf Islands and the Rotary Club is a big part of island living on Salt Spring.

The service clubs have provided social facilities, and other services, which would not have been here but for their efforts. There is the Pioneer Village, sponsored by the Lions and the heart machines at Lady Minto Hospital underwritten by the Rotarians.

Today, the two service clubs on Salt Spring Island depend on the support of the community for many of the projects they launch. The Lions ask for help every spring and the Rotarians stage their major annual appeal to coincide with the annual Grey Cup.

On May 13 the Salt Spring Island Lions Club will ask for the support of the Salt Spring Island community in its Walkathon, the major fund-raising project of the Lion's year.

Aimed at providing facilities for youth, proceeds from the Walkathon each year are split among a variety of undertakings and the beneficiaries are the people of Salt Spring Island in many age brackets.

The appeal to every age is reflected in the response to this annual walk from Ganges to Fulford. The road will be sprinkled with walkers of every age. There will be babies in buggies and there will be old age pensioners on foot. And they will all enjoy the effort the more for the fact that it is helping out the community.

The Lions would make for good dentists. When they get their teeth into a project, they call for the help of the community and it usually ends up a painless extraction.

Letters to the Editor

BEAUTY CONTEST

Sir,
I was surprised and repulsed by the recent decision made by the Chamber of Commerce to have a beauty contest on this island. Not only do I believe that this type of spectacle is outdated (by about 10,000 years) but it is also in bad taste.

Who can possibly judge the

beauty of another individual? For what reason was the 14-18 year age group chosen in deference to all women (or men for that matter)?

Could it be that our "town fathers" believe that young women are the most beautiful?

I think the people who came up with this absurd idea should, instead, take a look at themselves, rather than expect young people to



"...THEN TO GIVE THE VIEWERS VIOLENCE, YOU EACH SMASH A STRADIVARIUS."

parade themselves in front of review in order to make the day for our local businessmen.

C. ALSBERG
Box 386
Ganges
April 27, 1978

PLEASE DON'T

Sir,
The following is an open letter to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce:

I was appalled to read that the chamber of Commerce is planning a Beauty Pageant for adolescent girls as part of the Captain Cook celebration!

Do you have any idea what hash the nearby enclave of radical feminists will make of such a situation?

Unless Salt Spring wants to be labelled ridiculous, mediaeval or worse, please quietly cancel the contest now!

Anyone not living in such a rural, isolated place surely knows that one of the hottest protest items going is the battle against the widespread use of adolescents and children in very degrading pornography of all kinds. I'm sure we'll be labelled as pandering to the same such mentality that gives tacit approval to the voyeuristic uses of our nubile children for fun and profit!

To parade the allure of our young girls is completely objectionable, morally and politically.

Please reconsider before the proposed celebration to attract tourists to our island brings us widespread public scorn instead!

JUDITH BOEL, M. Ed.,
Ganges,
April, 26, 1978

PROBLEM UNSOLVED

Sir:
Amidst all the furore over Fernwood School one major point seems to have escaped everyone's notice.

I seem to recall being told by the "powers-that-be" that the reason for building a school at Fernwood was "to solve the overcrowding problem" at Salt Spring Elementary School. We were also told that no other solution but the planned school at Fernwood would "solve the problem".

When we asked that the school enroll only K to five we were told this wasn't possible because there aren't enough children to justify the size of school planned for Fernwood. When we asked that the "catchment area" be enlarged instead, we were told this was impossible because of "transportation problems."

This in spite of the fact that we were previously told that transpor-

It got under his skin!

There was once an oyster, who's story I tell,
Who found that some sand had got under his shell-
Just one little grain-but it gave him a pain,
for oysters have feelings, for all they're so plain.
How did he relate the workings of fate,
Which had led him to such a deplorable state?
Did he curse out the government, call for election,
And cry "That the sea should have protection"?
No, he said to himself as he lay on his shelf:
"Since I cannot remove it, I'll try to improve it."
The years rolled along, as the years always do,
And he came to his ultimate destiny-a stew:
And that small grain of sand that had bothered him so,
Was a wonderful pearl, all richly aglow.
This tale has a moral: for isn't it grand
What an oyster can do with a morsel of sand?
What couldn't we do if we'd only begin
With all the things that get under our skin.

-Author unknown

tation involving Fernwood was "no problem - you just hire more buses, lease mini-buses" etc.

It suddenly becomes apparent that while arguing over all these issues we lost sight of the original problem: the overcrowded elementary school in Ganges.

We heard so often that Fernwood was the "only solution" we almost accepted it.

But, in fact, what will happen?

Barely 100 or less children are in the Fernwood "catchment area".

The enrolment at Salt Spring Elementary is about 460 children. In Driftwood of May 25, 1977, the secretary-treasurer is quoted as giving the approved capacity for Salt Spring Elementary as 335. Remove 100 of the 460 to Fernwood and guess what? Salt Spring Ele-

mentary is still overcrowded!!!

Granted it won't be a serious overcrowding next year, but does the board really believe all future growth will be limited to the North End? People should realize that if it isn't, within a year or two we'll be right back to the same situation: portables, temporary accommodation, etc.

Meanwhile, many families are very unhappy with the disposition of their children. Our taxes have been increased, a great deal of our money has been spent, (this includes all Island taxpayers) the community has been split against the people's wishes and the problem has not been solved!!

JEAN BROWN
Ganges, BC
May 1, 1978.

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Church Services

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1978

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
Choir of St. Catherine's Church,	North Vancouver		
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Eucharist	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
Community Church	Pastor J. Rodine	539-5710	
Sunday, 3 pm in the school			
Bible Study, Friday in the homes 7.30 pm			
GALIANO ISLAND			
St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am

Letters to the Editor

Opponent of school explains his stand

[From Page Four]

Sir,
With all the controversy over the Fernwood School slowly being buried by the realization that no one in particular, parents and tax payers, can have any say in decisions directly affecting their children, I would like to present the people of Salt Spring with some simply observed facts.

It is a well known fact that Gulf Islands School District is one of the wealthiest in the province. So good in fact, our tax dollars destined for the school system, often find their way to other districts.

Why then are our playgrounds in such pitiful shape? Disgraceful would be a more appropriate word. Worse yet, why are our teachers the worst paid in the province?

The Ganges Elementary School has been in a constant state of renovation since 1972. The costs have been astronomical, not only in dollars, but also morale for both students and teachers. The end result of all this work, expense, and endless disruptions to the learning system, has produced a very large joke that isn't very funny.

The changing rooms for the gym, which were part of new construction have what has to be the most unique shower system anywhere. They spray out on the changing area floor. Add to that the fact the drains won't drain and the toilet won't flush; some flush but won't drain, down neither the toilet drain, nor the overflow drain and we've got a real mess. This problem has increased to the point that the facility has had to be closed a number of times for sewage backup.

The re-vamped heating system doesn't work, except when it's hot out.

There is no cooling system, and the last renovation job saw all but a few of the windows sealed. Well, it does get warm here in the spring and summer, so with most of the windows sealed and no cooling system in the facilities, someone decided to cut holes in the walls between classrooms to produce that old cool breeze known as a draft.

Well, that didn't work either, but it did wonders for the audio department.

Now the classes can get double education because each can hear all that goes on next door, sort of a split class, only with a divider. Very similar to what we'll have once the new school is completed. (Split classes both at Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood).

Add the above to the fact our playing fields are a disaster. Once there were several ball fields, now there are two! Not to mention the playing fields don't drain either.

Recently came the new school at Pender.

What have we got at Pender? Well I really don't feel like repeating myself, but it is amusing unless repetition bores you. For starters, the playing field has drain problems. Seems there's a swamp all the way around the field. The lighting is inadequate and the plumbing can't pass inspection. The basement is full of water, (what else) and rumour has it the foundation has its problems also.

Lucky for our children, they don't notice these obstacles, as it sure seems the schools here are out to get them. But who's really responsible for this mess.

Anyone who has ever witnessed a School Board meeting on this island knows who's in charge and who runs the show. I'll give you a clue, its not any of the members of the elected board! At least not here in our district. The recent election of school board members proved out one thing, that the people of

Salt Spring Island were ready for a change.

