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## FIRST CONFLICT OVER PLAN

### Minister fearful of courts as he over-rides local Island Trust

First major conflict between the Islands Trust and the provincial government has broken on Denman Island.

Denman Island Trust Committee has charged that the Ministry of Highways is forcing a subdivision through without involving the Islands Trust.

The two local trustees on Denman told *Driftwood* on Friday that a subdivision providing for 53 lots has been imposed on the island by the Ministry of Highways.

The Islands Trust has established a density control in the area which would restrict such subdivision to 22 lots. Minister of Highways requires the higher density.

The minister is taking this action in over-riding local administration for fear of being taken to court, charged trustee Harlene Holm. She showed a letter from the minister, Alex Fraser in which he explains that the alternative to approving the subdivision is being taken to court.

"We are assured we would have a very good chance of losing," wrote the minister.

"There's some political hanky panky going on," said Miss Holm.

The controversy rides on two points.

The Denman Island Trust Committee is at odds with the government for taking a high-handed action without prior consultation with the Islands Trust.

In addition, the controversy arises from the minister's assertion that the subdivision has special privileges on the grounds that it was on-stream when the 10-acre freeze was imposed in 1969.

The Trust committee states that this is not the case and showed *Driftwood* a letter from the developers indicating that in 1970 there were no plans prepared for developing the land.

The government is allowing a party to knowingly break the Trust bylaws, charged trustee Glen Snook.

It is the first time trustees of the Islands Trust have pointed to interference by government ministries. Created by the government, the Islands Trust cannot challenge the action of a minister.

The people of Denman have no protection against the government, *Driftwood* was told.

## China syndrome



It was the China syndrome nearer home. If a car dives into the ground and the driver floors it it could go on, deeper and deeper until it comes out in China. This car didn't. This is as far as it got on Saturday night in Ganges, when

driver Gary Hagan turned off Lower Ganges Road thinking there was still a road down to the K & R parking lot. Little damage was reported and no charges will be laid, said Ganges RCMP this week.

## Thursday is voting day in British Columbia

On Thursday British Columbia makes up its mind. In company with the rest of the province islanders will go to the polls to settle the identity of the next government.

Polls will open at 8 am and close at 8 pm.

All voters whose names appear on the voters' list will be entitled to vote. Those who are otherwise qualified, but whose names are not on the list will have no vote.

Voters are urged to carry their "where-to-vote" cards. This is the card they received in the mail last week identifying the polling station to which they must go.

Voters who are away from home, but elsewhere in the province may vote in another community. This applies to all voters who are on the voters' list in their home constituency. They simply have to identify themselves to the polling station official.

In the islands there will be a choice of three candidates:

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

Any other query from a voter may be answered by contacting the

## 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.

registrar of Electors, in Victoria. The campaign offices of the various candidates will also answer enquiries.

## Library gets \$37,000

The Salt Spring Island library building fund thermometer has now climbed to the \$49,000 level making the final objective of \$75,000 look much more attainable.

Donations from members and friends of the library had reached a total of \$12,000, including a grant of \$1,000 from the Parks and Recreation Commission. The dramatic jump to \$49,000 was due to a Lottery Fund grant of \$37,000, notice of which was received from Provincial Secretary Hugh Curtis late last week.

This conforms with the ministers stated belief in expanding public library services at the community level, said Library chairman Don Kertland.

Les Ramsey, chairman of the fund-raising campaign, is now involved with plans for a door-to-door canvass of the whole island.

## Bennett Bay dock lease

### 'Can take it to court if they want to' says Lands spokesman

## Land swap to provide new access

Islands Trust has approved the exchange of two pieces of land at the Mouat centre in Ganges.

Owners had proposed swapping the Crown property facing Hereford Ave. for a waterfront property between Lower Ganges Road and the K & R store.

They are not the same size, but of approximately the same value, the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee learned.

The Crown property at the waterfront improves control over access to the shopping centre, suggested Bud Kreissl.

## Mainland boat overdue

Boat was reported missing on Monday from Vancouver.

RCMP in the islands were warned of the failure to return to a Vancouver marina of a 24 ft. Fibreform boat; with a white hull and blue cabin and deck. Vessel is named Ollie.

Owner, Donald Marshall had left at 10 am Sunday and was expected back on Sunday evening.

## 'Lease not issued subject to Islands Trust approval'

A lease issued by the Land Management Branch to Pinchin Holdings of Mayne Island was not issued "subject to Islands Trust approval" and the Trust "can take it to court if they want to", said a spokesman for the branch last week.

Assistant Regional Lands Manager in Nanaimo, Jack Esler, said that Pinchin Holdings, owners of the Mayne Inn at Bennett Bay, have a lease to build anything which does not exceed in size or use the approved development permit and does not hamper access to the beach. As far as the branch is concerned, the original commercial dock would be acceptable at this time.

Esler said that the Land Branch does not usually require people to "legalize permission" when building a private dock, "unless it is a permanent structure".

Islands Trust chairman John Rich, however, is of a different opinion. He referred to legal advice given the Trust last September to the effect that "there can be no such thing as a 'private' dock in conjunction with commercial premises".

## ESTABLISH CLUB

Meanwhile, Mrs. Anne Pinchin confirmed in a telephone interview that she and her husband have considered installing a private float or dock and establishing a club to use

it. But she stressed that no decisions have been made and they do not yet have a lawyer's opinion on the legal ramifications of such a move.

Pinchin says he had lawyers looking into seven or eight options but declined to comment further. He said it would be "unfair" and "irrelevant" to say more until he has decided on a course of action.

Mrs. Pinchin expressed frustration at meeting yet another obstacle to the dock.

"We have heard so many things from different departments...they have kept us dangling from a string for the past two years."

She referred to "approval" given

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## 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.

*Onus is on user of lakes*

# Power limit on lakes as Trust rules domestic water has prime call

Power boats on St. Mary Lake will be restricted to 10 hp engines. In addition, it will in future not be the responsibility of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District to prove that a proposed use may be harmful. It will be for the proponent of any water use to prove that it will not harm the domestic water supply.

These decisions were reached by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting last Wednesday afternoon.

After the decision had been reached, a petition bearing more than 100 names was received in protest against the proposal. Submitting the petition was Rob Dunn, island teacher.

Committee heard two letters on the subject as well as a report from the Ministry of Environment before making the change.

The petitioners strongly objected to any restriction of power boats on St. Mary Lake, said Rob Dunn's petition.

There is no proof that power boats pollute lakes, trustees were told. There should be a focus on proper functioning of septic tanks around the lake.

The petition accepted that milfoil is a matter of concern and called on BC Ferries to have a warning posted at its terminals asking for checks for milfoil. The

infection could be brought in on any hull irrespective of the size of the motor, commented the petition. And it could also be brought in on float planes.

Bud Kreissl spoke at length on the problems of domestic water. A pathologist, he is also a trustee of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District. He has been concerned with the conservation of water since he arrived on Salt Spring Island a dozen years ago.

**A RESERVOIR**

Whole question of the lake has to be very carefully considered, he told his fellow trustees. It had been suggested that the lake be declared a reservoir.

Nobody owns any share of the lake water or has a prior right to its use, he urged. It is Crown property.

Five years ago St. Mary Lake became a major source of water supply to Salt Spring Island, he told the committee.

"It is now supplying more water than Lake Maxwell does."

About two or three years ago the first careful observation was taken at Maxwell Lake of rainfall. Based on the information gained from the checks it is now estimated that Maxwell Lake can supply sufficient water for 1,700 connections. This means that Maxwell Lake will carry the consumers already hooked up, Ganges and from

Ganges to the southern boundary of the district.

**ALL TO BE SERVED**

All other consumers on the system, from Ganges north to the end of the island, will be served from St. Mary Lake.

Up to the present time it has been the responsibility of the water board to prove that any use of the lake is harmful.

"It should be the other way around," he asserted. "It should be up to others to prove that a use of the lake is not harmful."

He cited the Great Lakes, where some Ontario villages have been required to treat water to restore palatability destroyed by excessive boating.

"Anyone who says there is no danger to the water supply should prove it."

He would like to see the limitation to 10 hp reduced to zero and have all power boats off the lake, continued the doctor. Some resort owners agree, he added.

**ENDANGERED**

He recalled that one of the recommendations of the Patrick Report was to declare the St. Mary Lake watershed endangered and fragile.

The committee accepted his recommendation with the additional clause "that its primary use be domestic water supply".

"It is the policy of the Trust to protect the water," commented Gordon Wallace. "The majority of lakes in the islands are not specifically for any other use. It will be the responsibility of the Trust to protect the water."

He added that one lake on Pender is already polluted beyond use and another is well on the way.

## Pony Club looks for instructor

The Pender Islands Pony Club may have to suspend activities if they can't find an instructor soon. A last minute cancellation by their chief instructor has left the club high and dry.

Spokesman for the club, Shirley Mander, says that an instructor or instructors, preferably with at least a "B" standing in Pony Club or equivalent, is urgently needed to coach the 14 members in English tack, on weekends in May and June. The arrangement could continue throughout the summer, if mutually convenient, but the early season is the priority. Instruction could take place one day a week or in weekend immersion courses.

Continuity is important though, she explained, so that the instructor can gauge each member's weaknesses. In the case of two-day sessions, Pony Club members will be pleased to billet an off-island instructor, she said.

Expenses and some remuneration will be paid, but the sum will not be princely as the club's coffers are not exactly over-flowing.

Anyone interested in further information should contact Mrs. Mander at 629-3354.

## Gas theft nets fine

Theft of gasoline cost Matthew Carter \$100 in provincial court on Wednesday last week. He pleaded guilty to the charge when he appeared before Judge D.K. McAdam.

Court was told the RCMP had apprehended Carter taking gas from a truck two months ago. He explained that he'd taken the gas because his own vehicle had run out.

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I drive like you do, says the sign on the back of the car. It sure scared me off. Some fools shouldn't be given a driver's license!

I wear a tie often. In fact I have quite a selection of ties. And I can tell which one I wore when I ate breakfast out. I always manage to spill my breakfast down my tie. Check my wardrobe and I know all my meals in the past! Can I help it if I drool?

I was talking to a friend on Vancouver Island. He has problems, he explained. When one of his large staff of artisans leaves him a message, he has to slow down to read it. If he looks at the writing and tries to read it phonetically, he can get the message. If he tries to read it as English it doesn't make sense. Graduate students, he explained sadly, can no longer read or write.

Better you vote on Thursday, but don't forget: no great civilization was ever voted into office. But no great civilization has ever survived without the support of its people.

Heard Bud Kreissl crying the other day. And him a grown man! He was saying that when he took on the job of local trustee his predecessor Chuck Longuey told him there was nothing to do. The last incumbents had completed all the work facing the Trust committee. On Wednesday the committee rose at 5.45 pm after 4 3/4 hours. And were those chairs hard! They had me weeping!

The election in British Columbia is the last stronghold of the black lead pencil. At one time the essential of every newsroom, the pencil has given way to the ball point pen. It never needs sharpening and it never gets shorter, except of ink. But it is illegal in the ballot box. If every voter of a party were to insist on using a ball point pen, the other side would form the government because in this western province only a black lead vote counts. So, vote for your chosen candidate by all means, but remember to vote in good black lead!

If the number of signs is any indication, Mika has it made on Salt Spring Island. The Curtis signs are climbing, but they still rank second in numbers.

I'm so sick of radio! I'm so sick of television! All those election ads, she said. And with two elections, it's a big much! She was singing a familiar tune.

They are man and wife. They live together under one roof. And they both have a vote in provincial affairs. Mr. Tom Warrington is registered to vote at the United Church Hall, he told me last week. Mrs. Tom Warrington votes at Central. Their cards say so.

The bible never explained what politics were favoured by the Good Samaritan. He did his christian duty, although he wasn't one; paid his penny and went his way. Last week I found he voted NDP. His truck says so. There's the truck operated by the Good Samaritan and his Son. It says so on the side. And on the back it says, Manly and Mika for NDP.

**Floats wanted Lease approved but for May Day final word is to come**

Parade of floats is planned by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce as part of the May Day activities in Ganges on May 19.

For the second year in succession the Chamber is keeping up the May Day tradition with a day mainly devoted to children's activities.

In charge of the day's program is Gavin Reynolds, who is looking for entrants for the parade.

May Day is the oldest event on Salt Spring Island and was originated at Fulford before the turn of the century.

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee has approved the water lease for extension of Ganges Marina floats. Last week it approved rezoning of the harbour water to allow for the extension.

