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## On Harrison?

### Boat ramp needed on west side

#### — Hot subject

Boat launching ramp is needed on the west side of Salt Spring Island, the Parks and Recreation Commission was told on Monday evening.

Ken Arnott reminded the Commission that there is only one launching ramp on the island and that in the summer months it is busy. On Saturday mornings it is inaccessible, he added. A second ramp should be provided on the west side.

Chairman Glen Woodley agreed that there is a need, but Hal Leighton felt that it could be as controversial a business as the Farmers' Market proved to be last year.

Gavin Reynolds reported that there is a site at the end of Harrison Ave., but that when it was mooted to the island service clubs, there was some opposition to a launching ramp for fear of prejudicing the clam and oyster beds.

It is located in a two-acre park, he told the meeting.

## Catch estimated to reach 82,250 tons

### Herring attract almost 300 boats

The herring fishing season on B.C.'s coast opened in the Ganges area on Sunday afternoon, bringing an estimated 200 to 300 fishboats into local waters.

The first boats began to arrive Friday and Saturday; by Sunday afternoon, Long Harbour, Welbury Bay and the north-eastern side of Ganges Harbour were crowded with fishboats, herring skiffs and the bright red scotchmans marking the positions of the gillnets.

On Monday, trucks operated by Salt Spring Island Sea Products were moving fish from the wharf at Ganges to the plant on Rainbow Road, although most of the fishermen were making water sets: catching water and nothing else.

From Ganges, the herring fishery moves north and by the end of



March it's over for another year.

For the fishermen, the price per ton of herring has increased since last year. The gillnetters are getting \$430 a ton; last year they got \$350. The seiners are getting \$220 a ton, compared to \$173 last year.

This is the eighth consecutive year the roe herring fishery has been in operation on the province's coast and this year it is expected to contribute about \$100 million to B.C.'s economy.

#### SAME TONNAGE

Last year, the landed value to the fishermen was \$31 million; this year it is estimated that the value will reach \$40 million, for the same tonnage as last year.

There are 244 seine boats and 1,330 gillnetters licenced to fish herring. About 6,000 fishermen and 3,500 tendermen and shore workers are employed by the fishery.

The pre-season estimate of the harvestable surplus of roe herring this year is 82,250 tons. The 1978 quota of herring roe has been established at 11,500 tons; seine boats will take 60% of the fish and gillnetters the rest.

After the fish are caught, they are hardened in brine and the roe is then taken out by hand. The roe is sold to Japan and the herring carcasses are reduced for use as livestock feed.

Fisheries Service officials estimate that 400,000 tons of herring spawn each year on the province's coast.

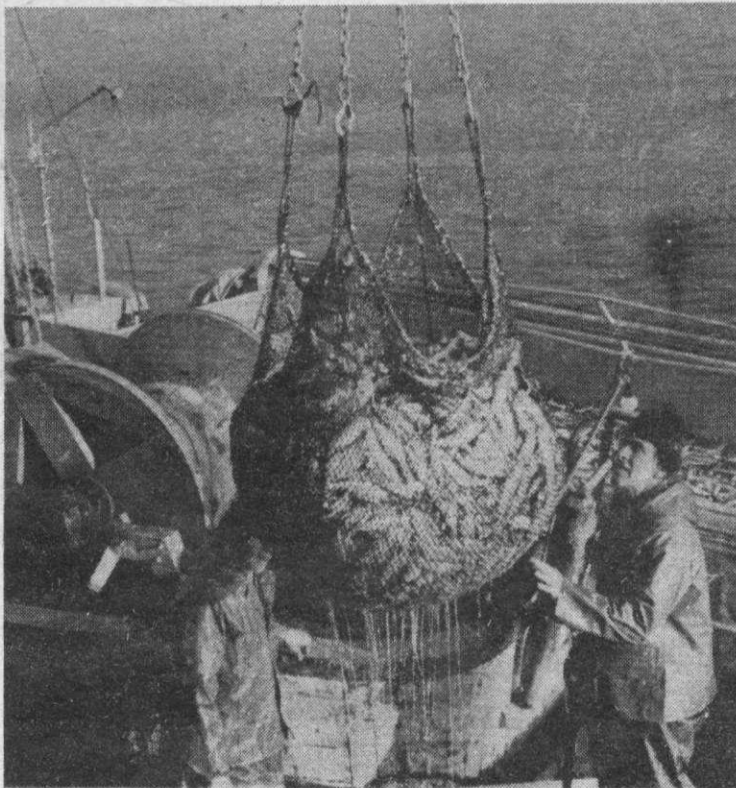
### Some good news for a change

Somebody could have had a good time in Vancouver for the week end, Driftwood was told last week after some money was found in Ganges.

About \$90 in cash and cheques was found Friday on the road near the Ganges Crest by Mrs. Penny Brooks, who took it to one of the local banks. The money was being blown around by the wind when Mrs. Brooks found it.

It was some good news, for a change, said Driftwood's informant.

Herring boats in Welbury Bay on Sunday were all set as season opened at 2 pm. It was heyday for fishermen and for photographers as TV and newspaper cameras arrived in force.



Unidentified fisherman watches a load of precious herring being lifted to Ganges dock for transfer to fish plant on Rainbow Road.

## CLAY IS SATURATED

### Two hurt when pole falls while crew work

Two B.C. Hydro employees were injured at Ganges Thursday when a power pole fell over. Lineman Ed Irwin and apprentice lineman Kelly Preston were installing a bank of transformers on a new pole on Blain Road when it fell.

Both men were taken to Lady Minto Hospital. Irwin was later transferred to Rest Haven Hospital at Sidney, where he is being treated for a fractured leg and damaged heels. Preston sustained

a crushed finger and was released from hospital on the day of the accident.

The pole had been in the ground about three to four weeks and Hydro's Gulf Islands manager, John Thompson, told Driftwood there had been no sign of any problem with the pole before it fell.

"We believe that between the time the pole was set in the ground and the transformers were hung, they heavy rains infiltrated into the hole, turning the clay into mud," said Thompson.

#### SIX FEET SIX DOWN

The 45 foot pole was set six feet, six inches into the ground, following the rule that poles be buried to a depth of two feet plus 10% of the length.

Thompson said that normally when a pole is buried in clay, the clay sets around the pole like cement.

He said the pole has to go in and so they'll try again, possibly going a little deeper and using more rock.

## Islands Trust

Islands Trust Committee on Salt Spring Island will meet in the Legion Hall on Wednesday, Mar. 8 at 1 pm.

The meeting will be open to the public.

### New schedule for Health Inspector

A change in the ferry schedule for service between Swartz Bay and the Outer Islands has resulted in a change of scheduled visits to the islands by Health Inspector Bob Bradbury.

His revised schedule follows:

Pender Island, the first Monday of the month and every Wednesday; Mayne, first and third Tuesdays; Galiano, second and fourth Tuesdays; and Saturna, the fifth Monday and as required.

New schedule takes effect March 1.

## Master plan for recreation



### Woodley outlines need for review

Master plan for recreation on Salt Spring Island is to be undertaken by the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission.

Cost of the plan, and survey, will be in the vicinity of \$11,000.

On Monday evening delegates from various island organizations heard the report of the Commission and offered few criticisms.

Chairman Glenn Woodley introduced the proposal. It was sparked by a provincial government employee last year, he recalled. The Commission ascertained the names of seven consultants who are qualified to undertake the necessary survey. There are about

30 such consultants in the province, he reported.

The plan will be a guideline for 20 years and a plan for five years. It will examine all phases of recreation on the island, the desires of islanders and the potential resources in relation to the tax base, the meeting was told.

Part of the cost is recoverable from the provincial government and the Capital Regional Board will also be invited to contribute.

The new plan will list requirements in order of priority.

#### GRANTS

It may prove necessary in

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# Be Prepared!

## Scouts and Cubs mark Baden—Powell Week at Ganges

Scouting is dedication to a course, said School Principal Bob McWhirter when he addressed a parent-and-son banquet of Scouts and Cubs in Ganges on Wednesday evening last week.

"You see dedication in every direction," he reminded his audience. "Among the leaders, the group committee, and the Cubs and Scouts."

There was dedication a-plenty and lots of enthusiasm when the boys sat down with their parents in the hall of the church of Our Lady of Grace.

Annual banquet marks Baden Powell Week, when boys and girls of the Scout and Guide movement pay tribute to the founder, who died in 1941 at the age of 84. On Wednesday they paid tribute in a novel manner.

Regional Commissioner Al Ball, from Victoria, brought a tape of Lord Robert Baden Powell's address to Scouts on his 80th birthday.

The founder of Scouting recalled his war service in South Africa and his close acquaintance with military scouting.

It was "jolly exciting", he said in his broadcast message. That experience also taught him to do his duty in face of danger or death, he recalled.

### DEAD SILENCE

The tape was played amid dead silence.

The late Chief Scout went on to explain the difference between pleasure and happiness. Pleasure is a good dinner; happiness lives with you always and is derived from helping others or "doing good turns".

The silence was broken, after the

address, by a sing-song and a final puppet show by Scout Hugh Coleman.

Dinner started at 6.30 with a meal prepared by the mothers of boys taking part.

At the head of the head table was David Hoskins, chairman of the Group Committee. In the hall was Jean Hoskins, Cubmistress.

Scout Leader Wayne Cooper recalled, out loud, that within hours of the Hoskins arriving on Salt Spring Island, David was chairman and Jean was Leader.

### GUESTS AND WORKERS

Hoskins introduced the guests of the group at the head table: Martin Ogilvie, last year's Cub Leader; Rev. Pat Bergin, parish priest; Gordon Hutton, president of the Royal Canadian Legion, which sponsors the movement on Salt Spring Island; Muriel Denison, Girl Guide Commissioner; Al Ball, Regional Scout Commissioner and Frank Richards who was hungry.

The chairman also introduced the Group Committee, starting with himself and including Secretary Mrs. Norma Bedocs; Treasurer Gail Robertson; Paul Minvielle and Marion Baines, public relations; Bob McWhirter and Gwen Althouse, members at large.

