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## OVER 200 ATTEND

# Bylaw 'killed' by Trust after seven-hour public hearing

BY GELI JOHNSTON

Mayne Island Trust Committee voted three to two Saturday night to rescind the first reading given April 5 of proposed bylaw No. 10. The decision, which effectively "killed" the issue of a marina at Bennett Bay, Mayne Island was made following a gruelling seven-hour public hearing. The hearing and the Trust meeting held after it both took place at Mayne Island School.

Representing the Trust were local trustees John Mundie and Isabel Geehan, chairman John Rich, general trustees Gordon Wallace of Pender and John Gaines of Saturna and Trust manager Tony Roberts.

The public, which spilled out of the large gymnasium, consisted of at least 200 Mayne Island residents and property

owners. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Pinchin, owners of the Mayne Inn, were present as were members of the Mayne Island Advisory Planning Commission and the Bennett Bay Preservation Committee.

### ORDERLY

Apart from sporadic applause and rare moments of light relief, the hearing was orderly and serious in tone.

The first three and one half hours, until 4:30 were given over to the herculean task of reading 193 written submissions. Because of the great number of letters, trustees took turns reading and eight writers who were present read their own briefs. Another eight letters were read during the evening, bringing the total number of written submissions to 201.

Among the letters was a petition in favour of Pinchin's dock with 89 verified signatures. A further 32 signatures were submitted later in the meeting. Although many of the signees gave lower mainland addresses, Mrs. Pinchin, in a telephone interview, stated that apart from "one letter writer, most petitioners are Mayne property holders."

During the evening session, Marjorie Haggart, secretary of the

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## Premier joins Curtis on tour



Premier Bill Bennett and Islands Socred candidate, Provincial Secretary Hugh Curtis had time on Tuesday to meet two well-known islanders. They are Margaret Cunningham and Betty Brigden.

## Clocks change Sunday

The time has come again when clocks are changed and daylight saving times goes into effect.

Clocks will be advanced one hour on Saturday night or Sunday morning. Officially, the change takes place at 2 am Sunday.

## Students among hundreds of islanders to meet Premier

When the premier addressed students in Gulf Islands Secondary School on Tuesday he was greeted with the noisy enthusiasm of youth.

When his answers were less welcome than the students were looking for, he met the same noise in reverse.

Introduced by Hugh Curtis, Bill Bennett spoke at length on the BCRIC project. He defended the proposal to sell shares by suggesting that in countries where people were not able to invest in this manner, they would be delighted with the opportunity.

The distribution of the free shares will cost the province about \$15 million, he said in reply to an enquiry.

He met with noisy disagreement when he suggested that young people didn't have the responsibility of owning anything and one student took him to task.

### NO PROBLEM

There is no problem of nuclear power in British Columbia, said Bennett, replying to another question. The province does not need nuclear power.

"Always elect governments that will continue to develop energy

alternatives," he urged.

When he was asked whether the islands would have any say in the route of a natural gas pipeline across the strait, the premier explained that the route has not yet been established.

"Why did you come in a helicopter?" asked a high school student. "Was the cost of the ferries too high?"

The question met with great enthusiasm.

If he could find a ferry to call at five islands in the single day they would have used the ferry. Cost of the helicopter was borne by the party and not the government, added Premier Bennett.

The government will make a decision on the uranium issue after

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## Curtis beats Tisdalle

Hugh Curtis, provincial secretary and sitting member of the legislature for Saanich and the Islands for several terms was selected on Friday night to carry the Social Credit banner in the constituency.

The nomination convention in Saanich saw two candidates named. Unsuccessful bid for the nomination was made by John Tisdalle, a former member of the provincial house and a member for Saanich for two decades.

## Public opposition is cause of logging on ferries

Public opposition to the dumping of logs in Fulford Harbour has led to the use of the *Tachek* by logging trucks, reported Gavin Reynolds at last week's Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The president recalled that a petition had been taken up opposing the dumping of logs.

The loggers have no other choice but to go on the ferry, he reported.

"I often wonder how a small committee can stop business operating," he observed.

If logging is to be opposed in British Columbia it will be a millionaire's paradise or a pauper's province, he told the meeting.

The use of the ferry by logging trucks has not been too serious a problem, he noted. The shippers have agreed to work to a schedule.

The overloads frequently waiting for ferries are not entirely the fault of the trucks, he added. The passenger cars average a passenger and a half per vehicle, he told the meeting.

"It's the fault of the public wanting to go when they feel like it!"

## Everyone should attend World Relief Tea at Fulford Saturday

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

This Saturday is our big chance to do something positive and uncomplicated for the Third World.

The World Relief Tea on Salt Spring Island is the high point of the year for those who are concerned with "doing something" rather than endlessly talking, discussing, viewing, reading and, of course, writing, about the problems of affluence versus poverty; of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer; of exploitation versus oppression; of justice versus injustice....and all that stuff.

On Saturday, between 2 and 4 pm, meet your friends at Fulford Hall, eat, buy, read and Give..... Give..... Give till it hurts.

Not only the churches should be supporting the World Relief Tea. Every service club, every businessman, every parent, every Brownie, Scout and Guide, every person and organization concerned with the future of Canada, as well as the future of the world, should be there.

### DUTY OF ALL

Why? Because it's the duty of all Christians (and we are still officially a Christian country) and it's the duty of all citizens concerned about the lot of other citizens of other countries, and because it may well be our turn next!

On these glorious spring days it's hard not to be optimistic about the future. But the grim realities

still exist. We have been warned that if our food policies continue in their present trend, in 15 or 20 years we will be importing all our essential foods. And then we will

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## Provincial

Voters may be British subjects or Canadian citizens and past their 19th birthday.

Candidates in Saanich and the Islands are:

John Green Progressive Conservative  
John Mika New Democrat  
Hugh Curtis Social Credit

Provincial election is called for Thursday, May 10.

## Federal

Voters must be Canadian citizens past their 18th birthday.

Candidates in Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands are:

David Anderson Liberal  
Ernie Knott Communist  
Jim Manly New Democrat  
Don Taylor Progressive Conservative

Federal election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22.

# Addition of 14 floats is planned by Sailing Club

BY DORIS HARVEY

The Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, under the leadership of Commodore Doug Thomas, has been very active during the past few months preparing for the busy summer schedule. The growth of the club has made it necessary to construct more floats and the building committee has commenced work on 14 more. Much work is involved and the help of all able bodies is greatly needed.

Power lines have now been installed to the floats to enhance the club's facilities. The parking area is being groomed to accommodate traffic and the grounds surrounding the property are taking on a tailored appearance.

But it's not all work for the members, they will manage to take time out to enjoy their racing program. Here are some results since the start of the year:

January 6: Around Channel Race Number One saw four entries

with Doug Foerster in *Wind Warrior* placing first.

February 17, Montague Harbour, postponed due to lack of wind and rerun on March 4 with nine entries. First, John Burnett in *Sirius*; Second, Doug Truscott in *Nobby*; third, Don Baxter in *Gypsea*.

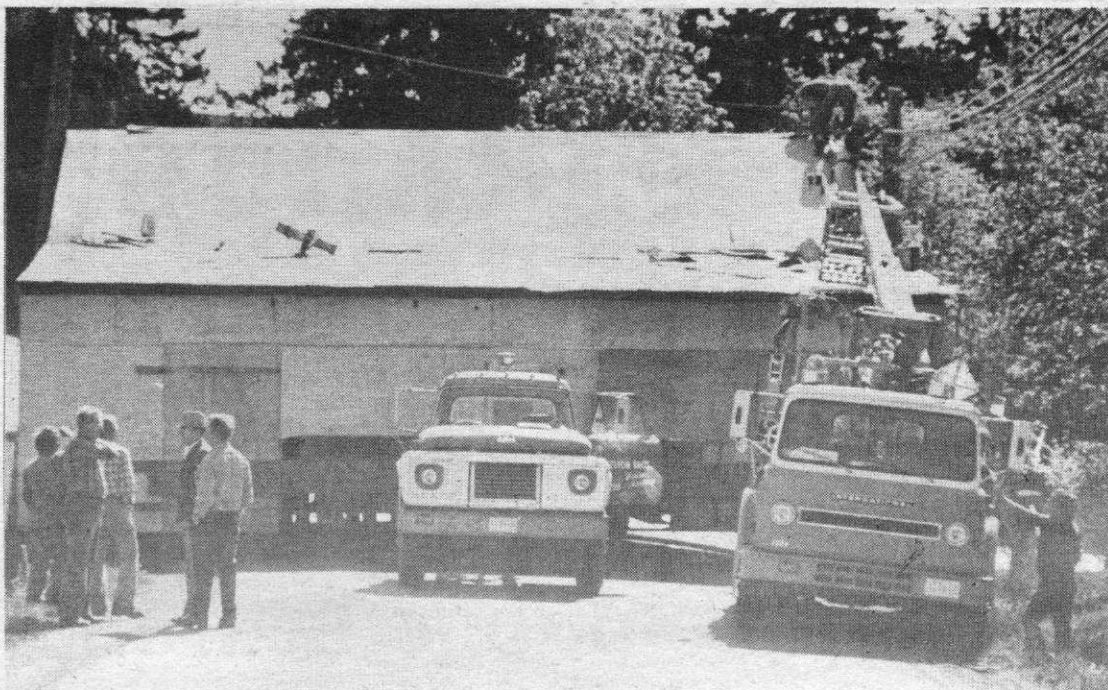
March 27, Around Prevost Island Race one cancelled due to lack of wind, rerun T.B.A.

April 1, Around Channel Islands Race two saw 11 entries with Jack Hughes in *Spring Fever* coming in first, Doug Foerster in *Wind Warrior* second and Don Baxter in *Gypsea* third.

A general meeting was held on February 22 and the members enjoyed an informative demonstration by the Coast Guard plus a film on hypothermia. Our sincere thanks to them for their time and effort.

Keep in mind the Sail Past coming up on May 12 and happy sailing.

## Tight squeeze between poles



## Traffic rerouted as building moved

Motorists on Lower Ganges Road Monday morning were forced to make a detour when the building

that was adjacent to the new Valcourt shopping centre was moved.