But there is no assurance that the necessary rezoning of the entire project will be approved.

The marina has announced plans of extending its mooring facilities beyond what they have been in the past. A floating concrete breakwater would enclose the new floats.

On Wednesday last week the trustees looked closely at problems of parking and sanitation.

First concern of the Advisory Planning Commission was parking, reported planner Chris Foord. The number of moorings allowed may be a function of the number of parking spaces available, he added.

It was noted that the subdivision bylaw requires one car space

for every two boat spaces. There was some doubt as to whether this could be accomplished.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

There will be a further discussion with Doug Foerster, the applicant.

They will discuss parking and sanitation and a walkway through Ganges. They will not discuss covered boatsheds because the Trust Committee has already ruled them out.

"This in no way commits the Trust to the adoption of the zoning bylaw because the required conditions may not be met," noted Gordon Wallace.

The committee expressed caution in considering use of the road allowance for any purpose other than a walkway to enable pedestrians to walk in and out of Ganges.

"One of the most dangerous places for old people to walk is downtown Ganges," observed Bud Kreissl.

**Taxed for use not permitted**

Land in the Maxwell Lake watershed is not assessed as tree farm property.

The assessment authority has ruled that it is worth more than tree farm for its potential subdivision qualities.

It is restricted to 30-acre minimum lot size because it lies in a watershed.

The assessor is not bound by any regulations, stated planner Chris Foord.

"They have the authority to decide anything."

The Trust will advise the assessor of the restrictions imposed on the property.

**Women's League executive is installed**

At the regular meeting on May 2, the new executive of the Catholic Women's League was formally installed with director Fr. A. Bergin, O.M.I. officiating, assisted by diocesan president, Mrs. Helene Banner. Mrs. Banner and diocesan treasurer, Mrs. Lena Sander, came to Salt Spring Island from Port Alberni to take part in the installation ceremony, which took place during the opening Mass in Our Lady of Grace Church.

The members held their business meeting at the home of Alicia Anderson on Drake Road. Final plans were made for the Diocesan Convention being held in Campbell River on May 7 and 8. Pat Taylor, Elsa Drummond and Doris Delong are delegates. Plans were also made for a wine and cheese party and social evening for the June 6 meeting to which all of the ladies of the parish are invited.

Doris Delong has been appointed membership convener and Jeanne Anderson has been appointed tea convener for the meetings.

The gathering closed with tea and a social hour.

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## Island planning under threat

The islands have been 10 years in getting accustomed to constraint.

A decade ago the then Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dan Campbell, introduced the 10-acre freeze on island land. Until planning was properly instituted no land could be split into lots of less than 10 acres.

For the first several years the new demand for land use controls was splitting every island down the middle. It was clear from the outset that there were two main forces at work in the islands, as elsewhere in the province. There were those who demanded the utmost on the principle that a man should be permitted to do as he will with his own property.

And there were those at the other end of the scale who demanded a halt to the move towards small-lot subdivision on the grounds that everyone has a stake in the environment.

In the middle was the local administration. The Capital Regional Board administered island planning. After several years of steering islands through the fury and furor of planning, the Capital Region and its personnel had gained numerous enemies from both sides of the issue. The government stood firm and the region stood quite firm and the process of translation from a society free of restriction to a community governed by land use controls was accomplished.

The initial relaxation offered by the provincial government, and transmitted to the Capital Regional District, was the undertaking that those developments on which work had already been undertaken would be permitted to proceed.

The delicate balance of land use controls, planning and zoning was achieved by a process of dispute and debate until a forced harmony was reached. From time to time the sores developed in the first days of dispute are further irritated and a new fever breaks out.

This balance is predicated on the integrity of the administration and the openness of government. If the administration is seen, or even suspected, to be favouring one faction or another, the balance is gone. All decisions must be made in good faith.

On Denman Island, to the north of the Gulf Islands, but within the Islands Trust area, the two local trustees have charged that the Minister of Highways has granted permission for a development that fails to conform to the local regulations and without consulting the Trust. The minister has replied to their protests, explaining that the whole pattern of land use control has been frustrated because he is fearful of a law suit.

The trustees of Denman Island, the Islands Trust as a whole and the rest of the British Columbia islands people are entitled to know the reasons for the minister's decision to take over local administration from the people of the province.

They are also entitled to know whether the government intends to eliminate municipal government in favour of ministerial administration.

At the present time the charges of the Denman Island trustees threaten the whole structure of island planning and control.

## Letters to the Editor

### MISLEADING STATEMENTS

Sir,  
I enclose three items which are interesting when seen together and tell something about the character of Hugh Curtis.

First, examine the two statements by him on the matter of buses, transit service areas and gasoline tax. One of these is in a clipping from the 18th of April edition of your paper and the other over his signature is in his campaign propaganda.

In both of these he says that the Capital Regional District has made a decision to impose a gasoline tax on the Gulf Islands. As the sponsor of the legislation he must know that this is not true. In the interview he goes further and says that the decision of the Capital Regional District to include the islands in the transit area is madness. He said that the government is not in favour of this. He knows full well that the legislation does not give that power to the Capital Regional



District but reserves that power to the Cabinet upon recommendation by the Urban Transit Authority - a board set up by Curtis personally.

All this could be excused as campaign histrionics by a somewhat shifty politician if it were not for the third item. This is an excerpt from an Order in Council approved by the Cabinet, which Curtis sits in, at a time when he was present on March 8, 1979, five weeks or more before his press statement.

The Order in Council states that upon recommendation of the Urban Transit Authority the Capital Regional District is assigned the function of urban transit and that all member municipalities participate and share in the cost incurred.

I am not ashamed at all that at a very early stage in the process I spoke in favour of local involvement in transit services. I complimented the minister on the legislation when it was introduced and aside from reservations about the less than adequate contribution to the cost from the provincial treasury, I support the legislation and the Gulf Islands inclusion.

What does offend me is the clearly misleading statements by Curtis on the matter.

Perhaps it is his remarkable success in early life as a radio huckster that makes him so comfortable with half-truths.

**J.M. CAMPBELL**  
Director, Capital Regional District  
Outer Gulf Islands.  
May 4, 1979

### THREAT OF SOCIALISM

Sir,  
As a fellow former Britisher I am astounded at Mr. Frank Richard's statement that the threat of socialism is a diminishing risk especially in view of his knowledge of conditions in the U.K.

For us, forced by crippling socialist taxation to leave our native land, it is an ever-increasing threat.

We, like millions of others, saw Canada as the land of equal opportunity where we could get ahead through our own efforts, where we would be allowed to keep enough of our earnings to own our own home and gradually climb the ladder of achievement and productivity. We wanted to give our children freedom from carrying the load of an ever-increasing bureaucracy whose main function is to cripple the economy with endless rules, regulations, permits and general red tape, culminating in the taxation necessary to support indexed pensions for the non-productive members of society, including those who, through security of tenure, may long ago have reached

their "level of incompetence". The least government is the best government.

I agree with many of the NDP ideas about using money to the common good. The question that bothers me is "where is the money to come from?"

Unless incentive is given to the productive members of society, i.e. those who circulate the capital for trade and create jobs, to come here and stay here, then our children, the next generation of wage earners, are going to be faced with an ever-increasing load of taxation until everything grinds to a halt or we are faced with some kind of revolution.

We look at the disastrous results of socialism in Britain: nationalization for example, with the colossal subsidies borne by the taxpayers. Strikes which leave the people without power, police, firemen, ambulances, hospitals, drinkable water, etc. and realize how far along that same road we have already come. Government in bed with unions leaves the people defenceless.

The socialists here are carrying out their plan as published in their Waffle Manifesto. They are already taking over communications and education, endeavouring to dictate our T.V. viewing and filling our schools and universities with socialist-oriented teachers. Next will come homes and land state-owned and rented to us, a policy tentatively tried by the NDP in the Prince George area whilst they were in office. Our freedom of choice will steadily be eroded.

Having left Scotland to avoid

this I can assure you that never shall we stop fighting to keep our adopted homeland free from the shackles and demoralisation of socialism and the threat of Orwell's 1984.

As for your delusory picture of the easy-going nonaggressive socialist!!!! Well, I guess we Socialists are just tearing down our own signs each night so that we can rush out and put new ones up next day.

**LORNA SIMPSON**  
RR 1, Ganges  
May 4, 1979.

### IGNORANT OPINION

Sir,  
I've had it! Like most people I read the letters to the editor and have my own opinions but don't bother to express them. But last week's letter really topped the list of ignorant opinions, and from an off-islander to boot.

I'm referring to the person who was so pleased not to see "able-bodied young men lying around Fulford dock area". She/he attributed this to Vander Zalm's removal of the Salt Spring welfare office. What nonsense! Salt Spring is still served by Human Resources, from Sidney now, and the welfare office of the last several years, for Salt Spring, would not give assistance to able-bodied young men, or women for that matter. The most he'd do would be to give the money for a bus ticket to where the nearest work was.

It really burns me when people make such prejudiced statements with no basis in fact. Obviously this

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1979

<b>ANGLICAN</b>			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
<b>ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	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 to the editor

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person saw what they wanted to or perhaps the whole thing was a rather stupid advertisement for the Socreds.

**A. SNELL**  
Ganges  
May 4, 1979

## EVENING RUINED

Sir,  
As a guest of friends on Salt Spring Island recently, I attended with them the potluck supper for Peter and Ann McCalman.

What could have been a lovely evening was ruined for me, my friends and a great many more people by the unruly conduct of the children.

The noise was so bad, that we could not hear the M.C. or the entertainment.

The parents couldn't have cared less about the noise their children were making, and I feel that the M.C. should have asked the parents to control their children.

The supper was delicious though.

**MOLLIE HASELDEN,**  
Calgary, Alberta.  
May 1, 1979.

## STUDYING ALTERNATIVES

Sir,  
In reply to Mr. Tiernan's recent open letter, I would like to confirm that in the matter of the various sewer schemes which have been proposed, I perceive my vote to be that of a chairman, charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all reasonable approaches to solving the problem are properly discussed.

To this end, I have arranged for the regional district engineering staff, in collaboration with their consultants, to review their calculations and the entire process leading to the recommendations they presented to the public meeting of March 1. In particular, the comparative merits and disadvantages of discharging into Trincomali Channel will be re-examined, this with a view to meeting Dr. Kirchmeir for formal discussion of his brief.

It was unfortunate, from the point of view of the resulting delay in communication, that Dr. Kirchmeir was in Edmonton at the time of the March 1 meeting when those best qualified to discuss the questions he raised were all present, and, although I understand Dr. Kirchmeir was due back on the Island this weekend, I have not heard from him to date, nor does he appear to have a listed telephone. However, I am confident that as soon as we are in touch, it will be an easy matter to arrange for him to meet with the appropriate governmental representatives.

In any event, the questions raised are, in my opinion, of sufficient importance to our community to warrant a clear, definitive statement of the advantages and disadvantages of the alternative proposals. I understand this comparative study is in course of preparation and will be available for publication in the near future.

**V.H. (MIKE) CLEMENT**  
Director,  
Capital Regional District  
Salt Spring Island.  
May 7, 1979.

## SPIRAL OF TAXES

Sir,  
I refer to "an election preview" by Frank Richards in your edition of May 2/79. Mr. Richards says people are fearful of voting in the

New Democratic Party because coupling of politics and labour means a spiral of wages. He should also have said coupling of the so-called 'Social Credit party with large business concerns means a spiral of taxes and ever-spiraling profits. Is Mr. Richards saying people are afraid of six percent wage increases but welcome 50% tax and profit increases?

We on small pensions or other small fixed incomes cannot now afford to buy new clothing, lumber, transportation, etc. We can barely afford to pay our taxes and buy groceries.

**B.E. ARISS (Mrs.)**  
RR 1, Ganges  
May 5, 1979.

## SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Sir,  
I would like to remind the whole community of the first annual Salt Spring Elementary School May Carnival to be held this Friday, May 11. Through this joint student, parent and staff effort we hope to raise a substantial amount of money for educational and recreational activities not covered by the school budget. If successful, the event will replace many of the small fund-raising projects and collections usually spread out through the year, and will allow for more constructive planning and efficient use of the available funds.