Leaders are Jean Hoskins, Gail Robertson, Gordon Farrell and Dale Fewings for the Cubs and Wayne Cooper and Michael Coleman with the Scouts.

The chairman outlined some of the reasons for the banquet. It enables the parents and leaders to know each other and it encourages the senior Cubs to learn of the Scouts when they are approaching the age of eligibility for the senior



Cubs join in sing song during parent-and-son banquet in Ganges church hall last week. Standing with her back to the camera is Cub Leader Jean Hoskins.

group.

It also enables everyone to talk about the program and to have a good meal and a good time.

### PURPOSE OF SCOUTING

Hoskins referred briefly to the purpose behind Scouting.

"It must have a purpose, an aim," he explained.

That aim is to help boys to develop character. It aims at the mental, physical, social and spiritual development of the boy, he told the assembly.

"The leaders can't do it by themselves, they need back-up."

He had a message for the boys taking part.

### Early bird catches late snow

Helen Minter reports feeding a hummingbird in her Beddis Road garden on Tuesday morning.

The early bird got the late snow, but he found food despite the weather, thanks to Mrs. Minter.

"Now, or in later years, if you meet your leaders on the street, just stop and say thankyou!"

Doug Lewis, former district commissioner and a member of the Greater Victoria Regional Council, told the gathering that he had seen the display in Mout's window.

In other communities it is difficult to gain such support, he reminded the audience.

### IMPORTANT DATE

February 22 is an important date in Scouting, said Lewis, it is the birthdate of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the movement.

He believed Scouts lived a healthy life in the open air, recalled Lewis, and he established the first Scout camp, ever, in 1907.

"The things that Baden Powell taught at the first camp are taught today to Scouts, 70 years later," he observed.

Hugh Coleman is a Scout in search of his entertainers' Badge, the gathering was told.

The Scout then produced his puppet show, using the puppets of

his own manufacture in a play of his own devising. He earned his badge.

The evening closed with the Scout Prayer, by Scout Doug Weihing.

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### Pay reduction for islands directors

A reduction in pay for the Gulf Islands directors on the Capital Regional Board has been recommended by the board's executive committee. Reason for the recommendation is that the regional district no longer handles land use matters on the islands.

The Salt Spring director's remuneration would drop to \$4,664 from \$5,300 and for the Outer Islands' director, a drop to \$4,134 from \$4,664.

Most of the directors on the board will probably get a four per cent increase this year; this increase would be added to the local directors' pay after the reductions have been made.

The recommendations will go to the board for approval at the next meeting.

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# TO BE FRANK...

by richards

He's finally lived down the appellation, Joe Who, Joe told an audience in Alberta last week. Who's Joe?

But I don't mind telling you, the guy on television has my vote. It wasn't just what he said on TV, it was the way he put it over. He was firm, sincere, convincing and above the smears of ordinary dirty politics. Only trouble is that I tuned in during the peak of his address and I was called to the phone before he finished. So I don't actually know who he was, but he was sure one convincing speaker! If I ever find out who he is and what he means, by gosh, I'll vote for him!

I didn't need the fitness van. It was in Winnipeg last year. Being part of a provincial trade group means travelling every which way across the country. In Winnipeg I was in a hurry. My companions went up the stairs and I made a dash for the escalator. It was going the wrong way. But I used it anyway. If you really want to know what ticks, try running up two floors on a down escalator! I don't figure I need any tests! Other than having my head examined.

It's this travelling that gets you. Like in Edmonton last week I said I had never been to Toronto. I've lived, on and off, about 35 to 40 years in Canada and I've never once been to Toronto. It's no mean boast, that! So what do they do on me? They call a meeting in Toronto for April. O.K., so there are lots of British Columbians who never saw Toronto. But I came to British Columbia from as far again as Toronto and I never stopped off. The things I do....!

A Salt Spring Island man lost his razor. The scraper was stolen from his parked car. Except that it was not a scraper. It was electric. He was incensed. No way did he need a beard. So he wanted to advertise that if the man who stole his razor wanted the charger he must pick it up from a named place. Alternatively the sneak-thief could return the razor when the battery went flat. He didn't and he didn't get it back.

Tell me, how can so many men with heavy growth of hair father so many bald-headed babies?

He's a Salt Spring Islander, but he got moved. And now Dick Lannie is running a successful restaurant on another island. He is proprietor of the Casa di Grillo in sunny Kuai. And that's in the Hawaiian Islands. He has a special for Salt Spring Island patrons, according to Tom Toynbee, who's just back from the Casa di Grillo.

I like the comment of a British Columbian Indian anent the Capt. Cook celebrations. To ask the Indians to celebrate the arrival of Cook on this coast, she wrote, is like asking the Israeli government to mark Adolf Hitler's birthday.

Joke from Dave Hoskins is the first un-racist racist story. Alexander Graham Kowalski was unable to attend. He's the first telephone pole.

They're bilingual at Ganges Pharmacy. No French, mind you! They have English and Spanish. It's all this computer drug service. They type up a prescription and it is checked out and correlated in a computer. And it comes back in English or Spanish. A Salt Spring espanophone can then have the bottle label in either language.

We got a cat. If any reader wants cat fur, we'll rent out the cat for an agreed figure. All the hirer

has to do is shake well. The fur comes out like it was glued on a wet day. Even the garden is splashed with tufts of white fur.

These nonsensical abbreviations are too much. Why can't we be like we used to? Abbreviations don't help anybody. They just save ink. I remember years ago I was out of the RAF in the UK and I wanted to come out to B.C. So we couldn't go BOAC and took a first on the FL to NY and then by CPR to PQ. We came to BC by CPR and CPSS to VI. So what's new?

Guy I feel sorry for is the herring. Chased over the seven seas by everything with a big mouth, he comes to the Gulf Islands with his wife of the moment to raise a family. And what does he run into in these holiday islands of BC? Two hundred fish boats all waiting to grab him while he's pitching his wool! I'm just glad I ain't a herring!

**DOWN THE GUTTER**  
...with Ken Collins

I wonder if most people realize that this game of five-pin bowling was invented by a Canadian.

His name was Thomas F. Ryan, and he first came up with the idea in the year 1909. He travelled to Chicago to investigate a new fad called ten-pin bowling. He liked what he saw, and being the owner of a classy billiard academy in Toronto, decided that his clients would welcome this new game. He opened Toronto's first bowling lane over a jewelry store on Yonge Street, but for some reason, the game just didn't catch on.

He had a faithful following, but wasn't making money from them. He then decided to experiment a little. The main complaint from his clients, who were mainly businessmen, who dropped in for a couple of games in their lunch-hour was that they were tired when they returned to work. So Ryan came up with the idea of using only five pins, instead of the usual ten.

He had his father, who was a machinist, turn the pins on a lathe, until they were only seven inches in height, he then wrapped pieces of old inner tubes around them, to cut down the noise. He had the 16-pound balls turned, until they were only two and a half pounds in

weight and changed the scoring ratio of the pins.

This game, which was to become the most popular of all sports in Canada, was born.

Thomas F. Ryan was born in 1882 in Guelph, Ontario, and died in 1961 at the age of 79. The sad ending to this story is that Ryan did not patent his invention, and therefore never made even one cent in royalties from this game we know today as five-pin bowling.

So there, in a nutshell, is a brief

## Fails to file

Michael Bankes pleaded guilty in Provincial Court at Ganges Wednesday on two counts of failing to file an income tax return for 1976.

He was fined \$50 by Judge D.K. McAdam.

history of the sport of five-pin bowling. From us all Thomas F. Ryan where ever you may be, thanks a million for the gift you left behind for so many people all over Canada to enjoy!

Now here are a few statistics of the modern game. The length of the lane, from the foul line to the headpin is 60 feet, the width of the lane is 42 inches. The length of the lane approach is 16 feet, and the weight of a ball is 3 lbs., 8 oz., and five inches in diameter. The weight of the pins will vary from 1 lb., 14 oz. to 2 lbs., 4 ozs. (without the rubber bands). The height of a pin is twelve and three-eighths, and the diameter including the rubber band is four and three-quarter inches at the belly or widest point. The base of a bowling pin is one and three-quarter inches in diameter, and finally the distance between each pin is 18 inches from centre to centre. I included the preceding statistics for the benefit of the many people who keep

searching for the lights balls and other items.

The bowlers of the week were as follows, for the ladies it was

Donna Dawe with a 720 triple, and for the men it was Andy Fisher with 766. The other good scores recorded were Jamie Marshall (761) Ken Collins (747-728-718-717) Leo Toutant (727-720) Terry Jenkins (706) Julian Valcourt (752-731) Bob Marshall (709) Charlie Byron (757) and Mike Kelly with 728. The three hundred games were rolled by Jamie Marshall (328) Ken Collins (317) Ben Greenough (304) Jim Glenn (307) Nellie Miller (308) and Leo Toutant with 304. The bowlers for the month of February were Carol Kaye and Ken Collins.

In the all-stars competition the winners were the Lions, followed by Wednesday night, followed by the Commercial.

Worthy of mention is a 258 game rolled by Bantam bowler David Cates.

In the Y.B.C. four steps to stardom competition rolled on Saturday last, our kids put out some of their best placings ever. Julie Collins placed second in the singles, Jamie Marshall placed third in the senior boys, and the senior boys placed third in the team event.

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### All for youth

No contribution to youth has been more permanent and more popular than the Scout and Guide movement launched more than 70 years ago by Robert Baden-Powell.

A soldier in the Boer War, he came home to peacetime, impressed by the military scouts employed at the time to search out the territory. And he adapted the conditions, the enthusiasm and the sense of duty to a peacetime youth.

That was the beginning.

In almost every country of the world, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides have been part of the background of growing up. They have been part of the stage setting in every English-speaking country and probably hundreds of others.

Last week the Guides and Scouts of the islands paid tribute to the founders. To Baden-Powell as the founder of Scouting and to his wife as the founder of the Girl Guide movement.

Had the Boer War soldier returned home to live the life of a retired army man, he would have been lost in the pages of history. But, coming back to influence the youth of millions, he is remembered with enthusiasm by many who were not born within his lifetime.

