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## Three trustees elected by acclamation here

Three school trustees were elected by acclamation on Salt Spring Island on Monday, when three candidates were nominated for three seats. Nominations closed at noon on Monday.

Declared elected by Returning Officer Jean Vodden were incumbent David L. Stacey, resort and boat operator, and newcomers, Roger S. Aust, contractor, and Mary C. Williamson, writer.

No candidates were nominated for the vacant seat on the Gulf Islands School Board for Mayne Island. An appointment will be made later.

Two candidates are contesting the Salt Spring Island seat on the

Capital Regional Board. Incumbent Mike Clement will be challenged by Yvette Valcourt. They met on the hustings 12 months ago when Clement was named to complete the term of the late Jim Bryce.

The contest for the Outer Islands seat on the regional board has attracted three candidates. Jim Campbell will seek to retain his seat and challengers are Vern Roddick, from South Pender and Weldon Pinchin, of Mayne.

Two candidates have been named for the Islands Trust vacancy on Mayne Island to complete the term of Isabel Geehan who has resigned. The candidates are Joan Sprague and George Douglas.

On Saturna Island there will be an election for school trustee as three have been nominated for one seat. Incumbent is the board chairman Tom Davidson. Opponents are Carol-Lynn M. Fisker and Jonathon C. Guy.

## Deer are common sight despite hunting season



## Land Commission looks at Mayne airstrip

## Expansion of membership is one concern voiced at meeting

The provincial Agricultural Land Commission held a public hearing at Mayne Island Monday over the application of Mayne Airfield Inc. to build an airstrip on agricultural land near Village Bay.

There were three members of the commission present and over 50 persons in the audience.

A copy of the company's application for conditional use of agricultural land was passed among the members of the audience.

A lawyer representing Mayne Airfield Inc. spoke to the commission on what the company's intentions were on developing the landing strip. He told the commission members that the airstrip could be reverted back to agricultural use.

He said the topsoil would be removed while the sub-surface was graded then replaced and reseeded, with the final level being

the same as Merryman Drive, which is adjacent to the site.

After the presentation was made

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## Foxglove wants chickens

The Ganges feed store is planning to collect some samples of island-raised chickens to have them tested for PCB content.

Pat Lee of Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply said this week that they were going to "put the pressure on" government officials to test the birds.

Local farmers have been in doubt for some weeks now as to how badly contaminated their birds are with the toxic chemical, polychlorinated biphenyls.

The chemical found its way into chicken feed following an accident in Billings, Montana, last June.

Lee said they are looking for about five or six birds slaughtered in August and September which had been given feed purchased between August 15 and September 20. Feed which became contaminated was that sold in pellet form.

Driftwood has learned that a number of people have birds which were slaughtered during that time and are now in freezers.

## House number not postal address

While emergency services are eager to see all homes on Salt Spring Island with their numbers clearly displayed, one service is not concerned.

The number of the house does not cover everything, warns Ganges Post Office.

Mail delivery still requires the box number or the rural route.

A letter addressed to 14000 Fulford-Ganges Road must still bear the route number in order that it can be delivered without delay, explained Mrs. Ruth Archer this week.

House numbers are important to emergency services but letters still need the postal information.

## Sewer hearing called

There will be a public hearing in Ganges to enquire into the appeals against the Ganges sewer permit.

Regional director Mike Clement told *Driftwood* on Tuesday that the hearing will be called by the director of pollution control on November 27 and 28.

A permit to discharge treated effluent into Ganges Harbour has already been issued by the Pollution Control Branch to the Capital Regional District.

Twelve appellants have protested the issue of the permit, reports the Pollution Control Board. The hearing will give the appellants opportunity to outline their objections.

It is five years since a similar enquiry resulted in the cancellation of an earlier permit for the same purpose.

## Corporation president speaks at Fulford

## Helliwell brings corporation to shareholders

It was a shareholders' meeting when David Helliwell came to Salt Spring Island on Monday. Some of the shareholders were present in the Fulford Inn during the evening to hear the president and chief executive officer of the British Columbia Resources Investment Corporation. Others were in attendance when he addressed students at Gulf Islands Secondary School in the afternoon.

The meeting in the high school was a revelation to the speaker. Interest among the students was high and a large number showed familiarity with the affairs of the province, he recalled.

"The students soon got down to the guts of it," he told the evening

dinner meeting, "like how much money do I make?"

He didn't answer, interjected Tom Toynbee.

The light approach was the character of the island visit. There was no formality and both students and adults were invited to ask questions or express concerns.

### ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE

To reach 130,000 shareholders is almost impossible. Instead of bringing shareholders to the corporation he is planning to bring the corporation to shareholders by such meetings through the province.

Some shareholders have already been so three times, he added. They have been in and out and in

again.

Helliwell referred to the highlights of the corporation and explained some of the problems and decisions.

It has been decided that no dividends will be paid as yet. Although the corporation has ample assets and, indeed, is enjoying a healthy revenue from its short-term investments, there is not sufficient cash flow to continue such payments. Until the corporation has made its investments dividends are unlikely.

### CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

He also offered the fundamental reason for the establishment of the corporation. The government found a conflict of interests in

operating an industry in an area which is also regulated by that government. He cited forestry as an example.

The next stage was beyond all expectations, he recalled. A total of 87% of eligible recipients applied for the free shares. That represented over two million people. In addition, over 130,000 acquired additional holdings.

The corporation was new to B.C. It is new to Canada.

"The directors took a courageous decision," said the president, "they let it float."

They permitted the market to decide the value of BCRIC shares. They never entered the market and the present value placed on shares

is that established by the buyers and sellers.

The value went up too quickly, he commented.

### READY TO BUY

There was a hard core ready to buy and enable the undecided to get out. This ensured that there were no more shares available.

"There is no reason why they should stand at \$8½ instead of \$6. There has been no change."

The corporation is facing the need to communicate with its shareholders. The nine-month report has been distributed to shareholders and financial institutions have been invited to distribute it.

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# Helliwell addresses dinner meeting here

From Page One

Last week the corporation's offices in Vancouver logged 7,000 phone calls, he reported. The basic question was, "How do I buy or sell shares?"

There are brokers in every city and town, he agreed. But there are few in the backwoods.

He recalled Jack Webster's question on a television program: "Are you rubbing your hands in glee, David, with all that money in the pot?"

