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Walkathon near rained out



It rained. It poured with rain all day on Saturday, when the Salt Spring Island Lions presented the annual Lions Walkathon on Salt Spring Island.

The rain turned many people off. Attendance was small, but the walkers who took part were committed to the journey and enthusiasm was not dampened by the weather.

The start-up was obviously affected by weather conditions. By 12.45, within a quarter-hour of the start, only a handful of people were in the Centennial Park forecourt, where walkees and runners gathered.

Two chariots appeared for the race, with the Rotary Club being edged out by the Gulf Islands school band.

Notable among the contestants were the enthusiastic walkers who have kept up the pace in the Lions Walkathon every year since it was initiated a decade ago.

The walk was no pleasure for the stragglers, who suffered the elements longer. The winners arrived within slightly more than 55 minutes, soaked with perspiration and rain.

BOB ANDERSON

First home at Drummond Park was Bob Anderson, no newcomer to Walkathons on the island or to walking and harrier contests in the west.

In second place was Eric Donnelly and third place was taken by Ed Davis.

Man in charge of the long walk was Ron McQuiggan, of the Lions Club.

First man of all was Club President Gil Humphreys, who left Ganges Centennial Park at 9 am. Humphreys had a second engagement later in the day and undertook the walk somewhat ahead of time.

Each walker carries pledges which guarantee to the Lions Club an arbitrary sum per mile for the distance covered by the walker.

It is the major fund-raising event of the year for the service club on Salt Spring Island.

Despite the problems facing the event, the Walkathon raised around \$3,500 for the Lions Club, reports Ron McQuiggan.

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The Brigden family was there, 15-strong and Walter Brigden declined to hand over his pledges until the walk was completed. He carried more than 130 pledges.

Scout honored

Fall from mountain leads to award for Victoria

In August last year a boy, John Ryan, of Denver, Colorado, slipped on the rocky ground at the peak of Mount Maxwell and fell down the cliff face. While help was being called from Salt Spring Island firemen, a young Scout and cousin of the accident victim, Ian A. Stuart, climbed down the hazardous rock face to help the injured boy.

Scout Stuart then helped the boy's father, Dr. Donald Ryan down to the ledge on the cliff where his son lay.

On May 5, the accident had a happy sequel.

Venturer Ian Stuart was presented with the Bronze Cross for Gallantry of the Boy Scouts of Canada. Presentation was made by Governor-General Jules Leger, Chief Scout for Canada.

Ian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Stuart, Penzance Road, Victoria.

SCOUT TRAINING

He attributed his success in reaching his cousin to the training he had enjoyed from Vensar, Venturers Search and Rescue section of the Boy Scouts of Canada.

During the anxious moments of bringing help for the young American boy, Stuart brought the volunteer firemen to the scene when they arrived at Maxwell peak.

Raised to the top on a stretcher, the victim was flown to the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria suffering multiple fractures and head injuries. He has made a good recovery, but is still facing further surgery.

John Ryan's mother, Dr. Sonia Ryan, is the former Sonia Stuart, of North Salt Spring and Ian's mother is the former Lucie Burkitt, of St. Mary Lake.

Runners will be out again on Saturday for May Day event

One of the events slated for May Day on Saturday, at Ganges, will be a foot race. It will be two races in one. Men and women will run at the same time over the same course, but judging and awards will be separate for each sex.

Route of the run will be along Park Drive from the school grounds, Swanson Road to Atkins, south to Rainbow and back to the school grounds, an exact distance of one mile and three-quarters. It will start from the school grounds at 2.30 pm.

Phil Swift of Fulford has been challenged by Franz Beyk. Others taking part will be Ed Davis, Bob

Anderson, Kevin Bell and many who ran the distance in last Saturday's Walkathon.

Race is open to all comers.

Hole is cut in window

Nothing has been reported missing following what Ganges RCMP said was a possible break-in at the elementary school in Ganges. The incident was reported last Wednesday, when a hole was found cut in a window.

Move off at midday

May Day on Saturday starts with parade from Mouat's

May Day Parade will form up outside Mouat's and move off at 12 noon.

Participants are asked to be ready to line up, not later than 11:45.

There will be the parade marshal's table in place between Mouat's and the Post Office, where entrants should check in and receive directions.

Anyone may enter the parade.

Leading the parade will be Drum Major Ozzie Cooper, in full military dress. Then will come the 1977 May Queen and her Princesses.

Following will be May Queen-elect and her court. Then will come other organized groups, decorated cars, decorated bicycles, adult fancy dress, children in fancy dress, decorated hat parade, including O.A.P. section and other entries.

He wants your car Saturday

Bevis Walters wants open cars for May Day on Saturday.

"If you have a convertible, or a drop-top sports car, please volunteer to drive it in the parade, as we need at least six and, hopefully ten, to drive the Queens, Princesses and distinguished guests to the school grounds," said Walters, May Day co-ordinator.

It will help if we are notified in advance - Callers with convertibles may call Walters at 537-9821.

"If your car is decorated, so much the better," added the co-ordinator.

Big turn-out for Inter-school sports events as Salt Spring high

A party of Salt Spring Elementary students numbering 98 competed at the University of Victoria on Saturday in the Vancouver Island Invitational Track and Field Meet.

Travelling with the team was a large number of parents as well as five members of the teaching staff.

Although the weather conditions were not ideal the enthusiasm of neither the athletes nor the spectators was dampened and supporters were treated to some fine athletic performances in running, jumping and throwing events.

The school sent one of the largest teams and at the end of the day with one series of races remaining the Salt Spring school was holding onto second place in the team standings. This is a fine performance and a tribute to all the youngsters who participated.

Sean Logan highlighted the Salt Spring performance with first place finishes in both high jump and long

Music will be by Ray Newman's Tape Recorder Band. This is Salt Spring Island's own and the first of its kind.

As there will be awards, or prizes, for the various sections and there is no entry fee, it is hoped to attract a large number of entries.

If the parade is a success this year it will demonstrate that the May Day parade is wanted, said Co-ordinator Bevis Walters.

Sponsors are looking for more helpers, particularly persons to record parade entries and to keep notes.

Holiday

May 22 for May 24!

Monday is the annual May 24 holiday. Monday is May 22. It is the custom to celebrate May 24 on any convenient day other than May 24. Because May 22 is the Monday nearest May 24 week end it is a holiday.

It is officially Victoria Day or la Fete de la Reine.

The effect of the old Queen on Driftwood is to make it a day late next week. The staff will spend Monday figuring out the date. They will be a day behind all week as a result.

Window broken

A window in the B.C. Telephone Company office at Ganges was broken with a beer bottle last week end.

Police said that no entry appeared to have been made.

Plane rides

Cougar Air Service will contribute to the May Day parade on Saturday with an airplane display. The aviation company will put on an air show, demonstrating the slow flying techniques.

The best place to watch this performance will be the school grounds, reports Co-ordinator Bevis Walters.

The float planes will tie up at the wharf for a barnstorming project, offering flights to see Ganges from the air.

Master plan for recreation

Vancouver specialist launches survey on Salt Spring

What do islanders look for in the way of recreation facilities? What recreational facilities can Salt Spring Island reasonably hope to establish?

Vancouver recreation consultant is looking for the answers.

Brian L. Johnston, executive director of Perc, Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants Ltd., was on the island last week making his final arrangements with the Salt Spring Island Park and Recreation Commission. Within the next weeks Johnston will commence preparation of the park and recreation master plan for the island.

The Recreation Commission earlier in the year gained community support in its proposal to launch an \$11,000 master plan survey.

Brian Johnston's firm was awarded the job.

The recreation consultant is qualified to take part in matters pertaining to sport. His first course of studies was in Manitoba, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

TO PLANNING

Although many graduates turn to teaching, he was not eager to follow that routine and looked further afield at recreation planning and the needs of a community.

After various projects in recreation, he travelled to Britain and undertook a course at Loughborough in business management. He came back to Canada with his master's degree in science.

Initially he served with various provincial governments as a recreation consultant until better than three years ago he set up his own firm of consultants and offered the same services to a wider market.

The project has gained the warm support of provincial governments, he told Driftwood. It is so well liked by governments that when he carries out a survey a large part of the cost is almost always borne by the government concerned. And he should know, they have already undertaken 31 community recreation plans.

The consultant firm started out in Calgary, where it is yet located. More recently he looked to British Columbia and opened an office in Vancouver. The Salt Spring Island project is a responsibility of his Vancouver office.

HOW ABOUT IT

On Friday Brian Johnston told Driftwood how he would go about the job.

He will first meet sports groups, service clubs and find out what they want in the field of recreation.

Having sounded out the interest groups want, he will undertake a study of what the ordinary islander is interested in. He plans a survey of Salt Spring Island opinion.

Those will be the raw materials of his study.

The second phase of the study, interviewing the ordinary islanders, will be undertaken by mail or by meeting islanders during a busy

period of the day and selecting 40 or 50 at random for questioning.

WHAT EACH WANTS

"Then we'll know what the interest groups want and what the public wants," he explained.

Phase 3 consists of correlating the information and the preparation of a recreation schedule for the next five years.