That change in elected officials occurred because a lot of the voters were fed up with the way school business and priorities were being handled by our local board office. One was the hiring of a man from outside of the district to fulfill the position of elementary principal. Mr. Watson is a good principal. But the point I'm making is one of relevance. Why did our board choose to hire someone from out of the district when right at their finger tips was a vice-principal who had long administrative experience; who is an outstanding and dedicated community citizen and who has worked with vigor in our school district for some 13 years?

So we elected a new board, at least here on Salt Spring.

As the new board were getting their feet wet, the Fernwood issue crept up. It became an issue because of the voters' and parents' lack of confidence over issues discussed herein.

The pros and cons of the Fernwood School are a highly debated issue. It is a well known fact that we need more class rooms, I'm not disputing that.

The whole issue of the new school should be completely rehashed as it has suddenly become a burden that is a very questionable move, not only for the cost, but also, and more importantly, because of the moral and social effect it will have on all the children and citizens of this Island.

Some of the proceedings that occurred during School Board meetings over the issue of the Fernwood School tend to smack the public right in the face for daring to inquire what the board might be doing with our tax dollars, and more importantly, our children.

In addition to direction provided by the secretary-treasurer, we at the meeting were subject to the influence of a school superintendent who stated at a public meeting that "The decision to build the Fernwood School was not made on educational standards."

As a final blow, our education minister woos us at another public meeting with enough Ahh's to put half those in attendance to sleep and further passes the buck by saying that "The Ministry will not interfere with the decision of local school boards", (i.e. our resident director if you like!!)

Because there are too many issues over the Fernwood School itself and many have already been discussed or covered in other editorials, I would like the following questions answered for the Fernwood Parents group, and all Salt Spring residents, and to put forth to the board members of School District number 64 a challenge.

1. Why was the community not given the option to participate in the proceedings and decisions on a new school until it was too late to contribute?

2. Why, with all the known problems, are we setting out to build yet another school at a time when the island growth rate has all but stopped?

This writer knows of three families with school-age children from within the Fernwood district that are moving. (Two from the Island)

It's also rumoured that one of our School Board members, who so adamantly fought for the Fernwood School and claims the island is growing, is moving off-island, also.

3. Why was there a change of voting from a split of 4 to 4 at one meeting over the school by the board members to 6 to 2 in favour at the next meeting?

4. One last question: is the \$7,000 fence to be built at Fernwood to keep the kids out of Mr. Harkema's sheep fields, or is to keep Mr. Harkema's sheep off the school field?

My challenge to the board is simple. If you deem the issues involved in the building of the Fernwood School are virtuous and righteous in all respects, then by all means build it, with this writer's approval.

ED DAVIS
RR 1, Tripp Road
Ganges, BC V0S 1E0

PLEASE SAY "NO"

Sir,
Through the Driftwood I would like to thank the many people who have supported the petition for a smaller, alternate sewer system for Ganges. We need many more names, so please keep them coming.

Petitions are at Et Cetera, the Community Society Building, Valcourt's Interiors, and the Gulf Island Trading Co.

On Thursday, May 4, the Capital Regional District will be holding an informational meeting at 8 pm in the Activity Room in Ganges to disclose their plan for a sewage system for Ganges.

At this point we can only speculate on what the Regional District intends, but there is evidence to suggest that they will proceed with a slightly expanded Phase I immediately. The fact that a by-law has been passed authorizing the expenditure of up to \$2.7 million is a strong indication that Phase II will soon follow.

In the sometimes confusing arguments about the sewer one thing should remain very clear to the community: the large sewer area is against both the spirit and intent of the Salt Spring Island Community Plan.

The extensive sewer system that the Regional District apparently intends to install will result in a Ganges population of almost 6,000 and a total island population exceeding 20,000.

The impact of this development will be felt by all islanders as the quality of our quiet, rural lifestyle is eroded away and replaced by the high taxes and traffic jams of suburbia.

It has been suggested that the installation of sewers in Phase II (at a cost of \$1.2 million) is necessary because of malfunctioning septic tank systems. To my knowledge only one or two systems on the whole Ganges Hill are not working well and these can and should be



"ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND I INTEND TO FIND THE ALLIGATOR"

corrected by the owners.
I believe the Capital Regional District owes to the islanders a proper explanation of why it will not support any of the alternative sewer systems as proposed by Dr. Coulthard, Mr. Valcourt or myself and Mrs. Woodey.
Islanders, on May 4, please turn out to the Capital Regional
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Galiano Island Trust Committee
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed by-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the Galiano Community Hall, Galiano Island, on SATURDAY, May 13, 1978 commencing at 1.00 pm.
Proposed Galiano Island Trust Committee By-law No. 4, is a by-law to amend the Official Community Plan (Galiano Island and Area) adopted by By-law No. 128 of the Capital Regional District in 1973.
The proposed by-law is intended to elaborate and further define the policies of the Official Community Plan for Galiano Island and Area.
Copies of the proposed by-law may be reviewed at the Galiano Island Post Office, Galiano Island between the hours of 8.00 - 11.15 am and 1.30 - 2.30 pm Monday to Friday inclusive, and 9.00 - 11.15 am Saturday, commencing May 1, 1978.
The proposed by-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust Office, 4th Floor, St. Ann's Academy, 835 Humboldt Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday inclusive.
M. LEE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER 16-2

Notice of Meeting
Galiano Island
There will be a meeting of the Galiano Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Galiano Island, at the conclusion of the public hearing on May 13, 1978 in the Galiano Community Hall, Galiano Island.
M. LEE
Administrative Officer

Letters to the Editor

[From Page Five]

District informational meeting to say "no" to the large sewer system for Ganges, and to say "yes" for a smaller system that will help preserve our island.

MIKE LARMOUR
Ganges
May 1, 1978

FROM ALBERTA

Sir,
During 1978 the town of Fairview, in the Peace River District, will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of the founding of the town with the arrival of the railroad in 1928.

We will be celebrating our Jubilee during the week of August 7 to the 13 with a great variety of activities, social, cultural and sports events.

We hope that through your paper, we may reach some of our former neighbours, who have not yet heard of the Jubilee and extend an invitation to them to come home for the festivities.

**THE FAIRVIEW
GOLDEN JUBILEE
COMMITTEE**
Box 1146,
Fairview, Alta.
April 14, 1978

COSTLY SCHEME

Sir,
Regarding the letters to the Editor of April 26 issue:

Statement "that the plan for Phase One Sewer area was supported by 80% of the property owners in that area, in a petition last summer."

I wish to protest these figures, and to invite all these misled people, who are still making this false statement, to come and see for themselves.

We have paid for a Writ of Summons to have the copies of the actual petition and the Summary done by the C.R.D. and in no way did Phase One or Phase Two, either together or separately, meet the amount required by the Municipal Act! The minister is also aware of that fact, as we sent him a copy of the C.R.D. Summary.

I strongly recommend that the people who have signed this letter, Fred Brookbanks, Isobel Marr, A.S. Marr, Roma Sturdy, I.M. McManus, Beatrice McKay and Iola Brookbanks, owe Mr. Lightman a sincere apology.

It is you people who have been misinformed by the C.R.D. Especially Mr. Denis Young and whoever else is making this statement!

As a matter of fact, we have a letter from the C.R.D. Lawyers,

stating that the petition was not to be used, and hoping that we would not wish to file a statement of claims.

They do not wish to have to answer to the courts, simply because they certainly know and can predict the outcome of the court decision!

We have not at any time stated that the downtown core should not have a sewer, but we do not wish to have to pay for such a costly scheme, that is totally prohibitive, and that will benefit only a few!

As to Dr. Troy's letter, I would strongly recommend that he get his information straight, before making such a statement! Minority be damned! The majority ruled, by not having the proper amount of votes, to carry this petition legally! Are you afraid to find out the real truth?

Y. VALCOURT,
Ganges,
May 1, 1978

SEWERS!

Sir,
(Keep up the good work. When I read the letter written by myself in Driftwood, I liked it much better than the version I wrote).

I attended the sewers meeting at the school April 27, in an effort to gain some understanding of what is really going on with the sewers issue. Although I am still somewhat confused, I wish to relate my understanding of the issue, as follows:

Do we people of Salt Spring want one large centralized sewage disposal system which will drain into Ganges Harbour, or do we want compact, decentralized sewage reclaiming units, which will serve different areas separately, and will reclaim all the effluent for agricultural fertilizer and irrigation?