### NO WORRIES

He has no immediate worries, however.

The corporation assets are bringing in 14% of no-risk money on terra deposits, he revealed.

The changing pattern of interest and investment has brought about some very sharp changes. The market is going in the reverse direction from August and items that were too pricy are now getting interesting, he told the shareholders.

Having outlined the corporation's immediate prospects, David Helliwell invited questions from shareholders.

Why switch from government corporation to public company?

A lot more businesses are run more efficiently by private enterprise than by government, he replied. Monopolies are better owned in the public sector and operated in the private sector, he suggested.

### INTEREST INCREASES

There is another advantage. Employee interest increases when the company is not operating for

absentee shareholders or for the government.

He emphasized the significance of employee interest. It is not a silly or a trite thing, he urges, but an honest day's work for a good day's pay.

"If that, alone, works, I think we have done something!"

Did the corporation consider Petro Can, asked a member of his audience.

The preparedness to offer cleared the air, suggested the speaker. It convinced the federal government that it was not politic to dispose of the entire Petro Can.

He appealed to the world of journalism to coin a verb out of BCRIC. Petro Can will be BCRIC-ized, he forecast.

Has any thought been given to increasing the number of directors?

There are five and one president. The directors are all highly qualified and competent businessmen and can be readily available for quick conferences. There is no immediate pressure to augment the number.

### DOOM AND GLOOM?

Was he preaching the popular message of the day of doom and gloom?

He doesn't believe in the 50-year cycle and sees no reason to suppose that the crash of 1929 will be repeated in 1979.

He suggested that the government will have no alternative but to admit that high interest rates don't work. They just lead to a credit crunch.

Did the interest rates give him a sense of urgency?

To the contrary, they bring a sense of complacency, he explained. There is no occasion to make a hurried decision on anything.

In conclusion, Sandy Gordon commended the speaker on his pilot project of going out to speak to the shareholders and others. He particularly welcomed the communication with students.

David Helliwell, president and chief executive officer of BCRIC, disappeared through the door almost on his final comment as the ferry was loading in Fulford.

# Donation to library building fund



A \$485 cheque for the Salt Spring library building fund is presented to Les Ramsey by Beth Ariss for the Gulf Islands NDP Club. The cheque amounted to half the proceeds from the NDP Fall Bazaar.

# Council wants hall designated as heritage

An effort is being made by the Community Arts Council to have Mahon Hall declared a heritage building.

Josie Clement, vice-president of the council, said they have received permission from the Gulf Islands School Board, which owns the building, to go ahead and apply to the government to preserve the 75-year-old hall as a heritage.

She said the heritage conservation branch of the provincial secretary's ministry in Victoria has already sent out a couple of architects who looked the building over and decided that it hadn't deteriorated to the point yet where it couldn't be restored.

The architects who examined the building, she added, said many applications for heritage funds received by the government are for buildings that have been neglected for many years and are virtually impossible to restore.

This has not been the case with the Mahon Hall, she said.

Mrs. Clement said now the Heritage Branch is going to send somebody over who can give an estimate as to how much it will cost to bring the building up to acceptable standards.

In order for Mahon Hall to be designated a heritage building a community group that uses the building must make the application, she said.

Once a building is declared a heritage it cannot be torn down.

# Mayne airstrip

From Page One

on behalf of the applicants, commission member Allan Claridge opened the meeting to the audience.

### EXPANSION A CONCERN

Although the application to the land commission stated that only the four members of the company would use the strip, a number of property owners voiced concern

that the company would expand its membership.

The commission members assured the concerned residents that the commission is not considering the possibility that the owners of the strip will give "blanket permission" to anyone in a plane who wishes to land.

Such a contravention of the application, they said, would only result in the commission cancelling the airfield. Claridge said that any change in the land usage, such as putting up a building, would have to go before the commission as a separate application.

### BARRIERS

Phil Jarman, a member of the airfield company, told the commission that he plans on placing movable barriers at each end of the field to prevent other planes from landing while the regular users are away.

Another resident opposed to the airstrip asked why the commission was holding a meeting when the Islands Trust had already indicated to the government that the people of Mayne didn't want the field.

Claridge replied that the public meeting sponsored by the Islands Trust in September was not a meeting of the Agricultural Land Commission. He said that although they pay close attention to what local governmental bodies have to say, the ALC must attend a meeting to hear public input.

Claridge said that grass airstrips were not uncommon in the province and the most important question the commission asks itself before approving an application is whether the land can be reverted back to agricultural use.

He said the ALC will make a decision in two weeks. During the next two weeks, he added, the commission expected to hear from parties concerned who were not able to attend the meeting.

# Fault discovery puts damper on plant

The proposed nuclear power plant to be built near Sedro Woolley in the Skagit River Valley is unlikely to get a licence before its zoning permit expires December 31, says a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission attorney.

Richard Black of the NRC said in an Associated Press report, "It's looking very unlikely a limited work authorization will be issued."

"In fact," he said, "It's nearly impossible."

He said the new evidence obtained by the U.S. Geological Survey involved a fault zone located in the San Juan Islands and extending to within 15 kilometres of the plant site.

The suspected fault structure is apparently not associated with known faults in the area, he said.

In a report to the commission last month, the survey said the power plant's design was strong enough to withstand any anticipated earthquakes at the site.

The \$3.8 billion plant, proposed by Puget Sound Power and Light, already faces a non-binding referendum on the November 6 ballot by Skagit County voters.

Aides to Representative Al Swift, Washington Democrat, said they had been told the fault was active, meaning it could cause earthquakes, by Robert Morris, chief of nuclear site review investigation for the survey.

The commission announced last week it had postponed hearings on the plant, saying that survey officials needed to study new information on the faults.

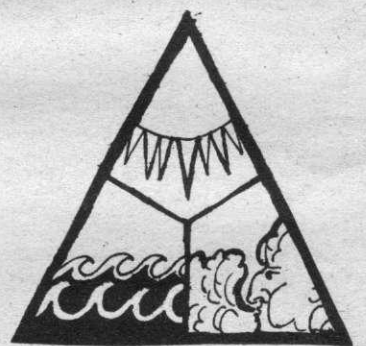
### Tuberculosis

There were more than 3,000 new tuberculosis cases in Canada in 1976, 1,000 of them among immigrants, according to statistics released by the British Columbia Lung Association.