Finally, the study will be presented to the public in the form of a preliminary draught. It will cover

the wants and the needs of islanders. It will analyze the feasibility of various proposals and set out the best manner of attacking any recreation needs in future years and it will list those needs in order of priority.

The final report, which is expected in October, won't only explain what can be done and how to go about it. It will explain what can't be done and why it is not feasible.

Election still stirring community so quietly

Opposition election has been called off.

Last week Prime Minister Trudeau announced that an election

may be held in the fall or it may be put off until spring.

The Conservatives and NDP had forecast a summer election.

The effect on the Islands has been negligible. The various candidates already named are still named. Liberals are yet to name one.

The Conservatives are fielding Don Taylor, Cowichan school teacher and the New Democrat banner will be carried by Jim Manly, Cowichan minister.

Last week the Cowichan - Malahat - Islands Communist Constituency Committee announced that Ernest Knott will seek the seat.

The same week brought forth the statement from Mike Coleman that he would not seek the Liberal



BRIAN JOHNSTON
...Master Planner

nomination. Two have already identified themselves with the Liberal candidacy, Jim Campbell, of Saturna Island, chairman of the Capital Regional Board and David Anderson, former provincial leader of the Liberals.

No driver for Galiano school bus

Gulf Islands School Board was told last week that the Galiano school bus may have to be shut down for lack of a driver. The regular driver, Peter Denroche, is ill, trustees learned.

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck said that special arrangements had been made so that a retired B.C. Hydro bus driver could run the bus. However, said Peck, he doesn't want the job and had agreed to drive only for so long.

The district had not been able to find a driver through Canada Manpower. The district superintendent suggested that perhaps a university student could be found.

The search for a driver will continue.

Wallet stolen from locked vehicle

A wallet was stolen from a locked vehicle on board the Bowen Queen last week. Owner of the wallet, Jack Webb, reported the theft to RCMP at Ganges on Friday.

Police told Driftwood that a vent window in the vehicle had been left open. The wallet contained identification, a number of credit cards and \$10 in cash.

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TO REGISTER, PHONE FLORENCE DODWELL
539-2634

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TO REGISTER, PHONE MARIA WATSON
629-6153



TO BE FRANK . . .

by richards

Not so, says Lou Yellowlees. Eagles can do what they want anytime. The report that an eagle cannot withdraw his talons is an old wife's tale, says Lou. And I guess that makes me an old wife, which is a difficult truth to face. Not only can an eagle let go his prey, but he will swim ashore with it, says the Salt Spring Island bird-watcher. He cited an instance to prove his point. Last week, he reports, he watched two eagles attack a gull. The gull was knocked to the water and the one eagle went down and grabbed it. He then swam to shore "using a Butterfly stroke" for about three-quarters of a mile before beaching his prey. The eagle had ripped open the gull in the one attack. The eagle will sit in the water largely submerged while he gets his wind back, says Lou. It is quite common to see eagles attacking gulls, he noted. Two eagles can take a gull. In conclusion, he reports no present danger of extinction. The greatest enemy of the eagle is the trigger-happy marksman with the .22, he added. In March last year he counted more than 100 eagles over Captain's Passage. The eagle-watcher also discounted tales of eagles taking lambs and other animals. They couldn't lift them, he said.

He saw 57 eagles in a tree, said Don Cairns to an admiring audience. I saw 58 added Les Ramsey. Bruce Fiander remembered coming in to Port Hardy by air when he saw about 300 eagles on a rock. It's like an eagle was telling me the other day, he saw 40 humans in a tree. I think he was having me on! But I'll bet Don doesn't mention eagles for weeks.

Thinking of birds: there were about 10 cranes in Fulford Harbour on Saturday. Pity there's no heavy construction going on here. Could have used them.

Getting older is interesting sometimes. Like small boys. They used to address me as Mr. Richards. Then they referred to me as Frank Richards. Then, as the years mounted, they called me Frank. Now they refer to me as that SOB Richards. I'm going to change my name. Then they will say that SOB, whatsisname!

There was no toilet at the Centennial Park in Ganges. The power was off. The power drives the pump which works the disposal system. The toilets were locked.

Originally, the power was hooked into the wharf. When changes were made in the wharf, Ottawa said no way would they provide power for the toilets. They needed three-quarters of a million to investigate the effect of a change of government in British Columbia. Ganges could use earth closets! Ottawa has yet to recognize the connection.

Rain turn away the customers? Not much! On Saturday, one of the wettest Saturdays this year, George Lampier had sold most of his display of bedding plants in the Farmers' Market at Ganges, when the Walkathon started. That was just after midday. It didn't scare the customers as much as it scared the walkers.

Gil Humphreys walked to Fulford on Saturday. He was early, but he was determined. Afterwards he had some advice for the walker. It doesn't take much weight off, it just makes you that much hungrier.

I'm surrounded by artists lately. Like so many people following their own line, they press me to paint. But I got more give-up than go and the hell with the brushes and canvas.

It was an alarming situation. There was I in a sleeping situation when the early morning situation hadn't really dawned on me yet. I heard the clock go off and before I knew it I was in an alarming situation, being in a wakeful situation, and ready to resume a recumbent situation. So I got up and went through a bath situation, faced up to a dressing situation and had a breakfast situation where it is always situated in the kitchen. A quick driving situation and I was in the work situation at the office situation. After listening to the early morning new* situation I realized that I'm the only British Columbian left without a situation, you know.

Pet service may be given up by island SPCA branch

The Salt Spring Island Auxiliary to the Victoria Branch of the B.C. S.P.C.A. held a membership drive and fund-raising campaign from March 30 to April 1 in Moutat's Mall.

A booth was manned by volunteer members and, thanks to their help and planning by the executive, the drive was a success. Members on Salt Spring now number approximately 90 people.

The Telephone Answering Service for lost and found animals, complaints and general information started on a trial basis in March and has so far proved fairly successful. However, it is an expensive service to run and it may prove uneconomical and perhaps unnecessary, the Society feels. Messages are taken by the answering service staff and the calls are returned by a member of the executive. There is no doubt that re-uniting a lost animal with its owner is very satisfying, but, as yet, the number of calls does not seem to justify the continuance of the service, he added, although donations from grateful owners would help.

The President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. P. Fullerton has resigned her post, due to leaving Salt Spring. We are very grateful to her for her hard work and dedication in forming the Auxiliary.

Her position, until the end of the year, has been taken by the vice-president. Re-election of the executive will take place in December.

Graduate



BY MARIANNE SHELBY

Salt Spring Island nurse was among those receiving their diploma at a ceremony in the McPherson Playhouse on May 14.

Marianne Shelby graduated from the Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing. She is now nursing at Victoria General Hospital.

Marianne is a former student of Gulf Islands Secondary School and graduated in 1974. She received the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Bursary that year. She is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Shelby, Ganges.

Damage is \$1,500 in accident

Damage was estimated at \$1,500 when two cars were involved in an accident on Thursday.

Holly Nielsen, of Coquitlam, was backing a 1977 Chrysler out of a driveway on Maliview Drive when she struck a 1971 Maverick driven by Roger Kitchen.

No charges will be laid, police told Driftwood.

Concert on Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

The Band Concert presented by King George Secondary School Band, Friday evening at the Mayne Activity Centre was very well received by an appreciative audience.

John Dought introduced Derek MacDermot, director of the band, referring to his long association with Mr. MacDermot in the musical field, primarily band music.

The programme began with some rousing selections from Brahms, Gounod, Mozart and Dvorak and a variety of semi-classical and modern pieces interspersed.

Solos were given by Karen Eichhorst, flute, Sicilienne by Faure; Kathy Seage, clarinet, Berceuse by Godard; Chris Wiggins, baritone, Aria: Il Balen by Verdi; Kathy Kirby, bassoon, Sorcerer's Apprentice by Dukas and Grand March, Verdi by the Brass Group. **RIGHT AT HOME**

Harry Belafonte would have felt right at home during the playing of Jamaica Rumba. An amusing version of Instant Concert featured such pieces as Chicken Reel, When the Saints Go Marching In, Mexican Hat Dance, Down By the Riverside and many more in fast tempo which was thoroughly enjoyed.

An arrangement of Lara's Theme, by John Dought, was included in the programme.

Herb Alpert's Tijuana Taxi was played by five of the musicians and the 1812 Overture by Tchaikowsky ended the programme. A standing ovation was given the band for their excellent performance.

President of Silver Maynes, Vic Griffiths brought greetings from

Mayne Island and praised the band for their continued efforts to provide enjoyment to others through their music.

Members of the band were: Flutes, Brigitte Hau and Karen Eichhorst; Clarinets, Kathy Seage, Thor Boe, Mr. K. McIntosh, Mytu Nguyen, Linda Leung and Neklan Brozensky; Trumpets, Jay MacNeill, Karen Eichhorst, Mark Pratley and Joe Davis; Baritones: Dorian Steager, Nhu-Han Nguyen, Thieu Do, Hieu Nguyen; Percussion: Dave Wallack, Frank Kaczor, Paul Wojtas; Bassoon, Kathy Kirby; Horn, Mark Pratley, Bass: Mr. E. Penner. Managing the Band Trip was Mrs. M. Dando.