Ganges Road.

One of the most difficult points was at the Atkins Road junction where there was a tight squeeze getting past two power poles.

Used at one time as a machine shop and more recently occupied by Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply, the building has been purchased by the island's Masonic Lodge.

Picture shows the building as it was being inched along between the poles; two men are on the roof prying telephone lines over the roof's peak.

It took Belton Brothers House Movers of Duncan, with the assistance of B.C. Tel crews, a couple of hours to move the structure to its new location just north of the B.C. Hydro transmission lines on Lower

Building is 40 feet wide and distance between the poles was measured at 42 feet.

The Masons plan on using the building for a meeting hall.

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### Easter Honour Roll students at Ganges

The following students are on the Easter Honour Roll at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

**Grade Eight**

Caroline Andress, Gordon Hitchcock, David Owen, Susan Prentice, Ingrid Temmel, Tanya Van Ginkel.

**Grade Nine**

Maya Hoffman, Kenna Marshall, Colleen Simpson, Cheryl Veltman.

**Grade 10**

Francie Byron, Maureen Cue, Loretta Dods, Richard Leighton, Ross McFadyen, Karen Mouat, Amy Newman, Joanne Simpson, Gisela Temmel.

**Grade 11**

Bruce Cobanli, Lynn Coombes, Liz Jenks, Robert Owen, Marilee Taylor.

**Grade 12**

Michelle Anderson, Sheralin Cook, Michael Hoechsmann, Claire Holmes, Bryan Kirk, Chris Lake, Barbara Woodley.

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**"FUN WITH DICK & JANE"**

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Plus W.C. Fields in **"FATAL GLASS OF BEER"**

The story of a young man in the far North, who is sent to the city and naively drinks the "fatal glass of beer".

MAY 3 - **"FIVE EASY PIECES"**

Starring Jack Nicholson

Probably Nicholson's best film. Great performance, and a very impressive film. About a middle-class America dropout who picks up work along his way about the American Northwest. Supporting cast also excellent.

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### Historians' meeting Sunday

Annual meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association will be held at Saturna Island Sunday at 1.30 pm in the Community Hall.

Don New is head of the nominating committee for the election of officers.

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Vote with the wind...I won't think about Canada today! I'll think about Canada tomorrow!

It must have been a load off that seagull's mind. But it was surely a mess on the back of the car!

Wayne Cooper was master of ceremonies. "Let us prey!" he invited the Anglican parish en masse and the supper disappeared.

I don't know how many car manufacturers impose on the privacy of their customers, but I have had two invitations in recent years to explain the veriest details of my life to an automobile manufacturer. This particular imposition is a standard, printed form. What model car have I? What equipment does it include? What car did I trade in? You would think they would know all this without asking. Is there more than one car in the household? Is the car in question the principal or subordinate transportation in the household? Did I consider any other make? What make? How much? New or used? How satisfied am I with the car? How satisfied with the dealer? Did the salesman explain everything? As if I knew. I only know that he explained what he explained: was that everything? What do I read? It lists *Time*, *MacLean's*, *Saturday Night*, *Quest*, *Canadian Business*, *Financial Post*, *Executive*. I've only heard of about half of those listed. What other magazine do I read on a regular basis? What is my age group? What is my sex? My marital status? How many children have I? What are my educational accomplishments? What is my title? Just call me Lord Richards.

And, finally, how much do I earn? Of course I didn't complete it! Phooey!

Imagine a man in Hollywood. And he plays a neat drum and he wants a job with a name group. Where did you play before, asks the group captain. I was touring with Joe Clark, in Canada, says the musician. Joe Who?

Ku Klux Klan is a power in Canada. Its spokesmen are persona non grata in Britain. That means they are just not welcome. In Australia they ain't. No admission to oddballs in high hats Down Under.

But in Canada, there is no argument. We welcome them with open arms.

And then we place our facilities at their disposal. The Ku Klux Klan was offered thousands of dollars in free advertising last week when every hot line was sweating in its anxiety to broadcast The Message.

And what is the message? Just what it always was: hate, violence and the superiority of the man in the driver's seat.

There is something revolting about the freedom afforded a self-identified American presidential candidate to urge Canadians to rise up in violence against Canadians.

The United States are stuck with him. We are not. The United States have to listen to his childish echoing of history's screams of hatred. We do not.

Ottawa is anxious to close the door on those preaching alien philosophy. These people don't spew out a philosophy. It is the message from the dead that they bring to us. And most of the dead are those who fell victim over the past 100 years to the Klan they seek to establish in this country.

Every instance of misery or murder which might blossom, one day in the future, from the visit of this southern colonel in Hitler's moustaches should be laid at the door of the misguided Canadian officials. It is they who translate venom into freedom of speech.

We would do better to bring in an epidemic of bubonic plague. It is so much fresher!

There's nothing like closeness. Even in an election campaign. At least, that's the way it is with the Liberals and New Democrats in Ganges. They have campaign offices next door to each other. On McPhillips Ave., there is the Liberal office sitting side-by-side with the NDP committee rooms. The NDP is the bigger. But they are running two candidates so they need it!

It was wrong, they shouted. Where was the name of the Social Credit candidate? Dozens of readers called the office, called me at home and spoke to me elsewhere during the week to roundly condemn the absence of Hugh Curtis' name from the list of candidates for the provincial election. They are now eating crow. Because until this week Hugh Curtis was not a candidate. The Saanich-Islands nomination convention was not staged until Friday.

Same goes for Jack Webster's station. When Mr. Huntingdon appeared on Jack's show to lambaste the Liberals, he was described as Huntingdon, M.P. Who elected him? There ain't no MP's in Canada. Nor, come to think of it, in Britain. He is, I think, a former MP. Because there is no parliament, right now, to be a member of.

**Commission looking for launching site**

Can anyone find acceptable road access on the west side of Salt Spring Island suitable for boat launching?

The Recreation Commission has studied the Erskine Point site recommended by the Master planners and has declared the Collins Avenue road "awful". The only boat easily trucked up there would be one that could fit in a bathtub, observed a commission spokesman last week.

Anyone who would like to donate land near an already declared public access is asked to contact Glen Woodley at 537-2288 after 5 pm.

**Solar Fair in Vancouver next week**

British Columbia's first-ever Solar Fair will be held at Robson Square in Vancouver May 2 through May 6 with more than 9,000 square feet of solar space and hot water heating equipment on display.

The fair, sponsored by B.C. Hydro, will take place in the Media Centre daily from noon to 9 pm. Sixteen distributors and manufacturers will be showing the most up-to-date solar equipment for residential use. Included will be complete solar energy systems, collectors, controls, storage tanks and associated hardware.

The show will also have a computer terminal hooked into B.C. Hydro's head office computer so that homeowners can learn the percentage of their hot water a solar system could provide.

The homeowner would have to provide the computer with the location of his house, the tilt of the roof and the orientation of the roof surface in relation to the sun.

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**Open House Canada brings 30 students**

To increase the understanding between young Canadians of different regions and to increase the knowledge participants have of another part of Canada are the objectives of the Open House Canada exchange program.

Thirty grade nine students taking part in the exchange arrived on Salt Spring Monday from Toronto. Included in the program for the week they will spend here are visits to Sealand and the Provincial Museum in Victoria, the Forest Museum in Duncan, a sea-shore study at Beaver Point and a visit to the Fish Plant.

The visiting students will also be treated to lunch at McDonald's in Duncan.

Each student from Toronto has been assigned a "twin" from the Ganges high school and they are required to correspond with each other before the exchange takes place. They are urged to describe themselves, their life-styles, interests and hobbies. Parents of participating students are also invited to correspond and, in addition,

groups are urged to exchange information about their communities.

Each group is required to do research on its own community in order to tell the visitors of its history and points of interest. Students must also study beforehand the community it will be visiting.

The 30 grade nine twin students from the Ganges school will go to Toronto in about a month's time.

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## We cannot ignore suffering

World Relief is the name of the project.

Once a year the various churches on Salt Spring Island join hands in the raising of funds for the relief of suffering in other parts of the world. Those other parts are usually among the so-called Third World countries, where development has been slow and where the inhabitants are forgotten in the tale of progress.

The people of the islands are invited to remember. They are invited to make a small contribution towards helping the hungry and the needy and the distressed in far-off lands.

They are invited to give the question of poverty and need a closer examination. Many prominent members of most Christian churches have already asked themselves whether they can, without protest, ignore those factors which cause suffering in another land. And they have agreed, generally, that they cannot.

In Fulford Hall on Saturday the World Relief Tea will be offered. Visitors will be invited to break a simple bread in support of the needy. And visitors will be invited to learn something of conditions in other lands.

Mary Williamson has written of the conditions prevailing in countries where the western rapacity has led to exploitation of people and resources. Like many church leaders through the world, she has protested that this is not love of neighbour.

There are many who find it less than palatable that a group of churchgoers should engage in criticism of society and its activities.

They are equally invited to Fulford on Saturday afternoon to debate their concerns.

## A need for participation

A report in this week's issue tells us that 30 people attended a meeting in Ganges last week to discuss one of the world's most important issues these days: energy. One of the meeting's organizers commented that it wasn't a bad turnout, but when compared with other island meetings, it would appear that the subject of energy use (and abuse) doesn't generate the interest it warrants.

The need for public participation in this area is evidenced, in particular, by the manner in which nuclear power is being handled. If what the chairman of the Ontario Electrical Commission says is a common approach that nuclear accidents lead the way to upgrading reactors, then perhaps it's high time someone stepped in and put a stop to such irresponsible reasoning.

The Harrisburg, Pennsylvania accident was not the first, but it was the worst. And if we are to believe Arthur Porter, a former industrial engineering professor who is now chairman of a Royal Commission looking in to the power needs of Ontario, there could be worse to come. He says that the danger of a melt-down occurring in one of Ontario's nuclear plants is 100 times greater than either the Atomic Energy Control Board or Ontario Hydro say it is.

The dangers are not confined to nuclear power plants.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has advised that 24 percent of 2,311 privately-owned dams inspected over a 16-month period were unsafe; 32 of them required immediate emergency repairs; the reservoirs behind 12 were ordered drained.