At 2.45 we'll start off with a slow-pitch easy-going softball game between parents and school staff. Come on out and enjoy the fun, mothers and fathers, even if you don't usually play ball. No sexism allowed here! We'll have a good time acting silly and will likely make some new friends, too. The ball game will be followed through the afternoon and early evening by a Maypole dance, games, various sales and booths, and numerous other carnival activities. An exotic Lovo (Fijian luau) dinner will be served continuously from 5.30 to 7.30 for the price of \$3.25 for adults and \$2 for children. Entertainment will be provided through the evening at Amateur Nite in the high school gym beginning at 8.00.

We would appreciate donations of baked goods, plants, good used books, toys and other items, as well as last minute volunteer energy to keep things running smoothly.

Advance tickets for the dinner and Amateur Night are available at Et Cetera and Ganges Pharmacy.

**RALPH D. MILLER,**  
Chairman, School Advisory  
Committee  
May 7, 1979.

## MORE LIBRARY

Sir,  
The questions about the library raised by Mr. Hall in his letter of April 26 are now somewhat academic, since the school board recently considered the pros and cons and declared by a resolution that they have no intention, for the present, of including the Gulf Islands School District in the Vancouver Regional Library System.

Furthermore, the library is past the "point of no return" on its fund-raising and building campaign. However the questions have been asked and for what they are worth here are my comments thereon.

1. At a meeting with the director of the Regional Library System last November he advised our Library Board that if they moved into the Gulf Islands they would open a branch in

Ganges. They would carry a smaller book stock than ours, which would be rotated from time to time. Not as good as ours for browsing!

2. If the Regional Library system took over, the Open Shelf service now available from Victoria to all the Gulf Islands would be discontinued.

3. If the Regional Library took over we would no longer be eligible for provincial grants to cover book purchases, etc., but in any event we would not be able to compete with a professional library system supported financially by the taxpayers of our island. I understand that they would make an offer for whatever of our books they felt they could use but they would not buy the library property since they only acquire premises on a rental basis.

I hope these comments will be of some use to Mr. Hall in his research. His questions by no means cover the really important financial aspects of the problem but since these questions have been repeatedly aired in the columns of *Driftwood* during the last six months I suggest that Mr. Hall should give me a call if he wishes any further information.

**DON M. KERTLAND**  
Chairman of the Library Board,  
Ganges, B.C.  
May 7, 1979

# Canada growing older

Cliff Harrison, of North Pender, lives by figures. He enjoys calculating even if the results are less than comforting.

One of the statistics he has analyzed is the progress towards an aging population in Canada. In 1900, one Canadian in 30 was over 65 years of age. In 1978, one in 10 is over the pensionable age and by 2020, one in five will be over 65, he reports.

In the Gulf Islands, where the rate is already higher than average, there will be more than one in five, he predicts.

In Victoria there are twice as many people over the age of 65 as anywhere else in British Columbia. He had no exact figures for the islands, but every islander knows of many octogenarians.

In 1970 there were 291 million people in the world, aged 60. This figure will increase 100% by the year, 2000, he predicts, to a total of 585 million. The population will increase by 80%.

Harrison is seeking to draw the attention of all British Columbians to the imbalance in age distribution which is coming into society.

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# Urges support for Salvation Army campaign in Islands

Chairman of the Salvation Army campaign in the Gulf Islands is Bob Foulis.

Campaign was launched on May 1 and the chairman has been suffering poor health during the initial period.

The Salt Spring Island Lions Club has sponsored the drive for many years. The late Desmond Crofton was chairman of the campaign for some 10 years in succession.

Phil Sawford, of the service club, has been pinch-hitting for Bob Foulis and has appealed to islanders to respond to the Red Shield campaign.

The Salvation Army is the friend of those who are in distress and despair. The funds are devoted to the aid of those who need it.

The contribution by every islander to the Red Shield Appeal is a direct gesture to someone whose situation is desperate, urged Sawford.

Every year the Salvation Army provides shelter to 20,000 people who have none. Every year it provides 40,000 meals to people who otherwise would go without.

*Safety Canada*, publication of the Canada Safety Council, reports that it cost Canadians an estimated \$6,136,000 to convert 241,200 road signs to metric on 488,600 kilometres of roads.

The Salvation Army caters to the cold, hungry and homeless.

Islanders are invited to cater to the Salvation Army.

Residents who have no envelope may make a donation to the campaign headquarters in the Bank of Montreal at Ganges.

# Galiano School Fair on May 19

BY SHAY FOSTER

The Galiano School Fair will offer something for everyone on Saturday, May 19 at the school grounds. It will be an enjoyable way for islanders and visitors alike to start off the long holiday weekend. Opening at 10.30 am, the fair will offer a lively cake walk with a delicious array of homemade cakes, a raffle of a Franklin stove, a framed photograph and handwoven towels (all donated by island residents), bedding and house plants, skilful palm reading by Gillian Allen, children's art, white elephants, a fish pond, dart throw, home baking of all types, free games for children, homemade chili 'n buns, sales by local artists, an auction and the popular sponge throw at the principal and also the postmaster.

"Bring the whole family and have a good time while helping the school children towards a covered play area," says fair organizer Debra Murray.



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## Members have sailed past line of lease at mooring

Salt Spring Island Sailing Club has gone over the line.

The club acquired floats for the new headquarters on Ganges Harbour and they extend beyond the

limits of the lease granted the sailors.

Dock was towed away from Shelby's Marina. When the marina was sold earlier this year the purchasers, wanted no part of the dock and it stayed with the club.

It was noted that during initial application for the permit to install the club at its present location club spokesmen assured the Trust that there would be only sailing vessels moored there.

There were to be no power boats. Now it's mostly power boats.

It's outside the jurisdiction of the Trust, suggested Gordon Wallace. The Trust was required to approve the lease, but not to police it.

If the zoning follows the lease, then it is in the Trust range, said Bud Kreissl.

Local trustees will look further into it.

## Shoot dog after child is bitten

Police destroyed a dog at Salt Spring Island Elementary School on Tuesday.

School Principal Tom Watson reported that the animal, a German Shepherd, had bitten a child.

RCMP Detachment at Ganges reported later that the animal appeared quite friendly towards most of the children, but very hostile to adults.

Dog had no tags or other identification. It was shot.

## Conditions looking up

# Islander brings news from Nepal

Greetings from Nepal!

That is the message from Elizabeth Mendies and her 60-plus children. Salt Spring resident Nan Merkeley, who recently returned from visiting Nepal, reports that it was "great to see them all in their new residence". She says they have a lot of room around the house for a play area and vegetable garden.

The house itself, however, is very old and in need of many major repairs, says Mrs. Merkeley, and it is hoped to build two dormitories: one for the boys and the other for the girls. The house would then be used for other purposes, including storage.

An Australian nurse has volunteered her services to the Mendies family and has been "a tremendous help".

Conditions are looking up, says the island traveller, but there is still a long way to go.

"Mrs. Mendies," she adds, "says thank you to everyone who contributes to their welfare, and sends her love and prayers."

Top picture shows the Mendies' large, new home in Nepal.

At the bottom, Elizabeth Mendies poses with some of her children.



## Government philosophy centres on one thing only: how to spend your money

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Victoria is fearful of a slump so most of your \$500 goes to relieving the oil industry of crippling taxes to encourage more drilling so that there will be lots of revenue from oil sales in the hope that some of the profits will help to pay your \$10,000 so that next year the province

can get its \$500 to help the oil industry to prosper and bounce off your wages and on and on and on.

There is an election.

### CULTURE AND WELFARE

A more moderate government in Ottawa is sympathetic with the arts and worried over the plight of Canadians on sub-standard diet. The expenditure on military ventures is chopped and part of your \$2,500 is devoted to culture and welfare. The military lays off recruitment and the seller of dynamite weeps at the loss of revenue.

There is an election.

A tighter economy is needed, decides the new Victoria government. Your \$500 (Turn to Page Twenty-Three)

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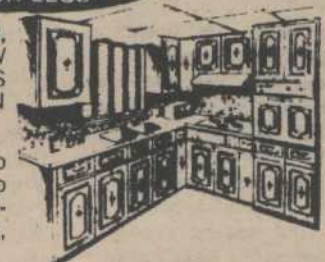
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# 'Extraordinary potential' for new community centre, says Gilbert

An established population producing high-quality crafts and a need to develop a home-based economy compatible with community goals and lifestyles are two reasons that have been given for construction of a new community centre on Salt Spring Island.

In a report prepared two months ago, community school worker Nick Gilbert states that the "extraordinary potential" of a new community centre speaks for itself. He notes that two features of the island's population are significant in considering such a centre: the high percentage of retired residents and the large number of people involved in arts and crafts and performing arts.

"Many have developed their talents to a high degree of perfection," says Gilbert, "and are widely recognized for their work. Many seek to make some income and even a marginal living from their craft."

### CROSSROADS

He goes on to say that the people of Salt Spring have reached "a crossroads in their development". They have supported legislation to maintain the rural atmosphere, he says, but are "constantly bombarded with expansionist pressures". Gilbert warns that there is a danger of the island becoming a suburb.

He points out in his report that the island's population, through the community plan, has already indicated what kind of community is envisioned. A community centre should also be a cultural centre, he urges, and would provide both a focus for the "unique character of the community" and "a valuable economic contribution to island life".

Gilbert observes that neither Mahon Hall nor the Community Centre on Ganges Hill are fully adequate for present uses.

"Both buildings are used heavily by the public for many reasons, and both are ancient frame structures in the advanced stages of deterioration."

### COST IS HIGH

The cost of maintaining and heating them is high, he adds.

The report gives a number of other reasons for proceeding with a new centre for Salt Spring.

- The development pattern and goals for the island are now fixed, allowing for the proper planning and setting of a centre to serve the island now and in the future.

- The community needs to sharpen its definition and focus, and to build on the potentials suggested by the present population (i.e. a retirement, artistic and tourist community). A properly planned centre would both maximize this potential and help to avoid the suburban mentality "that

still besets us".

- The island has an active Community Society that is concerned with providing and co-ordinating health and social services to the island. It hopes to remain sensitive to the community's unique needs and to provide local services to meet those needs.

- The goals of the Recreation Commission Master Plan would be fulfilled.

- The retirement community would enjoy a compact system of social services and artistic/recreational outlets.

### IN THE CORE

The report goes on to suggest that such a centre be located in the core area of Ganges.

"Its proximity to the sea is

important, both for aesthetic reasons and because it will be easily accessible to boaters, as an information and resource centre, as well as a crafts centre...."

The community plan, says Gilbert, stresses the importance of a link with the sea. A foot passenger ferry terminal in Ganges has been contemplated, he says, and could provide a link with Vancouver Island and the Outer Islands.

A community-recreation centre, Gilbert concludes, could provide for the social, recreational and cultural needs of the island.

"It may also serve as the centre that defines our character, while connecting us socially and economically with the outside world."



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## Mobile home park not to be permitted on Scott Road

Proposal for a mobile home park on Scott Road was rejected last week by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee.

The Advisory Planning Commission said no and the health department had misgivings, trustees were told.

Application to reduce the minimum lot size on property at Scott Road and Upper Ganges Road was also rejected.

### NOT WATERSHED

A bylaw will be prepared to take

watershed property that is not really watershed property out of the watershed designation. It will go to a public hearing later this month.

Bylaw will also be prepared to rezone the Don Irwin business property from Industrial 2 to Industrial 3. But the provision of car wrecking as part of Industrial 3 is to be stricken from the bylaw.


Farm property will be usable for processing of farm produce grown on Salt Spring Island, but not in other locations. Trustees decided to amend the agricultural zone. It will regularize the application of an apple-juicing firm for permission to press apples.

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## William and Jean Ewen

# Celebrate 65 years of marriage

### Contributed

April 2, 1914 was the day on which Jean Lyon and William Ewen were married in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Recently they celebrated their 65 years of marriage with their 11 children, 43 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ewen were born in Aberdeen, Scotland and came to Canada in 1913. After the wedding they lived in Lockwood, Saskatchewan. It was there the children were born and educated.

In 1947, Bill and Jean moved to Sidney where they have lived ever since. Their 50th anniversary was celebrated at Lockwood in 1964. In 1974 the family gathered in Sidney, at the Travel Lodge to celebrate their 60th. In 1979, the family gathered in the Sidney Legion Hall to celebrate 65 years of marriage.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Warren Funnell, grandson-in-law. Music was supplied by Angela Funk, wife of their grandson Donald.

The head table was beautifully decorated with flowers and candles and centred with an anniversary cake baked by oldest daughter Jean and decorated by granddaughter Doris Burns.

A family tree was prepared and presented to the happy couple by Darlene Rooks, their granddaughter.