The system which the Capital Regional Board would like us to install would be a similar system to that which empties into Cowichan Bay, and is presently overloaded to three times its capacity. I feel quite safe in saying that any sewage disposal system that empties into Ganges Harbour will pollute the harbour from the onset, and will make the harbour a sump-hole in a few years, as the capacity of effluent becomes more than the sewage treatment plant can handle.

I, personally, oppose any system which will deposit effluent, "treated" or otherwise, into Ganges Harbour, (or any harbour), and I feel very strongly that we should consider an alternative system, such as the Sanitherm system, which would reclaim 100% of all effluent for agricultural fertilizer and irrigation.

I recognize that the Capital Regional Board wants us to install the same type of system that other communities in the Capital region have. I have been told that the board has vetoed consideration of an alternative system, and that the board has already decided to put a

system of their own design in, and will notify the people of Salt Spring of this at the up-coming May 4 meeting.

I feel that if we people of Salt Spring allow a sewage disposal system to be put in which will pollute the harbour, we will suffer for it in the future.

I also feel that the sewer issue is only a smaller example of a larger issue: that we are experiencing government of the people, but not government by the people.

Sincerely,
KEN FLUET,
Box 813,
Ganges
April 30, 1978

WHAT ARE OUR RIGHTS?

Saturday nite at the pub, and Bruce Eason seen dancing up a storm. Observed consuming three (3) glasses of white wine over a two hour period. Left pub on foot, only to become inspired by the contrast of boogie and nite air. Sitting by the side of the road he was seen by the RCMP paddy wagon writing his inspiration.

The officer driving approached on foot as did the two back-up officers with their clubs and guns.

First officer: "You can't do that."

Bruce: "How much is the Fine?"

First officer: "You are under arrest."

The other two officers grab Bruce by each arm and put him in the paddy wagon. Bruce is stunned, wouldn't you be?

Still having pen in hand, Bruce asks of the first officer as they drive away, "What is your name and badge number?" Three (3) times before he is told that his answer awaits at the station.

No answers were given. No charge was laid. A ride was missed. Three miles were walked. An inspiration was lost.

What are our rights?
BRUCE D. EASON
Ganges
May 2, 1978

CURLING

Sir,
The Salt Spring Island Curling Club building committee has received two bids on the construction of a four-sheet curling rink.

This building would be 60' x 180' x 20' ht. clear span with concrete slab foundation and of pre-fabricated steel construction (not quonset).

Permasteel England, of Vancouver, quoted \$110,000 for the basic building, including insulation and glass.

On top of this there would be about \$25,000 for the slab and \$40,000 finishing (wiring, plumbing, etc.) New ice-making machinery comes to about \$75,000 for a ball-park figure of \$250,000.

Robertson Building Systems of Vancouver proposed building the entire structure at \$180,000.

The steel pre-fab structure at about \$18 per square foot appears to be the present rate for this type of structure, but the building committee is still gathering data on

Some people would call it

Baloney . . . by Tony

Am I fit for parenthood? Am I fit for anything, for that matter? I've had nagging doubts for over three years now as I ask myself that question over and over again.

Daily, I am faced with the problem of restraining myself from beating my wife and kids into submission; it takes all the self-control I can muster to curb my violent temper and conquer the desire to be aggressive. I have prayed that someone would come along and give me the help I need. And now someone has come along with a suggestion that would have prevented all the misery that my family must endure.

Testing and licensing of prospective parents and sterilization of unfit mothers is the answer we've been waiting for. The idea should be heralded as the most progressive move towards the development of the perfect race since Hitler discovered gas chambers.

Domestic strife is apparently becoming a most painful thorn in the backside of human decency and proponent of the plan to fight this strife is one Mary Van Stolk who says, "I would be in favour of sterilization as part of the prevention of criminal behaviour in the family."

She is also urging the federal government to establish a tribunal to carry out the testing and licensing of parents-to-be who have a history of violence. Mzz. Van Stolk would also like to see the United Nations oversee the creation of tribunals around the world to carry out this master plan for the perfection of humanity.

Let's start now on Salt Spring Island! I will gladly submit to being the first candidate to appear before the tribunal, confess my wrongdoings and accept whatever punishment they see fit to impose upon me.

Three cheers for Mzz Van Stolk and her admirable plan! People who think as she does are way ahead of the times: 1984 is still six years away.

other methods.

The probability of building a curling rink here on Salt Spring would be considerably enhanced if the proposed structure could accommodate other types of sport or entertainment. One obvious answer to this is skating.

The planned four-sheet curling surface is 56 ft. x 144 ft., and although smaller than regulation hockey (85 x 185), it would be the largest open floor area on the island.

Many curlers reject the use of a curling rink for ice skating. It should be borne in mind that there would be no intention of curling one day and skating the next. Change-over of the ice from curling to skating takes a full week, so any consideration of skating would occur after the curling season ends.

It has been observed that ice skating is not a profitable proposition and that it would not even pay

Never take your wife to a poker game. No matter what I win, my wife always loses twice as much and pays for her losses by writing checks. At the end of the month I get all these checks back from the bank: \$10 here, \$20 there, and what's worse, all those people I thought were my friends have gone and cashed them.

I quite dutifully, lawfully and honestly paid \$10 to the City of Victoria recently for the privilege of spending my money in that fair city. Unfortunately, I'm still unaware of what particular law I broke, but it was somehow related to the one vacant parking slot within an area of about 20 city blocks in which I could park my truck.

An obvious comparison comes to mind here: if the City of Victoria figures it's worth \$10 for people to shop there, then Driftwood must be worth at least twice that for the privilege of reading it for a year.

Almost every week there's some new revelation about that remarkable man, Captain Cook. By the end of the year, it is quite feasible that his name will be mud and the province of B.C. will be trying to forget the whole farce.

It has been reported that the famous captain had worms, not a pleasant thing to say about anyone but at least he's not around any more and we can libel him as much as we like. Another report says he wrongfully hanged one of his crew.

Any reader whose family has or had a history of the French Sickness is requested to communicate with us. We would be most appreciative of any assistance in this regard in order that we may continue our research into the dark and unknown past of James Cook.

to keep the doors open. The Master Plan Survey which is to be carried out on Salt Spring this summer hopefully may answer this question.

Since the building overhead (in operation) would be over \$2,000 per month this is the kind of revenue we would be looking for.

The curling building, as proposed, would make a good movie theatre in the off-season as the observation gallery with its thermopane glass would make an ideal projection booth. Its 60 ft. width and 20 ft. ceiling could easily accommodate a cinemascope screen and 500 viewers. Worth thinking about?

Other considerations are tennis, roller skating, a farmer's market in the fall, and maybe a big Oktoberfest to open the curling season.

Presently though, the need is for subscribers to the curling rink proposal which requires only a signature and your cheque for \$5. Right now there are about 100. We need at least 150 to start and your \$5 will be used for advertising and keeping you informed. See our ad.

ROSS BELL
Ganges
April 28, 1978

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MAYNE ISLAND
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Saturday, May 20, 1978
at FIREHALL 2 pm
Order of Business**

1. Minutes of 1977 Annual General Meeting.
2. Financial Statements.
3. Election of two Trustees.
4. Appointment of Auditor for 1978.

Cleaning up Ganges



Between 25 and 30 cubs, scouts, brownies and guides were busy cleaning up garbage in Ganges Saturday morning and according to observers, they did "a super job". The clean-up campaign was set up and organized by the

chamber of commerce and 40 large, plastic bags were used to cart away the accumulated litter of many months. In the picture, Shaun Sime, Erin Fewings and Rob Shepherd are seen scouring Jackson Avenue.

If you have something for this column: call Elsie Brown at 539-2480

Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

CHURCH NEWS

Services during May at St. Mary Magdalene church conducted by Rev. John Dyer will be held on the first and third Sundays instead of the second and fourth. Next service will be on May 7. The Lay Services will be held on the alternate Sundays. Next lay service is scheduled for May 14, at 11.30 am.

Community Church services will continue in the Activity centre at 3 pm, instead of changing to 7 pm, as previously planned. Sunday School is held during the service under the leadership of Marybelle Jarman.

On Friday, May 12, a band concert will be presented by the King George Secondary School, Vancouver at the school Activity Centre, 7.30 pm. In charge of arrangements is John Dought. It is

Rubber raft is stolen

A six-foot yellow rubber raft and two aluminum oars were taken from a house at Fulford Saturday. They were the property of Mrs. Jocelyn Owen of Victoria.