The boys and girls who go through the routine of this youth activity are constantly reminded of the call for the courtesies of living in an era where courtesy is no longer current. They are introduced to life and living in a tradition which is rapidly passing. And they enjoy the experience.

As the islands Scouts and Guides look back on Baden-Powell Week, the community has the opportunity to appreciate its debt to the leaders and committees and workers who bring the movement alive here and who contribute once a week to the well-being of youngsters who will forget many aspects of growing up, but who will remember for life the principles and tenets of a worldwide contribution to youth.

### Not too far

The proposal of the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission to prepare a master plan for recreation on the island met with no opposition on Monday evening. Presented to representatives of the various community groups on the island, the plan was accepted.

It was mooted, at the same time, that a recreation survey might recommend the engagement of a recreation co-ordinator for the island at an astronomical salary.

Without prejudicing any future discussions on the subject, we cannot see the need for such an appointment in this small community. Let's keep both feet on the ground as we leap for new heights of accomplishment!

### If we should die

The integrity of Canada has been debated for many years, but never so vigorously as it has since Premier Levesque assumed office in Quebec.

From coast to coast there are Canadians ever eager to spit at the mention of so evil a name. They know so very well that only one man threatens the future harmony of Canada as a nation.

So well do they know it that it will never occur to them that the angry resistance to any Levesquian submission is the wedge in the national split.

If Canada should fall apart at the seams, then let us realize that it will have been promoted by the francophone with the warm and generous support of the anglophone.

There are too many English-speaking Canadians who have too little regard for a united Canada.

## Letters to the Editor

### TWO BILLION DOLLARS

Sir,  
According to the Canadian International Development Agency, the Canadian Government has given 91 foreign countries over two billion dollars in aid, grants and long term low interest loans during the last 10 years.

Of these, 20 are Marxist dictatorships with six of them occu-

ried by some 97 thousand Cuban troops and advisors. (London Economist, December 10, 1977).

Not only has Canada given nine million dollars to Cuba itself but continues to finance dictatorships bent on creating more revolution in Africa. Canadian taxpayers had no say about 14 million dollars going to the Congo Republic; nine million to Angola; 10 million to Ethiopia;



five and one half million to Somalia, 114 million to Tanzania and more than half a million to Sierra Leon.

These six countries are not only dictatorships, but openly promote brands of communism and revolution in neighbouring non-communist nations.

All of which should cause the overburdened taxpayer to ask just what kind of "development" we are being forced to support.

Patricia Young,  
1030 Hanton,  
Vancouver 9, B.C.  
February 9, 1978

### THREE YEAR OLD

Sir,  
Some children read the Driftwood. They may not read the words in it, but they read, read it. Here is a three-year-old child's comment on last week's Editorial cartoon.

The Ferry....  
The Ferry always belongs to everybody who comes on the Ferry. A bird came on the Ferry next morning. It was a very nice day. It was beautiful out. The crew said, 'Can I go for a walk when I finish on the Ferry?' The captain said, 'Well, that will be good. I will see you down the street. It is a very good idea.'

So, they went outside. They were cold and hungry, so they went back on the Ferry. They didn't know what to do. So they had some do-nuts. That was very good.

Rosalie and daughter, T.T. Miles  
Box 1127,  
Ganges,  
February 15, 1978

P.S. This is not exactly a comment on the Ferries. I think. I am trying not to make comments about my child's comments.

### NO CHEMICALS

Sir,  
The gardening season is almost upon us, and soon we shall be wondering what to do about fertilizing our land without using chemicals.

Most of us maintain compost heaps, and if we are lucky, have access to manure to add to our vegetable compost. I wonder if we are all aware of the great benefits of adding seaweed, either to the compost heap, or directly to the crops that like it, such as asparagus.

In addition, I use my wood-burning fireplace to increase the fertility of my soil. All bones, clamshells and oyster shells are put in the fireplace, and repeatedly burned until they are reduced almost to a powder. By the end of the winter I have sufficient enriched ashes to anoint the compost heap, sprinkle liberally over the vegetable garden, flower-beds and even the lawn and fruit trees. Even the small amounts of charcoal and lime in the ashes are beneficial, and I have not had to add further

lime to our acid island soil in the ten years I've been gardening here.

I am no chemist, but it seems to me that most of the nutrient needs of a garden can be met by these means without further addition of chemical fertilizers. Certainly my vegetable crops are enormous, on a very small plot of land. Last year even in the long drought, six Salt Spring Sunrise tomato plants produced two hundred pounds of wonderful tomatoes.

Here's to better recycling of kitchen wastes!

I.V. Guthrie,  
Ganges,  
February 24, 1978

### NO!

Sir,  
In response to agreeing to more aid to the alternate class I think its time the taxpayers of this island should say no before things go much farther.

Those who want their children to attend the alternate school should be prepared to wholly subsidize the cost of building and running their own school.

Instead of asking those of us who are now already being taxed enough. Why should people on old age pension and people on fixed incomes be forced to pay for something which is not needed.

There is a good school on this island with teachers doing a splendid job. Those who want to add more to enrich their childrens education can do so but at their own expense.

Mrs. E. Owen  
Ganges, B.C.  
February 23, 1978

### PENSIONS

Sir,  
May I add to the excellent letter in "Driftwood" Feb. 15 re indexing

of pensions, by J.A. Duthie?

There must be many on these islands as deeply concerned as myself about the opposition in certain quarters to indexing. I certainly do not agree that this benefit should be extended to senior civil servants and officers because it then gets quite out of hand. However, the rank and file need it, have paid for it, and are entitled to it, as long as the cost of living continues to rise.

The Federal Superannuates National Association is the only organization to my knowledge, devoted to protecting our interests in this matter, and deserves our support. If any annuitants of the federal public service, armed forces, or RCMP resident here are interested in further details please contact me at 537-2819.

I.J. Gillen  
Valhalla Rd., R.R. 3  
Ganges,  
February 24, 1978

### PARK SCHOOL

Sir,  
There has been lots of talk about the Fernwood school, so here's my two bits' worth.

The land Mouat Park government campsite in Ganges is on, was donated by an islander for the tourists.

I don't think the islander's benefit much by all that land. I feel sure that if the Parks Department was approached about that land they would only be too pleased to get it off their backs. The money from the 15 units wouldn't even pay for the wood that is burnt in the two months the campsite is used, let alone the rest of the upkeep.

When the two months are up the campsite is almost empty for the rest of the year, and nothing is done to it. Some people, islanders,

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1978

ANGLICAN			
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
Preacher at both services Archdeacon Hilary Butler			
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

**Alternate sewer system for Ganges**

# Planning Association gives support to proposal for scaled-down area

At a meeting in Ganges Monday, the Community Planning Association gave warm support to a proposal for a smaller area of Ganges to be served by a sewer system.

Mike Larmour and Cynthia Woodey have prepared a proposal for an alternate sewer system that would reduce the size of the sewer area and utilize a different treatment plant. The Capital Regional District is currently planning on sewerage the phase one area of Ganges using an activated sludge extended aeration plant.

Mike Larmour told the meeting on Monday that he didn't believe the phase two, or Ganges Hill area, had been completely abandoned. He suggested the regional district was just "holding it in abeyance".

He warned that a sewer system serving both phase one and two would allow for a population of 5,000 in Ganges, which would result in pushing the island's population up to 20,000, at least.

The island's community plan envisions a population of about 15,000.

"This represents a real erosion of the plan," said Larmour.

**CORE AREA**

He and Mrs. Woodey have suggested that the sewer serve the downtown, core area of Ganges, as well as a narrow strip running up to the hospital. They have also suggested that the hospital could be included simply by running a

single collection line from the core area solely for the use of the hospital.

The alternate proposal excludes the Park Drive area. There are fairly new homes in that area, said Larmour, with septic tank systems that were approved by the Capital Regional District.

He went on to say that the economics of serving a large area would hurt a lot of people.

"By keeping the sewer in the basic commercial core, the businessmen in that area can develop their properties and make more money to help cover the cost of the sewer."

**LESS POLLUTANTS**

Environmental damage was another factor, said Larmour. A smaller sewer area would mean

that less pollutants would be discharged into the harbour.

The Larmour/Woodey proposal includes a secondary treatment plant known as a Rotating Biological Contactor. Among its advantages, say the proponents, are that it would require less maintenance and less power to operate. It is a plant that is sold both in North America and Europe, and there are models that will serve a few families or large cities.

The planning association is not the first group to support a scaled-down sewer area. The Committee of Concerned Citizens has been opposing the larger area for some time, for the reason that the sewer should only serve the area in which it is needed.

## Letters

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I guess, drop off garbage, empty liquor bottles, etc. in hopes the garbage cans are emptied. Dogs and crows get into them and the place is a mess, but it is all cleaned up before the tourists come back. But we see the mess, garbage and broken glass, etc. the rest of the time. I feel sure the Parks Department would be pleased to give that land back to the Island and put it to some good use.

A primary school and kindergarten would be very good there, and keep all the children in Ganges, leaving more room in the elementary school.

Mrs. Joan Buckley  
McPhillips Ave.  
Ganges  
February 27, 1978

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Phil Valcourt  
Ganges, BC  
February 25, 1978

## Master plan

[From Page One]

future to have a recreation plan in order to be eligible for government grants, it was noted.

Woodley told the meeting he would like some discussion of the plan. He would welcome some feedback from the public, he urged.

Jerry Stennes warned that after the Curling Club had investigated government grants, its members had gained that a plan is very nearly mandatory to get a grant.

He was assured that it has not yet reached that point, but it could.

Gordon Hutton stated that he was told flatly by a provincial employee, no plan, no grant.

One critic expressed fear that the plan would lead into the

employment of a \$30,000 a year recreation director.

"It may well be something that Salt Spring Island needs and something that Salt Spring Island can do without," replied the chairman, "the master plan could give us the answer. What we need is a total picture."

He felt that an objective view of the island is needed and an outsider could provide that view.