Health problems such as headaches, birth defects and mental illness have been reported in the Love Canal area of Niagara Falls because of a waste site where tons of toxic chemicals were dumped by a chemical company. The health of residents of the area was threatened for 20 years before any action was taken. It was reported that fear of legal action against it was the reason why the company kept silent.

Incidents such as those, which are becoming much too common, demonstrate that neither environmental protection nor human life are regarded very highly in some quarters.

Island residents will have another opportunity to demonstrate their concerns, if they have any, at a second "energy meeting" next week.

If the attendance doesn't exceed that of the last meeting, it can only be assumed that the majority of local residents have little regard for either their environment or their lives.



'Of course, it's a totally ridiculous idea that nuclear radiation causes genetic deformity.'

## Letters to the Editor

### SPUMONI?

Sir,  
Subject: *Fan Letter!*

Three cheers and a tiger for Tony. These old eyes and not as antiquated heart, rejoice to read the latest two editorials.

Onward, Editor Fils.....you've reached Editor Pere in this current issue.

No longer the "Baloney (a.k.a. "acrimony") from Tony". It's mellowed and thereby become memorable, more like "Spumoni from Tony" and will be, therefore, more widely read....ergo accepted, or, at least considered.

"By George, I think he's got it..." the magic language of the common folk....regardless of the colour of neck...and still doth "the soft answer turn away wrath" and the further wisdom of proverbs apply that "with patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone."

You have only to continue to deal with objectivity and good humour "to remove the dross from the silver" of your issue and we, your growing readership, as the "smith with the material for a vessel" will commence to shape our thoughts upon the bright truth simply presented. (You may yet snatch the sweet smell of success from the sour stench of Ganges!)

"GRANNY" ARMSTRONG

Ganges  
April 21, 1979

Ed. Note: Without any wish to disillusion our faithful reader, Mrs. Armstrong, we must point out that the two editorials she mentions were written by the previous editor, who shares the task of writing editorial comment on page four.

### UPGRADE THE SYSTEM

Following is an open letter to Salt Spring regional director Mike Clement.

Dear Mr. Clement,

I think that everyone appreciated your efforts and those of the Capital Regional District at the time of the public information meeting on the proposed sewer scheme.

My misgivings were reduced because of the CRD's good public relations in projecting an attitude of sincere concern with environ-

mental protection. However, I left the meeting with the thought that no matter what assurances had been provided there is no way the shallow, poorly flushed, Ganges Harbour will not be polluted by discharge of effluent into water only 30 feet deep. If the high quality effluent was to be discharged at 15,000 feet where the water is 12 fathoms there would be far less danger of pollution. I gather the only objection to the longer, thus safer, discharge pipe is that the extra cost is considered unwarranted.

I happened to read Dr. Kirchmeir's brief on a day when the southeast wind was blowing 25 miles per hour and the surface water was being driven towards the head of the harbour. It was a graphic illustration of the unquestioned truth of his contention that effluent discharged into this shallow bay will be driven back into the harbour under most adverse wind conditions.

If this effluent were to be disposed of within the boundaries of the sewerage area then the detriments, benefits, and concerns would be solely those of the people within the area. However, the proposal to discharge in the harbour will affect everyone in the community and accordingly the entire community should share to

some extent the benefits and detriments in a similar manner.

There is no question that the property owners who stand to benefit, particularly those with large commercial holdings should pay the majority of the cost. However, if as it appears, a less than satisfactory system is approved on a criteria that it is all the property holders can reasonably be expected to pay, then the decision of the rest of the community should be obtained by way of a local initiative. I do not reside within the sewerage area so receive no direct benefit. With a bad scheme I will be affected adversely. With a good scheme I will benefit indirectly because the heart of my community, wherein is located my library, my schools, my hospital, my shopping facilities and entertainment, will be upgraded for me to enjoy. Accordingly I would prefer to share a portion of the cost to upgrade the sewer scheme rather than accept a questionable proposal simply because in the judgment of the CRD it is all that the property holders can afford.

It would seem to me equitable if the property holders within the sewerage area bore the \$400,000 cost of the scheme as now proposed. Then the cost of upgrading the scheme to one which would hold no

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1979

<b>ANGLICAN</b>			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
St. George's	Mon.-Fri.	Daily Matins	7.30 am
<b>ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am
<b>UNITED</b>			
Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817		Sunday School during church for ages 3-10	
537-5812	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
<b>COMMUNITY GOSPEL</b>			
Rev. S. Hildebrandt	Sunday Sch.	all ages	10.30 am
Box 61, Ganges	537-2622	Evening Service	7.00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer	537-5757	Thursday	7.30 pm
<b>MAYNE ISLAND</b>			
St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
Community Church		Pastor J. Rodine	539-5710
Sunday at 3 pm	in school		
Bible Study Friday	in homes		
<b>GALIANO ISLAND</b>			
St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am

# More letters

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danger of polluting Ganges Harbour should be borne by the entire community.

I would suggest that your support for this proposal would present an opportunity for you to provide leadership and a real service to your community. I will lend support in any way I can.

**P.A. TIERNAN**  
RR 3, Ganges  
April 21, 1979

## SHOPPING FOR A HORSE

Sir, It is becoming increasingly apparent that some of the banks in this country are not really interested in energy conservation.

Another brochure arrived by post recently, printed in several colours, this one urging the householder to buy either a camper or motorhome (or both) in order to be

## Hydro warns of danger in kite flying

Importance of caution when flying a kite was tragically illustrated recently when a 13-year-old suffered severe burns as his kite contacted a power line near Kamloops.

The victim's kite was attached to copper wire instead of string.

B.C. Hydro's safety engineering department manager J.A. Deptford has warned that even string can become a conductor when wet.

Deptford said kites should never be flown in the vicinity of power lines or other electrical facilities.

A careless moment when these rules are forgotten or ignored can result in death or serious injury, he said.

Deptford requested that parents and teachers remind children of the potential danger.

able to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Canada at the rate of five to ten miles to the gallon.

Ignoring the energy expended in the printing of the circular, and the amount of paper which is being read cursorily and then discarded, the fuel drain which would result if 20 percent of the population followed the directions to become ensnared by payment plans would be rather serious and completely unnecessary. At a time when most western countries are appealing to the better nature of their citizens and suggesting voluntary fuel conservation, these concentrated campaigns by the banks to increase their business are cynical at the very least.

As long as the business world promotes the ideas of holidays on wheels, increased tourism, and owning your own power boat I think I will begin shopping around for an economical, maintenance-free horse.

**NICK RAESIDE**  
Ganges  
April 20, 1979.

# Visit to Boundary Bay

CONTRIBUTED

Fernwood Elementary boys' and girls' basketball teams travelled to the mainland on the weekend to participate in the Boundary Bay Invitational Tournament. The teams played excellent basketball and were a credit to the school with their good sportsmanship and good behaviour. In the eight-team tournament the Fernwood girls were the story as they went undefeated in the two-day affair to win the tournament in a very convincing manner.

The boys also acquitted themselves very well as they defeated every team except the Salt Spring Elementary "A" team!

A special feature of the trip was the hospitality and friendliness shown to our children by the staff and parents of Boundary Bay

# Delegation from Pender asks for teacher-librarian for school

Gulf Islands School District will examine ways of putting the Pender School's library facilities to better use, it was decided at the school board meeting last Thursday.

A delegation from the Pender Parent-Teacher Club presented the school board with a petition bearing 97 signatures asking for 0.2 additional teacher-librarian time.

It was pointed out that Fernwood School will have 17½ hours per week of librarian time and Pender has none at all. One of the delegates charged that Pender was not being treated as fairly as Fernwood.

Trustee Charles Baltzer suggested that the district librarian could provide for the needs of the school. District superintendent Bob Huestis, however, said that with limited manpower resources in the district the librarian had "his work cut out for him now" and that

assigning him to help at Pender School would be at the expense of something else in the district.

Trustees also discussed the possibility of readjusting the existing staffing times at the school with a view to providing for a librarian without increasing the total staffing time.

## CREDIT TO PENDER

Supervisor of instruction Larry Holbrook pointed out that it was a credit to Pender Island to have set up such a good library.

Pender trustee John Zacharias explained during the discussion that he wanted to see the library operate as a resource learning centre where students would work on what he called a contract basis.

A student would be given an assignment or project and would go to the resource centre and undertake it with the assistance of a teacher-librarian. Zacharias de-

scribed it as a type of enrichment program.

When the student had completed his research, he would present his completed project to the rest of his class.

Zacharias, who is a former teacher and school principal, said that in such a program students would be "learning to learn".

It wouldn't displace the regular classroom program, he said, but would help serve a need to "broaden horizons in teaching". The staff at the school, he noted, was "enthusiastic" about the proposal.

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The girls were represented by Sarah Wiebe, Sandra Desbottes, Leona Irwin, Ann Weihing, Monik Nordine, Cindy Cochran, Lisa White, Cathy Christianson, Lynn Spittle, Wendy Ronne and Linda Quesnel.

## Chamber numbers members

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has 64 voting members and five non-voting, according to finance committee chairman, Sandy Gordon.

Those were the figures, he stated, although there was a poor response when it came to attending a meeting.



**Tony Richards**

Downtown Ganges has always been a noisy place on a Sunday afternoon but lately it has become almost unbearable.

It may be good for the local service stations' tire and gas sales, but that's about all.

Perhaps the suggestion at an election campaign meeting last week that a drag-strip be built on the island was a good one. Has anyone a better solution?

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Wilf Peck wasn't completely accurate in his preliminary remark to an explanation to school trustees of the 1978 financial statement.

He couldn't imagine anything much more boring (than a financial statement) to a trustee, he said.

Well I couldn't imagine anything more boring to almost anyone.

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Should I go as far as to include a couple of racist jokes in this week's column?

First is an old one: how many Ukrainians does it take to change a light bulb? Five: one to hold the bulb and four to turn the ladder.

As far as I know, this one's pretty new: how many Californians does it take to change a light bulb? Five: one to unscrew the bulb and four to share the experience.....