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It's a good government we got in Ottawa! In fact, it may prove to be the first government ever, in all Canadian history, to increase the interest rate in order to reduce it.

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What's for dinner, Women's Lib asked me, Monday. "I was promised beef," said guest speaker David Helliwell, passing the salad bar. He got it.

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I have found what happens to retired publishers. They end up as reporters and dishwashers.

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Reporter I envy is Brian Sober. The police can never catch him out in a road check. He's always Sober.

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Last week I went to Bromsgrove, small Midlands town where I lived when first married. It's the second time I've been there, but after two tries in 35 years I didn't stop. I couldn't. There was not one parking spot in the whole town. And the only public car parks are single-storey so I figure I'll never be there again!

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First of the season: Taylor Consultants of Vancouver report that they are not sending out Christmas cards, but making a charitable donation instead.

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We nearly went to prison last week. When a former staff member overparked in Nanaimo he failed to pay the parking fine. It was duly paid by the office. When a summons arrived during my absence we waxed indignant. It was already paid, the court was assured. This was another one, they explained. I'm just glad I wasn't extradited for it! It is not entirely fair, I still feel, that a business be responsible for even the minor law-breaking of its ex-employees.

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How many would be interested in attending a dinner meeting to hear David Helliwell, we asked in *Driftwood*. The response was slim. So it was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in Fulford Inn rather than a large hall. It was sold out in days. Quiet folk, these investors!

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Of course I'm a bird lover! I spend hours watching the rotten little beasts gorging themselves on my grass seed!

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There's nothing new in politics. It is 20 years since I was turned off one political group in Sidney when the spokesman assured me that he didn't care what measures were taken against an opponent as long as he won. In that instance the opponent was Jewish and part of the political campaign consisted of bitter anti-semitism. Politics is like anything else in life. You are no more and no less honest in politics than in your ordinary, everyday affairs.

## Two presentations to retiring Ganges postmaster at dinner

Two presentations were made last week to the retiring postmaster at Ganges, Ivor Cawker.

The post office authorities made a formal recognition of his 35 years with the service and his colleagues recognized his 15 years on Salt Spring Island.

Staff dinner was staged in Kanaka Place on Thursday evening, October 26.

Zone postmaster from Sidney, Hal Jackson, presented the guest of honour with a plaque and a medal. The plaque had been

signed by Prime Minister Joe Clark.

Taking part in the ceremony were the staff of the Ganges Post Office and Mrs. Jean Hollings, postmistress from Fulford.

Mrs. Ruth Archer made the presentation of a pool cue from his colleagues at Ganges to "pursue his hobby".

While the new Ganges postmaster is on his way to assume the reins, Bill Sampson is acting as postmaster here.

## Weavers hold workshop



A workshop was held in Mahon Hall last week for the members of the Salt Spring Weavers Guild.

## Duplicate Bridge

Winners at the Gulf Islands Bridge Club October 22 were as follows.

North-South: first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; second, Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon; third, Gordon and Dorie Best.

East-West: first, Helen Shandro, Audrey Allan; second, Edith Owens, Margaret McDonald; third Phyllis Henderson, Shirley Love.

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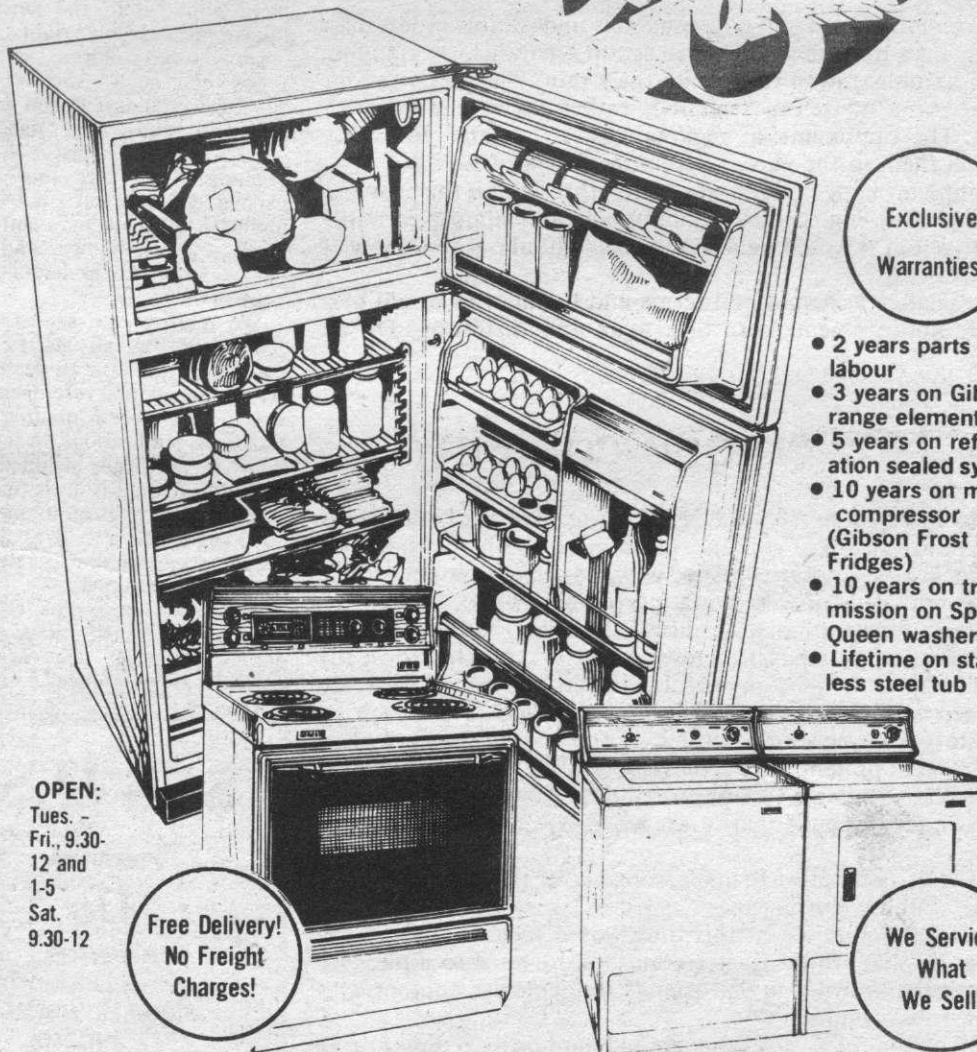
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## A matter of semantics

Got a beef? Kick the regional district! It's been the thing for long enough. If you don't like the way things are going on your street you beef about the regional district. It doesn't always get anything changed, but it relieves the tension.