The Commission has followed the pressures of its own members in the past, suggest Hal Leighton and the plan will lay out what is needed on an impersonal basis.

"We want guidance from the people."

## Central Hall defers to others

BY BEVIS WALTERS

As a result of the generous support given to our Appeal, The Rummage Sale, The Gong Show, and the Small Hall Ball, we have sufficient funds in hand to meet immediate needs, and as The Heart Fund and other current appeals are equally worthy of support, it is decided to suspend the Central Hall fund drive until these appeals are over.

Another \$5,000 will be needed

before the hall is put into a condition to make it suitable for use as a headquarters by Old Age Pensioners, Golden Age, Senior Citizens and other groups.

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# OVER THE HOG LINE

BY HAROLD HELM

Curling on the Island moved a step closer to reality last Thursday night at the Golf Club, where an enthusiastic group met to hear and discuss the preliminary plans and presentation of the active group headed by Gordon Hutton.

Several meetings of the group have taken place in an effort to formulate a definite and workable plan to present to a public meeting.

The proposed plan is a suitable building to be erected adjacent to the Golf Club property and, in fact, possibly adjoining the existing clubhouse. The objective would be to have a facility to accommodate four sheets of ice from the outset.

The savings in cost for a two or three-sheet rink would not be significantly less, and would be false economy in the long run.

There would be several advantages in locating on the Golf Club property, ground space is available, the clubhouse facilities could be shared, and the two sports are completely compatible. No plans can be finalized of course until

consent has been given by the Golf Club.

It is hoped that the board and general membership would give it favourable consideration inasmuch as the original plan for the area was for golf and recreation for all islanders.

However, Art Lloyd, President of the club, pointed out that the decision would have to be made at a general meeting of the club where the membership-at-large would have an opportunity to hear the details of the proposals, along with a formal presentation.

Tentative costs for the building and equipment would be between \$200,000 and \$250,000, and no suggestion has been made to ask for any financing which would affect the mill rate.

It is hoped, however, that when the recreational master plan for the island is completed, the curling facility would benefit from a grant to a comparable extent that other organizations have received in the past.

Jerry Stennes, spokesman for the Recreation Commission, pointed out, however, that while he personally was in favour of a curling facility, the organization charged with drawing up the master plan may or may not see it as a priority consideration. This plan is now in process of being produced, and the finalized document should be ready by September of this year.

### UNANIMOUS

A motion from the floor brought a unanimous decision to form a club with the name Salt Spring Island Curling Club.

It was also decided that the present executive be ratified on a pro tem basis, and that a nominal sum be requested from those present to assist in defraying any expenses incurred in their efforts to bring the plan to fruition.

The costs of registering as a non-profit organization will be investigated and a report brought back to the committee.

Look for an open meeting very soon.

Over 3,500 handicapped children rely on the Lions Easter Seal Bus service in B.C. to get to school, treatment centres, sheltered workshops and whatever recreation the community or the Lions provide.

## Some people would call it

# Baloney . . . by Tony

It's a great year for British Columbians; 200 years since James Cook landed on the shores of our province. With pride and patriotic fervour, we should be happy to be alive in this, our "Year of Discovery", as Grace McCarthy calls it.

All British Columbians should be giving their full attention to this \$1.6 million dollar year, as the native people of the province are already doing.

But they don't see it in quite the same light as the government does. And really, who can blame them? The Ministry of Tourism is not thinking too clearly when it asks the province's Indians to join in the celebrations.

As one Indian said recently, "I'm sorry and sad that he (Cook) ever found us in our innocent, happy and free state, and second, I'm sorry that the people of the Cove (Friendly Cove) were so friendly and left the just fate of Cook to the natives of the Sandwich Islands."

What kind of man was Cook anyway? How do we know James Cook wasn't an evil-minded crook and a pirate, as the same Indian lady claims.

"Had James Cook landed here on some great humanitarian mission," she says, "perhaps a celebration might be in order. James Cook was little better than a common pirate...Cook had an inimitable spirit of greed, just like all the white explorers before his time and since."

Could it be that we are glorifying someone who should be regarded as an arch-criminal? After all, history does lie sometimes.

Nevertheless, here we are, two months into the year of discovery. It's about as absurd as celebrating the anniversary of Bennett's government taking power in the early fifties. And I'll bet plans are being made for that, too!

The Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) encompasses

es Bowen Island, where they refer to their regional district as Gravid. It follows then that our own Capital Regional District (CRD) should be known as Crud.

Bogwater received an excellent reception at the Harbour House pub Saturday night and the Salt Spring Island band certainly deserved it.

Of all their performances I've heard, it was the best. Their style has improved immensely and on Saturday, they couldn't do anything wrong. The saxophone played no small part in complementing the sound and should certainly be considered as an addition to the group.

All Bogwater needs to do now is add a little country flavour to their music and they'll go far.

I'm expecting my three-year-old son to bring home a report card from the nursery school any day now, the way things are going. And, no doubt, the kids will also be required to obtain "late slips" when they're late and attendance records will also be kept to mark on the report cards how many days little Johnny missed school and perhaps he was skipping out?

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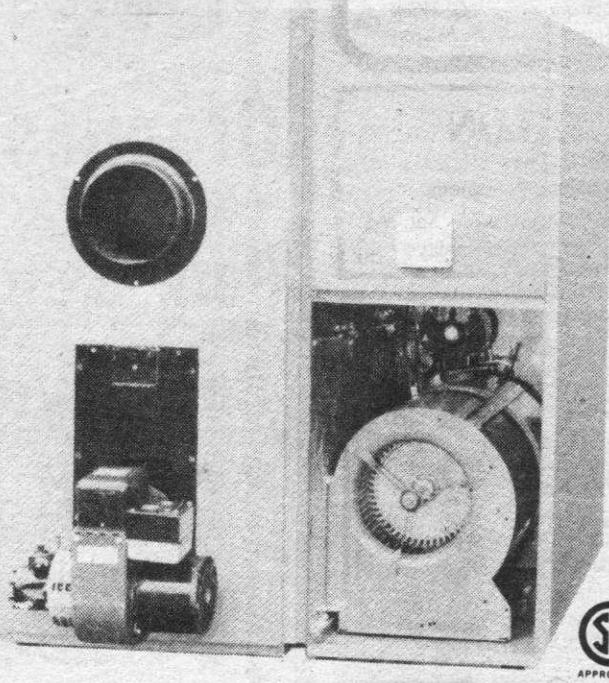
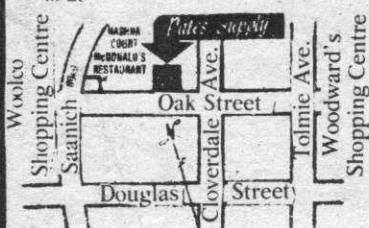
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The coaches of the teams were camera-shy and kept to the background. Ruth Bedford, of Leisure Lanes was also diffident about being photographed.

Missing coaches are Leo Tou-tant and Ken Collins.

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### To cost less than one mill

Exact cost of Fernwood School is not yet calculated in terms of mill rate.

One mill in the Gulf Islands School District raises approximately \$60,000. The annual cost of the new school is likely to be rather less than that amount, which indicates a mill rate of about 3/4 mill to construct the school.

School mill rate is likely to increase about five mills this year in the islands as a result of the equalization policy whereby those districts which are lightly burdened with schools are required to contribute towards others which have a heavy school tax.



### Repairing wharf at Ganges

Repairs are being made to the federal wharf at Ganges by the government vessel, Essington II. A number of the pilings along the outer edge of the wharf are being replaced.

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## Galiano ladies club names Kathlyn Bengler to chair

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the annual meeting of the Galiano Ladies Service Club the following officers were re-elected: Corinne Snell secretary; May Drew, treasurer, and Doris Strudwick, vice-president. Devina Baines will continue her work as Sunshine Convener. The new president is Kathlyn Bengler.

The Ladies Service Club is a helping organization which,

throughout the year, remembers individual islanders in need, either at home or in hospital.

For many years the ladies of the Club have maintained a strong interest in the Lady Minto Hospital, Ganges, by looking after the recreation of the Extended Care patients each Tuesday, and by meeting the cost of the hospital's television rental. Books have been bought for Galiano school children, and a donation given to help defray the cost of the Children's Christmas Party.

The many letters of thanks read by the secretary, Corinne Snell, revealed the breadth of the Club's interests at Christmas-time when generous donations were given to the Vancouver City Mission, the Salvation Army and the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department.

The funds of the Service Club come from two major projects, the annual bazaar in November and the Spring Rummage Sale, which this year will take place from 1.30 to 3.30 pm on Easter Saturday, March 25. Please help the Galiano Ladies Service Club make this the best ever by turning out all your drawers and closets, and phoning Corinne Snell at 539-2683 for pick-up.

The regular meetings of the Service Club are held on the second Monday of each month at 2 pm at the Galiano Community Hall. At the next meeting on Monday, March 13, arrangements for the Rummage Sale will be finalized. New members will be most welcome.

## Fined \$75 for driving without due care and attention

George Veltman, of Lantzille, was fined \$75 in Provincial Court Wednesday for driving without due care and attention. He pleaded guilty to the charge, which was laid after he was stopped by RCMP on Vesuvius Bay Road January 28.

Court was told that he had been exceeding the speed limit and crossing the centre line while on his way to catch the Vesuvius ferry.

He appeared before Judge D.K. McAdam.

## Big dance to raise funds for big trip for players

Three hundred islanders are expected to attend this Saturday's Band-Aid dance at the High School Gym.

General Convener Theresa Rooke, with Maria Hull and Barbara Elford are handling the food. Ted Gear will be on the refreshment bar.

Pat MacPherson and Lois John-

son are on ticket sales and friends and parents of the band members are raising money for the 10-day California trip.

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## Galiano

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

With pleasure we announce that a great-grandson has been born to Crawford Twiss. At Royal Jubilee Hospital, in Victoria, born to Paul and Debbie Twiss, on February 8, 1978, a son, 8 lbs., 5½ ounces. This is the first grandchild for Vera and Lyndon Twiss, of Burnaby, and Doreen and Dick Morriss, of Victoria. And great grandfather, Crawford Twiss, of Galiano, we are sure, is especially happy.