Providing billets for the band were: the Cece Gardners, the Clare Hamiltons, the Vic Haggarts, the Bill Fergusons, the John Rainsfords, the Fred Patons, the Roy Betts, the John Mundies, the Herb Wilsons, the John Doughts and the Ashworths.

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Popular enquiry

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce could scarcely have found a more popular project than the investigation of school taxes.

The islands this year will pay more than the local cost of a Ganges sewer to other school districts of the province.

They will pay more than the cost of the Fernwood School in taxes to other school districts. And they will pay most of the cost of operating their own schools as well.

Islanders everywhere will be eager to hear the results of the present enquiry.

Bottleneck

When Mouat's Trading Co. Ltd. presented a proposal to the Islands Trust recently for re-routing the main street through largely vacant property in Ganges, the Trust expressed a passing interest in the proposal. There was neither enthusiasm nor rejection evident.

The change makes little difference to many islanders.

The driver passing through the village area would be able to negotiate the commercial area at less hazard to himself and others.

The average merchant or businessman in the core area could gain a little. Biggest problem facing the shopper in Ganges is turning around without landing in jail. The new proposal would keep some drivers out of jail for making illegal turns.

The major effect of the plan would be to concentrate the commercial area of Ganges within the area east of the highway.

During the planning discussions on Ganges, this division of the commercial area from the rest of Ganges has been considered at some length. The proposed re-routing of the road would act as a boundary line as effectively as a Berlin wall across the middle.

The only immediate criticism has been to suggest that the change would not accomplish enough in that it would not relieve Ganges Hill of its burden as the only route north and south. The criticism is just, but whether the two projects could be considered as one would have to be resolved by the planners.

Salt Spring Island needs a new, alternative route. It is up to the planners to decide whether the projects are divorcible.

Letters to the Editor

ALREADY SPENT?

Sir,
Buried on page nine of April 19 Driftwood, there is an interesting news item.

It quotes Mrs. Lorraine Campbell, Chairman of the Intermediate and Personal Society as stating that, since the proposed Ganges sewer system is not likely to be ready, a separate sewer system will have to be constructed for the extension to the Lady Minto Hospital. Its cost will be between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

To some people yet another \$40,000 down the drains may not seem much. After all, they have already wasted over \$3,000,000... perhaps over \$6,000,000 of our money!

How come? Some 10 years ago a sewer system for Ganges could have been built for about \$300,000. Now the figures quoted are in the ballpark of \$3,500,000. Add carrying charges and compound interest over an estimated 25 years or 35 years repayment time. We'll be very, very lucky if the total does not

come in at more than \$6,000,000!

Like to play with figures? Then sit down, take a deep breath, hold on to something solid. Divide that last figure by the number of householders who will have to dig into their savings. The result of your calculations will be a fair estimate of the net cost of that delay, to you!

So why quibble about a mere additional \$40,000, which may, if we are lucky, come out of another kitty? (Read: out of other taxpayers pockets.)

Because this \$40,000 represents not just another drop in the bucket. Rather, it is another symptom of the costly disease of shortsightedness and procrastination which unfortunately afflicts a well-meaning, but mistaken minority of the residents of this beautiful island.

Are you on my wavelength, Mrs. Yvette Valcourt?

(DR.) M.T. TROY
Rainbow Rd., Ganges and
915-49th Ave., S.W., Calgary
May 1, 1978



"HOW WAS THE SCIENCE CLASS TODAY?"

WHY SO BIG?

Sir,
If, as the Capital Regional District engineer suggested, the expected sewage from the Ganges area would be "equivalent to six freely running bath taps", then why was his cost estimate based on an 8" sewer outfall capable of serving a population of over 5,000 people? We should just solve our existing problems with a smaller, more economical sewer system.

RAY HILL
R.R. 3, Ganges
May 15, 1978

SOLUTION!

Sir,
The problem of acquiring a suitable and reasonably inexpensive sewer system seems almost insurmountable.

How about solving it the American Way, viz: Construct the main line from Ganges to Booth Bay; then,.....

The consequences would be:

1. The outfall would be swept by the Sansum Narrows tides, and,
2. People would blame any offensive odour on the Crofton mill!

Simple, eh?

KEITH JACKSON
R.R. 1, Mayne, BC
May 12, 1978

OLD TIMER SPEAKS OUT

Sir,
I would like to congratulate Dr. Troy on his letter to the Editor last week. As an old-time resident, I find it refreshing to find a "New-comer" with such perception into our local situation.

Mike Larmour proposes a "limited sewer area" on the grounds of wanting to limit the future population growth and development of the island. It amazes me that the very people being ridiculous about population and development figures are such as Mike Larmour whose position and salary on the N.S.S. Waterworks has been made possible by others coming to the island and requiring this utility. Yvette Valcourt has a business that encourages expansion of business facilities and a retail outlet for the decorating of new homes. Ray Hill is a builder who has been able to survive on this island building homes and expanding school facilities, etc. for newcomers.

For fourteen years we have listened to the verbal and written pollution of do-gooders who insist that they are protecting us from a horrid future. Of course we want things planned but when they are planned - proceed - don't stall. Every day of stalling costs money for the Islanders who really care about their island. Mr. Larmour, Mrs. Valcourt, and Mr. Hill should be grateful that we have been

patient and tolerant with their double standards but they should not press their luck.

E.S. SMITH,
R.R. 1 Ganges,
April 26, 1978

NOT VERY DEMOCRATIC

Sir,
At a recent meeting of the South Salt Spring Residents' Association it sounded to me as though the matter and location of a new fire hall had already been settled prior to that evening.

I couldn't help feeling that it had been bulldozed through and, whether the residents of Fulford and the surrounding area like it or not, we are going to have to put up with it.

Many suggestions from those of us who are concerned were turned aside as though they were not worthy of consideration. This is not the way such matters should be handled.

Cars do not have to park opposite the present fire hall because there is plenty of space for parking cars behind the Pattersons' store. If we do need a larger fire engine than the one we have, then, the present fire hall could have an addition.

One member suggested that we have small fire halls throughout the area and this, I think, should be discussed fairly.

We all need adequate fire protection but building a new fire hall at a terrific cost, after the land has been paid for, and have it out of the village at quite a distance up the valley doesn't seem to me to be the right answer.

Many people have been given enormous grants for utterly stupid

projects. Why should we not inquire about a grant for something as sensible as a new fire hall if, indeed, we need one?

If one must be built then it should be near the head of the harbour where there is level ground and a clear access to Isabella Point road, the road up the valley and Beaver Point Road.

If the Department of Highways were consulted I think they would certainly co-operate and widen the existing road where it might be helpful.

The residents of the area should be given a chance to discuss this whole question openly. We are the ones concerned are we not? Let's not be passive and shrug as though we can't have any part in this question. Too many things are forced through because of the apathy of those who should be concerned.

(Mrs.) LILLIAN HORSDAL
Fulford Harbour
May 15, 1978

IT WAS HER COPY!

Sir,
I agree with "Tony Baloney", May 10 issue, up to a point. The neighbours in question are not fighting tooth and nail over the implementation of a sewer system, they are angry and disgusted, at the way it is being implemented, and the size of the area!

As stated also in page five of the same issue, under heading "Don't Write! Don't Even Say it!" That should be baloney! Where is the freedom of the press? If that is so, then what is there left? Surely two things, the right to worship God in your own way and the right

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Church Services

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1978

ANGLICAN			
St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 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			
For information call	Ganges	Sun. Sch.-all ages	10.30 am
537-2708	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

[From Page Four]

to vote without anyone tampering with it, whether it be a ballot or a petition!

The disgusting facts are, that our votes on this petition have been tampered with and unless we stand up for our rights and demand correction of this grave injustice, what will happen next? Our M.L.A. and Minister of Municipal Affairs has failed us, by refusing to do anything about these injustices. He received all the facts personally and still silence on his part. Better still, the P.C.B. Order was initiated in his office, according to the January 10 minutes of the Public Works Committee. Why? Mr. Curtis? Why?

I handed Mr. D. Young a copy of the petition and a copy of his own summary at the May 4 meeting and challenged him to show the audience where he got his figures of 75% to 80% in Phase One.

Those figures were used to obtain the P.C.B. Order, by Mr. Young in his January 4 report. Mr. Young did not return these documents. The Concerned Citizens paid for and obtained these documents, through a Writ of Summons in the Supreme Court. When I asked Mr. Young for the copies back after the meeting, he refused.

I was not naive enough to place the only copy in jeopardy. However, it is a matter of principle. I demand that this copy be returned immediately, it is the property of the Concerned Citizens, they paid for it!

Was it not the responsibility of our Regional Director, to chair the meeting of May 4? The C.R. District would be well advised to clear up their McCauley fiasco, before a repeat performance happens in our area!

(Mrs.) YVETTE VALCOURT
RR 3, Ganges
May 13, 1978

Checking in for wet Walkathon Saturday



Spotlight on Theatre

Last Salt Spring playing of The Maids

BY MARILYN TAYLOR

Best Supporting Actress: Marilyn Taylor.

Best Actress: Dawn Luker.

Best Director: David Fitchew.

Best Production: "The Maids".