But now there is talk of making changes. The ministry of municipal affairs is murmuring hints of county government and elimination of the regions.

The regional district has not always enjoyed the full confidence of the province. Indeed, the regional district has been the whipping boy for so long that it could be sorely missed.

Who whips it?

There's the municipal spokesman who gets sore over jurisdiction and takes a swing at the region for doing what he feels could be quite effectively done by the ordinary municipal council. And he may be right.

Then there's the sad resident who never encountered zoning and planning until it was introduced through the regional boards. He objects to planning and zoning and above all he objects to the necessity of applying for a permit before he undertakes any project.

But the ministry of municipal affairs has borne the burden of the complaints. There must be a million letters in the archives of the ministry, all protesting some aspect of regional government.

It is only two years since the ministry set up an enquiry into the regional districts and then set the findings aside.

The districts should be kept, urged the enquiry committee.

It has now been mooted by the ministry that the regional districts might be eliminated and a new form of county government set up in place. There is some thought of having counties following the geography of the existent school districts and undertaking new functions in connection with school financing.

If the regional system of government is undesirable or less than efficient, then to what avail is it to set up a parallel, overlapping form of administration to take up the strain? The picture so far seems to be a matter of semantics rather than administrative change. The opponents of regional districts might look more kindly on them in the guise of counties, it appears.

A complete change of administration throughout the province would be sweeping, probably unpopular and almost certainly ineffective. But it would be a change brought about in a show of strength.

But a change in names and terms and boundaries would be a cosmetic improvement, born of a weak administration. Do we need it?

## Is everyone content?

The fact that no trustees will be elected to sit on the Gulf Islands School Board this year can only mean one or both of two things. Either local taxpayers are satisfied with the present system and the way it is operating or they don't give a damn about it.

We can't believe that it could be the latter: during the past couple of years there has been no shortage of issues to arouse the ire and indignation of many local residents. To name a few, we have seen long battles over the alternate class at Salt Spring Elementary; we saw a long battle over the building of Fernwood School; and at present there is the issue of daily transportation for Outer Islands students to Ganges.

So if we can discount apathy, are we to assume that everyone is happy?

A difficult assumption to make, considering the past, but we are left with nothing else.

Therefore, a forecast at this time would have to include the observation that school trustees can look forward to a pleasant year with the knowledge that islands residents are content with their past performance.

And if anyone challenges the school board on its actions during the coming year, we will be obliged to point out that they had their opportunity to speak out when nominations were called this month.



## Letters to the Editor

### Highlights of national convention are outlined

Sir,

Upon returning from the national convention in September I was on holiday and did not get down to getting out my reports until this month.

I promised to send you a highlight from the convention.

I attended the convention as the voting delegate for B.C. and the Yukon Provincial Council of the C.W.L., held in Calgary September 9-15, 1979.

The league once again made social issues central to its activity by releasing a statement which will be presented to the federal cabinet later this year. The statement focuses on battered children, the handicapped child, the sanctity of human life and native rights.

On battered children, the league urges emergency shelter provisions for both threatened parents and children, and parenting courses in high schools.

The C.W.L. says that handicapped children have a "unique ability to love and share within the family and community" and urges our members to understand this more deeply.

We reaffirm the sacredness of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. Deplores the fact that reference to the unborn has been omitted from Canadian publications on the IYC, which is specifically included in the preamble to the UN declaration.

The league calls on its members to change their own lives through less energy use and greater concern for all resources.

Resolutions passed on: chaplaincies in federal institutions; natural family planning; sale of infant formula; aid to refugees.

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This Week,  
Says the Salt Spring  
Island Chamber  
of Commerce.

Financial grants made to: Coady International Institute for students from developing countries: \$20,000, \$5,000 for four years; \$500 to Alliance for Life; \$20,000 to assist seminarians and religious orders who wish to sponsor seminarians or religious refugees who demonstrate a need for assistance; \$1,000 to papal charities.

Liturgical celebrations, reading of scripture and meditations formed the centre of the convention. A very descriptive skit on the progress of women over 50 years was presented by a local group - only 50 years ago women were declared persons by Canadian law.

**ELSA DRUMMOND.**  
Fulford Harbour.  
October 21, 1979.

### Increasing vandalism good reason for centre

Sir,

Reference is made to A. J. Dillabough's letter, written October 6, 1979, opposing a proposed community recreation centre.

I can respect the writer's concern for increasing taxes, which is something one rarely welcomes. However, to oppose something such as a recreation centre, which is in my opinion, greatly required, with excuses such as he offered is something I cannot allow to pass undisputed.

The writer states that a large percentage of the island's population is retired; therefore it is unfair to build facilities that might seldom be utilized by the retired, yet contributed to by the elderly's tax monies. The writer adds that people who relocated to the island were aware of the non-existence of a centre before they arrived, hence those who are not satisfied could move somewhere else where one does exist.

Perhaps the most apparent reason for building such a centre is the increasing vandalism we read about every week in *Driftwood*. What could possibly be more fea-

### Plea gave the wrong impression

Sir,

I wonder if you would be good enough to lend me space for this letter?

It appears that my *impassioned* plea for basses and tenors (which incidentally didn't make the slightest dint in the community; not a peep from any of them) gave the impression that I was in charge of the carol practices. As everyone knows we are extremely fortunate to have Joy Johnsen as our director. I was merely what might be called the publicity agent - and rather a poor one at that, as it turns out!

**JOAN M. RAESIDE.**  
Ganges.  
October, 1979

ible for assisting in the reduction of delinquency than a sports centre where children and teens could meet for healthy physical activities? Also, since there had been written opposition (at the time of Dillabough's letter) it seems obvious that most adults are in favor of the centre.

Dillabough's proposition that those who want a recreation centre should move elsewhere to a location where one already exists is somewhat sad. I can't help but wonder what proportion of elderly to "not-so-elderly" people utilize the Lady Minto Hospital facilities. Regardless of the ratio, we did not entertain the idea of relocating prior to the erection of the hospital because there were no medical facilities.