We have been informed that the Centennial Park playground, near the school, has been closed, until further notice, due to the wet weather this winter.

On Tuesday, March 7, the Senior Citizens, Branch 94, of Galiano, will hold their monthly meeting. Special guests will be Mr. and Mrs. P.G. James, of Salt Spring, so the meeting will begin early, at 11 am, with lunch, and then we look forward to hearing our guests guide us in our gardening problems.

The Galiano Chamber of Commerce will hold the monthly meeting in the school on Wednesday, March 8. D.A. New is the president.

Galiano Lions are busy these days getting ready for their annual seafood and charter night, to be held at the Galiano Hall on March 11, beginning at 6 pm.

Galiano Club will be having an Easter Dance on March 25, and an Easter egg hunt on Sunday, March 26.

The first of a series of films shown at Galiano Hall on Monday night, Feb. 20, was a great success. Steve Pattison has a most interesting program for the next few weeks. On March 6, a film, "David and Bert" about fishermen around Ahousat, and Vancouver Island, one about "Grad week" in Penticton, and another about artists on Burrard Inlet.

Bill Murphy has now returned home to the Island, after being in hospital at Ganges.

After spending two weeks in Hawaii on a trap shooting competition, we are pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Fed Robson, Mrs. N. Day, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Basarab. They did not come home empty handed; we understand that Frank and Olie got some of the prizes. They travelled around several of the isles, and Mrs. Basarab kept

trying to get lost under a palm tree, so she could stay, but they always missed this comely lady, and always found her.

John Georgeson came home for the week end from the mainland, and we are glad that his dad, Geordie Georgeson, is feeling better.

Mrs. Dorothy Lupton is visiting her mother during this week, for her birthday. At the regular meeting of the Galiano Lions, plans for the upcoming seafood dinner were discussed. It is slated for March 11 at the Galiano Hall, with dancing to the popular Whee Three from Ganges. This dinner meeting was done by Mrs. H. Knudson and Mrs. G. Georgeson.

A recent meeting of the Lionettes was held at the home of Mary Harding, when Mrs. Mary Knudson consented to be president for the coming term, Mary Harding has been the president for almost three years, and it is nice to see new faces in the little club. During the past year, the Lionettes gave \$100 to the Ladies auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Department among other donations on the island.

## Trail and Nature Club

### activities

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has drawn up the following schedule of activities for March 1978.

March 7-Walk: Lepage Road; leader Ernie Jenkins. Hike: Plateau; leader Gerry Holland. Meet 9.30 am Fulford Drive-in, 10 am Centennial Park.

March 14 - Walk: Webster sub-division; leader Lillian Horsdal. Nature walk: Fulford area; leader Ruby Alton. Meet 10 am Centennial Park, 10.30 am Fulford Drive-in. Hike: Mt. Maxwell circular; leader Don Kertland. Meet 9.30 am Fulford Drive-in, 10 am Centennial Park.

March 21 - Walk: Snag Hill; leader Ruby Alton. Meet 10 am Centennial Park, 10.30 am Fulford Drive-in. Hike: Mt. Bruce; leader Bob Ball. Meet 9.30 am Fulford Drive-in, 10 am Centennial Park.

March 28 - Walk: Sheppard Hills; leader Vera Pirillo. Hike: Mt. Erskine; leader Bob Ball. Meet 9.30 am Fulford Drive - in, 10 am Centennial Park.

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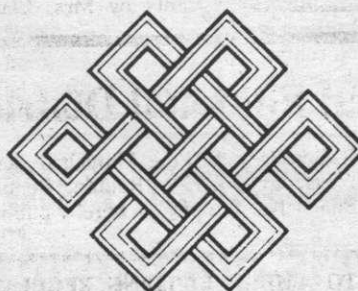
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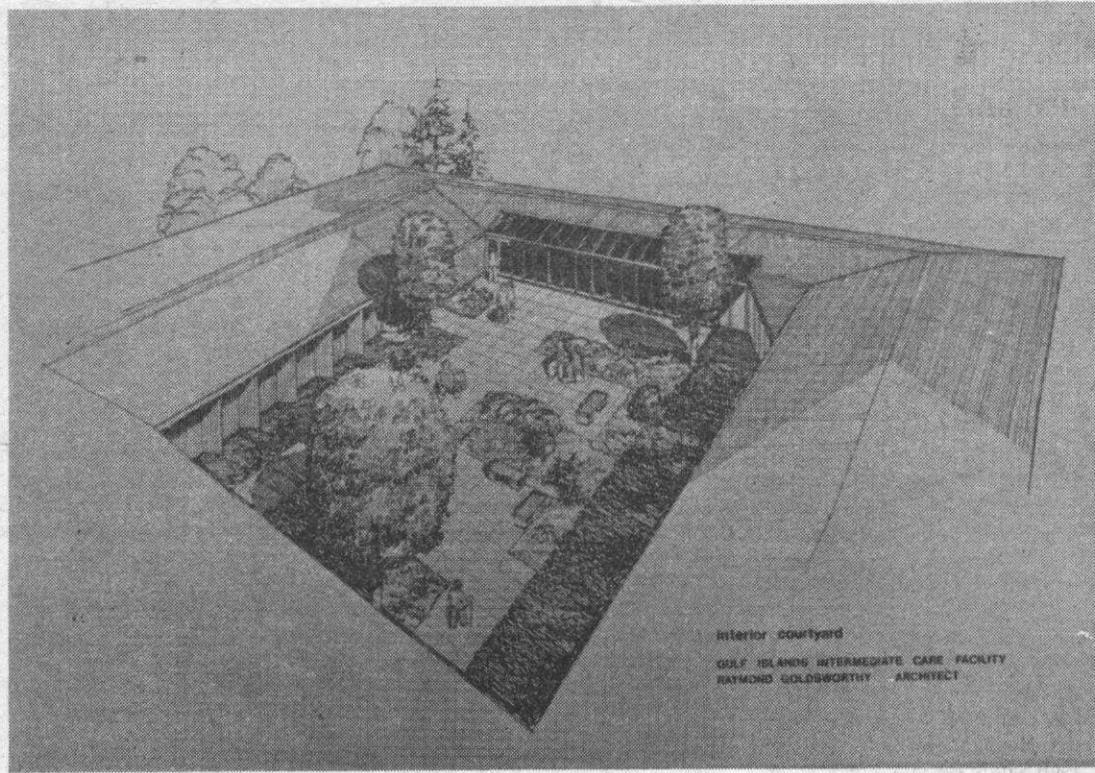
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**Construction to start on new facility near Lady Minto Hospital forthwith**

After years of planning and discussions, the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care building is almost a reality.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, Lorraine A. Campbell, chairman, R.D. Goldsworthy, architect, and Mr. Petersen, Contractor, met in Ganges with other members of the board of trustees, to sign the contract.

Construction will start almost immediately and will take about ten months, says the board.

Signs of activity should appear at the lot on Blaine Road and Lower Ganges Road, this week.

The concept of intermediate and personal care, in addition to the existing acute and extended care facilities, was first discussed by the board of management of the Lady Minto Hospital as early as 1975. Members of the board traveled all over B.C. looking at intermediate and personal care facilities, collecting ideas, facts and figures to help in the planning.

In 1976, the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society

was formed, with Mrs. Campbell in the chair to undertake the construction, and later the management, of the new facility.

Capital Regional District bought the lot on Blaine Road and leased it to the society. C.M.H.C. was approached for financing, the architect, was retained and the plans began to take shape.

**50 ROOM PROJECT**

There will be 50 bedrooms, with central lounge and recreation areas, dining and kitchen facilities, hair dressing and hobby shops, and quiet areas for reading and visiting, all arranged around a central landscaped courtyard.

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room will cost about \$1,500, in addition to the lounge and recreation areas, dining room and landscaping. Several donations have been made, notably \$60,000 from the Ladies' Auxiliary, towards the cost of these furnishings.

Tenders were let in December 1977, and Petersen Construction, Cowichan, was the successful bidder. On February 1, Robert McClelland, minister of health, turned the first sod, and this month should see the long awaited start of construction.

The Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society has expressed the gratitude of members to everyone who has contributed time and effort, to initiate this project.

**More trips for pensioners as cheque received**

**BY PENSIONER**

At the general meeting of B.C. Old Age Pensioners, Branch 32, on Thursday, Feb. 23; plans were made for the summer season.

The president informed the branch that we would be able to give three bus trips this year (off-island) due to the announcements by Mrs. Clark, treasurer,

she had received a cheque from Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission for \$750.

The first trip will be on May 10 to see the spring flowers. The tickets will be given out at the April 27 meeting to members only.

Other arrangements will be announced at a later meeting. There will also be local trips to garden teas and other functions.

The Daffodil Lunch will be April 12 in St. George's Hall. More particulars will be announced at the March 23 meeting.

Mrs. Thacker gave a detailed report of her attendance at the Island Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 14 in Victoria.

Mrs. Betty Bridgen was elected to stand in as first Vice President until the end of the year, due to the passing of our Edith Barber.

Mrs. J.R. Sturdy gave a report and explanation on recent requirements from the government on Capital Gains and forms received. She informs us that she will be pleased to help any O.A.P. with this, as well as wills or other things the elderly might find difficult to understand. Members may call her at 537-5470.

Mrs. Thacker announced that an Easter Bonnet would be held in St. George's Hall on March 8 at 2 pm. Mrs. Bob Foulis will be the judge and prizes will be given and afternoon tea and music will accompany it.

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

**Mainly Mayne**

BY ELSIE BROWN

Coming events include the following:

Friday, March 3, World Day of Prayer service at St. Mary Magdalene Church at 2 pm. Mrs. John Rodine will be guest speaker. Refreshments at the Rectory following the service.

Monday, March 6, Silver Maynes regular meeting, Agricultural Hall, 2 pm. Representatives from the O.A.P., Sidney will be present and will speak on the work being done by that organization.