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Stuart Holmes

Death of long-time Salt Spring Island resident in England

BY

MARGARET K. CUNNINGHAM

Stuart Holmes, a long-time resident of Beddis Road, Salt Spring Island, passed away at Hereford, England, on March 28, 1978, after a brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, Hilary at the family home at Thruxton, Hereford, six nephews, three nieces, seven great nephews and three great nieces, all on the lower mainland, Vancouver Island and Salt Spring Island.

Charles Samuel Stuart Holmes left his home in Hitchen, Hertfordshire, and came to Salt Spring Island in 1911 to work for Edward Walter. "The Maples", the Walter sea-front farm was of considerable size at that time. It included the lagoon, or "spit" in Ganges Harbour.

About seven or eight years later he bought a property of his own on the west side of Beddis Road, and almost directly across from that owned by Mr. Walter, between the Schovell and Warburton properties.

The upper boundary of his property bordered on the newly

constructed "New Fulford Road", which runs as it does today from above the Ganges Hill out past the Cusheon Lake corner, replacing the Old Divide Road and its winding hills.

This "new road" of 1919 or 1920 contained three large wooden bridges constructed by H.O. Allen.

About this same time he married Josephine Everett of Ganges. Miss Everett had a brother, Willie, who lived here for a short time only.

30 YEARS SECRETARY

For 30 years Stuart Holmes was the secretary of the board of management of the first Lady Minto Hospital. Hospital is now the Community Centre. It was an honour shared equally by two other

gentlemen for the same period of time: W.M. Mouat, as the Board Chairman, and T.F. Speed, as its treasurer.

For many years Stuart Holmes was also very active in the Anglican Church of St. Paul's on the Ganges Hill.

After Josephine died, in 1966, he married Hilary Purdy on Oct. 2, 1967, and after a brief stay on his property moved down to the original "Maples" site, which had previously been bought by Hilary and Mrs. Thelma Rose, and on which they had built a new bungalow type home.

In April, 1972, the three partners sold all their real estate holdings on Salt Spring and moved to Hereford, England.

Board of Variance named

Board of Variance for Salt Spring Island is now named and ready for action.

Chairman is Mr. Hiscock, already serving as chairman of the Board of Variance for the Capital Regional District. Member named by the Trust Committee is Wayne Pearce. Provincial government's nominee is Vern Roddick, of Pender.

Chairman was chosen by the other two members.

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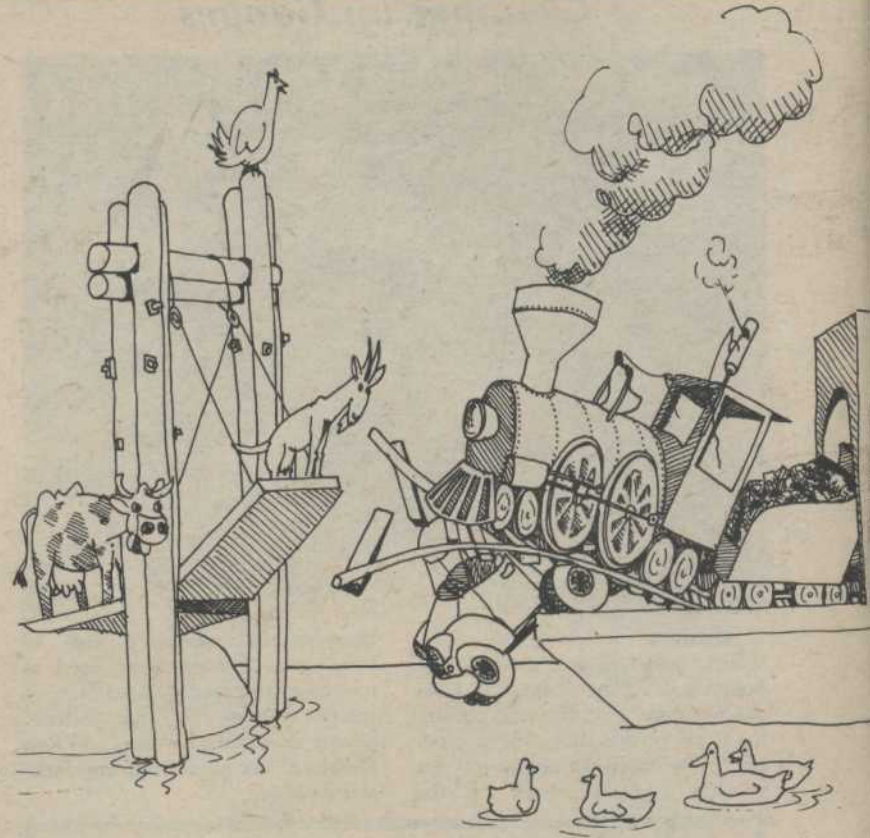
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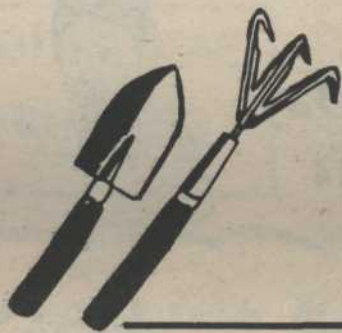
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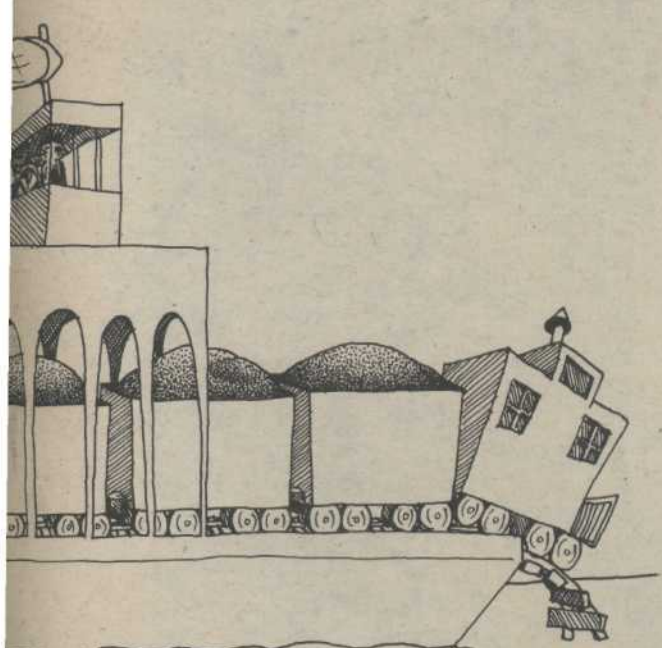
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Advance of the Illecillewaet Glacier may mean another ice age dawning

BY SHIRLEY GUTH

A 5,000-year-old Rip Van Winkle is awake in B.C.'s Glacier Park. After a century's solid snooze, he's astir and putting on a show for tourists.

The hoary old gent is Illecillewaet Glacier, napping since 1887 but now pushing down off his mountain perch. Some climatic alarm clock has gone off, and everyone's wondering if Illecillewaet's up for the dawn of a new Ice Age.

Park officials were caught napping too, they admit, by Illecillewaet's unexpected advance; they assumed it was still taking to the hills after a 100-year onslaught of warm weather. Tourists on the Trans-Canada Highway viewing the brooding glacier two miles up the valley felt secure, and hikers standing under the icepack's 15-metre-high toe thought they were seeing a giant in full retreat.

But lately officials have noticed changes in Illecillewaet's appearance. A steepening snout has swallowed previously placed survey pins, and recent measurements show that the glacier has boldly advanced almost 54 metres in five

years. Illecillewaet's clearly on the move, say scientists, but caution it's too early to speculate about another Ice Age.

"It may mean that over the last century our climate has been abnormally stable," says Chief Park Naturalist John Woods, "and that now we're coming into a more normal period." At any rate, he assures, there's no need to start packing up the wife and kids for a move to the tropics. "Even at its current rate of movement, it would take more than four centuries to cover the Trans-Canada Highway down the valley."

A DAY'S OUTING

So for that long at least, hikers can continue to enjoy a day's outing from nearby Illecillewaet campground, via a hiking trail, then an easy scramble up to the ice face. No special equipment is necessary for the three-hour hike, just a good pair of boots, a warm sweater and maybe a tasty lunch to eat in the crisp air under the glacier's snout. The Northlander Hotel at the summit of Rogers Pass is also a good starting point for glacier-gazers.