The bride of 65 years ago wore a floor-length dress, rose-flowered on a silver blue background with a corsage of pink roses.

Gifts from the family included a chesterfield and chair, macrame plant hangers, a family quilt and other miscellaneous gifts.

Cards and best wishes were received from absent friends to complete a very happy occasion.



WILLIAM AND JEAN EWAN

## Meals-on-wheels volunteers to hold once a year meet

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday a small handful of people gather shortly before noon just outside the Lady Minto Hospital kitchen chatting amiably among themselves as they wait for the cart piled high with Meals-on-Wheels in their styrofoam containers. In a matter of minutes the piping hot meals are loaded into waiting cars, and the drivers fan out on their routes all over the island bringing well-balanced nourishment and a cheery smile right to the door of all

who need it.

For the volunteer drivers, it's a labour of love and neighbourliness repeated regularly throughout the year. The routes may change; the drivers may change; but holiday or workday, the meals go out. Some of the volunteers drive once a week, some only occasionally as the need arises, and many of them never meet their counterparts who deliver on the same route to the same people on another day. It's a rare occasion that brings them all together.

### ONLY MEETING

On May 17 there will be such an occasion when the entire group assembles for their only meeting of the year. Set for two o'clock on a Thursday so there will be no conflict with running the routes, they will gather in the board room of the Nurses' Residence at the rear of the hospital to review the accomplishments of the past year and elect their officers for the forthcoming year.

This is a public meeting, open to all who are interested: volunteers who have driven in the past, those who are driving now, and those who may be willing to drive in the future. Although it's a business meeting, it is also the only recognition the drivers get for the time and effort they devote so quietly and dependably during the year, *Driftwood* was told.

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## Strip of gravel is highway but owners may not split lot

The couple bought their property on Arnell Way. The strip of gravel running through it meant

nothing to them.

It meant something to the highways crews. It was their road.

When a paving program laid a strip of tarmac across the middle of their property, the gravel strip meant something to the owners. They discovered that the road went through the middle of their property and that the front garden was across the road.

The extra piece of land was of no value and they asked permission to subdivide and sell the garden across the street.

On Wednesday afternoon the Islands Trust explained that the subdivision bylaw on Salt Spring Island prohibits the making of split lots in this manner and that it also prohibits the splitting of the lot. There is no way they can subdivide and sell, the owners were told.

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# Death of Doris Crofton marks end of era of music and Guiding

To innumerable Salt Spring Island musicians, piano players and music-lovers the death of Mrs. Doris Livingstone Crofton of Ganges represents a loss that may never be filled.

She died in Lady Minto Hospital on May 1.

For 45 years Mrs. Crofton had taught music on the island. Her pupils are all over the province. Her younger students learned music and her older students spent part of their time learning something of her philosophy when they were studying music.

Mrs. Crofton was active in many different phases of island life.

She was founder of the island Girl Guide Company and she was one of the senior members of the Conservative Association on Salt Spring Island. She served as school trustee for 10 years and the rest of her time was devoted to her home and garden.

She was Miss Doris Taylor when she arrived on Salt Spring Island in 1919. With her family she lived at Cusheon Lake in the home now owned by Charles Horel and his family.

She later married Dermott Crofton of Ganges.

### TEACHER AND GUIDER

Before coming to the island she had been music teacher and captain of the Girl Guide Company at St. Margaret's School in Victoria.

On Salt Spring Island she pursued her interest in both activities. She was captain of the Guides for many years.

Year after year her students entered the Cowichan Music Festival and brought back numerous trophies to the island. She always entered the Conservatory Music Festival in Victoria.

Many of Mrs. Crofton's former pupils are now qualified teachers of

music. They include Angela Funk, Ainslie MacQuarrie and the de Burgh sisters.

For several years she wrote an Island news column for two newspapers.

She leaves her husband at home; two sons, Patrick in Victoria and Mark in Dartmouth, N.S.; one daughter, Mrs. W. (Sharon) Spriggs, in Victoria; 10 grandchildren; a brother, Bill Taylor in Vancouver; two sisters, Mrs. J. (Phyllis) Stewart-Williams, West Vancouver and Mrs. F. (Sheila) Price in Duncan.

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Funeral service was in St. George's Anglican Church at Ganges on Friday afternoon, May 4. Right Reverend W.G. Birch officiated. Cremation followed. Pall bearers were Arthur Gale, Donald Corbett, Keith Price, Alan and Norman Best and Dick Toynbee.

Ushers were John Crofton and Jim Morris.

In lieu of flowers, donations were invited to the Bursary and Scholarship Fund of the Victoria Conservatory of Music, for the attention of Mr. Killian.

Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Water District tighter

Who says what?

Salt Spring Island community plan provides for an average lot size of 10 acres. But the South Salt Spring Water District bylaws say minimum lot size is 10 acres.

The water district won.

On Wednesday last week the Islands Trust committee declined to argue. Trustees accepted the water district recommendation and disallowed the subdivision.

## Schools join Pitch-In campaign

Outdoors Unlittered, sponsors of the anti-litter Pitch-In campaign, report that about 50,000 garbage bags have been distributed in British Columbia. Of the 600 groups taking part, two are on the Gulf Islands: Salt Spring Elementary and Galiano Elementary Schools.

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## Weather report on Salt Spring for first months of year

The Salt Spring Island year has been wet and hot, in turns. Tarri Horel, of Cusheon Lake, who has been recording weather for the federal government, reports a total precipitation of 290.7 mm since January 1, with the heaviest fall in February, when 165 mm of rain was augmented by 1.59 cm to total 180.9 mm. Highest temperature of the first four months was on April 23, when the mercury rose to 21.5 degrees on the centigrade scale, or 66.4 according to the old familiar Fahrenheit score. Following table, prepared by Miss Horel, shows the statistics of weather on Salt Spring Island for the first four months of the year.

	max. temp.	min. temp.	avge. temp.	total precip.
January	10 C (20th)	-14 C (1st)	-0.5 C	34.8 mm
There were 27 days of frost: 0.78 cm of snow and 27 mm of rain.				
February	10 C (9th)	-7C (2nd)	3.0 C	180.9 mm
With 12 days of frost; 1.59 cm snow and 165 mm, rain.				
March	18 C	-3 C (28th)	6.5 C	36.7 mm
Eight days of frost and no snow.				
April	21.5 C (23rd)	-1 C (1st and 20th)	8.0 C	38.3 mm
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## Happy Island nonagenarian



Mrs. Jones relaxes in her room at Greenwoods.

## Party was a great start for her 98th year

**BY DOREEN CUE**  
Greenwoods was one of the livelier spots on Salt Spring Island on April 29 when Mrs. Florence Jones celebrated her 97th birthday. Although Greenwoods has been her home for just the three weeks it has been open, she found there

was a whole community of people to share the big day with her. A corsage of pink carnations from a daughter in Revelstoke and friendly congratulations from staff and breakfast companions started the day. The noon ferry brought son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters from Sidney and Victoria. Mrs. Jones delighted in showing them the features of her new home, including the fluffy lame gosling that thrives among the shrubs of the inner courtyard.

Teatime was a highlight with the chef himself presenting a traditional birthday cake, big enough for all, encribed "Happy Birthday, Sweet Sixteen" because he claimed she wouldn't tell him her age. He also presented her with a kiss!

A rousing birthday song by everyone was recorded on tape as was much of the day, to be enjoyed at leisure in the future.

### INFORMAL CONCERT

The day was only half over. More to come in the evening after a rest. At 7, relatives again came to join Greenwoods friends. Mrs. Jones' special request has been that her granddaughter, Melody, play her trumpet. So we had an informal concert with Melody play-

## Trustees to meet ministries on permits

There is conflict between the Islands Trust and certain government offices.

On Friday morning the Islands Trust meeting in Victoria heard complaints of the Land Management Branch issuing permits which are at odds with Islands Trust regulations.

Water leases have been issued in violation of Trust bylaws, observed Jim Tyhurst.

He suggested that on Gabriola Island and on Mayne Island this conflict had come to the surface.

Trust will meet with the ministries concerned.

If a government office issues a permit in conflict with the valid bylaws of the Trust the members have no alternative but to require that its bylaws be observed, commented Chairman John Rich.

It is the opinion of many that all permits issued by government ministries should require the holder to conform to local bylaws where applicable, he added, but lands branch personnel do not share that opinion.

A man obtains a lease for a marina from the lands branch. Nobody tells him that a marina must conform to local bylaws. He thinks he can go ahead, yet local regulations may prohibit that use, the Trust was told.

It was felt that the ministry concerned should warn applicants in such instances.

ing dozens of familiar favourites that were clapped and sung to. (The acoustics, by the way, are great in the lounge).

Then an hour of chatting together.

"Oh, my grandson plays with yours, doesn't he?" "Yes, I know the house, you used to have a great flower garden." "I have just come to Greenwoods. Don't know many people yet." "Just think if there are 49 of us, we can have a party almost every week of the year." "I can't remember names very well now but we'll smile at each other anyway, shall we?" "Do you think there are any singing groups that would come? I used to direct a choir, I'd love to see young faces singing."

Every evening tea and coffee are served with cake in the comfortable lounge. And so it was this day, as the sun was setting and the trumpet sounded taps.

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### Maracaibo Development

# Biggest subdivision sought is one of best says trustee

It was the largest subdivision to come before the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, said planner Chris Foord.

"It is such a nice development that I would hate to see something go wrong with it," said Bud Kreissl.

It is the Maracaibo strata plan on Athol Peninsula. Athol Peninsula is the northern land mass on Long Harbour. It is the long peninsula that makes Long Harbour long.

The project provides for two community water systems to feed and protect the 82 lots. Water is provided from six wells producing a total of 74 1/4 gallons a minute. Sixteen holes were drilled and all produced water. The poorest yields 0.35 gallons an hour, or barely enough for one dwelling.

Trust has required that two water catchment systems be installed for fire protection purposes. In addition, each home will be required to install a 1,000 gallon reservoir.

It was noted during last Wednesday's discussion of the project that the population density will be one-tenth of that at Scott Point.

Best beach property in the project has been designated a public beach. It is situated opposite the ferry terminal at Long Harbour.

#### MORE STRINGENT

Not only has every requirement of the Islands Trust been met, but the regulations and restrictions imposed by the developers have been very much more stringent, the committee learned. Even the building sites have been tagged on each lot.

The project was approved subject to a final check.

The provincial geologist is being invited to look at it in view of the dependance on ground water.

"I may be over-reacting to ground water," admitted Dr. Kreissl.

"You can't!" countered Gordon Wallace.

## Wedding of Isabel Ripley at Galiano

#### Contributed

A beautiful wedding took place in St. Margaret's Church on Galiano Island recently with Rev. Dyer officiating. Isabel Kathleen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ripley, became the bride of Frederick James, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stevens.

Mrs. Ross Parminter played the wedding march. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was radiant in her gown of white satin trimmed in wide lace, long bell sleeves and full skirt en train. A fingertip length veil held by a tiara of seed pearls completed her wedding gown. She carried a

cascade bouquet of yellow sweetheart roses and green fern, along with a silver horseshoe.

Bridesmaid was Susan Besler, who wore a long tiered, off the shoulder, ecru coloured floral polyester gown, she carried a bouquet of spring flowers. Mother of the bride wore a dress of white and brown print and a yellow rose corsage. Mother of the groom wore a three-piece aquamarine suit and a corsage of yellow carnations.

Best man was Ivor Sater of Duncan and ushers were Bill Stevens, brother of the groom, and Jim Ripley, brother of the bride. A family reception was held at the

Pink Geranium, where a baron of beef luncheon was enjoyed by all. The tables were beautifully decorated with spring flowers, and a three-tiered wedding cake, made by Mrs. Ripley, and decorated by Mrs. Stevens, centred the bride's table. It was trimmed with narcissus and red primroses entwined in a pattern of cornelli lace.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will tour the state of Oregon before returning to reside on Galiano.

### Hit-and-run costs \$200 at Ganges

Damage was estimated at about \$200 in a hit-and-run incident at Ganges.

Pam Kitchen reported leaving her car in the Trading Company parking lot on Monday. When she returned to the vehicle, the fender had been crumpled and the passenger's door was jammed.

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# Growing up under glass is good training for plants



Audrey and Jake Buitenwerf check the new crop.