It was built out of need, and as far as I'm concerned an identical situation exists at present for a recreation centre.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.  
**JOY ERICKSON**  
R.R. 1,  
Ganges, B.C.  
October 25, 1979.

# Region presents brief opposing county system

In a brief presented last week to Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm, the Capital Regional District opposed the government's proposal to eliminate regional districts and replace them with counties that would be developed within the present school district boundaries.

Substituting regional districts with a county system is one of three proposals put forward by the province in its discussion paper on the future of regional boards.

Director Jim Campbell of Saturna Island told *Driftwood* that the county system was a "nebulous" idea and instead, the CRD wanted Vander Zalm to make specific changes to legislation governing regional districts.

Campbell said there were three main points in the CRD's brief:

- Regional directors who represent municipalities should not be appointed by the municipal councils. Instead they should be elected by the public. Under the existing system the seven rural directors are elected and the 11 municipal members of the board are appointed. Campbell said the old system, which was changed by the former minister. Hugh Curtis, was a "superior arrangement" because all directors were accountable only to the public.

- There should be specific changes made in legislation governing regional districts that would clearly define the powers of the regional boards and thus eliminate conflicts with municipalities over jurisdictional matters.

- Certain matters that deal with an electoral area should be dealt with and approved by the directors of the electoral area before the

board as a whole makes its decision on the matter. Campbell said that the way things are now, municipal directors can use their majority vote to influence decisions in rural areas.

A committee of the CRD met with Vander Zalm and his officials in Victoria last Friday. On that committee were firectors C. Perkins, from Sooke; H. Sturrock, from Saanich; and Campbell, from Saturna.

# Fisherman hasn't any kind words for radio operators

The operator of a 36-foot troller wanted weather information last week while he was hiding behind an island near Bamfield, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. But his request for a forecast went unheeded.

The terse reply he received on his phone was, "No, we're on strike."

That report came from a Salt Spring Island fisherman who was aboard the Ganges-based *Anna V. Fagan*.

Stephen Ball said following the boat's return to Ganges last week that that one troller was one of more than a dozen waiting for a weather report before they made the 10 or 12-hour trip from the Bamfield area to Victoria.

He had no kind words for the striking federal radio operators who, he feels, provide more of an "essential service" than employees of the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

# Islands Trust candidate

# She has been actively involved in community issues at Mayne

Mrs. Joan Sprague will be seeking election as the Islands Trust representative for Mayne Island on November 17.

Mrs. Sprague has long been involved with various community organizations in Vancouver. Her involvement, she said this week, has given her an objectivity and an

organizational and administrative background which she feels should be valuable in serving as a trustee.



JOAN SPRAGUE

She considers the Mayne Island community plan to be an accurate reflection of the community wishes and that the need to preserve and protect the rural and residential environment of the island should be given first consideration.

Sprague has been actively involved in community issues on the island. She said she is concerned about the accelerating pressures for development that Mayne Islanders will be facing in the future, particularly in view of the proposed

expansion of the ferry terminal.

She emphasized her view that change must be appropriate and relative to local needs, and that the new zoning and subdivision by-laws, once established, must be properly administered to reinforce the intent of the community plan.

At the present time Sprague is a part-time resident of Mayne Island but she said she and her husband have owned property there for seven years.

Born in Montreal and raised in Toronto, she received a B.A. in general arts from the University of Toronto in 1951. After graduation she married and had three children. She moved with her family to Vancouver in 1965, and presently two of her children are attending U.B.C.

The position she seeks on the Islands Trust is one that was held by Isabelle Geehan, who has had to resign for personal reasons. There is one year remaining in Geehan's term of office.

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# Tony Richards

**A DAY TRIPPER'S GUIDE** to Vancouver. I discovered a couple of weeks ago, would have to include a visit to the Cafe New York on Robson Street...as long as you don't forget to tip.

We were in Vancouver to see *Lin't Misbehavin'*, the Broadway Fats Waller musical which is being produced by a group currently touring North America. If you had wanted to see the show and missed it, too bad, because it was well worth the trip.

The whole evening went over well, mainly because it was well planned. It had to be: we had 2½ hours on the ferry in which to make our plans. And a trip to Vancouver without advance planning can be a washout. (Such as one of our last visits, when after seeing a show, we decided to check out the city's night life. We spent over an hour driving around downtown looking for a half-decent place to get something to eat and listen to some music. Eventually, we found a restaurant serving European food and got inside the door minutes before they closed. We had Hungarian Goulash which tasted just like the previous night's stew, listened to the juke box and returned to our accommodation looking forward to returning home).

The Cafe New York, however, offered an interesting departure from the normal restaurant fare. Instead of getting full meals, you order several different items from the varied menu and start eating. And if you're a fan of modern jazz styles, hang around after 9 o'clock for the live music.

But before you leave, don't forget the tip. If you do, your waiter certainly won't let you forget before you get out the door.

And that made a rather dissatisfying ending to an excellent meal.

**A YOUNG SALT SPRING** resident, five years of age, was being told recently of someone's hunting experiences. The story included the explanation that the hunter in question "dressed the deer" after having shot it.

It was a week or two later that the same

youngster suddenly posed the question. "How does one dress a deer?"

He concluded that you'd need two pairs of pants; two pairs of shoes; and two shirts, one with a big hole in it for the antlers to go through.

It was decided to explain to him at a later date the intricacies of dressing a deer.

**WHAT HAVE I BEEN** saying? A lot of nasty, unkind things, I guess, if that's what it takes to get a nasty response.

Any columnist has to be prepared for criticism because any columnist knows that not everybody will agree with him. But if you don't agree with me, at least give me the privilege of a logical, sensible criticism.

If any reader wants to take me to task for something I've written, I'm listening. But I won't listen for very long if all I hear is a senseless, ill-considered tirade of meaningless snubs.

**I HAVE A JOKE** this week which has got to be the best I've heard in a long time. What made it even better when I heard it was that it seemed like an original: right off the top of her head when Louisa Hilckman told it.

I can't remember what started it but somehow the topic got around to coloured people.