Those were the awards presented by Adjudicator Ron Pollock to Salt Spring Players at last month's Zone Festival here in Ganges. Salt Spring's winning play, "The Maids" will now travel to Powell River in June to compete in the Finals Festival there with the best productions of all the zones in B.C.

Before going to Powell River,

"The Maids" will have one final performance at the Mahon Hall on Saturday evening, May 27. Everyone who has not seen this powerful and moving drama will have a last chance to participate in an exciting piece of theatre. "The Maids" is no doubt the most challenging effort yet made by Salt Spring Players, by the actresses and the director.

ONE CHANGE

For this last performance and the festival in Powell River, there will be one cast change. Lorraine Henderson, who was Production

Assistant, will step into the role of "Claire", the younger Maid. Adjudicator Ron Pollock will be here for the last performance to conduct an in-production workshop the next day to assist the Players in presenting an even more polished performance when they travel.

Salt Spring Island can well be proud of its fine community theatre company who continue to place their name at the top of the list of achievers of high standards in the performing arts. It is fortunate indeed for any community to discover and develop within its

framework an active, dynamic and creative body of performers who can offer year round entertainment for Island audiences.

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reported in the Selkirk Mountain area, but is possibly of indifferent quality).

In Vancouver, yellow cedar is quite common in lumber yards. Often you can pick up rough 6" x 6" or 8" x 8" fence post material or 1" planks of various widths up to 12".

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SUNDAY, JUNE 11

SALT SPRING SEA CAPERS

Applications may be made now

Canada Works has already worked on Islands as new program looms

Applications are now available for the Canada Works Program. Canada Works is a federal government program designed to alleviate unemployment by creating new jobs in communities at times of high unemployment. It is a familiar factor among the Islands. The program recognizes the need for short-term job creation projects in order to counter seasonal unemployment and provide work experience and training to people

who are currently unemployed. It is also recognized that there is a need for projects which demonstrate the potential for developing continuing employment. Canada Works is a labour-intensive program paying wages for one project manager and two or more other workers. In addition there is a small contribution for expenses.

Organizations interested in sponsoring projects that involve a high capital outlay often use Canada Works funds to supplement monies raised by other means. **IN THE ISLANDS** A number of Canada Works projects have been funded in the Gulf Islands during the past year. Salt Spring Island Day Care received funding for six months to

organize, do renovations, and get established.

It has received licensing from the Ministry of Human Resources and by July it will be a self-supporting, non-profit society employing three people, Barb Aust, Cathy Mazzei, and Heather Crosstwait.

On Saturna Island the Volunteer Fire Department sponsored a Canada Works project to construct a medical facility for the use of the visiting doctor. The crew, working under foreman Reg Hutton-Potts, has done a first-rate job and the project is nearing completion.

The Family Centre, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Community Society, is located in the Community Centre.

Under the supervision of a medical advisor and an advisory board, project manager Sharon Tolagson and the counsellors working with her provide information, films and workshops on family-related topics such as pregnancy, birth, and parenting. **ISLANDS STUDIOS**

Three artists make up Gulf Island Studios, a Canada Works project that provides art lessons throughout the islands.

Bill Wheaton, Frances Faminow and Pat Barnes presently have children's and adults classes in art, fabric art, oil painting, watercolours, and weaving, operating on

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Walk-On-Water
SUNDAY, JUNE 11
SALT SPRING SEA CAPERS

Burning Permits

If you are planning a household or industrial fire this summer, you should first check with your local municipal office or Fire Department. There are a wide variety of Fire By-laws throughout the province restricting or completely banning open fires and you should be sure before you start.

In many areas, there is often a Fire Protection District which may also issue burning permits. To find out whether you can burn in these areas, contact your local Fire Chief.

If you live in an unorganized part of the province where these

fire protection services do not exist, contact the nearest Forest Service Ranger Station for a free burning permit. The idea behind our permit is to ensure that all fires are conducted in safety, at the right times and in the right place. Should you apply for a permit when fire hazard conditions are high, we may ask you to postpone burning until a safer time.

A legal description of your property is required before the permit can be issued. So, to avoid delays, bring it with you. It can be found on your assessment or tax notice.



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Some people would call it

Baloney . . . by Tony

When I complained about the inflationary price of beer to a liquor vendor recently, he was quick to advise me of a course of action.

Get up on your Sunlight soap box, said the purveyor of poison, and do something about it. So here I am on my soap box with some observations on both beer and sewers.

If you do not drink beer now and again, consider yourself in the minority. It is most likely that beer consumption exceeds that of water nearly anywhere in North America. At 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday, in pubs across the nation, the Canadian working man is sucking back the draught; erasing from his mind memories of the day's labours.

Now let's have a closer look at

Salt Spring, Mayne, Pender and Galiano Islands.

Central Community Hall Society received a grant to pay wages for major renovations to Central Hall. Canada Works funds combined with other grants and with generous support from the community have enabled Ed Bettiss and his crew to do an excellent job of restoring, enlarging, and modernizing the hall.

The Mayne Island Lions Club used Canada Works funds to build tennis courts which will be enjoyed by the community this summer.

The Salt Spring Island Community Centre sponsored a project employing three people, Penny Christie, Frances Havelaar, and Richard Goodhue to tutor people with special learning problems.

The deadline for applications for the Canada Works Program is June 24, 1978. Approved projects would be able to start September 1 at the earliest.

Islanders seeking information on the program and assistance in developing an application may contact Sue Lyons, Project Officer, at the Job Creation Branch, #201 - 45 Bastion Square, Victoria, V8W 1J1.

Requests denied for leaves of absence

Gulf Islands School Board decided last week not to approve requests for leaves of absence from two teachers. District superintendent Bob Huestis recommended that they be refused and reminded trustees that three leaves had already been granted for the coming year.

"Of a total of 60 teachers, three is a considerable number," he said.

He knew of one more "in the offing", and if all were granted leaves, it would mean hiring six additional temporary teachers, or 10% of the staff.

Leaves were denied to Reid Collins and Ted Harrison, both of Salt Spring.

this scene: what is that stuff he's drinking anyway? They call it draught beer, eh? And that other guy...he's drinking the bottled stuff...must be a blue-collar! Do they know what they're drinking?

For a start, it must be well over 90% water, with some 20-odd secret ingredients added to give it flavour, fizz, body, colour, smell and lastly, that inebriating property that we all love.

You may have guessed by now that as far as beer is concerned, I'm a connoisseur. I consider myself to be a true Canadian beer-drinker yet, unfortunately, I can't really write a good story about beer because I honestly don't know what they make it with these days. I do know, however, that brewers at one time used what is known as malt, and that is where the term, malt sandwich, came from.

I'm not quite certain when they stopped using malt (I suspect that every time I admit my ignorance, this story becomes worse) but they did stop when they discovered a more wholesome brew could be made without it: a logical step forward in this age of scientific enlightenment. No malt, no hops: no fuss, no muss, you might say. Cheaper too no doubt.

And the bottled stuff? Just a few extra added secret ingredients and an extra dash of that wonder-drug, alcohol: enough to make it worth twice the price of draught.

Now, if you have a good memory, you may be wondering how I'm going to relate beer to sewers. Well, you see, when I listed the ingredients, I neglected to say what kind of water it is that makes up for 90% of beer.

I would suggest, therefore, that the Capital Regional District could make a handsome profit by selling effluent from a treatment plant in Ganges to the brewer that submits the highest bid. From my own experience with drinking beer, I would say it provides a valuable addition to the body of the drink.

Cheers, to the North American beer-drinker and may his stomach last as long as he does.

Grandpa Guinness would weep.

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Galiano

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

The house of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Garner was filled for the birthday party given for Ollie by his wife.

Many friends came to wish the popular Galiano Islander happy days. Coming over especially for this

occasion were two of Ollie's brothers, Joe, from Nanaimo, and Alfred, with his wife Barbara, who have just moved down to Sooke from Quesnel. One of his sisters, Mrs. Fred Robson, was also a guest, with her husband. It was a great gathering of friends who have not seen each other for many years.



Galiano Lions club president, Roy Harding, presents plaque to Mrs. Jessie Bellhouse at the annual Lions ladies' night last week.

LIONS LADIES NIGHT

Galiano Lions held their annual ladies night at the "Pink Geranium" on Wednesday evening, May 10, with a full house, Lions and their ladies came out to honour their ladies, and also a very special lady, Mrs. Jessie Bellhouse.

Toast to the Queen was given by president Roy Harding; toast to the ladies by Al Lantinga. It was replied to by Mrs. Harding.

President Roy welcomed all of the guests, saying that this is the fifth ladies night of this club, and a most successful turnout. He paid special tribute to the Lionettes auxiliary, who cook dinners for the Lions during the year.

Following dinner, President Roy then presented Mrs. Bellhouse with a special plaque, in recognition of her kindness in allowing the Lions Club to have their annual Fiesta in her huge field. He said that it is a perfect setting for one of the biggest events of the Lions Club.

Mrs. Bellhouse replied that most of the Lions are her friends, and two of the ladies she remembers from her children's school days. Margy (Scoones) Prior she has known for some time, also Mary (Hawthorne) Harding. She thanked all of the Lions for their kindness in "giving her this lovely plaque", and hoped the Lions have more successful Fiestas in the future.