## JAKE AND AUDREY BUITENWERF

### Magazine article brought them to Salt Spring 23 years ago

BY TONY RICHARDS

It was 23 years ago that Jake Buitenwerf sold two pigs in order to make a \$150 down payment on five acres of land on Rainbow Road. And shortly after that he paid an island contractor a steak dinner and a case of beer to clear his new property.

Today, Jake and Audrey Buitenwerf have no regrets about moving to the island they read about in a mid-1950's issue of *McLean's Magazine*. And though there were "golden years" in Holland after the second world war, they are glad they came to Canada.

They still have the five acres they bought when they arrived on Salt Spring, Golden Acres Farm just outside of Ganges, where they have about three acres of market gardens.

While many people on the islands are still in the process of, or have just completed their planting, the Buitenwerfs are already four months into the growing season, having begun planting in January. Their 3,000 square foot greenhouse, built last year, houses about 1,150 tomato plants, many of which are fast approaching the harvesting stage with tomatoes the size of a golf ball.

FOR \$5 Jake obtained plans for the greenhouse from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. After sending off \$5, he received all the necessary plans, plus more than 50 pages of information on various aspects of greenhouse construction including circulation and ventilation requirements, and cooling and heating systems.

Why did he have to look as far away as Kentucky? Because there

were no plans available in Canada.

"We wrote to the University of Guelph, Ontario," explains Jake. "They referred us to the University of B.C. We wrote to U.B.C., and they referred us to the University of Kentucky."

The greenhouse, he says, is designed to withstand winds of up to 80 mph. It is covered with special six mil greenhouse plastic that is said to be good for three years.

#### HIS OWN METHOD

The heating and circulation system is one that Jake built himself using a propane heater at one end and an electric fan in the middle of the greenhouse. He decided to use his own method after discovering that it would cost somewhere in the region of \$3,000 to purchase the equipment he needed.

Adjacent to the new green-



Jan stands by the frame he built.

house is a cold frame which Jake designed and his son Jan built. About eight feet wide and close to 100 long, about seven different varieties of vegetables are growing inside it, and most of them will remain there right through to harvest time.

Both the greenhouse and the cold frame are equipped with an irrigation system consisting of plastic pipe suspended above the plants. Plants are fed water through nozzles spaced at regular intervals along the pipe.

Although Jake Buitenwerf insists that he has learned how to grow vegetables by trial and error, he attended a horticultural school in Holland for three years before coming to Canada. He worked on farms in Alberta for eight years and spent some time in the Okanagan before moving to Salt Spring.

#### ANOTHER JOB

He is not, however, a full time farmer: he has worked for B.C. Ferries for many years and says it wouldn't be possible to operate the farm without working at another job as well.

At present, field crops is the only type of farming carried out at Golden Acres, although the Buitenwerf family has raised some beef cattle.

"We even had goats at one time," says Jake, "but we couldn't plant a tree or anything then."

Cow manure and compost have been the chief means of fertilizing but commercial fertilizers are also used, though not to any great extent. As for insect pests, they say that a controlled spraying program is necessary. Last year, says Audrey, they lost their potato crop when they refrained from using chemical controls.

Another product of Golden Acres is wine, which Jake describes as "just as good as old Herb Capozzi's, if not better".

As far as farming on the islands is concerned, Jake notes that it is definitely on the increase. But his advice for anyone considering getting into farming is that they don't rush into it too quickly.

By going at it carefully, he says, "we can build up farming again on Salt Spring".



Jake takes a closer look.

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# Manly looks at Canadian scene during visit to Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The two NDP candidates visiting the Pender Islands last week were entertained at a lunch at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. Morrison. In the afternoon they attended the Pender Islands Women's Institute Flower Show, where they had an opportunity to meet many and talk with many of the islanders.

Jim Manly, Federal NDP candidate, was interviewed at the flower show.

It is his feeling that fixed election dates in Canada would have real merit. A government could still be defeated by a vote, while in office.

The NDP basically supports bilingualism and is very concerned about national unity.

The feeling is that it can best be solved by full employment.

In Quebec there are 400,000 unemployed, he stated. Ed Broadbent and the NDP want planning and industrial strategy at a national level.

They would build up industries such as telecommunications, petrochemicals, metal and plastics instead of exporting Canada's raw resources.

Eighty per cent of a Canadian family's income goes now for food, housing and transportation. The NDP would establish a national investment fund into which companies would put some profits for tax incentives in good years. This fund would then be available when times are slack.

### INFLATION

Inflation, said Manly, is not due to wage increases, as some would have us believe. Last year the wage increase averaged 6.4%, the cost of living 9% and, according to A.I.B. figures, the cost of food, 21%.

The NDP proposes a fair prices commission with the power to roll back prices where there is evidence of profiteering. They would, however, recognize that business should make a reasonable return on its investment.

Reasonable wage settlements are possible if the cost of living is kept in sight.

"Historically, wages follow prices."

In addition, for senior citizens and low income people they would be given tax credits that would help to ease the burden of inflation.

The NDP would preserve and protect the environment.

They oppose increased tanked traffic on our coast, nuclear power developments and spraying with 2,4-D to control milfoil weed in our B.C. lakes.

They would institute an immediate capital works program at the local, municipal and provincial level, for example in reforestation and stream clearance. The NDP

would also decrease taxes for low and middle income people, said the candidate.

In the government offices they would constantly review programs. They are not advocating laying off workers but re-organizing in some areas to make sure useful work is being done.

In the post office they would have less regional management and more people out delivering the mail on the routes.

Jim Manly was born in Saskatchewan and came to Vancouver in 1943, where he graduated from U.B.C. He is, at present, a United Church minister at Ladysmith.

## Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

The most important date to remember this week is voting day, Thursday, May 10. Mayne Islanders will vote at the Agricultural Hall from 8 am to 8 pm. The list of eligible voters is at both stores and the post office.

Other important dates are:

Sunday, May 13, Mayne Island Volunteer Firemen will hold a Pancake Breakfast to honour mothers on Mother's Day from 9 am to 12 noon. It will be held at the Fire Hall. Admission: \$1 per person.

Sunday, May 13, Rev. Dr. George Morrison will conduct the service at St. Mary Magdalene Church at 11.30 am. Services will be conducted by Rev. R. Dawson May 20 and June 10 in the absence of Rev. John Dyer, who will be on holiday.

Saturday, May 19, 2 pm, Annual Meeting, Mayne Island Improvement District at the Fire Hall, election of one trustee. Reports are of general interest to all Mayne Island property owners.

Nurse Lynda McKewan will be on holiday May 5 to May 28 and nurse Peggy Nygard will be on call from her home at 539-2884.

Our sympathy to Cissie Nightingale whose brother passed away recently in White Rock Hospital. Funeral Services were held at White Rock.

The Crib Club celebrated the end of the season at a dinner held at Mayne Inn on April 24. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the winners of high scores for the year. Harry Redman won the trophy for high average during the year for the men and Vi Hamilton won the women's high score. Vic Griffiths won a suitable prize for being "skunked" the greatest number of times. New officers elected were president, Bert Wood; vice-president, Bertha Evans; secretary-treasurer, Irene Halliday. Hugh and Marguerite Campkin were Harry Redman's guests for the evening.

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## How long is an oyster? \* \* \* \* or how long an oyster lease?

How long is an oyster lease? Salt Spring Island Trust Committee said five years. Province says 15 or 20 years.

In a letter to the committee, the Ministry of Lands explained that an established lease must be offered on a minimum term of 15 years to justify the lessee's work. If the lease is not established, then the lease is usually 20 years.

That was fine with him, sug-

gested Gordon Wallace, but was any check made to ensure that it was, in fact, being maintained as a viable commercial project and not just a ploy to gain possession of the waterfront.

Applicant Charles Bazzard told him that the leases are policed by the government.

It's OK with the Trust provided that a monitoring program indicates it is in practical use.

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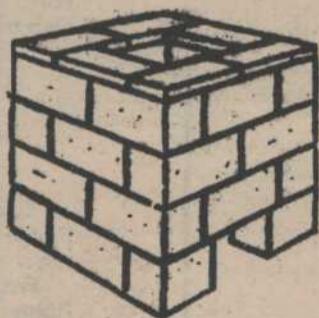
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## Indignant at refusal

# Betty Delmonico ordered out of Islands Trust meeting in Ganges over dispute

Spectator was ordered to leave the meeting when the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee rejected an application for rezoning of a Valhalla Road property in Ganges.

Allan Cunningham, of Quebec Drive submitted a carefully prepared presentation on establishing an outlet for Lindall Homes.

The site is situated at Valhalla and Park Drive, to the rear of the new Valcourt super market.

Although zoned for residential purposes, the property is not suitable for that use, situated as it is, between two commercial ven-

tures, submitted the applicant.

The site would be beautified and a suitable office building set up, said the applicant. He presented the trustees with pictorial descriptions of the type of office he was planning.

Lindall Homes do not belong in the core area of Ganges, he urged. It generates low traffic volumes. The construction of homes would help stimulate business on the island.

Planner Chris Foord noted that he knows nothing of its designation for multiple residential use.

### NO CHANGE

The Advisory Planning Commission recommended refusal, reported Foord. They had looked at the question of use and location. They were unanimous in finding no cause to change the new plan.

He had received many phone calls asking for no more commercial development in the area, commented Bud Kreissl.

"Brother!" exclaimed Betty Delmonico. They were talking rubbish, she added.

"We must have order," called Chairman John Rich, "If you

interrupt I shall have to ask you to leave."

"A pleasure!" replied Mrs. Delmonico.

She was asked to leave, but she got the last word.

"This stinks!" she said loudly before vigorously slamming the door.

"I have considered it very carefully," observed David Lott. "I must congratulate Mr. Cunningham on a very good presentation, but the issue is not whether we have a Lindall Homes outlet on the

## Fined \$1,200 for impaired driving

A fine of \$1,200 was levied against a Salt Spring man in Ganges provincial court Wednesday on a charge of driving with a blood-alcohol content exceeding 0.08.

Glenn Blomly was charged after he was stopped by RCMP in Ganges February 2; breathalyzer readings of 0.17 and 0.16 were subsequently obtained.

He pleaded guilty to the charge, which was the second impaired charge he had been convicted of in two years.

island."

He cited the domino principle, where the commercial zone extends lot by lot.

Application was rejected. "There'll be a lot of work going off the island, then," commented Cunningham.

## Arts Council sets date for meeting

The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council has scheduled its annual general meeting for Thursday, May 24, at 8 pm in Mahon Hall. With membership well above 350, the CAC is one of the largest organizations in the islands. By holding the meeting in the evening, the officers hope that more of these members will find it convenient to attend and take part in the discussion of several matters of importance to the group.

Foremost among these will be proposed changes in the constitution and bylaws. At last year's annual general meeting, a committee was appointed to review the regulations in order to make them serve the organization more efficiently. Details of their proposals will be published well in advance of the meeting so that members can discuss them knowledgeably. *Driftwood* was told this week.

Election of officers will also take place at this meeting and members will have a preview of plans for Art-Craft '79. Island guilds will be reporting on their year's accomplishments, including their use of grants from the CAC.

## Bridge winners

Canadian Legion Duplicate Bridge club winners on May 1 were:

First, Anne McConnell, Gordon Hutton; second, Nora Day, Phoebe Stevens; tied for third, Helen Shandro, Mayme Iverson; Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop.

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# Trust gets brochure on spraying when protest is sounded to board

When the Islands Trust expressed concern to the Pesticide Control Branch regarding noxious sprays a brochure came back extolling the safety of sprays.

Trust had emphasized the concern of islanders and urged that local labour was the best way of getting rid of excessive growth.

BC Hydro has been planning to spray the highly controversial herbicides on the power line right-of-way on Galiano and Salt Spring Islands.

Does Hydro have to take out a license to spray, asked Jim Tyhurst, at the Trust council meeting in Victoria last week. The answer was yes.

Have they already been to the pesticide control board? Yes, without notifying the Trust.

B.C. Hydro has undertaken to enquire into alternative methods of weed-control, using non-chemical procedures at the terminal stations on the two islands.

The intention must be posted on the notice board of Hydro's Nanaimo office, noted the chairman.

Pesticide Control Branch is simply issuing permits, commented Jim Tyhurst. There is no monitoring or checking.

"The branch should be required to hear other evidence," he urged, "and there should be subsequent monitoring."

### NO PERMIT

There appears to be no permit yet sought for Salt Spring Island, explained Chairman Rich. He had not seen it posted yet in Hydro's Nanaimo office.

Will the Pesticide Branch advise the Trust on receipt of the application, asked Tyhurst.