Residents of the Gulf Islands were looking up into the sky on Tuesday wondering if it was a bird, a helicopter or Superman. And there were

some who were convinced it was a visitation by angels from Heaven. None was right, although there are probably many who would gladly hear Premier Bennett and Hugh Curtis referred to as either Supermen or angels.

But as far as I'm concerned, they were neither. They were two visiting dignitaries who couldn't be bothered to mess around with ferries, and who can blame them?

Let's ask the next government to abandon the ferry service and try helicopters instead.

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The Salt Spring Fire Department was warmly commended last week following the firemen's response to an emergency call. A member of the local Masons collapsed during a meeting of the group and a call was made for medical assistance.

The fire department answered the call and, Driftwood was told, arrived at the Rod and Gun Club clubhouse on Scott Road within four minutes.

And that's pretty quick response.

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A few comments overheard here and there about local softball teams have left me wondering about the Driftwood GAS team. Someone said the team (GAS) was a bunch of drunken bums; someone else called them hippies; and the third comment I heard was that there's only one ball player on the whole team.

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## Saturna Scene

Easter weekend was a very busy one on Saturna Island. First, on April 14 there was a very successful sale of baked goods, handicrafts and plants, sponsored by the Women's Service Club. Then on Sunday, April 15, the congregation of St. Christopher's Church enjoyed a service at which Archdeacon Powell administered Holy Communion.

On Easter Monday, April 16, Dr. Anderson and the choir of St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, gave a service in the church, followed by a concert at the Community Hall. Mr. Palmer, the choir leader, was assisted by oboist Pat Morrison and trumpeter Sean Thompson.

A group of residents also assisted with a recorder group: Kathy Sheffield, soprano; Priscilla Janzen, alto; Peter Armitage, tenor; and Harvey Janzen, bass. Altogether, it was a varied and much enjoyed program. We are grateful to these people who come over from Victoria every year, as well as to local residents who give us much-appreciated "live" entertainment.

There were many visitors to Saturna over Easter. Many "summer" people came to open cottages and to greet old friends. Marie McMahon had son John and family, as well as Bruce and Pat Hood and Bruce's group of Boy Scouts. Margaret Fry and her sister visited at Boot Cove. During this last week Walter and Marjorie were pleased to have daughter Dori and grandson Joseph for a few days.

Walter Ratzlaff, pinch-hitting for Marjorie, reports the following:

Don L. Taylor, federal Progressive Conservative candidate for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands, visited with a lunch hour crowd at

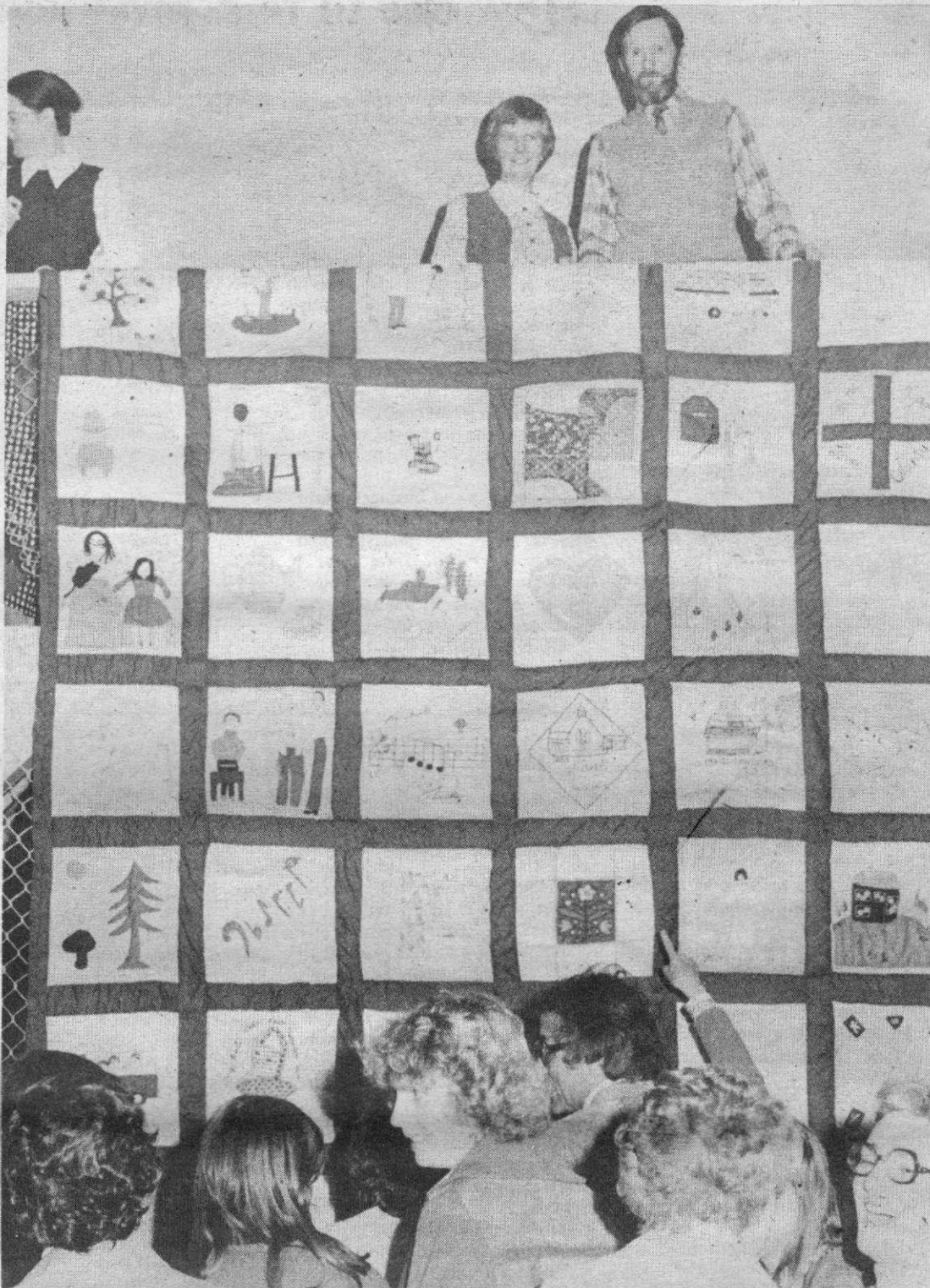
our local pub, the Saturna Lighthouse. He felt it very profitable to talk with the people at the luncheon tables, to hear their views and local concerns. Pressed for a speech, he gave as his main theme that "Trudeau must go". His reasons cited today's economic conditions in Canada, and that ministerial accountability had been seriously eroded by the many changes of ministers in the various departments. A spirited discussion was sparked during the very brief question period, over the subject of the Conservative Party's offer of tax rebates to home-owners, related to their interest payments on mortgages. Time limits ended the meeting.

School news: Em Coombs, school custodian, has been ill, and is replaced temporarily by Laura Coombs. We are happy to hear Laura reports Em is improving well and getting up and about. On Friday, April 13, the school children enjoyed a beautiful "day off" while Taimi Hindmarch and Melanie Gaines attended a professional improvement day at Ganges.

School district librarian Ed Richaler is helping teachers in setting up reference libraries for which money has been allocated. School children on Saturna will be better able to learn research skills using a library file and reference library. Sports Day will be on May 1 on Mayne Island. You will be seeing Saturna students practising hard in and about the school yard.

Please be reminded of the meeting on April 29 at 1.30 of the Outer Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association. Marjorie Ratzlaff will relate experiences at Bella Bella in the early 1940's.

## Everybody was happy with parting gift



This is the quilt made by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island as a parting gift for Peter

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Winners of the draw prizes were: afghan, Pat Harrison; place mats, Blane Matthews; Silver Jubilee coin, Brian Beech; \$10 meat voucher, Lynn Lane; \$10 gas voucher, Madeleine Hardisty.

"I wish to thank all who donated to our cause in materials and cash," said Lucy Moore afterwards, "and all those who worked so hard."

Mrs. Moore also had a warm word for Mrs. Margaret Cunningham and thanks for her letter of acknowledgement of the grant of almost \$16,000 made to the Goldenage Bowlers for furnishings for Central Hall.

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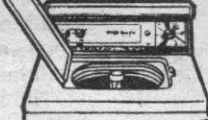
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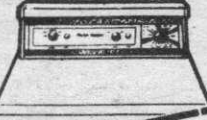
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Everyone is happy. And they are happy to have made Ann and Peter McCalman happy with the gift of a

television set. On the left is John Lomas, who made the presentation on behalf of the Anglican

parish of Salt Spring Island.

The hall was full and the tables were laden when about 350 Salt Spring Islanders turned out on Saturday evening at a potluck supper for Peter and Ann McCalman.

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### INNOVATIVE

His innovations in preaching are recognized far beyond the walls of his churches. The Paschal Lamb was a lamb at Easter. The donkey on Palm Sunday was part of the story of triumph and death.

In the island community Peter was around for six years and a half to speak for the lame and the halt.

Any project for the help of people could be assured of his support.

On Saturday the position was reversed. There were 350 people to offer their fervent support to Peter and Ann McCalman. Most were members of his own church. Some were not. The cast of *Jesus Christ Superstar* was there in strength and so were the islanders who had never prayed with him but had shared the community with him.

They all ate together and they sat back to enjoy the presentations of his parishioners. When Peter and Ann McCalman move to Cadboro Bay, in Victoria, they will have a new television in their home.

### REFLECTIONS

They will also have a quilt of

fair proportions. Quilted by the parishioners, it is colourful and lively. The bright colours and the individual nature of the messages embroidered into it reflect the ministry it commemorates.

Pat Barnes and Nonie Guthrie hauled it through the hall for the presentation.

"I hope our time here has touched the community in some sort of way," said Peter McCalman in his expression of thanks.

It very evidently has. He will be long remembered here. Not simply as the minister.

He will be remembered as a man of God.

Which is, I think, the only way he would want to be remembered.

-FGR.

## Fixed rate on United States money is target of Chamber

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is campaigning for a standard, fixed exchange rate on United States currency on Salt

Spring Island.

Under this project all island merchants would allow the same rate on American money tendered by tourists.