We are sorry to note that three friends are ill in hospitals; Peter Denroche is in Lady Minto Hospital, Don Baker in hospital in Victoria, and Nigel Morgan, who is an old friend of many is in hospital in Vancouver.

If anyone is interested in having a copy of the front of our new telephone directory, our genial telephone man, Harry Lane, of Mayne, says call him at 539-2100, evenings.

Birthday tea for Galiano Ladies Service Club after 11 years

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING
The Galiano Ladies Service Club held their annual "birthday tea" in the community hall on Monday, May 7, with Mrs. Peggy

Chunn in the chair, as president Mrs. Kathy Benger is away on holidays.

The hall looked just lovely with tables set with pretty tablecloths, and flowers to give a most spring-like air.

Mrs. Chunn was also the guest speaker, she told of her travels in Cuba, and kept the large crowd enthralled with her talk on people and conditions there.

She spoke of going to a cigar factory, many other places, but was most interested in the school situation, and how the emphasis there is especially on getting their young people educated, and how they are building schools for this purpose.

She gave a very thorough insight into the colourful island. Tea was served by members of the Club, then a birthday cake, with 11 candles, to signify their eleven years, was cut by Mrs. Chunn.

The lovely cake was made by Miss Kathleen Johnson.

Teachers learn to weave

On May 12 the Wool Shed at Fulford was host to 14 Nanaimo Home Economics teachers.

The specialists came for a day's workshop, to discuss and learn the possibilities of teaching spinning, dyeing and weaving to their students. There is a great interest in incorporating the craft in the Home Economics and Art programs.

The teachers were interested in learning methods which need little equipment, as well as safe dyeing practices.

They felt it was important that projects chosen would be accomplished in a relatively short time. After many exchanges of ideas, the teachers returned home with samples of wool, dyed yarn and lots of enthusiasm for the spinning and weaving craft.

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Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

Plans are underway for the Annual Auction Sale sponsored by Mayne Island Lions to be held at Mayne Inn, 10 am Sunday, May 21. Bill Hortie will be auctioneer. John Mundie is in charge of arrangements.

Sunday, May 21: Mayne Island School Choir will sing at the 11.30 am service at St. Mary Magdalene church conducted by Rev. John Dyer. Services in June will be held the second and fourth Sundays, with Lay Services on the first and third Sundays.

Joyce Mitchell will have a show of paintings at Island Gallery, Bennett Bay, Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21, 11 - 5 pm; 7 - 9 pm; Monday, 11 am to 3 pm.

Congratulations to John and Winnie Hayhurst who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary after leaving the island to live in Vernon. Their family, which included grandchildren and great-

grandchildren were present for the occasion. All their friends on Mayne Island send best wishes on this happy event.

At the last meeting of St. Mary Magdalene W.A., held the second Mondays in the month, plans for the Annual Bazaar were made for November 18. It was suggested that items suitable for the White Elephant table could be left with either Babs Wilson or Foye Miles during the summer.

Member of the band from King George Secondary School Brigitte Hau was stricken with an asthmatic attack Saturday morning and was treated at the Fire Hall until her medication was located in Betts' van. She is one of the flute players.

Bass player E. Penner was a patient in Lions Gate Hospital at the same time as Roy Betts. He was being treated after a heart attack.

The Talented Five

Island artists exhibit at Kenton Ho

BY BRYAN SMITH

If you are at a loose end during the hours of 10 am and 5 pm between Sunday, May 21, and

Sunday, May 28, inclusive do take a trip to the new location of Kenton House Gallery.

It has moved from the pictures-

que manor on Blackburn Road and is now situated on the main Fulford-Ganges Road. Going towards Fulford it is less than a hundred yards from the old gravel pit on the corner of Blackburn Road.

Rain or shine it will be a trip well worth while. You will enjoy the stimulating experience of having seen (free of charge) examples of art and woodcarving all created by four local painters and one woodcarver. All five are residents of Salt Spring. For want of a better phrase, their work is as different as chalk and cheese.

ELMA RUBRIGHT

Take Elma Rubright for example. We know we live in scenic surroundings but Elma has a permanent love affair with our lovely island and this is evident from her acrylic paintings of old barns, and flora with it, varying shades of green. A favourite of mine is a large gate with sunlight and shadows in warm tones of yellow, brown and green.

GRAHAM MCCALLUM

Graham McCallum's oil portraits are simply masterpieces of creative ability.

He has captured all the character of the person so portrayed. My favourite (and his) is "Anna" and I hope the photograph I took will come out well enough to give Driftwood readers an inkling of this man's extraordinary talent.

DAVID MARR

David Marr on the other hand approaches his canvas with the intention of portraying how he feels about a person or even a situation. It is all so symbolic and imaginative.

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to the meaning of the title. One of his other creations 'Einstein Number 1' I found easier to understand.

Apart from the lifelike portrait of the great man I could see maps of the world flowing from his hair and to me it meant the earth coming to him to reveal its secrets.

KATIE KIENAST

Katie Kienast is a newcomer to the group and provides further contrast with her landscapes. Her clear-cut lines of composition seemed to me to have a mystical, perhaps a fantasy quality somewhat akin to Japanese art. Her colors are bright and have a luminous quality.



KATIE KIENAST
...mystical quality

GRANT MCPHATTER

By no means the odd man out Grant McPhatter's woodcarving adds yet another dimension of art and how he has depicted animals and fish.

They are all hand crafted and in my ignorance I asked him if he had used a lathe to get the perfect smoothness of his creation of salmon. And I found it hard to believe that his carving of a squirrel took but one day to complete.

A larger creation, which took him a week to accomplish, was a two-foot long masterpiece of oxen and man at the plough. All out of one block of wood!

Also on show will be charcoal portraits, line drawings, and other

works of these very talented islanders.

OH, FOR A START!

Towards the end of my visit I discovered that artists, like writers, fear that awful first moment when, in their case, they confront a blank canvas and are committed to that initial stroke of the brush. With a writer, of course, it is a blank piece of paper awaiting attack by pen or typewriter.

Finally, Mrs. Antoinette Luton (known as Tony) confided she has plans of adding the odd antique but mostly it will be unusual 'collectibles' she has gathered together in her travels. 'Tony' will be on hand all through that week of May 21 to May 28 inclusive. Do drop in and see the exhibition. It will be a tonic for your eyes and mind.



Oil portraits by Graham McCallum.....masterpieces of creative ability.

Darts want more darts for Legion

The Legion Dart Club at Ganges completed a successful season this year, and have high hopes for a better one next year.

They are in need of more darts players, and Legion members who are interested in darts are being encouraged to enjoy an entertaining evening each Friday.

Trophies were presented to the following winners: League Champions; Miller and Toynbee Trophy, "A" team; runners-up, The Villadsen Trophy, "D" Team: Mixed Doubles. The Mouat Trophy, H. Morgensen and A. Campbell; Singles; The Legion Trophy, W. Vickers; High Score, H. Morgensen.



DAVID MARR
...portrays how he feels

Vee Elder picks up award

The Vancouver Island Craft exhibition closed on May 12, after two weeks of showing at the Madrona Exposition Centre in Nanaimo.

The exhibition was sponsored by the Nanaimo Art Council and Malaspina College.

The jurors, Pernelle Sevy, fibre artist; John Charnetsky, director of the Madrona Exposition Centre and Marcus True, curator of the Mido Gallery in Vancouver, selected 99 works to be exhibited out of the 199 entries.

Salt Spring was well represented with 14 entries exhibited by the following artists.

Weaving: Beth Cherneff, Josephine Clement, Wendy Coombs, Vee Elder, Thomas Hall and Liliane Johnson.

Ceramics, Gary Cherneff. Quilting: Patricia Fulford and Gillian Kidd.

Batik: Elaine Potter. Vee Elder won a merit award for her entry, an exquisite set of linen table mats. The Exposition Centre, which is housed in the new

complex at Malaspina College offered the ideal background for that type of exhibition.

Many crafts were represented, weaving, ceramics, silver and goldsmithing, basketry, quilting, stain glass, batik, crochet, macrame, carving and glass.

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Sea Capers inviting entries in June 10-11 Cook Bicentennial

Sea Capers are getting into high gear. This week the promoters are inviting entries for the various open events. Local organizations and businesses are invited to enter a float in the parade and oarsmen

can volunteer for the rowing race in Ganges Harbour on Saturday, June 10. Water Walkers are in high demand. Any islander who wants to compete in this event can pick-up an entry form at Dag-

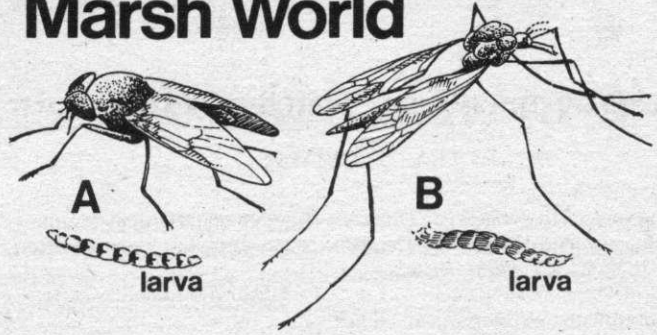
wood's or the Salt Spring Dry Cleaners or Ganges Auto-Marine. Walking on water is possible with the use of pontoons for the feet. Each pontoon is equipped with fins which restrict the backwards movement.