Board had assured the Trust that it would give the letter "adequate" consideration.

BC Hydro had explained to the Trust that there is a requirement to tell anyone of applying for a spraying permit. It does not require publicity under the present laws and regulations.

Tyhurst moved that both the Pesticide Control Branch and the

Pollution Control Branch be asked to notify the Islands Trust immediately upon receipt of an application for a permit which might cause pollution.

### MONITORING

He further moved that both branches be asked to describe the methods of monitoring that are used to assess subsequent environmental damage.

Trust supported both proposals.

It was noted that a number of trustees would like to meet with officials of both branches to discuss procedures for monitoring permits.

Trustees also expressed concern for pollution arising from factors outside the Trust area. One possibility submitted was the discharge of effluent into the sea and its subsequent arrival on an island shore.

Jurisdiction over water is a grey area, said manager Tony Roberts.

Most laws governing rights are based on land, commented Mike Humphreys.

## Chairman notes rules of meeting

Islands Trust meetings on the various islands are held under the Municipal Act.

The public is invited to sit in and take part where they are invited. The members of the audience may not interrupt the meeting, nor may they disturb the meeting in any way.

Chairman John Rich outlined the rules of order at the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting on Wednesday of last week.

## Saturna Scene

Whoever the joker was who smeared raw egg all over the door of our clinic had best take Bill Lawson's advice to "think positive." The perpetrator of such a sick joke needs to shape up, or he/she will end up with egg on his/her face.

Forgotten last week was that Edie Whiting won the braided rug made by Evelyn Saunders and raffled to help St. Christopher's Church.

Saturna Lions celebrated a fifth birthday on Tuesday, April 24, with a big birthday cake made and decorated by Laura Coombs. Then on Friday evening, April 27, the Lions had a very successful Founders Day banquet. The delicious roast beef dinner was catered by the Parents of School Children group. Tom Davidson introduced

Alcohol consumption in West Germany is at an all-time peak, reports the Canada Safety Council. Every second German mark spent on beverages is spent on alcohol

the guest speaker, Colin Mouat of Ganges, past zone chairman and now prospective district governor elect.

Colin spoke of the importance of the small local club in the much larger Lions International. The speaker was thanked by Don McLellan, president elect of Saturna Lions Club. Mrs. Anne Mouat, who accompanied her husband, was introduced together with other head table people by outgoing president Gordy Wick. Bob Hindmarch gave the toast to the ladies, followed by a reply from Laura Coombs.

The announcement of School Sports Day being held on May 1 was an error. Sports Day will be on Friday, June 1. Students are practising hard and hope to keep up their good record of last year.

Jeannie Morgan was home for a weekend. Jeannie has improved so much that she is being promoted to Tillicum Lodge in Victoria. Our thanks to Connie Smith whose helpful support made this weekend visit possible.

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# They were shocked when mobile home set up on property at Vesuvius Bay

When an indignant Vesuvius Bay resident addressed the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee on Wednesday afternoon, she had three main concerns.

Mrs. Hillier protested the building regulations which permit the erection of a mobile home on an island lot without requiring screening and other measures to protect neighbours from the sight of the home.

She was indignant at the failure of the Trust to prevent fill dumped on island properties from interfering with the natural drainage courses.

And Mrs. Hillier felt that the buildings at the Vesuvius Bay Store constitute a slum and should be demolished.

"A lot of us were under the impression that no mobile home could come into this idyllic setting," she told the committee.

She described the mobile home as an eyesore set 25 feet from the property line and parallel to the road allowance.

"We're all very shocked," she added.

She had investigated and found that everything was legal. The owner of a mobile home is only required to place it on four wooden blocks, she told the meeting and no skirting is required.

A committee should be struck by the trustees to investigate this situation, she urged. She also asked that mobile homes be prohibited on lots of less than half an acre.

In conclusion, she recommended that mobile homes be upgraded, aesthetically, mounted on a concrete foundation, be provided with a pitched roof and require landscaping and screening. The Trust should regulate the siting of the building on the lot and require that it be not closer than 50 feet from the property line. In addition, she urged that accessory buildings be prohibited on a lot where a mobile home is constructed.

Unless something is done Vesuvius Bay will be filled with mobile homes, she warned the Trust.

**RESIDENCE**

George Heinekey, former regional director, explained that the community accepts the mobile home as a permanent residence. There are not many in the Vesuvius Bay area, he added, and there won't be because there are not that many vacant lots.

Two or three or 10 people should not bring in recommendations to the Trust which would affect the whole island, he pressed.

Bud Kreissl reflected that he had tried to get the people of Vesuvius together to consider planning. He had been unable to gain any support.

"Let's have no phony, middle-class-suburban attitudes about housing," said David Lott, flatly. "It's what you do with a house, not what it's made of!"

Gordon Wallace agreed. "You can't discriminate against mobile homes," he asserted.

**TWO PATHS**

There were two courses open. The Trust could investigate an overall plan for Vesuvius, mused Chairman John Rich. Or it could launch an enquiry into mobile homes.

He suggested that local trustees investigate the situation and report back to the next meeting.

Mrs. Hillier expressed regret that Dr. Kreissl, having been presented with a petition, had not read it out. He had already said he started enquiring two years ago and she wasn't looking at several years.

He was talking of a report in a month's time, responded Rich. He added that there does not appear to be a wide concern.

He had not been listening, reported that protester. The people on the waterfront don't care and the people further back don't care.

The Trust could not act on her recommendations without enquiry, explained Rich.

**WHO DO YOU REPRESENT?**

"Who do you represent?" asked Dr. Lott.

"Who do you represent?" retorted Mrs. Hillier.

"I was elected," said Lott.

"Maybe I was," responded Mrs. Hillier.

The trustees will report back at the next committee meeting.

Contractor who installs drain-

**Galiano Island**

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

The Artists' Guild of Galiano will hold its annual spring exhibition on Friday evening, May 18 from 7 to 10, and all day on Saturday, May 19 from 10 am to 6 pm. We always look forward to this day to see the talents of our island painters.

We are glad that Rodney Phillipson has been released from hospital following painful burns to both of his legs. He was in hospital in Vancouver.

The first meeting of the season for the Galiano Chamber of Commerce was held at the Senior Citizens Lounge on May 2; president Les Woodbridge was in the chair. Appointments to the different chairmanships were made for the new year. Secretary is Mrs. Edith Wishart; treasurer and publicity, Mrs. Joan Callaghan; roads, Ollie Garner; parks, Hank Knudson; transportation, Rozanne Shuey; membership, Frank Grenhalgh; north end liaison, Miriam Bings. Other members of the council are Mrs. Kathy Benger, Mrs. M. Harding and Mr. D.A. New.

It was decided that the annual dinner and dance will be held at Galiano Hall on June 23, advance tickets only. Next meeting of the council will be held on June 6.

Just a reminder to attend the Galiano School Faire at the school grounds on May 19, beginning at 10.30 in the morning.

age systems should not be the man to undertake percolation tests, she charged.

Mrs. Hillier told the committee that it represents a conflict of interest when the same man who carried out the percolation test installs the drainage field.

She also protested the dumping of fill on any property in such a manner that it affects drainage on neighbouring land.

The committee will investigate.

**CONDEMNED**

Trust committee will also investigate Mrs. Hillier's charge that a building condemned by the health inspectors is being used as a rental home in Vesuvius Bay.

"Around the corner from us is a slum," she told the committee. "It doesn't affect me. I am simply concerned that you gentlemen would let it happen."

Mrs. Hillier addressed the committee twice. The first time, she spoke of mobile homes. During a recession she asked for permission to speak on the other matters.

**Rear-end collision**

Total of \$350 damage was estimated when a car rear-ended a motorcycle in Ganges on April 4. Police reported that the motor cycle was being ridden by Joey Toutant when the car driven by Barry Dayman, of Sunset Drive, ran into the rear.

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## Candidates polled for stands on energy issues

BY SCOTT LAWRENCE

Having just attempted a canvass of local candidates on energy issues on behalf of the B.C. Energy Coalition and our own ad hoc islands group, I realize how much work needs to be done to educate both ourselves and the politicians. I was hoping to be able to clarify the stands of the three local provincial candidates on both broad issues such as nuclear power and specific projects such as the Hat Creek coal development.

Only Mr. Green replied very extensively to the questionnaire, presumably thanks to the Conservative Party's freedom (at the

moment) from either rigid party policy or the demands of big business connections. While Mr. Mika referred us to party policy on most issues he did add his personal affirmation to work "for a complete halt for any nuclear planning anywhere". Mr. Curtis, for some reason or another, declined to respond at all despite the fact that he was supplied with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

#### DIFFERENT TALE

Only the NDP appear outspokenly unequivocal in their opposition to nuclear development in any phase. Despite assurances from Bill Bennett atop the hottest bandwagon which has lumbered along in many years that the Socreds are also opposed to nuclear power development, we hear a slightly different tale from his Minister of the Environment. Mr. Hewitt, in conversation on CBC radio with Bob Skelly recently, said that he would not rule out nuclear development at some point in the future.

This resonates eerily with Robert Bonner's remarks in Vancouver recently (backtracking rapidly from his "like it or not" statement) that it would be at least 10 years before we would see the development of nuclear power in this province, implying that there would be lots of time for debate and discussion.

#### EIGHT YEARS

Interestingly, the AECL has set guidelines of an eight-year lead time before any project becomes operative. If we consider that Hydro's *Regional Power Supply Plan D* (June '78) sees the implementation of our first nuke in 1991, it becomes apparent that our next government will make the big decision.

In Mr. Green's opinion, B.C. obviously does not need nuclear power but, as a true pragmatist, he feels it may perhaps be appropriate in some places. His feelings on many issues were similarly weighed and ambiguous. On some, he echoed growing popular sentiment and answered emphatically. As with the NDP he favours better regional input into resource man-

### Moneyman



Mrs. George Laundry was collecting donations at the recent World Relief Tea in Fulford Hall. Long-time resident of Salt Spring Island, she was able to exchange greetings with many friends.

agement and greater, more effective control over B.C. Hydro.

#### NEGATIVE

I would have liked to have heard from Mr. Curtis on the issue of regional input because the record of the Socreds on this count is rather negative. A good example is the government's handling of the Kootenay Diversion issue last fall at which time pressure from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Bill Bennett and Robert Bonner forced the elected representatives from seven electoral districts and five municipalities in the Kootenays to rescind their move to have a local plebiscite on the \$80 million project. Fortunately, the people themselves did not rest and carried through the plebiscite themselves. It is unfortunate that Mr. Curtis did not see fit to give us his views on the critical issues of energy policy in this province.

This has not been as extensive a view of our candidates' positions as we had hoped, but may provide some indications of the issues at stake when you go to the polls Thursday.

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# Information Exchange Centre is planned at Pender Island

BY GELI JOHNSTON

Pender Island will have a unique eye and ear on the world when Bill Bartlett's Community Information Exchange Centre goes into operation this summer. Penderites will be able to communicate

Bartlett moved through art to technology imperceptibly, finding no real conflict between the two. What he recognized was their common characteristic of being elitist and exclusive of the "person in the street".

What Bartlett envisions could well be part of a small community library. Certainly, he looks on the centre as an extension between libraries as we know them and the vast information resources available electronically.



with institutions and individuals internationally through computer links and to exchange video images via satellite, telephone and amateur radio with communities throughout North America and the South Pacific. They will also have the opportunity to produce their own community video programming. Imagine *Pender Television News* or *The Pender Gardener*.

Bill Bartlett is the founder/co-ordinator of Direct Media Association, a non-profit society whose purpose is to explore more humanistic uses of telecommunications. In the process he hopes to demystify and make accessible to the general public all manners of media technology.

A North Pender resident for over two years, Bartlett founded the Northwest Coast Institute of the Arts, which now survives as the Victoria College of Art, and went on to serve for four years as the artistic director of Open Space Gallery, also in Victoria.

He founded Direct Media less than a year ago and since then has put over \$8,000 of his own money into it. His investment of time and money and his dedication to the project have paid off. Direct Media is now receiving both financial and practical support from many quarters.

Support in research development is being provided by the University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, the CRTC, the U.S., NASA and the Peacesat program, to name but a few. Bartlett's complete list of resource organizations, equipment suppliers, government agencies, affiliated institutions, funding agencies and sponsors is an extensive one.

The Canada Council has recently granted him \$10,000 to continue his work for one year and an application to the Young Canada Works program was approved as well. Direct now has \$7,600 to hire four Pender students to carry out the information centre experiment.