TOPS plan to have a Garage Sale, April 1. Any saleable items would be appreciated. For further info contact Mabel Johnston, Sally Burden or Margaret Bennett.

The Paint and Sketch group will be holding its Annual Art Show at the Agricultural Hall, Easter week end, March 25 and 26. More details later.

Visiting Isabel Geehan last week end were her son, Robert, of Vernon. Other guests were friends Mr. and Mrs. R. Gaidos, with Sheree and Rochelle, of Burnaby.

Nora Garrick, Fernhill Road, entertained her family, David and Hanalore with Scott and Jennifer of Sidney. Nora has recently returned

from a trip to Hawaii.

Visiting Charlie and Penny Purdon of Miners Bay, was Penny's aunt, Mrs. Auda Bower from Blaine, Wash.

Get Well Wishes to Kathleen Dought, who is home after a stay in Lady Minto Hospital, where she received treatments after suffering a collapse. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Get Well Wishes also to Bill Bowman, who is home from hospital in Victoria where he had surgery.

The Mayne Queen was filled to capacity when the usual week-enders made their way to the Outer Islands. On board were members of the Gulf Islands Branch of the Historical Association. They were attending the meeting held on Saturna on Sunday. Speakers were Tom Nicholls and Mr. Hatfield who spoke on HBC Brigade Trails. (More next issue.)

Cyclists touring the islands were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Worth, of Burnaby and Ron Jones, of Surrey.

B.C. Hydro's debt is now \$3.1 billion: 69% of the province's total. Yearly borrowing is expected to reach \$1 billion by 1980.

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Pursuant to Section 766AA of the Municipal Act, the following text of By-law No. 459, "Building Regulation Amendment By-law No. 5, 1978" is hereby published.

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**A BY-LAW TO AMEND BUILDING REGULATION BY-LAW NO. 168, AS AMENDED BY BY-LAWS NOS. 213, 353 AND 411**  
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The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. By-law No. 168, as amended by By-laws Nos. 213, 353 and 411, is amended as follows:  
"Delete Appendix "B" and replace with new Appendix "B" attached to this by-law"

A copy of the complete by-law may be viewed during normal working hours, 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

Dennis A. Young, Secretary 8-1

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**How sick are you?**

# New Islands facility is explained

How sick are you? How sick are you going to be?

The answer may not be important at this moment, but it could have a bearing on where you go.

Right now there are two facilities available at Lady Minto Hospital, the acute care wing and the extended care wing.

The acute care facility is intended for the sick. In the words of the provincial hospital insurance service, it is for the patient who is seriously ill, regardless of diagnosis who requires constant skilled nursing care and observation; daily medical attention, re-assessment and observation and for those patients who require special diag-

nostic and treatment facilities available only in an acute hospital.

That's when you know you're really sick.

But the Lady Minto Hospital also offers the extended care facility. What's with that?

It's for persons of all ages. They don't need the acute care facility. And they are not going to undertake a program of physical or

mental rehabilitation. The patient with a severe "functional impairment", requiring regular and continuing medical attention and skilled nursing on a 24-hour basis is looking to the extended care facility. He doesn't need to go into the acute care wing, but he can't get the attention he needs at home. That's extended care.

**UNRELATED**

And now there's a new one.

Any time now, work will start on the intermediate and personal care unit. Prompted by the board of Lady Minto Hospital, the intermediate and personal care operation will not be a part of the hospital. It is run by a different level of government in its financing and it is unrelated to the hospital.

For the sake of a better word, the trustees of the new project are terming it a "lodge". Not Lady Minto Lodge. Maybe Campbell Lodge or Cumming Lodge or Lodgepole Lodge; anything but Lady Minto.

The patient in an intermediate personal care unit doesn't need as much care and treatment as his contemporary in the extended care unit, but he still needs more nursing supervision than he could get in a boarding home. He is suffering from physical or mental conditions which are not expected

to deteriorate in the near future. Nursing supervision is needed daily but not around the clock.

That's what's coming.

**TWO OTHERS**

The two still easier patient facilities are not offered on the islands. A boarding home is intended for people who cannot live at home for the lack of limited nursing supervision and lack of mobility.

They need some supervision and they have someone to provide room, board and laundry.

At the bottom of the list is home care, where the patient needs occasional help such as nursing, physio- or occupational therapy, homemaker or housekeeping services or others.

It's all a matter of how sick are you?

And when the new personal and intermediate care unit opens: it's no part of Lady Minto

## What is a master plan on island recreation?

A master plan for recreation on Salt Spring Island is in the works.

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is preparing the way for a survey and plan at a cost of about \$11,000.

The Commission has outlined the reasons for seeking the plan.

The plan will provide a valid statement of present and future demands in terms of parks and recreation here.

It will develop a set of long-range planning guidelines for the development of all leisure resources to meet present and future needs.

There will be a set of short-term recommendations to cover the next five years and detailed steps for putting them into practice.

It will also ensure maximum public input and participation.

The plan will then guide planning

for the future and direct development for the period, 1978 to 1983. It will also assist in long-range budgeting.

Leisure resources will be coordinated and the entire needs of the area will be listed in order of priority, "in order to justify expenditure to the public."

It will also serve to maintain a continuity when Commission membership changes.

The plan will reduce pressure-group planning by considering the needs of all citizens, urges the Commission.

**LEISURE SERVICE**

It will develop levels and systems of leisure service and ensure that enough of the right kinds of parks and recreation land is available for future use.

Survey will cover organized groups and invite their opinions. It will also interview the general public to determine the needs of the silent majority.

The report will include an inventory of all available recreational opportunities and of potential areas. A list of wants and needs would ensure that limited resources can be allocated to those projects of the highest priority.

The final plan will provide operating information on staffing, operating budgets, phasing control, responsibility for implementation and net costs to the taxpayers.

The summary is from the presentation by the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission.

## A lot of bull on Beddis

Hefty bull and his harem were trotting happily along Beddis Road one day last week when a Salt Spring Island driver was on her way to Ganges.

She slowed and drove well clear of the black bull. The ring in his nose didn't give her a sense of confidence, she told Driftwood.

Later she informed the RCMP of the wanderer and he was sent home.

She reports that she has now met two mules and a large sow on Beddis Road at different times, but the bull afforded her the greatest concern.

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# More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON  
For the Salt Spring Committee  
for World Development  
Education and Relief

Last Thursday the evening session of the World Development Education group viewed a Norwegian film.

The Glass House is an allegory about a rich man, his middle-class maid, and the starving masses. What follows is taken from the accompanying literature put out by Franciscan Publications, Los Angeles.

"Like the affluent individuals and nations he symbolizes, the wealthy man relies upon his status and possessions to insulate himself from any personal contact with the suffering and despair that surround him.

He is complacent, patronizing, and terrified of losing what he has by sharing it with those who have less. Useless gifts and fine words about the "right way to live" are, for the rich man, a simple solution to a problem that cries out for justice and compassion.

"What is more, his 'middle class' servant reinforces his perspective and tries to propagate it to those who have not 'made it' as she has.

"Both fail to realize that words alone cannot provide food for starving bodies or restore self-respect to those who are oppressed. Instead, the man of affluence builds a house of glass to protect himself from what he fears most, the loss of his power and possessions. It is a fear that ultimately corrupts and destroys him.

### PERPETUATE SYSTEM

"He represents those who perpetuate a system of class discrimination through their apathy and aversion to change and who use religion to reinforce and justify the structures of oppression, with the result that religion does, indeed, become what Karl Marx termed 'the opium of the people'. But, while it is easy to blame governments, exploitative business interests and religion for all of the world's problems, the fact remains that attacks upon the liberty of the human spirit begin at the individual level.

"Glass House challenges the individual Christian to re-examine his commitment to the Gospel teaching that all men are brothers in Christ.

It challenges us to decide whether the commitment is to be a way of life or just empty rhetoric. Unlike the wealthy man in the film, Christ is a literalist: 'He who is not with me is against me' he said. His message was one of love and sacrifice, not paternalism and acquisition. But little by little, it has become acceptable for many to live like the wealthy man in Glass

House: calling oneself a Christian, fulfilling certain painless requirements, paying lip-service to high ideals, and participating, either actively or by consent, in the exploitation of three-quarters of the world's population.

"Moreover, it is not only the wealthy who are prone to this attitude. Oppression is also perpetrated by righteous, working-class people, like the maid in the film, who overlook atrocities committed against the poor in order to protect their own questionable security. Like many in her position, the waitress deludes herself that her employer's motives are humanitarian and that the wretchedness of the poor can be alleviated by words alone. But the truth of the situation is simply this: when one man's liberty is denied, everyone's liberty is diminished.

### STRIVING FOR ALL

"This is what the 'theology of liberation' is all about. Grounded in and arising out of the experience of oppressed peoples in the Third World, particularly Latin America, this perspective of the Gospel message reveals that the Christian stance is essentially a revolutionary one, and that the Church, for all its institutional drawbacks, is called to become a community of believers striving to realize for all people the freedom and fulfillment that are the destiny of each person.

Today the renewal of the Christian vision is being implemented by the poor themselves.

New-found literacy and self-awareness are building a deep determination on the part of the oppressed to be recognized as the human beings they are and to share in the dignity and wealth of mankind: They will achieve the power to confront the oppressor and to articulate their needs.

This is where the tension, the dialectic lies. For if the oppressors see the needs of the oppressed and their ability to articulate these needs as simply and solely a threat, then like the wealthy man in Glass House, they will withdraw and react; ultimately to be destroyed by their own greed and the violence it has wrought.

"But, to the degree that oppressor and oppressed listen to and dialogue with each other, and to the degree that they do indeed share the goods of the earth as 'brothers', to that degree will the kingdom of God come among us."

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Thursday, March 2, Rm. 4, High School: Dr. Guille Libresco on "Bottle Babies"; 7.30 pm

Saturday, April 22, World Relief Tea, Fulford Hall.

## Talent Night draws large crowd Tuesday

Talent Night last Tuesday drew a large crowd to the Harbour House pub to hear performances by a large number of musicians. Selections from M.C. Randy Blanchette's repertoire of jokes were also heard.