And so Louisa put in: "You call me coloured? I get up in the morning, and I'm brown. I go to the beach, and I'm brown. I get sick, and I'm brown. I get angry, and I'm brown. I die, and I'm brown. But you white people wake up in the morning, and you're white. You go to the beach, and you're brown. You get sick, and you're blue. You get angry, you turn red. You die and you turn grey. And you call me coloured?"

**AND FROM THE SAME** lady, we received news on Tuesday of the birth of the first Fijian baby to be born on Salt Spring Island.

Louisa's grandson was born at Lady Minto Hospital Sunday morning at 3.17 am, weighing in at 6 lbs., 14 oz. He is the son of Val Simard and Henry Pickering. Henry is Louisa's son.

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## 'We won't blame victims'

# Learning assistance helps them get around disability

BY TIM STAFFORD

At Salt Spring Elementary we have a rather unique situation as far as learning assistance programs go. This year, as well as last, the learning assistance function has been split into two sections, each dealing with the special problems of two groups of children - those in grades one through four and those in grades five through seven.

Each section has a separate teacher, with Mrs. Dammel devoting 60% of her time working in the learning assistance field with the younger children and Tim Stafford devoting 40% of his time working with the older group.

The balance of their respective working days is spent teaching in the regular classroom setting at the grade four level. This arrangement seems to go a long way towards keeping them, in spite of their "specialty area", in touch with the real work-a-day world of teaching a class full of children.

### INTERVENE

The ultimate aim of the learning assistance function in any school is to intervene with children who for some reason or another have been unable to attain their potential in the regular classroom setting alone. This intervention may take many forms.

It can be working with children on a one-to-one basis regularly for short periods of time until their performance is improved to an appropriate level, or working in small groups with children for the same purpose. Some of the time such intervention may take place in the learning assistance areas or it may take place in the classroom. It depends upon what is deemed to be the most appropriate for the children and the educational goals that have been determined through close contact with the classroom teacher.

Another approach is to work with the classroom teacher to modify existing programs to "fit" the child who is having difficulty; in a sense, we try to modify the program rather than the child in some instances.

### WHO ARE THEY?

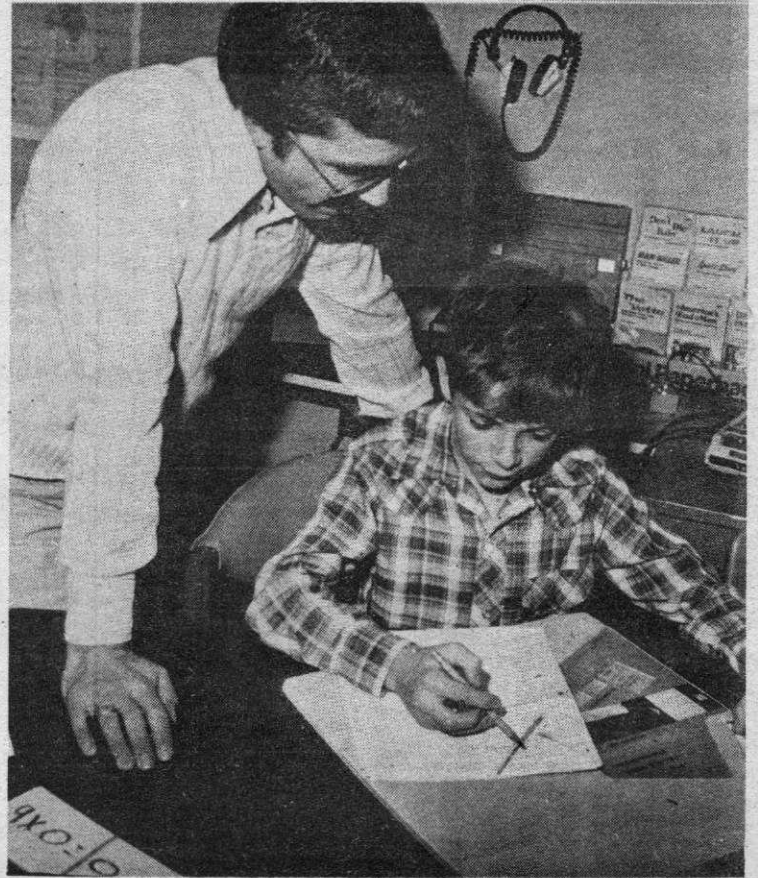
But who are the children who need learning assistance and how are they selected? Usually the child is referred to the learning assistance teacher on the following criteria by the regular classroom teacher.

- They show a measured learning potential that approximates the norm but are showing measured achievement (in any subject area) two years behind their grade placement.

- Any child who evidences a specific skill deficit that is dramatically impeding his progress in any of the subject areas. In short, a child who has a tremendously difficult time in learning situations.

The real challenge of learning assistance is to discover why the child cannot learn in accordance with his or her potential. It is just too easy to say that a child is lazy or doesn't pay attention. All that this approach manages to do is blame the victim.

The overall assumption that the



Tim Stafford, one of Salt Spring Elementary School's learning assistance teachers, giving some

personal instruction to a member of his class.

learning assistance teacher makes, as do most other teachers, is that all children want to learn, want to succeed, want to feel good about themselves and want their efforts to be recognized.

### IMPEDED FOR SOME

For some unfortunate children these wants, indeed needs, are impeded from coming to fruition because something in their perceptual, neurological and/or emotional systems gets in the way and in spite of themselves they simply are unable to learn as others do, and so they come to learning assistance.

Once there they are screened across their learning channels: visual, auditory, tactile and sometimes kinesthetic, to see which modality or combination of modalities is the best way to get material inside that old black box, the brain.

Their short term memory (visual and auditory) is tested using words, numbers and phrases to find their limits. Then the output channels may be screened as well. What could be more frustrating than to comprehend something but to be unable to share it with the world outside through words, spoken and written? This type of screening goes on at the school using informal tests and programs, and approaches are developed to key into the child's areas of strength in order to maximize the chances for success and growth in school.

If a child still is unable to learn at an appropriate rate then we are fortunate to be able to call upon Integrated Services for a more detailed assessment of the child, and to enlist their aid in designing

### programs to fit the child. CAN CREATE HAVOC

One other area of the child's being that can have a tremendous effect on his or her learning ability is their affective domain - the way they feel about themselves and their world. If they have some emotional burden they are pre-occupied with, this may completely impede learning and can create havoc in the classroom as well as at home.