# Beer League is laid-back softball for beer drinkers

BY MICK MANTLE

No beer drinking until after the game is one of two major rules in Salt Spring Island's Beer League softball. The other, according to softball enthusiast Wayne Taylor, is players must be beer drinkers.

The latter rule, however, could probably be stretched a little to allow those who don't partake of the odd bottle of brew to join in the non-competitive, laid-back and relaxed form of softball pursued by the Beer League.

Figures showing last year's effect of the Beer League on Major League softball are not readily available, but several observers report they have been unable to even make a start of compiling a list of the Lou Gehrigs, Babe Ruths and Joe DiMaggios who turned up and roused the fans to a frenzy.

If islanders had to pay \$10 a seat for Friday's game, they could expect to get their money's worth and then some. Action begins at

6.30 in Ganges and anyone interested in playing is invited to go along. Anything resembling a bat that prospective players can bring along will be welcome. Bats will be more than welcome, and so will balls. Gloves of any description could also prove quite useful. And, of course, beer.

If you are interested, but have none of the above, you can probably borrow equipment from others, with the exception of the last item.

Casual, as well as softball, is the name of the game, and slow pitch will be the style.

So if you're feeling down and out, disheartened and disgusted after the election, play softball to take the load off your mind. Or if you feel elated and light-hearted, happy and content, go out anyway and share your happiness.

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# Three Saanich-Islands candidates pack

Some 300 Salt Spring Islanders attended Friday evening's all-candidates' meeting in Ganges to hear an outline of election plans from the three Saanich-Islands hopefuls.

Meeting, in the school activity room, was a joint venture of the

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and the Gulf Islands Teachers Association. Chamber president, Gavin Reynolds, chaired the event.

The audience was eager and volatile, bursting into loud response at times.

would not have been used because he was too busy looking after the affairs of the people of his constituency, he explained.

## Hugh Curtis Social Credit



HUGH CURTIS...SOCIAL CREDIT

Leading off the series, Hugh Curtis recalled that he has represented Saanich and the Islands since 1972.

He invited his audience to think about the long-term accomplishments of the Social Credit government. He reflected on pharmacare established by Social Credit and denticare to be introduced later this year if the government goes back.

He looked closely at the islands. Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods have both been the subject of big government expenditures.

"In one year they have gone from 40 beds to over 100."

The government appointed the auditor-general to check on all expenditures.

### ASSISTANCE IN NEED

They have appointed the Ombudsman. He is the first Ombudsman in the province and is here to provide assistance "when you need it".

Crown corporations will report quarterly, in accordance with government policy, he told islanders. Another accomplishment, he added.

Shelter aid for the elderly ranked with the appointment of the Ombudsman, suggested the Social Credit candidate. Both were major innovations and both will serve the people of British Columbia.

The grant of the down payment for a first home is a step towards assisting couples to find a home.

He looked askance at the New Democrats.

"The NDP promises mount day by day," said Curtis, "even hour by hour."

## John Mika New Democrat

John Mika, seeking the Saanich-Islands seat for his New Democratic Party, opened with a quip. He was glad, he said, to see Hugh Curtis was coming to the island on the ferry.

Last visit made by the Social Credit candidate was by helicopter. He stayed with the ferries.

He is concerned, he stated, with the morale of the ferry staff. A New Democrat administration will take steps to improve the morale and to increase the efficiency of the service, said Mika.

He announced plans of the NDP to introduce sweeping changes in the ferry service to the islands.

### CHANGES

He proposed six new changes. No charge for handicapped persons who are on the Handicapped Persons Income Assistance programme.

No charge for chronically ill persons who must use the ferries to gain medical treatment and who have a physician's certificate to that effect. And no charge for those accompanying them.

Half fares for persons traveling in recognized educational, recreational, sports, religious, youth or seniors groups.

Study of water taxi or hovercraft to take Outer Islands students to school on a daily basis.

Commuter books, once again, with a reduction of up to 20%.

Establishment of a task force on Vancouver Island transportation consisting of industry, labour, government and ferries.

### OPEN-ENDED TAX

He also charged that the Urban Transit Authority is empowered to collect an "open-ended property tax."

That had been imposed by the Social Credit candidate as well as the three-cent gasoline tax, he charged.



JOHN MIKA...NDP

## John Green P.- Conservative



JOHN GREEN.... PROG.-CONSERVATIVE

Comic relief was provided by the humourist, John Green.

He recalled at the end of the war there were no outboards and he and his friends had to settle for sailboats around the islands. He grew up on the coast and left to work as a newspaperman in Toronto and on the coast.

Subsequently he acquired his own newspaper and enjoyed a variety of experience that amply fits him to represent the people of the islands, said Green.

"I have to spend a lot of time listening to pot calling kettle black," he complained.

The two other parties are doing very much the same thing. They are both committed to adding to the provincial bureaucracy with the taxpayers' money, he suggested.

The Tory looked back over history. It was good news and bad news, he recalled.

In 1972 the good news was that the Socreds were out and the bad news was that we had the NDP.

In 1975, again came the good news; the NDP was out! And the bad news, the Socreds were in!

### NOT TRUE!

The tale is that there are so many socialists that everyone else has to vote together to keep them out, said Green.

"That's not true!"

The committed socialists have only 17% of the vote.

The real problem, he asserted, is that the Social-Credit is the only party more unpopular than the NDP.

"If you split the vote you get the socialists! If you don't split the vote, you're bound to get the socialists!"

### NO SALES TAX

The Progressive Conservatives will wipe out the sales tax, promised the candidate. And they will take the school taxes off the land.

If they form the government the islands won't be under the regional district and the Islands Trust, he promised to loud cheers. They

would not get rid of all regional districts, he cautioned.

"We'll get rid of one level of government where we have four and only need three. And you, of course, have five levels here!"

Finally, he promised to cut taxes in areas where it is felt governments shouldn't be anyway.

"When you cut a tax, the economy is stimulated."

### QUESTIONS....

When asked whether his philosophy had changed or whether he considered that Liberal, Conservative and Social Credit were the same, Hugh Curtis replied that he had moved to Conservatism after considerable analysis. While serving with that party, he had been convinced that Social Credit was the only barrier against socialism and he had switched for that reason.

Did he believe Jack Davis should have been nominated?

He was accused and found guilty, but it can't go on and on, replied the Provincial Secretary. And it is up to the people in his constituency to decide.

"You wouldn't have said that if he'd been NDP," called a heckler.

"That remark says more about you than about him," retorted Curtis.

Curtis agreed that a wider representation is needed on the directorate of BC Hydro, in reply to a question whether candidates would support an equal number of environmentalists to serve with directors.

John Mika could not see a one-for-one ratio.

### HOW TELL ONE?

John Green was not aware of any means of identifying an environmentalist, but he hoped the corporation would show an acute concern for the environment.

Would all support a ban on all forms of nuclear energy in British Columbia?

No government could legislate a ban which would be binding on

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# hall at Ganges for outline of plans

future administrations, warned Curtis, but there is no need for nuclear power in British Columbia.

"It wouldn't have been an issue if the NDP had not cancelled plans for a gas line to Vancouver Island."

It has taken Curtis 3 1/2 years to do something about gas more than just words, jibed Mika. The NDP is the only party against nuclear power, he added. Robert Bonner, the Socred nominee to Hydro has said nuclear power in 10 years, he reminded his audience.

Green expressed doubt that either of the other parties had cut off the gas to Vancouver Island. It was received with laughter.

### DISADVANTAGES

There is some disadvantage to every form of energy, he added. It is popular to say, No! Never! But what can be said when half of the power in the United States is generated from nuclear energy?

Would Mika disassociate himself with the Saskatchewan NDP policy on uranium mining? Gerry Bourdin asked the question.

"We have" replied Mika, "We took a stand on uranium mining." "Would you boycott the handling of Saskatchewan wheat if they persist in mining uranium?" asked Tom Toynbee.

There was a noisy response. Mika expressed surprise that Curtis had taken credit for a project on Saturna that doesn't exist.

### UNDER WAY

It doesn't exist because the project is under way, retorted Curtis, and will only exist after completion.

What would he do in view of the fact that half of the graduates in the province are in need of remedial English, Green was asked.

Noting that the meeting was partly sponsored by the teachers, he was in trouble, replied the Tory candidate. He is one of those who believes that the school system has not improved in the last 20 years. School is structured to suit the teacher, he charged. He had great respect for teachers; it was a job he would not want to undertake.

Unemployment is higher than since the 1930's: what can be done?

Curtis recalled a woman coming to Vancouver to recruit workers in Fort St. John. There is work in the remoter places, he explained.

"No government should deliver a job to the applicant."

**WHAT OF CULTURE?**  
Talk was of education: what of culture? What of the person not suited to working in the big corporations? People with cultural skills. What support is to be given to them?

Green had no promises to make in that regard.

"When everyone had to work in order to eat: everyone had a meaningful job."

Curtis recalled the university ethic, when everyone had to go to a university.

"It was laid on the kids."

There has been a gradual recognition of the community college and cottage industry. They offer inducements to be creative.

The NDP devoted one-tenth of the cost of government buildings for embellishment by provincial artists and craftsmen, called Mika. He also spoke of the engagement of

lers. He ran into a loud response from the audience.

### HOW HELP?

"How are you going to help me get a skilled trade?" asked a student, of Hugh Curtis.

He has worked with some of the people in the room on getting apprenticeships, recalled the Social Credit candidate, but the unions were the stumbling block with their, "Hold it!"

How was the student going to help British Columbia, he added with a recognition of John Kennedy.

Would the candidates consider hiring unemployed teachers and having two in every classroom, they were asked.

"Sir!" said Curtis, "You won't like the answer; but, no!"

"My answer, also, is no!" added Mika.

"It is quite obvious," submitted Green, "that my answer, also, is no!"

### SIDNEY ISLAND

On plans for Sidney Island, Mika protested that Curtis had declined to offer any comment at a previous meeting.

His reason for failing to offer a reply was because he is prohibited from replying, said Curtis.

The editor of the *Colonist* could understand, even if Mika couldn't, said the Provincial Secretary.

Mika would resume negotiations to purchase Sidney Island.

So would Green.

Curtis was not aware that negotiations had been broken off.

### GREEN REPLIES

Curtis had spoken of volunteerism, recalled Green; yet his was the Socred government that had killed the VON, "one of the finest organizations on the face of the earth."

The transfer of the ferries to a crown corporation was to get the ferry costs out of government expenditures, he continued, not to get politicians out of ferries.

He was cynical of the *BC Government News* that carried the provincial budget so quickly to the people. He looked back at the story of the publication.

Socreds started the *BC Government News*. NDP killed it.

But they didn't like the way the press was treating them. So they started it up again.

Then the Social Credit came in and killed it.

But they didn't like the way the press was treating them. So they started it up again.

The Tories will kill it dead, promised John Green.

### SOLID SAYS MIKA

The NDP had been firm.

The NDP government sent the firefighters' strike to compulsory arbitration, recalled Mika.

The same government, later, recalled the legislature and ordered a striking union back to work.

The present government has a new law which makes even the school gardener an essential worker, he protested. NDP had pressed land ownership. More homes were built under the NDP than have been built since, he charged. The present government has driven people out of their homes. There were 5,000 fewer homes built this year than last, he charged.

Last year, 17,000 more people left BC than came here in 1976 and 1977, he noted.

### WRONG YEAR SAYS CURTIS

The statistics are selective, charged Curtis. Mika was well

acquainted with statistics from his work with the party in the legislature. Why had he quoted 1978 and not 1979, which showed a switch in the other direction?

"I am not a member of a party whose members have stated in the legislature that no one should own

land," announced the government candidate.

As far as transit costs are concerned, if you don't enjoy the service, you don't pay for it.

The statement was met by sharp heckling.

The final legislation will be

passed as soon as the new legislature is sitting, explained Curtis.

"Tell the whole story!" challenged Hugh Curtis in the final comment of the evening.

Meeting was closed at 9.30 to enable candidates to get back to Victoria.

## Who watches for offenders?

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### Trust needs inspector for bylaw

Islands Trust must police its bylaws.

Meeting in Victoria on Friday, the Trust council agreed that it was undesirable that trustees take on the responsibility of policing and enforcing bylaws.

Trustees also agreed that it was not acceptable that the staff be engaged in the enforcement of regulations.