All island businessmen are urged to follow the system. *Driftwood* has been invited to publish the current exchange rate each week, for the guidance of businesses.

There is no compulsion exerted. An island merchant may charge whatever exchange rate he chooses. The Chamber feels that a constant, fair rate of exchange would be more palatable to the visiting American.

## Gulf Coast Materials

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# New hotel rises on old site at Vesuvius

History is repeating itself. There is, once again, a hotel at Vesuvius Bay, on Salt Spring Island. The original hotel was built at the end of the last century. It was the original Bittancourt home at Vesuvius and remained a landmark to land and sea for almost 100 years. For years the original building served the island as a general store, home, hotel and restaurant. In its final days it was acquired by the X-Kalay Foundation for the rehabilitation of convicts and alcoholics. It was serving this role when it was destroyed by fire. The owners decided not to rebuild it and eventually disposed of their property.

New hotelier is Don Small, who was well-known on Salt Spring Island as a realtor. He has relinquished his concern for other people's property to look after his own affairs. The hotel has been rebuilt in the style of the old structure, a traditional island building. The exterior has the air of the old Vesuvius Hotel and inside it looks old before its time. **AGED FLOOR** The main bar has been completed with an ancient looking floor and the doors and windows follow the same decor. It has the air of a seasoned home, although it has only just been built. Hotelier Small was the contractor responsible. The dart room opens off the main bar. The new hotel may be the only hostelry in the islands with its own library for the entertainment of patrons. The library even has its own books. Owners invited residents to a reception at the home of Mike Hobbs many months ago to demon-

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# Galiano Island


BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

Rev. Benjamin Fream, who retired from this islands parish about 10 years ago, has decided to come back to Galiano, and is now in residence at Page Drive. On Sunday morning at the regular service taken by members of the congregation, Mr. Fream gave a very interesting sermon. The big rocks in front of St. Margaret's Church have been subject to discussion but they were necessary because some people, who do not respect other folks' grounds, were making a real mess of the grounds. It was decided that the only way to stop this foolishness would be to put up some rocks that a car could not drive over and ruin the grass. The Galiano Lionettes auxiliary held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Baines. President Mrs. Mary Knudson was in the chair, and in the absence of Mrs. Helen Neale, Mrs. Baines read the treasurer's report, as well as the minutes of the last meeting. On April 19 at Galiano Hall, the

Galiano Lions held their annual meeting, to elect new officers for the coming year. Following the steak dinner, cooked by Mary Knudson, and helped by Mary Harding, annual reports were heard. Election of officers then took place with Roy Harding named president for the third year; first vice-president, Hank Knudson; second vice-president, Reg Cornwell; secretary-treasurer, Archie Frewer; tail-twister, Frank Basarab assisted by Cam Prior; and directors are Gerald Nicolson, Tom Carolan, George Georgeson, Ollie Garner. Next meeting of Lions will be held on May 2 at Galiano Hall. The name of the best shooter in the Galiano Rod and Gun Club for the trophy shoots is Lloyd Baines. In the recent .22 bore trophy shoot, he took the standing, at a score of 88, the kneeling, score of 92, and a perfect score of 100 for the prone position. The ladies did not do so badly either, as Margaret Basarab took the sitting trophy, with a score of 96. At the annual meeting of the Lions on April 19, it was reported that there had been great success in the Easter Seal appeal for crippled children. It is not yet too late to get that little donation in to them. Just a little reminder to get those envelopes in soon to the Galiano Lions.


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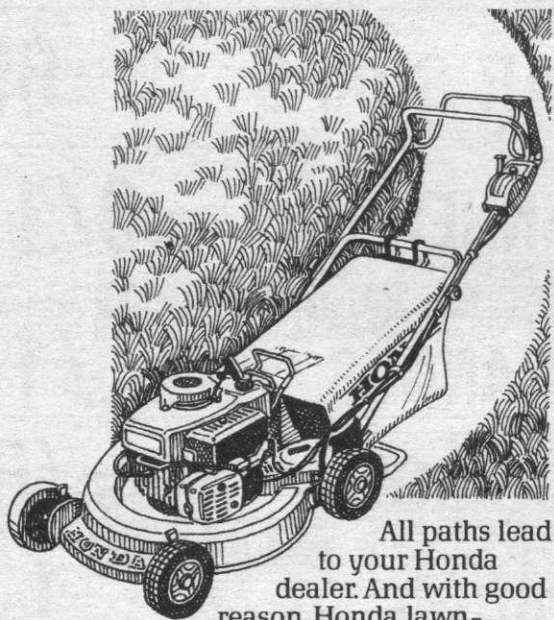
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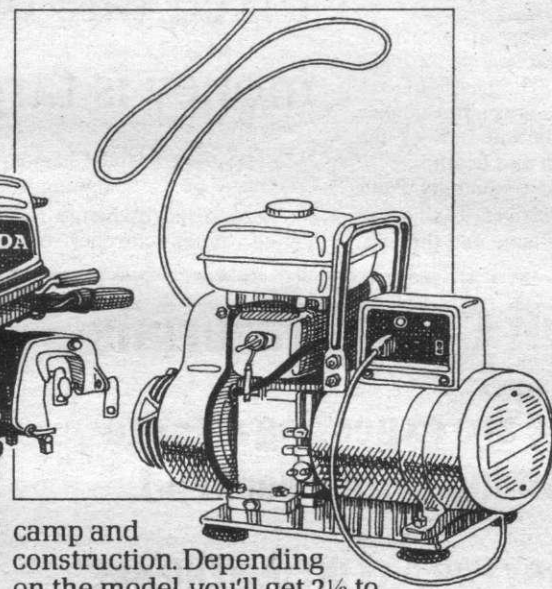
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# Islands Trust decides against new zone

From Page One

B.B.P.C., submitted the committee's membership roll of 219 names as a counter-petition.

Most of the submissions, both written and oral, echoed familiar concerns of both sides.

## TWO POINTS

Two strongly-made points in opposition to the dock may have had some influence on the Trust's final decision. The first, made by APC member Robert Douglas, was that the APC is currently working on a general community plan which will designate, with an overall view, the uses appropriate for various parts of the island. There are indications, Douglas said, that there might be a "beach zone" defined which could conflict with zone B1 as proposed in bylaw 10. Douglas' opinion, reiterated numerous times by others, was that the bylaw, which the APC had not seen before, should be deferred until it could be considered as part of the community plan.

The second point, made by property owner and former financial consultant Don Sprague, was an economic one. Sprague attempted to demonstrate that an individual owner, such as Pinchin, could not expect a reasonable return for the huge investment involved in building a dock. Using three sets of figures, he made three financial projections based on costs and profits. Sprague's assertion was that having constructed the dock, Pinchin would be unable to stay in business and, whether by design or default, would wind up selling the Inn to a private yacht club "for a fat profit". In that way, Sprague said, the Mayne Inn and its amenities would be lost to island residents.

## FAMILY BUSINESS

Pinchin accepted Sprague's invitation to respond with a simple statement. He said he had been on the island since 1964 with the intention of creating a family business and staying. He denied that he had ever received an offer from a yacht club and added, "The Federal Business Development Bank (with whom Sprague had once worked) is backing me and they're not too stupid either."

Lawyers John Coates and Lawrence Fast fairly summed up each side's position. Coates had had "little guidance from this meeting," which was, "long on opinion and short on fact". The "facts", as he saw them, were: that additional marina facilities were needed; that pollution in Bennett Bay comes not from boats but from the Fraser River; that a dock has received approval from federal fisheries and the government of B.C.; that the economic health of both Mayne Island and tourism in general depend on proper "exploitation of one of the great inland waterways of the world"; and that this is not a Communist country and "we believe in free enterprise". In closing, Coates declared that "reasonable people must seek reasonable solutions" and bylaw 10 would allow the Mayne Inn to operate and permit local residents to enjoy the bay.

Fast first spoke on behalf of the West Coast Environmental Law Association, stating their four major concerns: the bylaw's effect on the development and effectiveness of the community plan; the involvement of the APC as a means of reporting on community response to complex questions; the effect of the bylaw on other islands, i.e. as a precedent, and the suggestion that if any doubts or ambiguities exist, they should be

resolved in favour of the status quo on the basis that it is always easier to go ahead than back.

## SIX CATEGORIES

As a representative of the B.B.P.C., Fast said he could add very little to the submissions already made. He did divide the concerns into six categories which he described as "crucial to the trustees' deliberations and within the Trust's jurisdiction." They were safety, ecology and pollution, economics, preservation, aesthetics and social effects.

In conclusion, Fast pointed out that the Trust was not considering an application from Pinchin; that the bylaw was initiated by the Trust itself. Since it was not a court of law, Fast said, the Trust was not bound to go by the rules of evidence but rather by the wishes of residents.

At the Trust meeting, which was held after the hearing, Mayne Trustee John Mundie prefaced his remarks with the statement that he believed himself to be supported by those who had voted for him knowing his stand on the issue.

He then cited the findings of a 1976/77 federal fisheries report "not yet publicly released" and the eight-year CEPE study carried out in Saanich Inlet to support his contention that marinas do not add appreciably to pollution and that swimming and boating are, in fact,

compatible. With that in mind, he said, it would be "discriminatory" to refuse Pinchin development on an economic basis.

## OBJECTED

Isabel Geehan objected, "very strongly" on the basis that a marina would threaten "the rural atmosphere we enjoy". Referring to the granting of the water lease by the provincial government, Geehan said, "If our authority is to be usurped, let's concede and let them (the Capital Region District) handle things as they did in Village Bay. This bylaw has been taken out of context of the bylaws being worked on (in the community plan) and there is evidence that it will conflict with some of the uses permitted."

Wallace requested "some kind of adjournment" to consider his 14 pages of notes and to check the accuracy of so many conflicting reports by different government departments.

Rich, however, was very reluctant to postpone the business.

Reviewing the issues, Rich urged consideration of the APC disapproval and overall, as opposed to "ad hoc", planning. Pollution, he said, was a "toss-up" but certain aspects such as noise and garbage were worth considering. As for the Trust Act's clause "to preserve and protect", he felt that indicated preserving the status quo when there was any doubt about change. Safety is also impor-

tant and, "upon reflection" the incompatibility of swimming and boating was a good point.