The learning assistance teacher is always aware of this possibility and depending on the duration and severity of the apparent problem, a referral to an appropriate agency may be effected.

In summary then, the learning assistance program at Salt Spring Elementary School is certainly *far-reaching*, it is *unique* in the way it is shared, it is *fortunate* in having recourse to other agencies to help if a problem is too big or beyond the scope of the program.

Its goals are simple: to help the children get on with the job of learning through a factual knowledge of the individual's learning style and through co-ordination with the classroom teacher and the ability to prescribe and modify programs that key in to that learning style.

And it is *powerful* because of the support of the principal and the teaching staff. But its most important quality lies in its assumptions about children who are unable to learn as well as they might; we won't blame the victims of a disability; we help them learn to get around their disability.

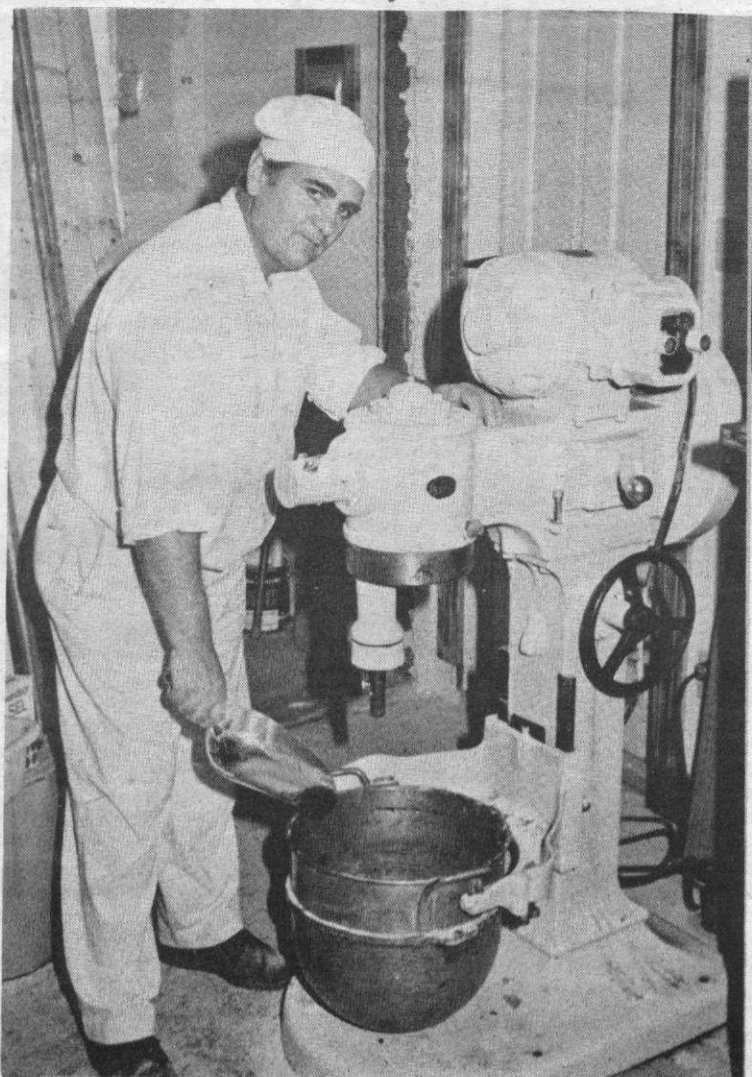
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### Petro-Canada: structure

Second of a series  
BY DON TAYLOR, MP

On July 10, 1975, an Act to establish Petro-Canada was formally passed by the House of Commons. Royal assent was given on July 30, 1975 and the corporation commenced its operations on January 20, 1976. Its corporate headquarters are in Calgary.

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better facilities for the staff and better storage areas. During the summer the foundations were rebuilt and work will continue in the crawl space with provision of a more efficient heating system and insulation in the floor.

Twin-sealed thermal windows are to be installed in the dining room and coffee shop, as well as a new suspended ceiling and decoration.

On the exterior of the building, new stairways and canopies will be put in, including a small lobby at the entrance to the dining area.

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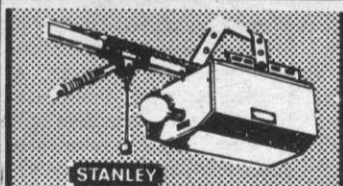
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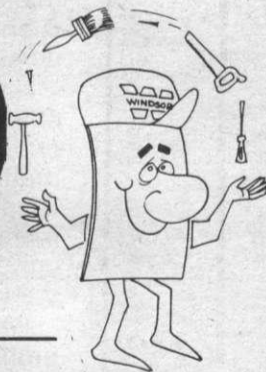


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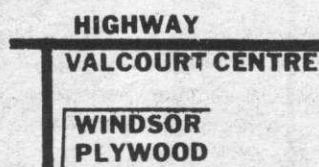
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# Galiano Island

BY KATHLYN BENDER  
AND MARY ELLEN HARDING

We have solved in part the mystery of the helicopters landing in some people's fields. It is a man who comes over to fix large appliances, and instead of coming by ferry, he just comes in a helicopter. He finds a clear place to land near his client's home, and fixes the broken appliance.

More on the squirrels .... in conversation with Mrs. Pat Wilson, she tells us that her children have seen squirrels many times on the way to the middle school at Mayne Island, and wondered why there were none on Galiano. Now she knows we do have some, anyway.

Mrs. Wilson says that when she and her family were up at the cannery in Prince Rupert, there were lots of them all over the place, and they managed to tame and feed one, who made himself right at home with them.

## LIONS CLUB

The regular meeting of Galiano

Lions, held at Galiano Hall, was mainly taken up with plans for the coming wine and cheese party, to be held at the hall on November 10. It is hoped to make this a most enjoyable affair, with dancing to the Newmans' orchestra from Salt Spring.

A letter of thanks went out to all islanders who helped to make the summer Fiesta a success, and also to tell them about the coming "Timmy's Christmas Telethon", at which president Roy Harding will attend to present them with a large sum of money. He will be accompanied by his wife, who will also give a cheque from the Lionettes. In this Year of the Child, it is quite fitting to help the crippled children of our land.

Services at St. Margaret of Scotland Church have been arranged. The children's carol service, which is always well attended, will be held at seven in the evening on

December 16. A service will be held on the 23rd of December, and on the 30th there will be the Christmas Eucharist with Rev. J. Dyer taking the Communion.