And visitors to the glacier are in for an awe-inspiring experience, says Woods: "It's a wild sight that puts humanity into perspective. Civilizations come and go, but this glacier lives on." He cautions hikers from climbing onto the Illecillewaet itself; glacier-trekking is a sport as complex as cave

exploration. Gaping crevasses and fragile snow bridges spanning 15-metre deep cracks demand professional mountain climbing skills and equipment.

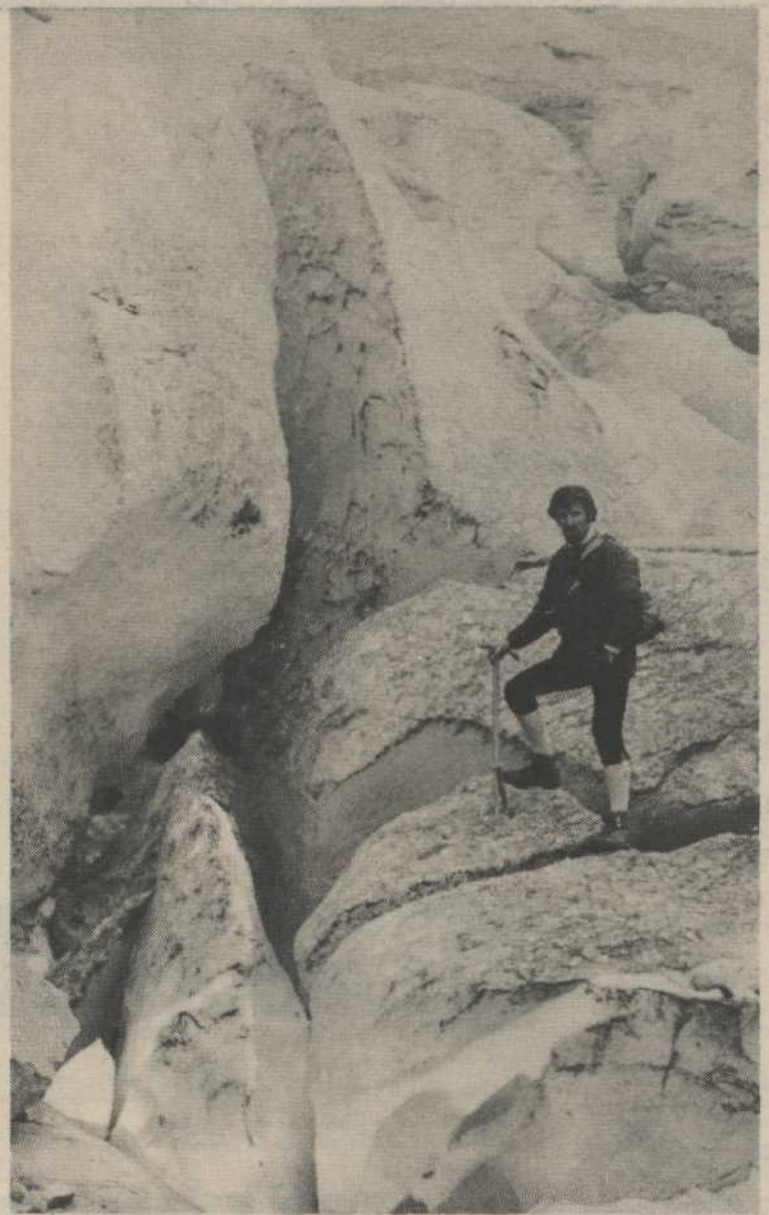
Looking into one of Illecillewaet's crevasses is like peering into the past. Bands of ice trace the history of yearly snowfalls, and weird, translucent shapes march deep into the blue ice. At the glacier's foot, a swath of scoured bedrock marks the trail of past retreats. And nearby, the Illecillewaet River is a barometer of conditions inside the glacier. Glutted with Illecillewaet's rich "milk" - runoff chalky with pulverized rock - it runs swollen at sunny midday, lean again by nightfall.

A RIDDLE

And Illecillewaet, like all glaciers, is nothing if not a riddle. Neither liquid nor solid, it breaks under a hammer blow, yet pours around obstacles. To a tourist, its progress seems gentle and imperceptible, but with rocks and boulders it carries down from its icefield source, the Illecillewaet Neve, it grinds underlying bedrock into "rock-flour" - "the finest sand you've ever seen" says Woods: "in water, it actually stays in suspension."

Of over 100 glaciers in the park, Illecillewaet is Glacier's leading man because records on its movements go back almost a century. The most visible and accessible of the area's glaciers, it has become the most historically important. In September, 1977 a survey team placed new markers in the bedrock, and next year's measurements will add a new chapter to Illecillewaet's biography.

A diet of large snowfalls and cool summers will continue to fatten Illecillewaet, but right now, no one's taking any bets on his future. If another Ice Age is in the offing, that old man glacier will keep on rolling along. But if the alarm has rung false, he can always go back up his mountain for another 100 year nap.



Illecillewaet Glacier's advancement measured by Parks Canada official in Glacier National Park. Photo by John Woods.

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Thursday, May 4, 8 pm

Taking part in this important meeting will be the chairman of the Capital Regional Board with the Executive Director and two engineers to inform the Ganges community on details concerning the installation of the sewer system.

HORSE SENSE

From Salt Spring Island Riding Club

What is Founder?

How can it be cured or prevented?

Founder (Laminitis) is an inflammation of the sensitive Laminae, or membrane lining the pedal bone, (pedal bone being the bottom bone of the horse's foot and enclosed within the hoof wall).

This interlocks with the insensitive laminae, a similar membrane attached to the outer hoof wall, but unlike the sensitive laminae does not contain blood vessels.

The resultant swelling between the pedal bone and the hoof wall causes extreme pain, not unlike the pain of a splinter or infection under a person's nail.

A bad case of founder will render a horse or pony unsuitable for hard work.

Deep horizontal ridges on the hoof are an almost sure sign that the horse or pony has at some time or other suffered from founder, and will unless due care is taken, suffer from founder again.

The first signs of founder are heat around the top of the foot, the horse will be unwilling to put any

weight on the front feet, (the hind being rarely affected) and will assume a crouching position; and be unwilling to move.

FAT CANDIDATES

Fat horses and ponies left to gorge themselves on rich spring pastures or fed too much grain, taking little exercise, or being exposed to sudden unaccustomed exercise, are likely candidates for founder.

Standing the horse in ice cold water, eg., a running stream, if available, will help relieve the condition, but veterinary help should be called in for further assistance.

Prevention is always better than cure and is in this case quite simple. Never overfeed your horse. Regulate his pasture time. Do not let him get overweight. Exercise him on a regular basis.

It has been suggested that we run this column, Horse Sense, every month, so if you have a horse problem or a question to be answered, please write to: Horse Sense, Box 921, Ganges.

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More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

A most encouraging development emerges...two years ago the aims and objects of the TEN DAYS project seemed to be entirely concentrated into the specified period of ten days. Now they go on, if not year-round, at least well into the rest of the year.

Our own World Relief Tea is an example. By the way, the total of donations received has now climbed to \$2,300. Well done, all givers!

The latest issue of B.C. Ecumenical News is full of information vital to those who are interested in Christian action.

One item appeals for more help to south India, where cyclones took the lives of at least 20,000 people last November. Two hundred families can be rehabilitated by rebuilding their fishing boats at a cost of \$800 each. The work will take only four to five weeks and CIDA has promised a grant of \$100,000 provided that private donations of \$15,000 can be raised.

That doesn't sound unreasonable or subversive to me! Tax deductible donations can be sent to the Tibetan Refugee Aid Society, 4345 Locarno Crescent, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 1G2.

BOTTLE BABIES

Another item is headed "Action for Bottle Babies." It seems shocking that the milk-powder-for-babies problem in Third World countries, first exposed some years ago, should not have been dealt with effectively by the companies concerned.

The film, Bottle Babies, has been shown on several occasions in Victoria, including at a Good Friday Reconciliation Service.

"If you would like to participate in action to express your willing-

ness to accept a cross in aid of the poor of this world, please contact Bill Ashwell, 3400 Connorton Lane, Victoria. Tel. 385-6574."