Finally, Rich addressed himself to the economic question. While the Trust was not required to comment upon the soundness of Pinchin's business plans, he said, it was a statutory requirement that they consider the property values of surrounding land, and there is a strong suggestion that we ought not to go ahead."

Protesting that he was being "railroaded into a decision" Wallace finally agreed to discuss the APC's role as an advisory body. Wallace pointed out that the Trust is not bound to accept an APC decision as they are only one of the sources of information; public hearings being another. Wallace stressed that, as a general trustee, he had to look after the interests of the people of British Columbia as a whole.

## SHOULD BE KILLED

Rich responded with the opinion that the proposed bylaw "should be killed right here, right now".

One of the most dramatic moments of the meeting came when Gaines, apparently feeling some pressure to make a decision, moved that the first reading of the bylaw be rescinded. Pointing out that he had voted against full commercial zoning, Gaines added that he thought the restricted use zoning would be supported locally. On balance, he said, a marina at Ben-

nett Bay would not be in the best interest of local residents or the boaters of B.C. mainly because it was not geographically suitable. Horton Bay being the "natural place" for such development. He added that Don Sprague's financial presentation had made sense.

## DEFEATED

Isabel Geehan seconded the motion and the question was called. Wallace, when informed by Rich that abstention would count as a "yes", voted with Mundie against rescinding. Rich cast the deciding yes vote, announced the bylaw defeated and adjourned the meeting.

Interviewed after the meeting, Rich emphasized that he felt the decision to be in the best interest of the province as a whole as well as local residents. As far as he was concerned there was no "next move, the issue is dead".

As for the Mayne Inn, Mrs. Pinchin says they still want a dock and they still think the majority on Mayne want it too. According to her they will be able to reapply in six months' time but don't know if they are willing to put themselves and their supporters "through all this again".

"It's becoming obvious", she said, "that the island is being strangled by a few people."

Meanwhile Mrs. Pinchin says business should be OK during the summer, "but I don't know if it will survive next winter."




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## Teenage sexuality topic of Advisory meeting

The Parents Advisory Meeting, held at the high school in Ganges on Monday night dealt with the highly controversial issue of teenage sexuality.

Pearl Denny, a veteran of eight years in the Planned Parenthood project of the federal government, presented a talk, along with the film, *A Family Talks About Sex*. This film, designed for parental audiences, stimulated much conversation on common interests such as teenage promiscuity. The purpose behind this presentation was to let the parents feel more at ease about their children's sexuality, thereby making the youngsters feel more at ease about their

sexuality.

Nick Gilbert spoke of a course, designed for parents, which will be held weekly for nine weeks in the fall. Called Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP), it has been offered before and was popular with the parents of elementary school children. However, response has been limited from the parents of high school children. Nick urged all parents interested in this course to take it in the fall.

Before adjournment, Bob McWhirter told the parents that next year's timetable, course outline and selection will be discussed at the next meeting on May 14.

## SUICIDAL APPROACH

# Government energy policy must be examined meeting decides

BY JEZRAH HEARNE

The meeting held last Tuesday at Ganges to discuss energy use in British Columbia got off to a very good start. Approximately 30 people turned out to enquire into this most central theme of our times. No moment was lost as everyone joined into the dialogue concerning B.C.'s present and future use of energy. The greatest concern shared by all was the possible use of nuclear energy and the construction of a nuclear reactor plant near the Gulf Islands.

The group seemed to concur that in view of the increasing amount of evidence that nuclear reactor plants are highly unstable, impossible to de-contaminate, extremely hazardous to the health of present and future human beings and finally far more expensive than financially profitable, we cannot blindly accept the construction of such a beast in our area.

The following statement by the chairman of the Ontario Electrical Commission (whose rising profits now depend upon nuclear power) has let the radioactive cat out of the nuclear bag:

"Nuclear plant safety measures are constantly being upgraded by knowledge learned from previous accidents." This was spoken in a soothing reassuring way, yet what could be less reassuring than to have a nuclear supporter tell us that they are learning through their mistakes? In this business, a little mistake can travel a long way.

### OTHER ISSUES

It was agreed at the meeting

that no one factor is isolated from another and that, as a result, our government's total policy on energy must be examined. Therefore, other vital issues touched upon were the gas pipeline proposal for Salt Spring and Gabriola Islands. Attendant to this is the spraying of rights-of-way with the pesticide, 2,4-D. Most likely the pipeline route would be thus sprayed. The general feeling was that since this pesticide is highly carcinogenic, it should not be allowed in the Gulf Islands. Nor were people thrilled about having a pipeline, with its probable gas leakages, in their midst.

Other considerations brought before the group were the matters of possible mercury-poisoning of the sea life around Salt Spring and the fact that the Canadian government has no ban on fluoro-carbons. It is the fluoro-carbons which are eating away at our ozone layer, thus destroying plant life and subsequently, our oxygen supply.

Of equal concern was the Sacred policy of reshaping the geography of B.C. with its practice of rerouting rivers, flooding farmlands and drying up lakes in order to provide water and electricity to the United States.

### ENERGY ABUSE

Some people felt that our government's approach to energy use is basically one of energy abuse, a dead-end course, suicide.

Then the group focused its attention on the newly evolving alternate forms of energy, to the "soft technologies", such as solar power, wind-generators and methane-producing systems. People were interested to hear that not only does the soft approach work, but that Sweden plans to totally convert to this approach by the year 2000. A decision was made to look deeply into these concepts.

In the course of the dialogue, it became apparent that those present wanted to create an ongoing working group to deal with the energy situation in B.C. The consensus on goals was to provide an information service and lobbying force. This would be partly realized by association with other like-minded groups throughout the world, and especially in B.C.

### WHEELS IN MOTION

Many people volunteered to assume responsibility for various facets of such a working group and the wheels are now in motion to collect and disseminate information on the good and bad forms of energy technology; to ferret out information on the proposed gas pipeline for the Gulf Islands and make this known; to build scale models of alternate energy systems for public viewing; to set up a travelling information table which could go from Gulf Island to Gulf Island and perhaps far up the Strait

of Georgia; to spearhead school involvement in the issue; to establish communication with other energy-related groups; to push for the construction of a fully functional wind-generator on some windy spot of the Gulf Islands (such as has been done in Denmark); to attend an energy-based conference on lobbying from June 1-3; to immediately begin lobbying the government in Victoria and the candidates at election rallies; and finally to begin raising funds for all of this.

Since there is so much work to be done and to prevent individuals from becoming over-extended, it is hoped that more people will join who are willing to volunteer their service. Besides help with the above work, there is a need to set up an office-library.

### DONATIONS SOUGHT

Donations of books and magazines dealing with all aspects of energy use, are being sought. Contact Bill at 537-9391 if you are interested in this aspect or have any material you care to contribute. There are also important functions for lawyers, doctors and merchants in this organization.

There is, moreover, a great desire to establish a Gulf Island link-up, for this issue affects us all. Billeting will be provided for anyone from the other islands wishing to attend the next meeting on Salt Spring. It is most likely that meetings could alternate from island to island, once this link-up is established.

The next meeting is Monday, April 30 at 7.30 pm in Mahon Hall. It is open to everyone including those who simply want to inform themselves. Among other topics, it will feature a letter-writing party. Everyone present will write letters concerning the Candu reactor to the federal and provincial ministry of energy and resources. Bring your friends and relations and of course, your pen. A small monetary donation will be requested to help defray expenses. Rumour has it that attendance will double.

For further information contact: Diane Lawrance, 537-9528; Ray Hill, 537-2655; or Dan Jason, 653-4369.

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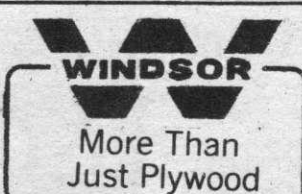
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**Salt Spring actress wins award**

Last Friday and Saturday evenings, Theatre B.C. held the annual South Zone Drama Festival at the Phoenix Theatre, University of Victoria. During the two evenings, six plays were presented, one of which was sponsored by the Salt Spring Players.

The adjudicator, Colin Gorrie of Victoria, commented on the difficulty of the Salt Spring presentation, *Before Breakfast* by Eugene

O'Neill, a one-act play for one actress only. During the presentation of awards at the conclusion of the festival, Mr. Gorrie chose not to present a best supporting actress award, but gave an honourable mention to Lisa Fennell, the solo actress in *Before Breakfast* for her ability to sustain, alone, the necessary high level of anger required during almost the whole 20 minutes of this play.

"Lisa is to be congratulated for her performance," said Gorrie. Lisa is a grade 11 student of Gulf Islands Secondary School and the play was directed by her drama teacher, Ian Thomson. The overall winner of the festival was *Overlaid* by Robertson Davies, presented by the Peninsula Players, and this play will go onto the Provincial Festival to be held in North Vancouver in June.

**Community Society grant**

The Salt Spring Island Community Society has been awarded a grant by the provincial Ministry of Human Resources. The society will get \$19,057 for a social service support worker and

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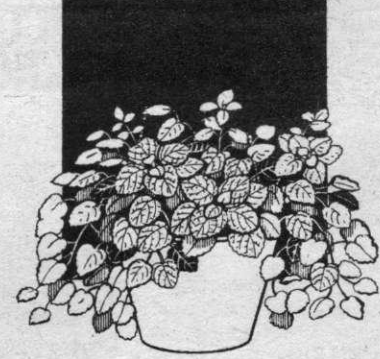
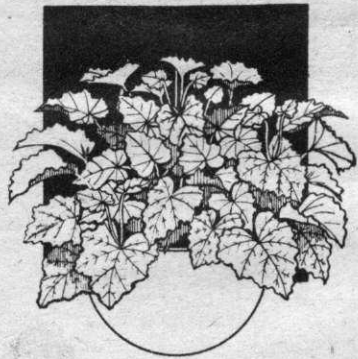
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# Gulf Islands teachers ask questions of candidates in provincial election

Gulf Islands teachers are in the provincial election campaign. They are planning a non-partisan participation.