The greatest applause was given to Paul Gellman, pianist and violinist, who was, consequently judged the winner. Singer guitarist Sandy Proffitt, accompanied by a number of other musicians, took second place, and the Other Brothers, temporarily reunited, came in third.

Winners receive beer as prizes, while the first place winner is also given a sum of money taken by donation during the evening. Talent Night takes place every second Tuesday.

## FERNWOOD

BY JESSIE SAYER

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Lin Sayer, of New Westminster, came to Fernwood for a visit and also to return Mrs. G. Kennett of North Beach Road to her home. Mrs. Kennett had spent Christmas and New Year with her families in Saskatchewan. Later she spent some weeks with her daughter Karen Sayer and family in New Westminster.

The writer enjoyed a week in New Westminster visiting friends and relations, while there, the "Rhythm Pals", better known as "Mike, Mark and Jack" were performing in Vancouver and Richmond. The Pals expect to have a TV show of their own later this year and are now on their way across Canada on engagements.

Mrs. Vi Aitchison returned home with me for a short visit. Mrs. Lin Sayer was also here.

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Howell, of North Beach Road, has returned home after a visit to Chilliwack where they enjoyed a birthday reunion.

The latest news from New Zealand, as of February 10, is that the weather has been the longest hot spell since 1962, with temperatures of 25 celsius or about 85 F.

Instead of putting people on the dole the government is employing them in any way possible. Business people are having problems and 25,000 wage earners have left the country making a burden for other tax-payers. This is not confined to New Zealand only as we all know.

## IODE names conveners to committees

At the annual meeting of the I.O.D.E. early February the following were named as conveners of national standing committees:

Membership, Mrs. G. St. Denis; education, Miss Olive Mouat; services, Mrs. R.L. Sayer; assistant services, Mrs. C.H. Morrice; citizenship, Mrs. R.E. Walker; Echoes, Mrs. Dobson; publicity, Mrs. P.G. James. Standard bearers are Mrs. A. Woodley, Mrs. V.C. Prior and Mrs. W.H. Saunders.

Chapter conveners are: hospital, Mrs. T. Warrington; tea convener, Mrs. K. Patrick; assistant tea convener, Mrs. S. Glazier; talent table, Mrs. C.S. Hewett.



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## Court of Revision at Ganges

# Two appeals against differential

When two Ganges property owners appeared before the Court of Revision at Ganges last week, they were appealing assessments on almost identical grounds.

On Wednesday morning the appeal tribunal against current assessments heard a plea from Tom Toynbee, on behalf of Mouat's Trading Ltd. and an appeal by Leslie G. Ramsey in respect of the Ganges Pharmacy and Turner's properties.

First to speak was Tom Toynbee. The appeal against 1978 assessments of the Mouat Company properties was an appeal for the implementation of the 1977 findings of the same Court of Revision.

Toynbee explained that in 1977 the court of Revision and the Board of Appeal had both supported his contention that the differential between "downtown" commercial assessments and the assessment of other commercial properties was too high.

Both tribunals, last year, had urged that the downtown Ganges are being re-assessed with a differential of 150% in favour of "uptown" properties, being generally agreed.

The assessments last year were modified accordingly.

With the distribution of the 1978 assessments a new differential of 1:2 or 1:2.5 has been adopted, he explained.

### MEASURE OF RELIEF

"Our company appealed the land values of the properties in 1977," he told the court, "and secured a measure of relief."

He referred to last year's findings in which a "considerable disparity was found between the assessments of the company's lands and those of neighbouring areas.

"It is our feeling that the

disparity in land values is, if anything, greater than before," he told the court.

The appellant referred to the findings of the Assessment Appeal Board.

That Board's findings into the Mouats Trading Company and Salt Spring Island Trading Company pleas that land assessments were excessive were published in November of last year.

"The evidence shows that there is considerable disparity between the land assessments in the neighbouring commercial area known as Valcourt and the subject properties, the latter being much higher."

The Board's findings continued: **NO DEVELOPMENT**

The evidence also shows that because of a long standing sewer problem affecting the subject properties, they cannot be further developed until the problem is corrected.

Some of the subject properties have been developed; others of them consist of vacant land which, in the circumstances, must remain so, and obviously, as land, must have a lower value assigned to it.

It is ordered that those of the subject properties having improvements upon them have their assessments reduced from \$300 per front foot to \$232 per front foot. It is ordered that the assessments on the undeveloped portions of the subject properties be reduced from \$300 per front foot to \$174 per front foot.

Mr. Toynbee presented an excellent brief. It is regrettable that he had to pursue his argument for several years before obtaining any relief.

The Board feels that a general re-assessment of the downtown

core of Ganges should be made, but as it is too late in the year to do that for the 1977 Roll one must hope that the situation will be rectified for 1978 on return to actual value.

The British Columbia Assessment Authority had subsequently reduced the assessments of the lands under appeal, reported Toynbee on Wednesday.

### CHANGES IN 1977

He listed the changes which represented a reduction ranging from 40% in respect of some lots, down to 25% regarding others.

Two properties were increased by an average 14%.

"Given our appeal of 1977, the emphasis on the question of disparity and the instructions of the court," continued the appellant, "we assume that the values now placed by the authority on other commercial properties in the Ganges area are thought to be reasonable."

He offered some comparisons, citing lots by their reference numbers.

Developed C1, Commercial land, in 1978, assessed market value, \$5 per square foot: in 1977, \$1.40.

A second Commercial 1 parcel; 1977 value, 94c per sq. ft.: 1978 value, \$2 per sq. ft.

Based on last year's decision, the court apparently felt that downtown property with good frontage was worth approximately 149% of commercial property outside the core, suggested Toynbee. Applying that formula, he would have expected the first-cited parcel to be assessed at \$2.98, rather than \$5.

Toynbee supported his plea with an independent appraisal report, based on the income approach to valuation.

Taking his suggested assessment value of \$2.98, rather than \$5 in respect of the specified property, he noted that the independent appraisal came close to the 1977 assessment basis.

### CLOSE FIGURING

The property is assessed for 1978 at \$198,250. The appraised value is \$174,207. Using the differential accepted last year by the court, the present assessment would come to \$160,770.

"When it is remembered that the assessed values are to reflect the market as of July, 1977," he told the court, "the land value of \$2.98 per sq. ft. does not seem unreasonable. In fact it represents 92% of the market value according to our appraisal of October, 1977, which is based on the income approach to valuation."

The appellant continued his presentation, turning his attention to the relationship between developed and undeveloped land.

Without a sewer, no new building will be allowed, he reminded the court. The move towards a sanitary sewer has accelerated since the start of the year and there is reason to hope that a sewer system will, in fact be built, he stated.

"However, based on past experience, it would be wrong to assume that the sewer project is a sure thing or that there will not be a considerable time lag before it is constructed."

### ASK FOUR CHANGES

He asked the court to consider four changes:

Restore the land value relationship between the subject lands and the other commercial development that was directed in the court in 1977: namely, 150% of the value of a specified outside commercial property, or approximately \$3 per

sq. ft. on developed land.

Discount undeveloped portions of the subject lands at 25% for two years to allow for risk of delay in development. This would represent an assessed value of \$2.25 per sq. ft.

On leasehold upland property, a valuation of 80% of developed land, or \$2.40 per sq. ft.

On water lot leasehold, he proposed 60% of developed land, or \$1.80 per sq. ft.

Bill Henderson appeared for the Saanich and the Islands Assessment District.

He supported the assessment figures on the comparison with sales of property. He listed two sales in recent years where the residual value of the land averaged \$6 per sq. ft. The sale of the former Driftwood building was highest, with a land residual value of \$7.36 per sq. ft.

### \$320,000 PER ACRE

The Driftwood office was located on a very small piece of land. It represented a value of \$320,600 per acre.

Other sales were down as far as \$2.10 a foot, away from the main road.

The properties away from the downtown area have sold for as low as \$1.45 a sq. ft. in recent years' sales, he recalled.

While the sales value of downtown properties were offered, there had been insufficient sales elsewhere in Ganges to provide an accurate basis for close averaging, the court was told.

Henderson justified the differential between the downtown and the "uptown" areas by reference to the greater facilities in the one area. There are two banks, two grocery markets, liquor store and heavier traffic. The only building drawing traffic uptown is the Court House, he suggested.

The prospect of a sewer threatens the value of the uptown area, stated the assessor. It is a threat to rents because it will tend to bring them down.

Toynbee responded by citing the land currently for sale in the downtown area.

"There is no hot and ready market," he reminded the court.

### NO PLUMBING

Only means of developing property in the downtown area is a project requiring no additional plumbing, he observed.

There is no development potential in the downtown area, he contended.

The assessors have been faced with an almost impossible task, commented the chairman, Jack Potheary, and comparable sales are not really sufficient on a small island.

The court needed time, he concluded.

"There has been a good presentation made on both sides," he observed, "We will defer a decision for further discussion."

L.G. Ramsey explained that he was appealing his assessment on the adjoining properties on the grounds of the disparity in assessment between the two commercial areas of Ganges.

### NOT BEEN DONE

Last year the Assessment Appeal Board recommended re-assessment of the Ganges area, he told the court. This year's comparison suggests that it has not been done.

The basic land assessment for the Ganges Pharmacy indicates a

value of \$3.59 per sq. ft. and that of Turner's at \$3.32 reported the owner.

Comparable assessment in another commercial area of Ganges was \$1.18. Furthermore, he explained, he operates a drug store and pays on an assessment of \$3.59, whereas a second druggist is taxed on a property value of 56c per sq. ft.

The uptown property to which he referred consists of a commercial and industrial property, where the commercial section is assessed at \$2.02 per sq. ft., replied the assessor.

He agreed with court member, Wayne Pearce on the proportion of 150% of uptown assessments for downtown businesses.

The chairman closed the discussion with the observation that the Ramsey argument was very similar to the previous case. The court would decide the two at the same time.

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# Maids and Resounding Tinkle are to be presented by players in March

BY MARILYN TAYLOR

The Salt Spring Players are in their final weeks of rehearsal for the Spring Showcase productions scheduled for March 17 and 18 in the Activity Centre.