In this connection, please note that Bottle Babies will be shown in Room 4 of the High School at 7.30 pm this Thursday, May 4.

Last week we wrongly gave the location as St. George's Parish Hall.

This will preface a meeting of the Standing Committee for World Development Education and Relief, but all are cordially welcome to see the movie and join in discussions afterwards.

A PROTEST

All churches in B.C. are being urged to withdraw their funds from banks making loans to the South African Government or its agencies as a protest against the brutal racism and denial of human rights to the black majority in that country. Banks making loans to South Africa are the Royal Bank, the Toronto-Dominion, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Montreal.

The Bank of Nova Scotia is the main Canadian agent for sales of krugerrands, the South African gold coins.

This campaign advises people and groups to transfer their accounts to credit unions, the Bank of B.C., and trust companies which don't do business with South Africa. Further information from Stop Bank Loans to South Africa Campaign, 210-1811 West 16th Ave., Vancouver.

FAMILY MONTH

May has been proclaimed as Family Month for B.C. and there will be many province-wide activities centered around the family, organized by the B.C. Council for the Family which is the result of a unique co-operation between community and religious organizations of B.C. with the provincial government.

It is interesting that this co-operation was made possible when the premier and minister of human

Islanders are treated to fine music Sunday

Former resident opposing Hydro project

BY JOHN HALL

Salt Spring Island was treated to a fine concert of chamber music on Sunday and it was in keeping with the beauty and warmth of the day itself. The Purcell String Quartet from Simon Fraser University played under the sponsorship of the CBC and the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring.

The concert opened with the Chacony in G minor by Henry Purcell. This piece was played with an easy grace which let the part-lines appear clearly. Then came the Italian Serenade by Hugo Wolf and the Quartet in A minor, opus 29, by Schubert. The Schubert work abounds in reflective melodies contrasted with thickly textured, almost symphonic writing. The performers gave full weight to this contrast and thus gave us a warm, dynamic interpretation.

After an intermission, we heard the quartet in A flat, opus 105, by Dvorak. This work also depends upon the contrast of melody and polyphony for its effect, along with distinct changes in mood and

tempos. The quartet gave a full-bodied version of this work, with rich string sound as the dominant characteristic.

THE HIGHLIGHT

The highlight of the program, at least for this listener, was the Italian Serenade by Wolf. This short piece is in turn playful, wistful, melancholy and is very hard to play well because of the abrupt changes of mood and technical demands it makes upon the musicians. The quartet played this work in magnificent style, careful to record the many dynamic changes required while keeping the rhythmic pulse in the minds of the audience.

Their interpretation had subtlety of feeling and variety of tone and dynamics which let the piece breathe. A very beautiful performance indeed, and one which should remain memorable for the audience for a long time to come.

One can only hope that the quartet will be able to visit the island soon and again offer us some of the finest music it is possible to hear.

Lighting accounts for two per cent of the energy consumed in the average home and the family car uses 56%, says George Cornish, Calgary commissioner for planning and transportation. If the motor industry had progressed as quickly as the lighting industry, he says, we would be getting 800 miles to the gallon.

Hydro project

Former Salt Spring Island resident Dawn Kyler is taking part in the opposition to B.C. Hydro's Kootenay River diversion project and is looking for assistance from others who oppose the project.

"This plan will divert two-thirds of the Kootenay River waters into the Columbia River, and destroy vast acres of land, small towns and our lakes," she writes. "we have had enough of B.C. Hydro's destruction, and would like your support."

"Send us a note of how you feel and help to save our province."

Readers interested in writing can address their letters to Dawn Kyler, Box 582, Kaslo, B.C.

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resources were both non-members of the Christian faith! A lesson can surely be learned of the necessity for co-operation between faiths as well as between demonimations.

Keep an eye open for activities at our own newly opened Family Centre, part of the Community centre building, where many most worthwhile activities are planned. Next Saturday Project North will again be the subject of discussion.

I've heard it said we don't know enough to express an opinion on Native Land Claims. This is our chance to learn more.

DISARMAMENT

There is to be a United Nations conference on disarmament this next month. Support this with your letters to government and your prayers.

Coincidentally there will be demonstrations against that nearby threat to world peace, the Trident project. There is no place on earth where such weapons should be harboured, and certainly 70 miles, as the crow flies, is right on our doorstep!

Gonzola Arroyo, the Brazilian economist who visited Ottawa as a Ten Days guest, said we should work for justice at home. Then justice abroad would follow.

Have you worked for justice this week?

May 4, 7.30 pm, Rm. 4, High School: "Bottle Babies" and standing committee meeting.

May 4, Victoria Inter-church committee for World Development: Supper meeting, 5.30 pm. St. John's Church, Colwood.

May 6, Remembrance Day of the Holocaust for Vancouver. (commemorates the loss of six million Jewish and five million non-jewish victims of the Nazis).

May 6, 2 pm, Community Centre: Project North, all welcome.

Salt Spring Islanders visit Polynesian islands

The Tahitians are a happy people

The following report comes from Bruce and Connie Hardy, of Salt Spring Island, who have just returned from a trip to the French Polynesian islands of Tahiti and Moorea.

We arrived in Papeete March 8 after a long, 11½ hour flight, with a fueling stop in Hilo, Hawaii.

We were fortunate, indeed, to miss the monsoon which hit the Society Islands in February, causing thousands of dollars damage. The rains lasted almost a month in which only three days of sunshine were seen.

Of the 120,000 inhabitants living in the Society Islands 50% live in Tahiti.

The islands are French - governed, and rank next to Tokyo in their high cost of living.

The Tahitians are a happy people who are not concerned who governs them, enjoy the benefits of free medical attention and pay no land tax or income tax. Sometimes they don't even bother to show up for work if they're having too much fun doing something else.

MELTING POT

Papeete, the capital and port in Tahiti, is a melting pot of nationalities and the harbour is crowded with sailing vessels from the world over.

The modes of transportation range from the expensive French automobile to "Le Truck," the public transportation, to scooters and motorbikes, many of them piloted by graceful vahines (women) with flowers in their hair.

The accommodation in Tahiti is American standard, with air conditioning, which helps until you become accustomed to the humidity.

The cuisine varied from French,

Chinese and American. The Tahitians have a feast called a Tamaaraa, which consists of breadfruit and kalua pig, which is cooked in a pit in the ground, much the same as a Hawaiaian Luau.

MOST SPECTACULAR

Moorea is the closest island to Tahiti, 12 miles and only seven minutes by air. It is the most spectacular island in the world.

Damage to school grounds at Ganges

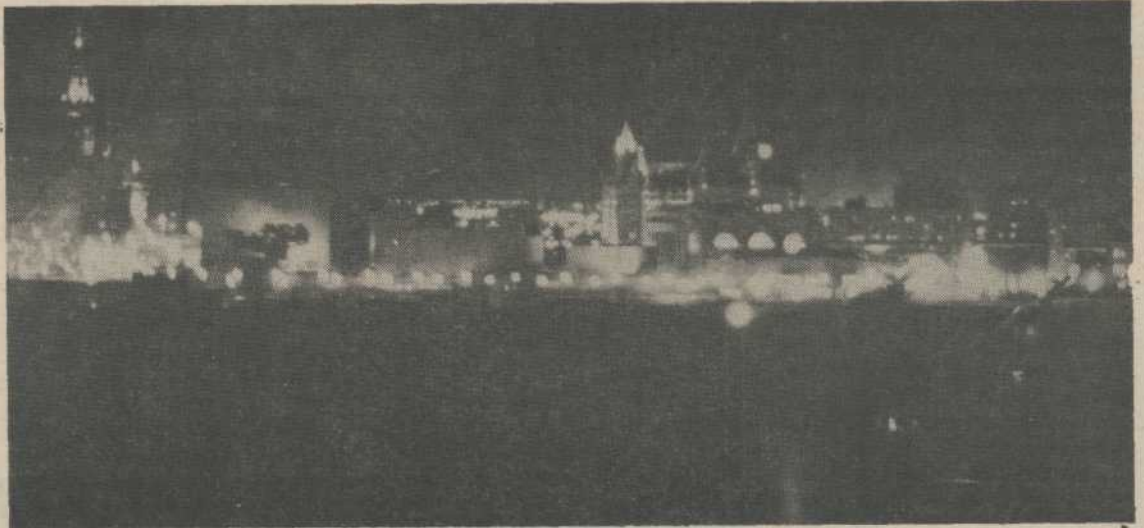
Damage to the baseball diamond on the school grounds at Ganges has been estimated at \$150. A car was driven over the grounds on Sunday evening and the persons responsible have been apprehended by Ganges RCMP.

serrated with sharp mountain peaks, deep valleys and emerald lagoons, teeming with brightly coloured fish.