In charge of the event is Pat Baines. He will offer information on the pontoons as well as the contest. In general, the contestant will be invited to walk from one dock to another in Ganges Harbour.

Sea Capers Rowboat Race is planned over a ¼-mile course and boats will be restricted to "standard rowboats" of not less than 12 feet in length, equipped with one set of oars and a two-man crew. There is no age limit.

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Bingo
SATURDAY, JUNE 10

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will be offered at the time of entering the race. RCMP at Ganges has issued a challenge and will take on any team. It is time to sort out the old rowboats on the island ready for the big race.

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Second parade of floats in a month will bring the decorated vehicles to Ganges on June 10 for Sea Capers. It will be the first feature of the day. Entries are invited on a Capt. Cook or nautical theme. There will be five categories; commercial, non-commercial, best float, best humorous, and best costume entry. **CHILDREN** The Sea Capers Committee has asked for children with bicycles, Scouts and Cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies, B.C. Ferries, the Sailing Club, Sabot Club, and the Power

Squadron to participate. All businesses, car buffs, service clubs and anyone who wishes will be welcome to join in the parade activities. Sponsors are hoping to have some of the "Bath-tubbers" parade their "tubs" if possible. For those businesses not wishing to enter floats, sponsorship of younger islanders on bicycles, horses, or on foot is suggested by the committee. Dale Neilson is the man to see, as the go-between for youngsters wishing to enter, and businesses wishing to be so represented.

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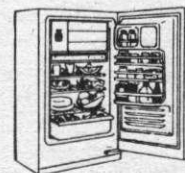
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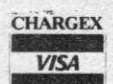
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BY FRANK RICHARDS

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 But you can't say that now!
 Two governments maintain staffs checking into the accuracy of advertising. Ads in papers, on television or radio, in dodgers or on salesroom windows are all subject to close scrutiny.
 You may never go to jail for telling it the way it isn't. But you do it twice and there's provision for a substantial fine.
 Provincial consumer protection laws follow a series of guidelines for the motor dealers of the province.
 Every driver knows it's against the law to set back the speedometer. But you want to lease a car and it costs \$250 a month. If the customer can lease the car for one month and return it at the end of the four weeks, then he can advertise it that way.
 But if the deal is that you have to lease it for 12 months, the advertising must offer it, not for \$250 but for \$3,000, because that is the deal.

These regulations apply to other things, as well as cars.
MUST LIST PRICES

You can't say that there is a saving of so many dollars by buying a demonstrator. The advertisement must list the two prices and the savings.

You can't advertise a car that does 50 mpg on the highway. You have to also state the degree of thirst in the city.

Some of these regulations are not so tight. They are guidelines. But the odds are that if the vendor ignores them and a customer protests, the dealer has a problem explaining why he wasn't so careful. And he's likely got plenty to lose.

For example: do you know the difference between a "rebuilt" engine and a "reconditioned" engine? The consumer affairs ministry does.

A reconditioned engine has been disassembled and repaired or rebuilt parts installed where necessary.

A rebuilt engine has been disassembled, inspected and rebuilt to manufacturer's specifications and clearances. It has had cylinders refinished, expansion plugs replaced, reground shaft and the whole works.

Rebuilt is virtually as good as new.
 Reconditioned is like a man of 50 after a holiday in Hawaii, brightened up, but still the same guy.

NO OTHER WAY

And don't advertise it any other way? Woe to the vendor who does one job and advertises it as the other!

It was a taxi? Better he says so!
 It needs a new motor? Don't advertise it as in excellent shape!

Two wheels have dropped off? Advertise it as a bicycle!

You can't legislate honesty. But you can legislate fairly tight terms of understanding so that everyone knows what the advertiser is advertising. And the advertiser may never have dealt in cars in his life. Every seller is covered by the consumer affairs ministry and not just the professional salesman.

Saturna Scene

BY KUKLOS

Monday evening an extraordinary meeting of the Community Club was held to discuss two important topics: the ongoing water situation, and the election of four Saturna members to the Area Planning Council, advisors to the Islands Trust.

A.O. Ferguson, of the Water Rights Branch, with his wife, Marj, were on the island especially for the meeting.

Mr. Ferguson addressed the gathering, giving information about the implications of the Community Club possibly taking over interim control of the current water system. Elected to the A.P.C. were Bill Lawson, Bob Hindmarch, Bill Sheffield and John Money.

HORSES AND WEEKEND

Horse-lovers Erin Boser and Leah Smith had a special treat the previous week end, when they accompanied Taimi Hindmarch on a trip to Vancouver Island. Staying Friday evening at Leah's grandparents, Margaret and Jim Denham of Mill Bay they even had the opportunity Saturday to take part in ninth birthday celebrations for Leah's cousin, Shelley Crabbe, of Duncan.

Through the arrangements of Dr. Arnold Wiren, the girls visited a veterinarian's clinic on a busy Saturday, and later saw Arabians and other fine horses at a horse barn.

On Saturna, Erin and Leah, with Anya Neumann, have been taking Erin's horse over to Saturna Beach to exercise the Campbell's animals. Jacques Campbell has been on hand to help them.

At the School Board meeting on Mayne Island, a delegation of parents from Saturna attended to present a brief outlining problems inherent in transporting Saturna children to secondary education on Mayne Island.

Spokesperson for the group was Lynn Scott, but accompanying her and asking questions of board members were Bernice Crooks, Dianne Crosby, Melanie Gaines, Jan Crooks, Juanita Hutton-Potts and Terri Siemens.

Bernice took advantage of the occasion to present Mayne Island principal, Bob Dugas, with the afghan she had crocheted, and which Mr. Dugas had won in the May 10 draw. Proceeds will go towards funding for the children attending school on Mayne: so the presenter of the afghan, the winner, and the occasion were most appropriate!

The Lions Club once again served up an excellent pancake breakfast on Mother's Day. Art Boser, Jack Vincent and other Lions worked hard to serve the pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee to a hungry crowd.

School children on Saturna had, that morning, presented their mothers with special enamelled jewellery they had made in school during the week.

Thanks are long overdue in this space to the Lawson family who made such an excellent job of shining up the hall floor. Originally a Lions project, the whole family got involved!

The first 1978 meeting for the July 1 barbecue was held, and with it came a dawning recognition that the Big Day is only six weeks away. The barbecue committee remains unchanged, as does the expected cost of the dinner. Workbees will be held throughout June. An even larger-than-usual attendance is anticipated this year as July 1 falls on a Saturday.

At its regular meeting on May 10, the regional board voted an additional \$15,200 for development

of a water system proposal for Saturna.

This allocation will allow for designing and costing various system proposals, evaluating the tax base and revenue potential of the designated area and preparing a petition for referendum which will be presented to the islanders

affected by the proposed water system.

Residents will be kept informed of development as information on the proposals become available.

UPCOMING

May 20, pig barbecue, hall, signs at stores and post office.
 May 21, school Walkathon.



Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ottawa, May 1, 1978

BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY ORDINARY SHARES ISSUE

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has received an application from British Columbia Telephone Company (B.C. Tel) for approval of the amount, terms and conditions of the issue, sale or other disposition of ordinary shares of its capital stock, not exceeding an aggregate amount of seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) without par value.

The applicant has stated that it is necessary to issue capital stock at this time, rather than obtain additional debt financing, in order to maintain an appropriate and prudent corporate financial debt to equity ratio.

The application and accompanying documents may be examined at the following locations:

British Columbia Telephone Company
 3777 Kingsway
 Burnaby, British Columbia
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or
 CRTC
 1860 - 1050 West Pender St.
 Vancouver, B.C. V6E 3S7

or
 CRTC
 Room 1601, 100 Metcalfe Street
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

Intervention: Any person interested in an application to which he is not a party may intervene.

An intervenor shall mail or deliver to the Secretary of the Commission a written statement describing his interest and containing his approval of the application, his opposition thereto, his suggested modification thereof, or any other pertinent comment thereon, together with any documents that may be useful in explaining or supporting the intervention, and he shall also serve a copy of the intervention, and documents, personally or by registered mail, upon the applicant at the office of Mr. R.J. Bouwman, Secretary, B.C. Tel, 3777 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 3Z7. All interventions concerning this matter must be received by the Commission and by the applicant on or before May 26, 1978. The applicant shall reply to all interventions, and shall serve a copy of its reply on the intervenor and the Commission on or before May 31, 1978. In this case, documents must be actually received on the specified dates, not merely posted on those dates.

Procedures to be followed:

Depending upon the nature of the comments received up to the deadline for interventions the Commission will determine whether or not a public hearing will be held to deal with the application.

If, in the Commission's view, there are no serious problems requiring further inquiry, the Commission would propose to deal with the matter without a public hearing, rendering a decision approving the application "in principle" on June 1, 1978. Subsequently on June 2, it is anticipated that the applicant will provide to the Commission the exact price, size and other terms and conditions of the issue. Provided the terms of the issue do not depart from those set out in the application, final approval would then be granted on June 2.