Two 1-act plays have been chosen for performance in March, later to be entered in the Drama Festival in April. Jean Genet's best-known play, "The Maids" will be paired with N.F. Simpson's revised version of "A Resounding Tinkle".

The Maids is considered by critics to be the most outstanding example of ritual drama in the modern theatre. Directed by David Fitchew, the Maids Claire and Solange will be played by Suzanne Johnson and Dawn Luker, and their Mistress, called only "Madame", will be portrayed by Marilyn Taylor.

### CRIMINAL

Himself a convicted thief, Genet's writings are almost exclusively concerned with crime, the fantasies that occur in the criminal mind, and the daydreams of the social

outcast. With his style, both poetic and darkly ritualistic, he transmutes daydreams into sentences, creating what has been termed the psychodrama.

The two maids are linked by the love/hatred of being each other's mirror images, and similarly, are bound to their mistress by a mixture of affection and hatred.

Hatred being the stronger emotion, they plot her murder as a ritual freeing of all who are bound in servitude. The plot sustains a dream quality in which images and reflections become reality in the psychological fulfilment of ceremonial murder. It is a play of strong contrasts and deep emotions.

### IN BALANCE

In balancing the heavy drama of "The Maids", Pat Desbottes is directing Simpson's piece of absurdity called "A Resounding Tinkle". The play itself is as its title suggests, a paradox; a parody in which nonsense and satire

mingle in the illustration of Simpson's philosophy.

The characters of Mr. and Mrs. Paraddock will be played by Reid Collins and Dorothy Roberts, and Uncle Ted by Liduin Currell.

These two contrasting productions should provide Salt Spring audiences with a stimulating theatre experience.

Curtain time is 8 pm for two performances only on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18.

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The average Canadian consumes about 11 pounds of butter annually. The amount of industrial milk required to produce this amount yields 22 pounds of skim milk, 16 pounds more than most Canadians want. The solution is to sell it as animal feed but this results in a loss of 50 cents per pound. The loss for 1977-78 is estimated at \$140 million.

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That was the mistake.

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## Down Through The Years With Driftwood

**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**  
Colin Cameron, MP for the islands and NDP candidate in the forthcoming election, tried his hand at flipping pancakes in the men's international pancake race on Tuesday but has had better luck in politics. Game to the last, his position in the race incidentally, he was no match for Salt Spring's winner Dave Pallot, followed by Charlie Horel and Rod Pringle.

Saturna Community Club, famous for its annual lamb barbecue, is planning another celebration. This one will be held April 20 in honour of George Copeland's 100th birthday and everyone on Saturna will be at the luncheon party.

Mr. Copeland lived on Saturna for 41 years from 1919.

The election of officers for 1963 at the annual Fulford Hall meeting resulted in the following being unanimously elected: Mrs. Gyves, president; Mrs. R. Patterson, vice-president; W.G. Mosop, secretary; Mrs. A. House, treasurer; committee, A. House, R. Akerman; entertainment committee, Mrs. F. Hollings.

Salt Spring Brownies took an imaginary trip to Holland to celebrate Thinking Day. In an atmosphere of tulips, windmills and wooden shoe dances and games, the Brownies learned about their Dutch sisters.

Five new Browniekins helped the pack honour their founders: Jennifer Humphreys, Linda Reynolds, Judy Luddington, Marnie Jarman and Judith Kelly.

Saturday was a big day for Sharon McManus, for it was her ninth birthday. A number of Sharon's friends were invited to help celebrate. Those present to join in the fun were Linda Slingsby, Marnie Jarman, Heather, Debbie and Sharon McManus, Fletcher Bennett, Bruce Mailey and Paddy Akerman.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
When islanders were stranded without ferry services and merchants were puzzled how to supply the island's needs the Salt Spring Freight trucks rolled into Ganges loaded down with needed supplies.

Jerry and Norman Jackson

had arranged a barge service and had brought the trucks in at considerable expense. Last week six big trucks came in by barge. Supplies of all kinds were brought in and no one had even asked for the emergency service.

For 10 days the islands have been without the familiar B.C. ferries vessels to bring travellers from Vancouver Island and the mainland and to move a constant flow of supplies.

School teachers have the stamina, alright.

For two years in a row the international frying pan race at Ganges was won by the principal of the Ganges schools. Two years ago principal J. Evans took the pan and last year his successor, Donald Hartwig, led the field.

On Tuesday the teachers showed that it is not only the principal who boasts a well-rounded gastroenemius. The Vice-principal of Gulf Islands Secondary School, Bob McWhirter, won the frying pan, while the vice-principal of the elementary school, Glenn Woodley, was edged into third place by Ron Lee.

One of the first large island developments is to be subject of a public hearing at Port Washington next week.

Applying for a permit to discharge sewage into the sea is H.G. Topliss on behalf of Gulf Industries Ltd.

The application refers to a subdivision on the west side of North Pender Island opposite Beaver Point. Applicants are asking for authority to construct a sewage disposal system discharging into Swanson channel and serving some 60 homes.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
A telephone survey conducted by the Capital Regional District to determine recycle participation has discovered that 25% of Salt Spring Islanders are using the Recycle Depot at Ganges.

Extensive park lands and a minimum residential lot size of 1.5 acres are the main features of the proposed North Pender community plan. The objectives were presented at a recent meeting in Port Washington Hall.

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## Tentative list of grants by Recreation Commission

Tentative budget for the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission was roughly explained at the Commission's annual meeting on Monday evening in the elementary school library.

Grants under consideration by the Commission include the following:

- Trail and Nature Club .....\$100
- Old Age Pensioners .....750
- Girl Guides .....150
- Juvenile Soccer .....548.25
- Library .....500
- Baseball .....600
- Roller Hockey .....300

- Softball .....200
- Achievement fund .....840
- Riding Club .....1,000
- Salaries and truck .....17,580
- Capital plans .....2,000
- Park maintenance .....5,000
- Planning .....10,000

Chairman Glen Woodley told the meeting that the figures are not yet firmed up.

### Gilbert named to Planning Commission

The Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association has named Nick Gilbert as its representative on the Advisory Planning Commission. He will serve a two-year term.

Gilbert was previously appointed to the position on a temporary basis.



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## Salt Spring Island plans

# Chairman looking to coming year at Recreation Commission annual meeting

Development of Portlock Park, at Central, is now the responsibility of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

At the annual meeting of the Commission on Monday evening, Chairman Glenn Woodley reported that the park became the responsibility of the Commission in December.

It was the need for a long-term plan which led to the Commission's decision to consider a master recreation plan for the island, explained the chairman.

The recreation levy on Salt Spring Island will be raised one mill this year, he reported. The Capital Regional District has agreed to the recommendation of the island director, Jim Bryce, that an additional half-mill levy be imposed for the purchase of park land and another half-mill for programs(?)

The new tax payment will bring to two mills the total recreation levy on the island. This will represent about \$60,000 a year, it was noted.

A number of organizations had been specifically invited to send delegates to the meeting and the Salt Spring Island elementary school library accommodated about 40 people.

#### VARIOUS GROUPS

In reply to a question from Paul Layard, the chairman listed the organizations represented. They included Rotary Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Fulford

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Hall Committee, Drummond Park Committee, Capital Regional District, Islands Trust and Community Planning Association.

During the year the Commission has applied for a Canada Works grant to update facilities on the island. The grant is worth \$11,000 to \$12,000 and will employ four students in the summer months. It has not yet gained approval.

The Commission has applied for a \$40,000 grant specifically for Portlock Park, at Central. It is sought to complete some of the facilities at the park. When the work was carried out a year or so ago, it had been hoped to get such a grant, but the government has suspended it shortly after taking office. It is now made available again, hence the Commission's application.

There will be an application to both the provincial government and to the Capital Regional Board for a grant towards the cost of preparing a master plan for recreation.

The Commission has been re-organized into committees, added the chairman.

#### 1978 PLANS

During 1978 it is planned to finish Fulford field. There remain some ditching and it is hoped to switch its use to an all-purpose field.

Basically the soccer field is to be completed at Portlock Park. This should be ready by September. The playing fields will be ready by next spring and the diamond by September of 1979.

It is hoped to finish the track and a bowling green on the septic disposal field is also under consideration.

Tennis, he noted, will continue as last year.

In conclusion, the chairman explained that the Commission is sold on the idea of a master plan for recreation. But if the community doesn't want it, the Commission will live with the decision.

There was no objection voiced from the delegates to the meeting.

## Public pool is needed urges Althouse in report

Swimming Report for 1977 was presented on Monday evening to the annual meeting of Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission. Jack Althouse prepared the report.

For the first time swimming lessons were held at Duncan Pool. There were two series of lessons, totalling approximately 135 students.

Although bus and ferry fares are very costly we managed to keep fees to \$20 per student for 12 lessons.

The balance, of approximately \$30 per student, was paid by the Commission.

The program was well received although it was not without its problems. The younger children (ages 6-9) after a full day in school seemed to find the four-hour trip too much and became tired and irritable.

These lessons in Duncan finished on June 24. We owe a debt of thanks to the La Fortunes for the rental of their pool at Vesuvius during July and August for further lessons for approximately 100 students.

#### PRIORITY

Swimming should always have priority in the island as life here involves boats and swimming for most of us. The use of buses and ferries to Duncan is very costly and time consuming, and the use of

private pools also brings problems such as noise in the neighbourhood, washroom and changing room facilities, drinks of water.

Lake and ocean lessons for small children are not too acceptable because of cold water and fear of the perils of the deep. Also one is at the mercy of spells of poor weather.

The obvious answer seems to be a public pool. Then all ages can be taught to enjoy the healthful life-saving benefits of swimming.

I would like to thank Ted Harrison for his help in organization.

### Fence is joint affair

New fence for the Centennial Park at Ganges is to be a joint affair.

Chairman of the park society, Peter Bingham appeared at Monday evening's meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The society will provide the materials for a fence if the Commission furnishes the labour he told the meeting.



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