It is a timeless place that needs no clocks or maps. A place where you can't be late because there is nothing to be late for.

Best of all, please bear in mind that tipping is not the custom in French Polynesia, and is actually contrary to their idea of hospitality.

It stays light late in some places!



Picture of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa was taken from a hotel window one night recently.

CURLING... CAN WE GET IT?

BY DALE NEILSON
Salt Spring Curling Club

The Salt Spring Island pro-tem Curling Committee has had four meetings in the past few months, including a public meeting at the Golf Club.

In order to qualify for a government grant it seems necessary to have the endorsement of a study done by Master Plan consultants who will be on the Island conduct-

ing a survey of recreational needs during the summer months.

They will be holding public meetings and canvassing residents regarding these needs.

Their findings hopefully will be published in September and it is hoped that a curling rink will be high on the list.

If, however, we do not meet the approval of the Master Plan we hope to lobby on our own.

For this reason, it was decided not to go ahead with the meeting called for May 3 and, instead, gather as large a list of people willing to support a club as we could and make a presentation to the Master Plan consultants, then have a meeting in the fall.

LOCATIONS

Two or three probable locations are under study and several engineering firms and manufacturers of steel building systems have been consulted and facts and figures regarding a four-sheet curling rink have been obtained.

A building, 62 x 190 feet, to house a four-sheet rink would accommodate a two-level section at one end for a viewing area, a snack bar and washroom facilities. It could be erected for approximately \$200,000 at this time.

Some of the plus factors for a steel building are:

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FIVE MONTH SEASON

The curling season ideally would be approximately five months in duration with the structure available for other uses during the remainder of the year. Some of the suggested uses have been, roller skating, indoor tennis, ice skating, movie theatre, banquet and meeting facilities, exhibition hall and storage facilities.

We feel that a structure of this size can be put to good use by individuals and groups and we would like to hear from anyone with further suggestions.

Our thanks to those who have signed their names and contributed \$5. This money is to be used for advertising and expenses incurred to get our campaign going. Mail your coupons or letters to Box 1013, Ganges, B.C. and, if you wish \$5.00.

No hearing required for changes

When the Islands Trust was considering a large subdivision on Dukes Road, Salt Spring Island, last week, it was noted that subdivision by-law changes do not require a public hearing.

The application had been made, but the professional commission's report has not yet been received, Trust was told.

Planner Chris Ford asked for more time on the application and Trustee Jack Fisher formally moved the delay.

There is the possibility of a gravel pit on one of the parcels, Trust was told.

The application should be passed to the Advisory Planning Commission in view of the possibility of an industrial development, urged Nelder Boulton.

Ten years here

It is 10 years ago that a Salt Spring Island couple left their native Britain to settle in British Columbia.

On May 4, 1968, Sidney and Florence Roberts left London airport to immigrate to Canada.

They came to join their eldest son, David, on Salt Spring Island.

David now resides in Kamloops.

The senior Roberts have never left the island apart from holidays, and still find plenty to do on their Rainbow Road property, reports the 10-year British Columbian.

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Where do we stand?

BY GRACE WRIGHT

In every town or community there are four categories of people. First there are the neutral ones, those who pride themselves on "keeping themselves to themselves" as our English cousins say, and they wrongly consider this a virtue! No matter what is going on they will not lift their voice nor lend a hand.

Then there are the opposite ones who are all too vocal. They complain about everything. They are always willing to say what should be done but seldom do they do anything themselves.

The third group are those who stand on the sidelines, complaining or cheering with equal fervour. Swayed by every passing thought or word, they say they'd be quite willing to help if they only knew what to do. They'd like to start something but perhaps, after all, it would be better to wait to see what happens.

Then there is the small, the pitifully small, minority - the ones who do what they can. They struggle and strive to get things done, to stir up a little enthusiasm. For a time they may even succeed to a certain extent and then a community will surge ahead on a wave of optimism. However, unless these few people are endowed with extraordinary strength and courage, they are brought to a halt, or even brought down by the sheer weight of indifference around them.

What hope is there for us then? Just where do we stand? There is nothing to stop us from joining the fourth category - there is always plenty of room in that group and a job is waiting for each and every one of us. Something to think about, isn't it?

Sir William Osler once wrote: "By far the most dangerous foe we have to fight is apathy - indifference from whatever cause, not from a lack of knowledge, but from carelessness, from absorption in other pursuits, from a contempt born of self-satisfaction."

This was written by Grace A. Wright, of Ganges, in February of 1959, when she was a newspaper editor in Alberta. "Things don't change much," said Mrs. Wright, when she found this stored away.

History Mystery

If noble, intrepid,
Great King Rameses,
Had lived in Ganges,
Would he have hid,
Like old Cheops did,
In a pyramid?

-John Healey

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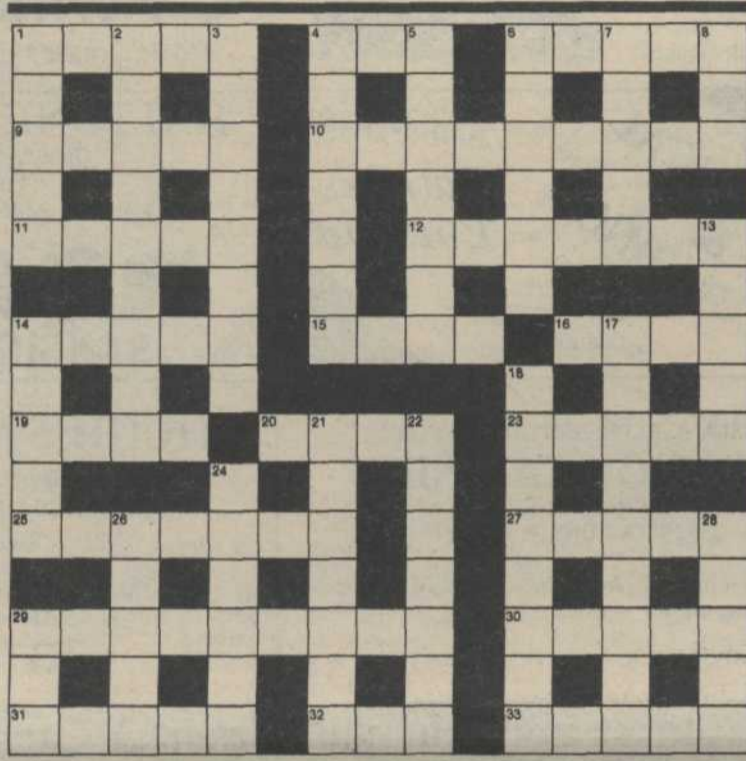
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Leaves of absence are approved

Gulf Islands School Board gave its approval last week to applications for leaves of absence from two islands teachers.

Salt Spring Elementary teacher Glenn Woodley was given leave of absence to attend a B.C. Recreation Conference April 27.

Mayne Island School principal Bob Dugas was granted leave for the school year, 1978/79.

Resignation of speech therapist Mrs. A. Bullock was also accepted by the board. Her resignation will be effective May 12.

A British Automobile manufacturers Association report says more than half the people taking driving tests fail, that women fail more than men and the slowest learners are school teachers.

List of subscribers to Lady Minto at close of war

Lady Minto Hospital was located on Ganges Hill when this early list of subscribers was completed in 1919. Many subscribers are still living on the islands.

H.W. Bullock, W. Palmer, Bullocks's two men, Mrs. W. Evans, Mrs. Palmer, W.A. McAfee, C.S.S. Holmes, N. Nelson, H. Price, Mrs. T.A. LePage, Mrs. J.J. Akerman, Mrs. Jane Mouat, Malcolm Mouat.

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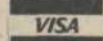


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Acting sub-lieutenant Terry Wolfe-Milner, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Wolfe-Milner, in company with other HMCS Venture cadets, was awarded his wings certificate at the recent banquet of Victoria Flying Club. Terry is at present training with RCAF at Penhold, Alberta, and expects to be transferred to Rivers, Manitoba, next month.