Jim Tyhurst of Gabriola suggested that the Trust staffer might take a normal action regarding an infraction and find himself in the midst of a local controversy. It could jeopardize his normal duties, trustees felt.

Gordon Wallace has already been responsible for enforcing bylaws.

The Trust is big enough to hire inspection staff, it was suggested.

John Gaines would like to see co-operation with the regional districts and tie it in with building inspections. It could hasten inspections and deal with complaints at the same time.

There should be an office on each island at which an inspector could visit once or twice a month, contended Jim Money.

Bud Kreissl didn't feel that a

month's wait for an inspector was reasonable.

It was generally agreed that something will have to be done, but as yet the something hasn't quite been worked out.

### Wilful damage

Incident of wilful damage at Portlier Pass Marina is being investigated by RCMP at Ganges.

It is reported that a rock was thrown through the living room window at the marina. Damage was estimated at about \$15.

# Pender Islands Art Group holds Open House to display its work

### BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Pender Islands art room open house took place on Saturday afternoon from 1 to 9 pm in the Art Room at the Library Centre, when about 150 people called. This was not just an ordinary show where people go to view the finished product, its purpose was to introduce the viewer to some of the tools and methods used in making the product, and to give the whole community an opportunity to better understand something of what the art group does.

The display of pictures, consisting of watercolours, pastels, landscapes, portraits, oils and scenery was in itself a demonstration of the various techniques used by the artists' high-lighting styles. There were Eric Chisholm's drawing sculptured pictures, Nefia Lynd's scene from a window in oils, Anne Henshaw's watercolours, Ora Symes' flowers done in watercolour, a variety of watercolours from Margie Grimmer and Bertine Haslam's flower arrangement in oils.

Jim Verner, whose work in

carving and tooling on leather is outstanding, showed the tools used in doing this work and books on the subject as well as samples of his work.

### WORKSHOP

Bill Wheaton from Mayne Island had given a workshop earlier this spring to the Pender group on drawing and watercolour techniques used in all pictures to achieve results, and his samples of from "dark to light", "light to dark", "dry brush" and "wet brush" had been left by him for this display.

The Perspective Drawing Model made of plastic by Jim Verner and used in his class last fall was on display. This is a three-dimensional model explaining the geometric of perspective drawing in a way that makes it easy for a person to understand the complexities of perspective drawing.

Through the efforts of the Pender Island Art Group a grant was received from the New Horizons Program last fall to purchase equipment for the framing of pictures. The amount of the grant was \$2,000.

### FOR USE OF ALL

This new equipment, which was on display, "is a donation by the people of Canada to those people living on Pender Islands to be used by them under the guidance of the Pender Island Art Group," and is for the use of all, whether a member of the Art Group or not.

The New Horizons Program, a federal program administered by the Department of Health and Welfare, is a movement to award grants to groups in communities to further the activities of senior citizens. The Penders Art Group formed the Pender Islands Art Equipment Fund Society and applied for monies to purchase equip-

ment to frame pictures. The president is Jean Kilgour; secretary, Myrtle MacGregor; and treasurer, Nefia Lynd. The equipment on display consisted of two matt cutter and framing equipment, easel, glass cutter and locked bench. While the grant to purchase this equipment came through the New Horizons Program, the Art Group wants the community to be aware that the equipment is for the use of all, be they old or young.

### NOT JUST PAINTING

The Pender Islands Art Group are interested in sponsoring all kinds of creative activities. They do not just paint and frame pictures only. For instance, last fall Jim Verner gave a course in elementary perspective, an essential for many kinds of artistry. The course was so well received it will be repeated next fall along with an intermediate course. This course includes architectural and artistic lettering. Today there is so much interest in calligraphy, the art of lettering in artistic style, mainly using a broad pen, that there could be a course given in the fall.

The group is also interested in sponsoring a course in Origami, the art of paper sculpture which is actually an older art than water colour or oils and very beautiful sculptures can be made. Today's mobiles are a sort of cousin to this art form.

Visitors are always welcome to drop in and watch the artists and chat with them.

### Lost and found

Doug Truscott lost three mag rims and two tires when his vehicle was parked behind the Shell station in Ganges.

RCMP at Ganges found the missing equipment and investigation is still progressing.

## Public hearing May 30

Public hearing to investigate eight zoning bylaw changes will be held in Ganges at the Activity Centre on May 30.

Time and other information will be announced in *Driftwood*.

The hearing follows consideration by the Trust committee of a number of applications held up by the delay in approving the Ganges Plan.

## B.C. Historical Association

# Saturna resident tells branch of experiences at Bella Bella

BY ELSIE BROWN

The Annual Meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association was held on Saturna Island at the Community Hall, Sunday, April 29 with only fair attendance. All the islands except Pender were represented.

After the reading of the minutes by acting secretary, Marjorie Ratzlaff, president, Lorraine Campbell gave a report on the year's activities. Fewer meetings were held but interesting speakers were obtained and were well received by the membership. Projects included the gathering of stories for a new historical book pertaining to the Outer Islands. Progress has been slow due to lack of interest other than from Mayne Island. Another project was the Annual Essay Contest for Outer Islands school children.

The treasurer's report, given by Evelyn Saunders, showed a healthy bank balance.

Election of officers was conducted by Don New: president is Marjorie Ratzlaff; vice-president, Lorraine Campbell; secretary, Elsie Brown; treasurer, Evelyn Saunders, re-elected.

Counsellors are Saturna, Frank Copeland; Galiano, May Drew; Mayne, Elsie Brown.

### RESIGNATION

A letter of resignation was read from Mrs. Helen Claxton as secre-

tary. She has found it impossible to attend meetings due to her son Peter's unfortunate accident resulting in a broken leg which is requiring a two-month stay in hospital in Victoria. Her resignation was reluctantly accepted.

A report was given by Jesse Brown on the information received from the publishers relating to the cost of printing a smaller book about island history. The matter has been held in abeyance pending further discussion.

Donald New of Galiano will act as delegate from the Gulf Islands Branch at the Annual Conference of the B.C. Historical Association to be held at Nanaimo May 10-13.

Mrs. Clare McAllister has notified the association that she will be unable to judge the essays this year due to other commitments. A qualified person to assume this responsibility is sought.

### INDIAN SCREEN

Marjorie Ratzlaff will be in charge of a committee to look after the embroidered Indian screen recently acquired by the association. A photo of the screen will be distributed to the islands to give an idea of its design, dimensions, etc. It has been suggested that it be put up for sale and sold to the highest bidder rather than hold a raffle.

Following the meeting Marjorie Ratzlaff (nee McLelland) spoke of her nursing experiences at Bella

Bella, Campbell Island, at a United Church Hospital there during World War Two. She graduated from Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, in 1938. After taking a course in administration she was accepted on the staff at the hospital at Bella Bella as head nurse in 1941.

It was an Indian village of about 500 residents at the time with most of them away fishing. The homes were nicely kept up since the fishermen made good money. It contained a post office, school, church and hospital.

### 45 BEDS

The hospital had a 45-bed capacity with a staff of five nurses, one kitchen aid, one cook, one secretary and one doctor. Later, Dr. E. Darby was assisted by Dr. Arthur Dobson, who left to become a missionary.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbour, black-out curtains were mandatory and a night shift was confined to lighting supplied by a flashlight. One night the air raid warden appeared with the information that a light was showing. After making a thorough search it turned out to be in the attic.

Nearby Denny Island was being used as an Air Force base and members often came over to Campbell Island for a change of pace and sample some of the cook's chocolate cake and other refreshments. When a few fell in the briny one night their excuse was they were looking for submarines.

When leaving the island it was necessary to navigate in a small boat to the larger one. Making the transfer was often hazardous and required considerable skill.

Although the hours were long and salary low it was a memorable experience, Marjorie reported. She married one of the airmen!

## Direct Media

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closer to home, Simon Fraser University. Bartlett is currently negotiating time on Canada's ANIK B for communication with remote northern Canadian settlements.

In the centre, Bartlett plans to have a computer terminal with display screen or hard copy print-out, slow-scan video transceiver, a standard telephone, photo facsimile equipment and black and white video equipment.

The computer will be linked to international data networks, universities, libraries and to an international electronic mail system, which means that participants will be able to do research, get the hard facts or just "chat" with distant friends and relations.

The concept of slow-scan video seems a bit more difficult to grasp, but you don't need to understand it first to use it: simply focus an ordinary video camera on your subject. Every eight seconds, an image is selected, digitized, and sent over audio links such as telephone, HAM radio or satellite. It arrives at the other end as a frozen image, rather like a live, long distance slide show. Developed originally for Ham Radio, slow-scan is now developed for surveillance, with cameras set up to monitor safe doors, warehouses, etc. Bartlett is convinced that they are more positive, communicative applications possible.

### PHOTO TRANSMISSIONS

The same thing is true of photo facsimile transmission. Most people are aware that metropolitan police use this system to send and receive mugshots, documents, etc. while on the road. It is also used to send newspaper photos and copy long distances. With such equipment in a community centre, islanders will be able to send and receive a wide variety of graphic material from technical diagrams to a grandchild's home-made birthday card.

As important as the equipment are the young people who will be carrying out the experiment. They are being chosen for their sense of responsibility, initiative, imagination, and interest in the community.

They will be trained at special courses by guest instructors and will, in turn, help introduce the centre and its activities to the community at large. Working with interested groups and individuals, they will initiate and produce a series of community-oriented events. They will also conduct research, evaluate response, assemble reports and plan to continue services where indicated. They will, in short, identify community needs and try to answer them.

Bartlett hopes the students will get as much out of the project as they will have to put into it. He expressed concern that such a small percentage of young Gulf Islanders go on to higher education and that employment prospects are not bright for them. The experience of working at the centre could, he thinks, improve their prospects or at least broaden their horizon.

### AUGMENT IT

Fears of technological takeover do not worry Bill Bartlett. He himself has opted for a rural life and expects that this type of facility will augment rather than detract from his enjoyment of it. Bartlett's idea is to give his fellow country dwellers the best of both worlds: access to urban resources without the necessity of leaving their chosen environment.

The social implications of such a centre, Bartlett feels, relate to social cohesion, effected through enhanced education for both adults and children, increased communications and community involvement.

He is working on the hypothesis that the strengthening of ties between family and friends through distance communications and the availability of education and retraining programs could markedly reduce problems characterized by loneliness, alcoholism, cultural isolation, juvenile delinquency, divorce and unemployment.

The increasing tendency toward individual isolation and alienation is a major reason for developing a "community centre" as opposed to advocating "a terminal in every home". With universal access there is no social or economic discrimination. Rather, another opportunity for social contact is created.

### NOT JUST CHILDREN

Bartlett stresses that it is an essential aspect of the project that every responsible member of the community has the right to use the equipment. In today's information society, he says, education can no longer be confined to the children. With changing times, each individual must take responsibility for re-educating him or herself.

"I've heard many people on these islands voice their need for intellectual stimulation. They want to increase their understanding of our complex society, its political structure, justice systems, economic and scientific developments and, above all, its future. Many people, wondering where the young are leading them, view technology as a threat to their security."

"Access to equipment and programs is the only way," in Bartlett's opinion, "in which people can judge for themselves the relevance of modern technologies. There is considerable confusion and mystery surrounding the use of computers, satellites and television, and this type of access project can educate people toward useful applications."

"Don't be afraid of the technology itself," he urges, "it is what you make it. It may have been misused in the past; you may have felt that it controlled you. This is your chance to control it and use it more appropriately."

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### Government philosophy

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## Trust approves smaller area for new K & R store

Islands Trust is prepared to approve the rezoning of 2½ acres of land behind the Liquor Store in Ganges for the construction of a food store.

Trust proposes to establish a new zone covering food stores and nothing else. Trustees felt that as the applicant, K & R Food Store, had asked for that use the limitation would eliminate the danger of

its conversion to some other purpose at a later date.

The food company had asked for rezoning of the entire Quesnel property, nearly twice the area.

The Trust will also recommend to the BC Land Commission that the property be taken out of the Agricultural Land Reserve.

It is within the Ganges sewer

plan.

"A sewerred pasture," suggested Gordon Wallace.

Planner Chris Foord reminded trustees that on 2½ acres there would be room for a store and parking and little else but a food store.

Bylaws covering the project are to be prepared.

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To assist the local election officials, give them the name of the electoral district where you are registered, or ask for assistance to locate the name. The election officials will have a list of candidates for all electoral districts. Polling stations will be open throughout the province on Election Day, May 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Saving Time. As an absentee voter you can vote anywhere in British Columbia.

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