An announcement from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association this week explains that the island teachers will press for public education support. They will try to make this a significant issue in the election campaign.

In order to bring their concern to the attention of candidates, the association has prepared nine questions for consideration by each candidate. The answers will be distributed among the members

and presented to *Driftwood* as well. Candidates will be invited to speak on local autonomy for school boards; the funding of private schools and education finance.

### HERE THEY ARE

These are the questions:  
If elected, would you work to reverse the trend towards loss of local autonomy for school boards?

Would you support an amendment to the Public Schools Act to allow teachers to negotiate working conditions with the local school board?

Do you endorse the use of public funds for private schools

which are (i) not under public control, (ii) exercise discriminatory pupil admission policies, (iii) do not follow the provincial education ministry curricula?

Do you agree that the function of the Ministry of Education is to provide support and encouragement to the public schools?

In your opinion, did the Ministry of Education, under Dr. Pat McGeer, fulfill the above functions?

### SCHOOL COSTS

If elected would you support the implementation of the McMath Commission on Education Finance recommendation that 75% of education costs be provided from provincial general revenues?

Would you work to provide adequate financing for public schools for continued reduction of class sizes to a reasonable level to meet the educational needs of all children?

The teachers hope that the general public will examine the questions and answers before casting a ballot on May 10.

# On the Penders

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Birthday celebrations were held April 7 for Nep Grimmer who was born on April 11, 1889 in Navy Channel, while his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Grimmer, was on her way to Mayne Island in a rowboat.

So they named the new baby boy, first son of Washington and Elizabeth Grimmer, Neptune, for the God of the Sea, and Navy for the place at sea where he was born. Neptune Navy Grimmer, who has spent his life on Pender Island farming in his beautiful valley, can frequently be seen out fishing between Port Washington and around the tip of South Pender and Saturna.

Although he has given up actively farming, he has not given up actively working and his interests are many. His flower garden is outstanding and in the past year he has been busy with a new concrete walk and circles of concrete to enclose his flowers, besides other renovations around his home. He never misses a Sunday morning at St. Peter's Church, still plays some golf and attends all the *Pender Post* meetings with his wife Dorothy.

A family party was held at Pender Lodge with 21 members of the Grimmer family present. The host and hostess were his daughter Joan and her husband Ron from Victoria with their two daughters, Cathy and Sheila. Other out-of-town guests were his niece Evaleen Mendres and nephew Bob Hamilton and his wife, all from Victoria, and his niece Barbara and husband, Hank Auchterlonie from Tsawwassen. A birthday cake was part of the celebration and Nep made a beautiful speech. Afterward the group went to the home of his niece, Mrs. Bunty England and husband Hugh, where Nep was presented with many gifts and cards.

On April 11, another celebration took place at the Golf Club, where Nep is an honorary life member. He enjoyed a round of golf, accompanied by the club president Ted Bowerman, men's team captain "Tim" Appleby and immediate past captain Stan Lettner.

Following the round of golf, golfers and members of St. Peter's Church gathered in the clubhouse where the Reverend David Powell presented Nep with a plaque

commemorating his long and faithful service to the church. The plaque was hand-made by fellow church member Jim Verner. Then everyone enjoyed afternoon tea with Nep and his wife, Dorothy, and a beautiful birthday cake made by June Allan.

### GOLF CLUB NEWS

On Wednesday, April 11, the ladies' team captain, Marian Henderson, and the club secretary, Jean McCaffery, were guests at the spring meeting and luncheon of the Canadian Ladies' Golfing Association and the B.C. Ladies' Golfing Association at the Royal Colwood Golf Course. The Pender club is considering joining these associations, possibly next year, so Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. McCaffery gained much useful information to report back to the club.

On Saturday 65 club members turned out to work for course "clean-up" day. A new green on number four hole, which will be ready for play by the end of next month necessitated removal of some trees. They were cut down and sawn into fireplace lengths, giving a total of 10 cords of wood which were raffled off. The money will go towards badly needed new greens.

The lucky winners were Teddie Kent, Ed Fralic, W.B. Irving, Bunty Lees, Rita Woods, Ella Sterling, Lil Burns and Tim Appleby. Teddie Kent and Ed Fralic each got two cords, the rest one cord. The rest of the group raked up winter debris, cleaned the tee-offs, clubhouse windows, woodwork, washroom and locker room, and at 5 pm all the willing workers enjoyed a pot luck supper provided by the social convener, Mrs. June Allan, and the other ladies.

# Chamber commends president

Members of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce have commended president Gavin Reynolds on his fight against a three-cent gas levy on the island to pay for urban transit enjoyed in the cities.

On Thursday evening at the Chamber's general meeting in Ganges, the membership recalled Reynolds' vigorous opposition to the tax and the campaign he launched against it.

A straw vote in *Driftwood* had brought some 300 opponents of the gas tax and only one in favour it was recalled. The *Driftwood* ballot was part of the Chamber's campaign.

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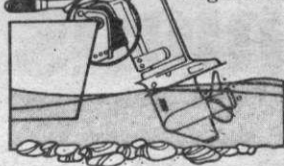
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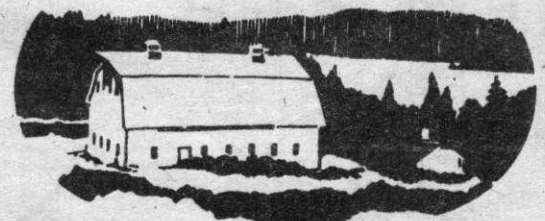
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*Don Taylor tells Pender meeting*

# 'Joe Clark would be best prime minister Canada has ever had'

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Don Taylor, Progressive-Conservative candidate for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands came to Pender on Saturday afternoon. A meeting held in the School-Community Centre at 2.30 pm was attended by about 50 people. Taylor and his wife Mavis were introduced to the audience by Tom Stankow, his campaign manager. He thanked the group of ladies who did the phoning for the event and Cliff Harrison and Phillip King for putting up signs and making other arrangements.

Taylor said, as he began his address, that he would concentrate on the style of government created and imposed on the Canadian public by Trudeau and the Liberals in the past 11 years, the results of which are self-evident.

He said: "A significant part of the operation of the Trudeau government has been the use of change. Over the years, ministers are constantly being changed from one portfolio to another. For example, there have been seven Postmaster Generals. Under Trudeau there have been 190 ministerial

changes. Constant change does not and has not allowed anyone to understand the portfolio they are in charge of. When a minister is removed from a portfolio he is not responsible for his previous portfolio, so this results in a complete lack of freedom of information, allowing the Liberal government to hide and confuse the public as to what is going on. Is this an accident? Is it lack of talent? The public can see the results."

Taylor continued: "Last time round the NDP had 17 seats out of 264; if they feel a minority government is going to provide effective government it truly is an NDP belief. Mr. Manly has said he wants a strong central government: minority NDP won't supply a strong central government with 40-50 seats out of 284."

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"The Conservatives would get rid of some of the 400 crown corporations, some of which the government isn't even aware it owns. They would accept the Lambert Commission for long-term programs, and are committed to complete and total restraint where tax money is being wasted. There will be economic policies for job creation and other programs to encourage investment into Canada and encouragement for small businesses to operate once more. The mortgage interest and property tax allowances will be phased in over a four-year period. Elect Joe Clark, he will be the best prime minister Canada has ever had and end 11 years of Liberal power. The best view Canada can have is the back view of Trudeau!"

**IMMIGRATION**

In a question period following the address, Frank Jones asked about immigration policy. Taylor replied that under the Liberals there was no clear immigration policy, and no relation between immigration and population growth. The Conservatives are committed to the concept of the family as a unit, hence the reunification of families is accepted, he said. Race, religion, ethnic background will not be a determining factor and there would be immigration from Asia as well as Europe.

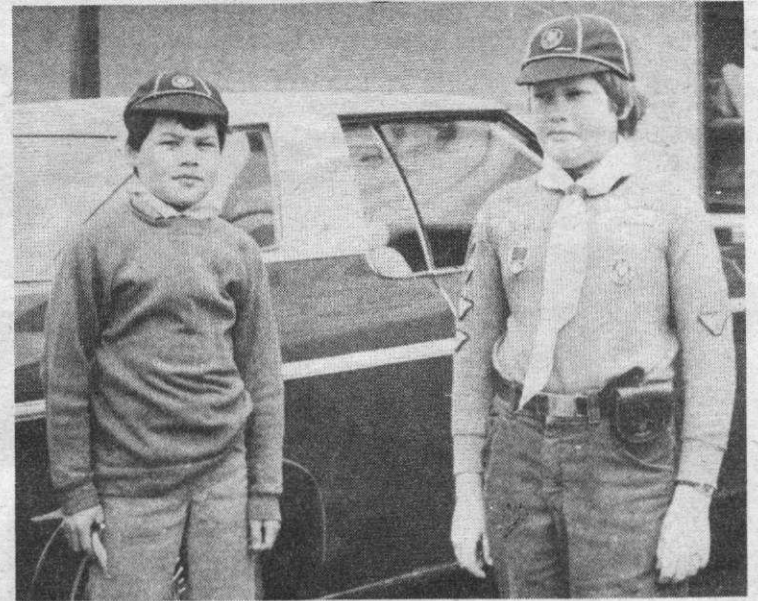
Asked about "leniency for criminals", he gave an example of a rapist sentenced to jail, and soon let out on parole. Taylor explained that once the judge has passed sentence, he is finished with the case. The judge should have input into the parole system which now operates on its own, he said.

Following a question about Canada Post, Taylor replied, "The post office has 65,000 employees and 23,000 management positions. The post office for years has been the dumping ground for middle management that couldn't "hack" it anywhere else. The same applies to the Department of Indian Affairs; it's criminal!"

The Conservatives, he said, would make it a Crown corporation. It would not solve the labour problems, only competent management will do that.

Ron McLardy asked about inflation and what was to be done about it. Taylor agreed it was a disaster for those on fixed incomes. Inflation is caused primarily by governments expanding the money supply too much and too fast, which occurred in Canada from 1973 onward, he noted. The money supply was expanded by up to 20% when growth in the economy didn't keep up at a similar rate.