Public Hearing:

If a public hearing is to be held on this matter, it will take place at a time and location to be specified by the Commission.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 18, 1978 at 1.30 pm

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This will be a regular meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee. Among the items to be considered are:

1. Current applications (Subdivisions, Rezoning)
2. Zoning By-law Revisions.
3. Subdivision By-law Amendments
4. Zoning Infractions
5. Advisory Planning Commission Items
6. Summary of St. Mary Lake Meeting held on May 2, 1978.
7. Other Business

The public are welcome to attend.

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The Trident project could mean the end of our part of the world

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON
for the S.S.I. Standing Committee
for World Development
Education Relief

Last week I mentioned Robert Aldridge, American aerospace scientist who resigned from the Trident project when the Pentagon perverted his invention into a death-dealing monster. Aldridge practices what he preaches of the simpler life style. In 1973 he was earning \$1,500 a month. Now he and his family of six live on \$7,200 a year. Quite a drop, considering the relative value of the dollar five years ago.

Those interested in marketing will appreciate his comment on the psychological use of names.

"The acronym for the U.S. Satellite Interceptor is SAINT. But when they talk about the Soviets they talk about 'killer satellites'."

"If the small resort town of Bangor, Washington, were to suff-

er a direct or proximate one-megaton (equivalent to 1,000 tons of TNT) nuclear attack, all of the encompassing Kitsap County would experience immediate and total incineration. The resulting radiation and fallout would kill millions of people in Seattle,

More Food for Thought

Tacoma, Olympia, B.C.'s lower mainland and southern Vancouver Island (not forgetting the Gulf Islands, of course). Hundreds of thousands would die from exposure within hours of the explosion, while others would linger in agony for months, or even years.

ACTUALLY MINIMAL

"Such an attack, though 50 times more destructive than that which dissipated the Japanese city of Hiroshima (killing over 100,000), is actually minimal compared to the present nuclear capability of the Soviet Union and the United States. Yet, despite the dense population areas surrounding Bangor, the Pentagon, in February 1973, selected the peaceful resort town as the site for base construction of the most potentially destructive nuclear 'first-strike' weapons system in the world.

"For many years Bangor has been a storage area for nuclear warheads, but its selection as the site for the Trident system was both a practical and strategic move. The site is accessible to present supply lines with facilities for assembly, storage and fitting; its location forces the Soviet Union to divide its anti-submarine warfare between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans; it is within firing range of U.S. enemy targets; and it is as far from the Pentagon as possible, while still remaining on U.S. soil." (Gord Isfeld)

ABOVE THE LAW

The U.S. Secretary of Defense survived a law suit brought by environmental groups with the judgement that "even major changes in the environment may be required for the survival of the republic," thus placing the Trident system above the law.

Trident will augment the Polaris-Poseidon system: 41 Polaris submarines carry 16 Poseidon missiles with a striking distance of 1,200 to 2,500 miles and an accuracy of 1,800 feet. Two generations are planned: Trident One, the C-4 or MIRV (Multiple Independently Targeted Re-entry Vehicle) will be the same size as Poseidon missiles, but weighs about one ton more (a total of 70,000 pounds). Its range goes up to 4,500 miles and can be fitted into the existing vessels. Accuracy over a short distance will be more precise with double the striking distance and twice the explosive power. We'll save Trident Two for next week!

The Trident submarine, the largest ever built, will be four storeys high, the length of two football fields (560 feet), will weigh 18,700 tons and be equipped with 408 independently targetted warheads mounted on 24 missiles. Each of these warheads will have the capacity to annihilate an entire city.

IN USE BY 1980

Each submarine will cost an estimated \$2.5 billion for research, development and construction. This does not include maintenance, operation, missiles or nuclear reactor power plants. The first is scheduled for operation in July 1980, with one more being put into use every eight months following.

Juan de Fuca Strait is only 15 miles wide! And Bangor is only 60 miles south of the border!

Pray for the success of the demonstrators on May 22. This is to be a peaceful demonstration, and will mark the beginning of major mass civil disobedience planned by Americans and Canadians at the site of the Trident project. If these weapons are used by the U.S.A., or attacked by anyone else, it will mean the end of our part of the world.

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The facility could be called a manor, a court or a lodge, but it is surely a place to care for people who need a little extra help in day to day living, and we need a name for it.

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Mother's Day comes earlier

Three Galiano mothers in the same family were honoured for Mothers' Day one day early, on Saturday.

Mrs. Al Wilson brought her great-grandmother, Mrs. Millie Robson over to Galiano for the day from Victoria. Mrs. Wilson also brought her eldest daughter, Laurie. Mrs. Wilson came to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robson.

Mrs. Millie Robson went to school on Galiano many years ago. She is a very spry 90 years-of age.

Invited guests were Archie Georgeson, one of the youngest, at 83; Mrs. Flo. Bellhouse, she also, is 90, and Mrs. Ed. Callaghan, and Mrs. Roy Harding.

Mrs. Robson, Sr. and Mr. Georgeson went to school together. The gathering brought the mothers together for the day, and re-united four generations of the Robson family.

Forest fires in B.C. this year, to the beginning of May, have numbered 56, compared to 219 last year.

Duplicate Bridge

Royal Canadian Legion duplicate bridge club winners. May 2, at Ganges, were 1, Mary K. Thomas and Shirley Love; 2, Mollie and Fred Helhuish and, tied in third place, Vera and Al Nichols, and Peggy Flewin and Margaret Macintosh.

Winners on May 9 were: 1, Helen Shandro and Hilda Orchard; 2, Peg Flewin and Marg Mackintosh; 3, Mary Clements and Edith McAndless; 4, Betty Sharland and Norm McConnell.

Choir coming to Ganges

A musical experience comes to the Community Gospel Church in Ganges at 10.30 am Sunday, May 21. The sound of a full orchestra accompanies members of Victoria's well-known Trinity Choir in the exciting and inspirational presentation "Greater Is He".

The 18-member group, directed by Pat Whitworth, features Vic and Neanie Hookins and Mary Ellen Kingsfield, the Director of Music at the Trinity Christian Centre in Victoria.

Delegation from Saturna attends meeting

School trustees hear of transportation problems

Transportation in Gulf Island School District has always been a problem, and a costly one, too.

At the end of the current school year, \$6,179 will have been spent in getting six students from Saturna Island to the Mayne Island School: \$5,460 for the water taxi (paid for by the district) and \$719 for the land taxi (paid for by the Saturna parents).

The water taxi picks up the students at Saturna and transports them to Horton Bay, from which point they are taken by land taxi to the school, a distance of 2.7 miles. Parents must pay, in addition, the cost of transporting their children to the dock at Saturna; for some, the distance is 10 miles.

At the school board meeting on Mayne Island last week, a delegation of parents from Saturna told school trustees that only three Saturna students will be attending school on Mayne next year, and possibly less. Trustees were told that one family could not handle the "unbearable financial burden" of transporting one child.

Board chairman Tom Davidson told the parents that the matter was being studied by two committees of the school board: management and building and conveyance.

Management committee chairman Ivan Mouat expressed concern over the problem but, he said, the ministry thinks in terms of buses or motor vehicle transportation and that is how the district is financed.

"We have a large budget now for conveyance," said Mouat, "and we must get approval from the ministry to increase it."

Mouat was under the impress-

ion that a meeting with the ministry was being arranged but secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck said that a meeting had not yet been set up.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The brief to the board made a number of recommendations, including the establishment of a transportation fund to pay all student transportation costs; that the board should contract boat transport in the same manner as it does land transport; and that the ferry authority be urged to help by adjusting its schedules to serve students!

The board was told that the water taxi operator "is doing a favour to Saturna parents".

The taxi's expenses for this school year will amount to \$6,500:

the operator is getting \$5,460.

"Are you going to ask for increased funds for transportation?" the board was asked.

"Definitely," was the reply.

Request for grant turned down

The Victoria Dance Arts Ensemble has offered a dance performance program to individual schools in Gulf Islands School District. Trustees of the district heard Thursday a request from the group for a grant of \$100 for each scheduled performance.

Ivan Mouat told the board there was no source of funds for the purpose.

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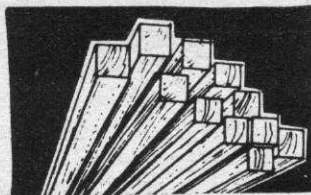
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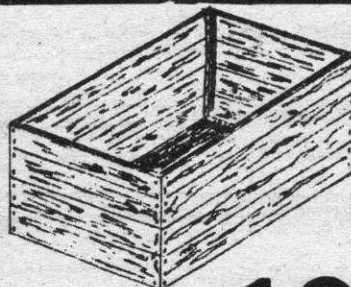
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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

At least 355 persons attended the open house celebrations commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Salt Spring Island Trading Company. Later in the day, an enjoyable banquet was held in the Shamrock Room of Harbour House Hotel, attended by 30 guests, comprising directors, shareholders and members of the staff.