C.W. Archer, recently of Richmond, B.C. has arrived on Salt Spring to take up his duties with the school district, and will be joined shortly by his family.

Wm. Palmer was re-elected president of Wagon Wheels Square Dance Club at the annual meeting held in Mahon Hall, April 27. Vice-president is Robin Reid; secretary-treasurer, Kathy Netterfield. Annual reports read to the 26 members present showed 32 members on the roll and a total of 17 dance meetings held during the year.

Vic Jackson was elected president of the Rod and Gun Club at their annual meeting last Thursday. Louis Lorentsen, who served for three years, is the retiring president.

Larry Anderson was elected vice-president and treasurer and Mrs. Lorentsen was elected secretary. Ellen Bennett is the retiring secretary.

The new president also won the first prize in the club's annual fishing derby, weighing in a 34 lb. spring, the largest winner in the club's history. Second prize was won by Walter Mailey with an 18-pounder and W.M. "Slim" Thorburn was awarded third prize for a 12 lb., 13 oz. salmon.

Floyd Kaye, of Ladysmith, son of Mrs. Juanita Kaye and the late Chester Kaye, Ganges, won the major share of honours at the conclusion of the invitational badminton tournament held in Nanaimo recently.

TEN YEARS AGO

The die is cast. Fulford postmaster Percy Jones has finally handed over the reins and a new postmaster has been named.

Mr. Jones planned to retire several weeks ago, but the Post Office department delayed naming his successor. George Lampier is now responsible for mail at Fulford.

May Queen contest on Salt Spring Island is well under way with six girls vying for the title.

The candidates have been named by various hockey teams and their campaigns are being directed by the teams.

In the running are Carol Moulton, Rhonda Byron, Leslie Barnes, Stephanie Swanson, Wendy Lee and Ginny Horel.

May Queen will be crowned at Fulford on May Day and will take office from last year's queen, Miss Betty

Riddell, now Mrs. S.F. McColm.

Widespread concern over pollution threat to Gulf waters is likely to bring one of the largest audiences ever seen at a public meeting in Ganges.

On Tuesday afternoon the director of pollution control for the province, H.J. Keenan, will call a public hearing to enquire into the discharge of partially treated sewage into Trincomali Channel.

Application by Douglas Hawkes for Maliview Estates Ltd. to turn sewage, after settling and filtering, into the sea has aroused a storm of protests from residents of the islands.

Project calls for the erection of about 60 homes on the Walker Hook area and the collection of effluent in a settling tank. From the tank plans call for a discharge line out to sea.

Protesters have asserted that the tidal flats will accumulate and that it will cause a stench and loss of facilities for fishing and swimming.

In 1967 the provincial government shared the costs of schools with each school district on an announced 50-50 basis. In the Gulf Islands School District the government paid nine per cent of the costs and the district met the remaining 91%.

This year a change has come about. This ratio of 9:91 has been modified.

In 1968 the government will pay six per cent of school costs and the district rate-payers will meet the remaining 94%. Small district, sparse population and minor building projects contribute to the low government share.

FIVE YEARS AGO
The year 1972 was a record year of growth for North Salt Spring Waterworks District. Chairman Gilbert Kennedy told a crowded meeting in the Legion Hall Wednesday that the year had been a record both in terms of work accomplished and the development of the system.

In terms of capital expenditures records were also broken. Total expenditure amounted to \$56,000, compared with the six-year average of \$23,000. There were 43 new connections added during 1972 and the total number of users now stands at 642.

When sabot sailing became a popular sport among Salt Spring Island boys it proved that a club was necessary in order to compete. A year or more ago the Salt Spring Sailing Club became the sponsor of the sabot racing.

Last week the same club turned its ears to the adult population and it now includes both junior and adult members. First joint program is planned for May 12 when there will be a regatta here, open to juniors and seniors.

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Fulford, was the scene of a double-ring ceremony on Saturday when Loretta Lynn Wood was joined in marriage to Edward James Rahn. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wood of Fulford and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rahn of Armstrong, B.C. Rev. Peter McCalman officiated.

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Lions supporting fourth fund drive this season

Salt Spring Island Lions are sponsoring the Salvation Army campaign which will start April 28. The drive will be a tribute to the late Desmond Crofton, who chaired the campaign in the islands for many years on behalf of the service club.

The Lions have maintained a steady batting average in fund-raising campaigns this year.

The service club supported the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society's campaign here and collected \$1,800. When the same service club undertook the campaign here for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the total raised amounted to the same figure.

The Easter Seal Campaign for Crippled Children was fractionally down, with a return of \$1,784.

Teachers named

List of teachers who are eager to teach at the new Fernwood School was released last week by Gulf Islands School District.

Principal-designate is Alan Marsh. Staff teachers who have applied for a transfer to the north end of Salt Spring Island are Jean Rowell, Mrs. J. Severn, Irene Wright, Tom Wright, Mrs. E. Smith, Ruth Volquardsen and J. Prendergast.

New Health Centre at Saturna



Health Centre is almost completed at Saturna Island. Erected above the island's fire hall, the new facilities have been partially paid for out of a Canada Works grant.

The impressive new structure is seen in the picture by Mike Hayes. From left to right are Reg Hutton-Potts, project manager; Harvey Janzen, Hans Petke and Bob Crosby.

Relative of Ganges man

was hung

—By Capt. Cook

A Ganges man has a distant connection with Captain Cook, Driftwood learned last week. A relative of Wes Delany, Bittancourt Road, is reported to have been Cook's best friend and served on one of his ships.

It happened that this man was accused of a crime, the nature of which is not known, and was duly hung for it. Shortly after, it was discovered that a mistake had been made and that Mr. Delany's relative was innocent of the crime.

Land use contract not easy

No land use contract, providing for special uses of land which may not be covered by the general zoning of the property, will be granted after this year.

Chairman of the Islands Trust, Marc Holmes, noted at Ganges on Friday that such a contract is not easy to get.

Even after all the preliminaries are approved, the contract may or may not be approved by the various administrative bodies, he observed.

Each application for such a contract must be presented to a public hearing before it will gain official consideration. All residents who "deem themselves affected" are then entitled to speak to the proposal, he added.

Duplicate bridge

Winners of the Royal Canadian Legion Duplicate Bridge games on April 25 at Ganges were as follows: 1, Gordon Hutton and Norm McConnell; 2, Mary K. Thomas and Shirley Love; 3, Betty Sharland and Anne McConnell.

Retreat at Pender Island

BY ELEANOR HARRISON
The third annual Gulf Islands Christian Retreat will be held at the Hope Bay Bible Camp on Pender Island, on Friday May 26 at 7.30pm until Sunday afternoon, May 28. Information available from Alec Niemi, Port Washington, registration fee is charged and children under six years of age are free. Mrs. Myrtle MacGregor, Port Washington is the registrar. Registration includes all meals and accommodation. Accommodation is limited to 100 persons and it is expected to fill very early.

The theme of the week-end Retreat will be... "working together with Him", from 2 Corinthians. Guest speakers will be Pastor Ian

C. Bowie from Haney, whose topic will be, Building Better Relations, Mrs. Jessie Eddy, from Sidney, will conduct the women's Saturday afternoon session.

In attendance will be the male quartette, consisting of Dr. Magnuson, George Sawatsky, Geene Mulder and John Paschold, who is to radio listeners, our dependable weatherman.

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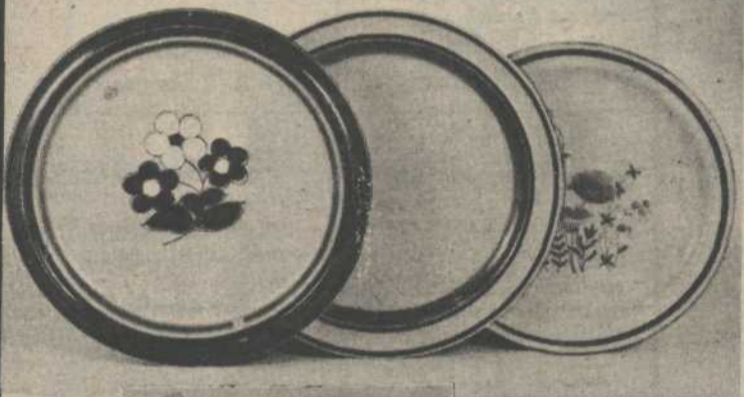
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