*Cubs take part in draw*



These two Cubs are seen outside the K&R Food Store in Ganges, where they recently took part in the draw for a hind-quarter of beef. The meat was donated by K&R and won by Mrs. G. E. Miller, of Maliview Drive, Ganges. The boys were there to represent their First Ganges Cubs. They are Simon Jang (left) and Al Innes.

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won the game, 4-1.

It was one of 10 games played at Portlock Park Saturday and Sunday.

**From \$100 to \$1000**

**Region asked to raise minimum permit level**

Minimum building project is too low.

In the Capital Regional District any construction project costing \$100 or more must be the subject of a building permit.

At its general meeting last week the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce charged that the figure is absurdly low. With building costs as they are, any project

costs more than \$100, it was agreed.

The Chamber resolved to ask the Capital Regional Board to amend the legislation to allow small projects of up to \$1,000 to be undertaken without a permit.

**No vending machine for school**

Gulf Islands Secondary School will not get a fruit drink vending machine. Gulf Islands School Board made the decision last week when it was learned that there was no evident desire on the part of the school for the machine.

Proposal had been made some time ago by Fulford Vending for a machine that would sell apple, orange and fruit drinks.

**Tourist booth to open**

Information bureau in Ganges will open on May 24 weekend. Until June 9 it will be open on a part-time basis. From June 9 until September, it will operate on a full-time service.

The report was offered to Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last week by Jack Kenton, of the Chamber's publicity committee.

He explained that Jake Javorski is in charge of the information booth.

He was reporting on the second largest industry in the province, Kenton told the meeting.

Miss Mabel MacPherson has everything in hand for the May opening, added Javorski.

**Mobile home destroyed by fire on Tuesday**

A fire on Tuesday morning totally destroyed a mobile home on Blackburn Road, Salt Spring Island. A fire department spokesman told *Driftwood* that a malfunctioning oil stove was blamed for the fire.

The 24-foot home, which had a frame addition on one side, was occupied by Danny Bedford. Alarm was sounded at 6.45 am.

A report released by Environment Canada reveals there is one chance in a million of one oil well having a blow-out which would result in a major oil spill in Arctic waters. This probability refers to a single well operating for a year. The figure compares to the one in 3,000 probability of a simple blow-out or one having no serious environmental effect.

The report was prepared by a Calgary consulting firm.

Firemen were called out Tuesday of last week as well when a 16-foot fibreglass boat caught fire behind the home of Leonard Voegeli, Rainbow Road. Gas fumes from the engine were reported to have been ignited by a cigarette, *Driftwood* was told.

Fire took place late Tuesday afternoon.

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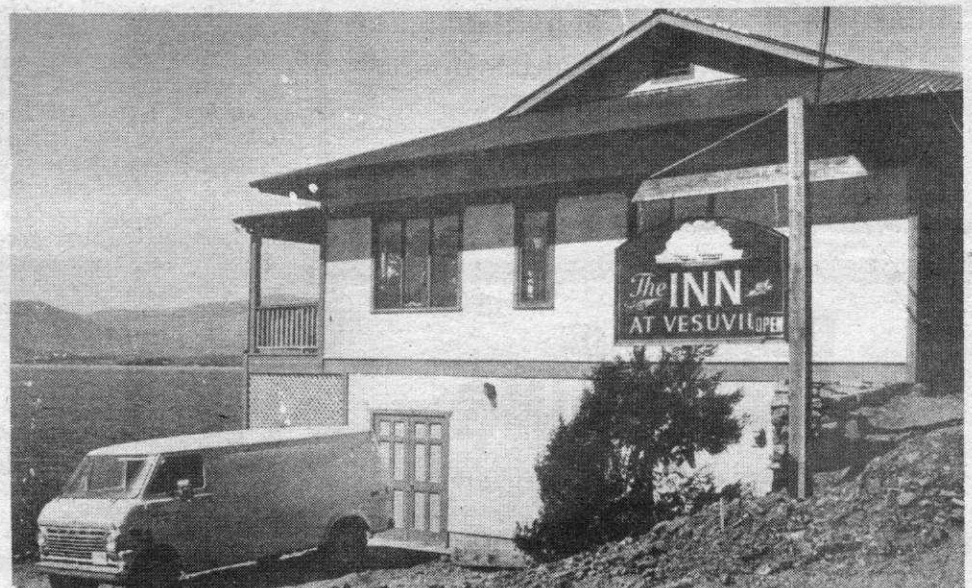
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## Crosswalks and crossing

# Safety committee takes close look

Traffic pattern in Ganges is dangerous to small children.

The newly formed Safety Committee in Ganges asserts that the community is dangerous to older children and adults as well.

And the Safety Committee intends to make some changes.

The group has called for more and clearly defined crosswalks to enable school children to pass from the school premises to the Upper Ganges Road area without hazard as well as to walk through Ganges without gambling on survival.

When it was proposed to expand the school plant in Ganges, critics cited the dangerous traffic conditions around the school.

Last summer parents started to look more closely at the picture.

In February, 1978, Jack Albhouse protested the conditions to the school and asked for relief.

In September Greg Barnes, on Churchill Road, called attention to the traffic hazards in a letter to the

editor of *Driftwood*. The same month saw a letter to the school board from Mrs. Gwen Albhouse, on Churchill Road. She echoed her husband's plaint as well as those of Mr. Barnes.

In January the Elementary School Advisory Committee heard a brief on the subject of highway safety in the vicinity of the schools and in the Ganges area, generally.

The Safety Committee was formed as a result of this meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP**  
Kathy Hall was named chairman and members were Ralph Miller, Tom Watson, Paul Minvielle, Hilary Cronin, Bob Leask, Lydia Purser, David Lott, Bud Kreissl and Gwen Albhouse.

Const. Ace Mainwaring undertook to look into the appointment of a police officer to the committee and the Gulf Islands School Board was also to be invited.

First move of the new committee was to consider means of improving the conditions in Ganges.

The problem of Kanaka Road was considered and it was recommended that parking be prohibited on both sides of that road and also that it be designated a school zone with a speed limit of 20 mph.

Crosswalks were proposed slightly to the west of Kanaka Road, on Rainbow Road and at the entrance to the school on Rainbow

Road by the tennis court. The entrance gate opposite Jackson Ave. was deemed dangerous and should be closed, urged the new committee. Children would then be channelled to the crosswalks, which should be patrolled.

### CUT HEDGE

Hedge near the stop sign at Rainbow and Lower Ganges Roads should be cut back and a curb should be placed along the road from the Kanaka crossing to Lower Ganges Road and around the corner.

George Harper, highways engineer, undertook to look into the curbing of the footpath from Mahon Hall to St. George's Church. He was later reported as having concurred, but was reluctant to undertake the necessary draining and curbing until the matter of a sewer installation was settled.

Crosswalks and signs were also sought at the Harbour House Hotel intersection.

Poor vision due to the power poles on the corners was under fire.

Final area of attack was the Trading Company-Bank of Commerce crosswalk and the east end of McPhillips, as well as the sidewalk at Rita's Inn.

The committee has gained the support of the Islands Trust in its plea for improvement to the Ganges traffic situation.

On Thursday evening of last week the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce heard a plea for support. The new committee was assured of the Chamber's sympathy.

### FENCE ROAD

The School Board has undertaken to fence off Kanaka Road from the school grounds in order to protect students from traffic and parking will be prohibited on that road.

The Ministry of Highways has not only undertaken to work with the committee, but had, by the end of March, already acted on a number of the proposals.

Kanaka Road is now posted with signs indicating the speed limit established there. Signs announcing, "No Parking, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 3.30 pm" are under construction and will be erected when completed.

Bus loading zone has been proposed by the Gulf Islands School Board and improved drainage will be undertaken on the south playing field. An off-street bus loading area is also planned,

reported the highways ministry, and this will be fenced off from the playing fields.

The school district also plans to widen the present bus loading site on Lower Ganges Road to allow off-street bus loading.

### SPEED NO PROBLEM

Speed of traffic on Rainbow Road, said the highways engineer's letter, does not appear to be a problem and no action has been taken.

"We have conducted a pedestrian count at the locations noted and would advise that the vehicle and pedestrian counts are below warrants for a crosswalk."

The school board does not deem a school child patrol warranted, added Mr. Harper. When warrants are not met, the crosswalk affords a false sense of security, suggested the engineer and children may rely on them as safe refuge. There are adequate gaps in the traffic flow to permit children to cross unharmed.

The crosswalk at Harbour House was relocated by Pioneer Village to provide better visibility, said Harper. That at the hotel was then eliminated to steer pedestrian traffic to the new location.

Crosswalk at an unexpected location and one that is seldom used presents its own traffic hazard, he noted.

The engineer expressed confidence that the safety of children will be improved by these measures.

## Resigns

Mrs. Gayle Stelter is resigning as secretary of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

She is leaving the island to accompany her husband to Ashcroft. Sgt. Ray Stelter will assume command of the RCMP detachment at Ashcroft.

## Social Credit Party CAMPAIGN OFFICE

The local office is now open on Rainbow Road opposite the school playgrounds and will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday through Saturday for the duration of the campaign. The telephone number is 537-9331.

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## One principal for three elementary schools?

Gulf Islands School Board has been asked to consider the possibility of hiring one principal for all the elementary schools on Salt Spring Island if another school is built at Fulford.

Pender trustee John Zacharias made the suggestion at Thursday's board meeting at Ganges.

Some of the advantages of such a system would include a reduction in the number of staff members that would be needed, and a unification process with more co-operation among staff and "probably higher morale" resulting, said Zacharias.

"Teachers could move from one school to another," he said, "and it should eliminate the need for specialized teacher's aides."

Charles Baltzer told his fellow trustees that the system was nothing new and that he would like to see "the whole thing debated".

Norma McCallum observed that the principal in such a situation would be unable to teach because of administrative duties.

Meanwhile, the board will have to make a decision by the end of August on building a new elementary school at the south end of Salt Spring.

Secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told trustees the soonest that property for a school could be purchased would be April, 1981

and that the Ministry of Education would probably require the next capital budget from the school district by August of this year.

"The process works that far ahead," noted Peck.

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