The annual Salt Spring Victoria Day celebration, sponsored by the Fulford Hall Community Association, will be held again in Ganges, May 20. Junior and senior sports will be under the direction of Mike Byron. In addition there will be a tug-of-war and other attractions. The Lions Club will have a game-of-skill booth and the L.A. of the Royal Canadian Legion will have a bingo on the school grounds.

The thrid annual Fireman's Ball held at Mahon Hall Friday was the most successful yet, with 175 to 200 people attending. Music supplied by the local Gulf Islanders was much enjoyed as was the lunch supplied by the W.A. to the Fire Department.

Lucky winner of the door prize, a lovely set of lawn furniture, was Laurie Hedger.

Highlight of a concert at Mahon Hall was the reading of a poem entitled Memories are Made of This, by local student, Brian Beech. The poem was published in the Christmas issue of Driftwood.

MV Queen of the Islands was officially launched into Burrard Inlet on Thursday by Mrs. Earle Westwood, wife of the minister of conservation and recreation.

The \$2,500,000 vessel, 236 feet long and weighing 1,600 gross tons, has been promised for the end of June for the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands run. She will carry 40 cars and 400 passengers.

The May Day dance in Fulford is being held early this week. Queen Nancy Reynolds, who reigned throughout 1963, and Royal Princesses, Jean and Pat Galbraith, will grace the ball. The new queen elect will be there: Queen Nancy's sister, Sharon Reynolds, with princesses, Betsy Quesnel and Lois Hedger.

TEN YEARS AGO

Mac Mouat has taken the lead in the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club Salmon Derby. On Sunday evening he took a fat salmon which turned the scale at 20 lbs., 8 oz.

During the days of the Pacific Coast Ranger training World War II, the Salt Spring group received a sample of the new Sten gun. The Salt Spring Island sergeant was demonstrating the new weapon to the squad.

"This is a dangerous little gun," he said, "and you have to be very careful with it."

Just then his finger touched the trigger and several rounds stuttered into the ground at his feet.

"See what I mean," said the sergeant without changing his expression. "Dangerouse little devil."

There has been a run on fire extinguishers in Ganges during the past week. Seven extinguishers and three batteries were stolen from different places.

Report of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital presented last week by Doug Cavaye was the 54th annual report, he told the hospital meeting. The increase in activity was the highest ever shown in any annual report.

In-patients number 663 in 1967, up by 43%; patient days stood at 5,764, an increase of 62%. The hospital treated 1,543 out-patients, up 56% and the total patients in and out was 2,200, a 54% increase.

The total of 27 births was up by 60%. Biggest jump of all was in x-ray pictures: 3,605, up 92%.

Tenders have been called for the construction of five new classrooms at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Classrooms were approved in the school building referenda accepted by the ratepayers last December.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Legislators are thirsty people, Papajohn, reporting from Saturna, found the Select Committee on Municipal Affairs to be grateful for a drink of water.

"When we had all those V.I.P.'s over last week," says Papajohn, "The ones seated next to me at the luncheon drank quite a bit of water. After the lunch I asked them, 'Did they think it was good water?'"

"They said, 'Yes, it was good.' Then I asked them, didn't they know Dr. Whitbread had condemned it?"

"One of them did not know who Dr. Whitbread was."

"As of this date, there are no reported deaths from their having imbibed freely of our Saturna water."

Car stopped at Ganges Crest on Monday morning, but not for coffee.

Car owned by Grant Marcotte rolled over the edge of the road at breakfast time and came to rest among the tulips. No charges were laid.

Debbie Wood will be crowned queen on Saturday at the May Day celebrations in Ganges. Debbie was named by students at Gulf Islands Secondary School last week. her two princesses are Laura Pallot and Eileen Grimmer.

The wedding of Nicola Margaret Toynbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Toynbee of Ganges, to Kevin Barry Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bell, of Rossland, B.C. took place in the garden of the bride's family home on May 12.

There were 16 planes on wheels and one on floats at Sunday morning's fly-in to Salt Spring Island. Visitors were guests of the newly-formed Salt Spring Island Flying Club.

The wheeled machines all landed at the Burgoyne Valley airstrip and the float plane tied up at Ganges wharf. Majority of visitors were from Victoria Flying Club. Largest plane to come in was the twin-engined aircraft flown by Frank Bernard and the smallest was the Commuter flying-training machine operated by Victoria Flying Club.

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Two classes planned for next year

New guidelines for alternate class are approved by school trustees

A set of guidelines drawn up for the operation of the alternate class next year was approved by trustees of Gulf Islands School District at the regular board meeting on Mayne Island Thursday.

Another class will be started in the fall, and the pupil-teacher ration in each class will be 17:1. A teacher for the second class will be found by allowing more input from the parents in the selection: principal of the elementary school and a committee of parents are to handle advertising for a teacher and applications for the position will then be screened by the district superintendent. A committee of trustees and parents will review the applications and come up with a short list; final decision will be made by the board, with consider-

ation of the district superintendent's recommendation.

The board's policy on field trips is to be revised to allow for more "spontaneous use" of such trips, explained trustee Anne Foerster.

With regard to accommodation, Mrs. Foerster explained that Don Fairweather, chairman of the building and conveyance committee, recommended that the use of Mahon Hall be discontinued after the end of the school year.

ALTERNATE SITE

When Spencer Marr asked about an alternate site for the class, Ivan Mouat told the board that Anglican church minister Peter McCalman had advised him that there was a house located across the road from St. George's Church that was available for

rental. Mouat suggested that such a location might be more suitable to the parents of students in the class.

"There would be some added expense," he said, "but maybe the ministry (of education) would give an overage in our budget for the rental."

It would relieve a lot of congestion, added Mouat, if it were suitable to the parents.

Chairman Tom Davidson suggested the proposal should go to the building and conveyance committee for its recommendation. Chairman of that committee was absent from the meeting due to illness, explained Mrs. Foerster. The reason for concern over Mahon Hall, she said, was that for the last two years it had been a "very substandard" location.

There is other accommodation, added Mrs. Foerster, and it had been discussed by the committee.

IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
"There are two ground level rooms in the elementary school, and the principal has offered the use of them."

District superintendent Bob Huestis felt that no more money should be spent off the school grounds on rental of a building and recommended that Mahon Hall be kept open until classroom accommodation were available.

David Stacey disagreed. He said the end of the school year should be the date specified for the class being out of Mahon Hall in order that parents would then have time to make arrangements for preparing classrooms in the elementary school for occupation in the fall.

Ivan Mouat said he would like to know first if the parents would be happy with accommodation in the school.

"I haven't got my hand firmly on the pulse of the alternate class parents," said Mouat, "but I think they would rather be away from the school."

The board decided to wait until the next meeting before making a decision.

QUESTIONED RATIO
Going back to the guidelines for the class, Spencer Marr questioned the 17:1 pupil-teacher ratio and pointed out that the ratio in the rest of the elementary school is 25:1. He was reminded that there is a multi-grade situation in the class, with students varying in ages from grades 1 to 7.

Mary Williamson spoke to the board as a delegate from the parents' group behind the alternate class. Of the rooms that were offered for the class, she felt they would be "totally unsuitable".

Walkathon

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Winners of the various categories were Bob Anderson, first home in 63 minutes; boys, to nine years, Allan Matthews; 10-12, Ricky Andrews; 13-16, Kevin Noble; girls to nine, Anita Valcourt; 10-12, Lisa Hughes; 13-16, Patsy Reynolds; 17-20, Cathy Reynolds; over 21, Lynne Bromly.

Oldest contestant was Walter Brigden and the Brigden family, with 14 members, was the biggest family representation.

The Gulf Islands School Band was the winning chariot.

Chairman Ron McQuiggan expressed his appreciation for the support shown for the event. The Lions Club will announce the winner of the trophy for top contributions.

Wally Rogers pulls up stakes and leaves to new life in Australia

After nearly a quarter-century on Salt Spring Island, Wally Rogers has left for good.

He has sold everything he owned on the island and flown to the southern hemisphere. In Australia he will live with his son and the family.

Wally Rogers came to Salt Spring Island, with his wife, 23 years ago. He had retired from the postal service and was looking for a new life.

For five years the couple operated an earthworm and rabbit farm. In

1960 they were burnt out. They lost everything in that fire.

Over the years they built up again, when Wally was painting. Among his last jobs was painting Mouat's Store.

Earlier this year Mrs. Rogers died and Wally decided to sell out and leave for Australia, where his son is an airport fireman.

Where is marathon trophy?

Where is the trophy?

It is several years since the big walk was included in May Day activities. For most of its history, May Day has featured a short Marathon. Last two or three years there was no foot race.

There will be one this year and the sponsors of the event, Bevis Walters and Gavin Reynolds want to find the trophy. It is possibly four or five years since it was last awarded, Driftwood was told.

If any reader is holding it, or knows where it might be, a call may be made to Gavin Reynolds, or to Driftwood.

Fruit trees might get the axe

It is likely that a number of old fruit trees on the Fernwood School property will get the axe, Gulf Islands school trustees were told last week.

Wilf Peck told the board that it had been hoped they could be spared but they may be in the way of the soccer field.

Trustees also learned that the lowest bid for the fence to be erected on the property was for \$2,975 and had been submitted by Ron Cunningham.

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