## LADIES SERVICE CLUB

On October 15 chairman Kathlyn Benger opened the meeting with a creed of the service clubs.

The sunshine lady, Mrs. Devina Baines, has been busy with reports of many friends not well, or in hospital, and the sick visitors have also been very good at giving their time to go and see those who are not well.

A gift of money was voted to go towards the memorial plaque for the Georgeson Bay pioneer cemetery. It will be put up at the gate to commemorate the donation of the land by the Georgeson family.

A letter was read concerning the rental of the cable T.V. at Lady Minto Hospital, and it was decided to investigate the matter of paying for this service until a later date.

The rest of the meeting was filled with plans for the coming bazaar. Convener Annalies Waldenmaier firmed up people to work at stalls. It will be held on the 24th of November. Two hampers, plus a turkey (kindly given by Mrs. D. A., New) and a smocked lady's nightie, given by Mrs. C. Morshead, will be raffled.

A contribution of \$10 was voted to the Council of Clubs to make a community calendar in the near future.

Next meeting will be held on November 12.

## HOUSING COMPLEX

A pleasing feature of the Galiano landscape, often pointed out to sightseers, is the Page Drive Housing Complex on Valley Road.

Although originally planned and built with much community effort four years ago for senior citizens, changing circumstances have brought about a new renting policy. Following current trends towards encouraging housing for mixed age groups, and after discussion with Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation, the directors of the society are happy to announce that, while the original concept of long-term housing for senior citizens still applies, a limited number of single and double units, some furnished will be available for short-term rentals to younger age groups.

Galiano Islanders please take note that the accommodation would be particularly suitable for your relatives or friends. Chairman Peter Dunne or secretary Ann Hennessy will be glad to supply further information.

Galiano theatre-buffs were disappointed last Friday when the Bastion production *Androcles the Lion and Friends* had to be cancelled at very short notice because the leading actress broke her leg. It is hoped that the Bastion will visit Galiano in the near future.

## More loss of work time

According to the British Columbia Lung Association, respiratory diseases are responsible for more loss of time at work and school than any other health hazard.

# Meeting discusses new programs of Project

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

I face the winter with renewed hope and confidence. Twenty-five representatives from all over B.C. gathered last weekend at the YaWaCa Outdoor Centre to plan the fall and spring program of the World Development Education Project. Twenty-one committees exist in B.C. and most were represented or had input. Resource people included David Pollock, national field worker from Ottawa, and Rev. Wes Maultsaid, provincial CUSO co-ordinator.

We shared our past experiences, gaining a feeling of fellowship. I was sad that we were one of the few areas without a link to the People's Food Commission. But nobody can match our press coverage! (A strong vote of thanks to *Driftwood*.)

We considered: "How is the church best enabled to do its work?" "How do people become motivated/educated/sustained/led to action?" "Who gets the information/money/staff time?" and we recommended a new structure which seemed to us best suited to help us answer these questions.

## URANIUM

Lois Boyce, from the United Church, made a dynamic presentation on uranium. She holds a watching brief at the Bates Commission hearings, effectively cross-examining witnesses, and has been commended by doctors and lawyers present.

She emphasized the urgency of the crisis: the reluctance of the public to perceive the urgency, and the high cost to those who struggle to arouse people to action. She demonstrated the biblical foundation - man as gardener, responsible to God for care and nurture of the earth: man as God's partner, a relationship broken by sin and ensuing separation.

Lois advocates a simple life-style which would ensure abundance for all and an "act of repentance which must precede action." An example was a Pennsylvania faculty publicly accepting responsibility for not taking action before the near-disaster at Three Mile Island. From the first hole dug, radioactivity is let loose all along the line: glowing dust and grass are breathed and eaten by cattle; rocks are transported in lead-lined trucks; after pulverizing, sulphuric acid is added and the slurry ("Yellow-cake") which is both toxic and radioactive, is sent by road and rail to Ontario for refining.

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## RISKS MUST BE WEIGHED

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# More Food for Thought

of the North Thompson-Fraser Rivers: they answered they would line their Birch Island tailings pond with plastic!

A lesson on word usage: "rich waters" at Summerland contain two to three times the "safe" level of radiation. "Safe level" means "levels that are technologically achievable and economically viable"

Saturday afternoon brought an update from INFAC, Victoria. We were encouraged to hear that 50% of all Canadian babies are now breast-fed: that McVities and the Stoffer restaurant/hotel chain have left Nestle, and that Nestle has opened negotiations with the World Health Organization.

## RUINED RESORT AREA

David Pollock showed us *Who Owns the Sky*, the sad story of the Kawasaki Steel Co. (the seventh largest in the world) which, after ruining the Japanese resort area of Chiba, was taken to court for pollution. On the opening day, their lawyer said the people had nothing to worry about, the sintering plant was being moved to the Philippines (where pollution control is less severe)!

President Marcos enabled them to find a site, and 2,000 people had been relocated eight kilometres inland from the coast. The fact that the men are fishermen may explain why most of them are now unemployed! It is planned to move 20,000 before the plant is in full operation. There will be 600 jobs - for high school graduates, preferably bilingual! It is encouraging to know that Japanese workers are protesting this move, not primarily from self-interest, but begging the firm not to extend its destructiveness to the Philippines.

Rev. Jim Manly spoke to us about links between the Church and Labour, and we realized that the same forces which create a food shortage also cause unemployment: that we export models of development which are destructive of people and environment: that we should encourage self-reliance in food and employment, and that we should continue to focus on the power of the multinational corporations.

[More next week].

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# Cubs and Scouts move indoors to work on winter projects

BY ED DAVIS

With winter setting in, our cubs and sea scouts are moving indoors to work on winter projects and prepare their equipment for next year's programs.

The cubs group is for boys eight through 10 years of age; boys could be eight years old by October 31. Unfortunately, the cub pack is full, and a waiting list is being kept.

During the year our cubs have taken part in community programs, gone on several hikes and sing-songs. Two weekend camp-outs at Camp Barnard in Sooke were also part of this year's activities.

The cub program provides the boys with many interesting and challenging activities. The activities are designed to satisfy the boys' active and curious nature, as well as give them guidance in their need to explore, collect and have fun.

Programs consist of instruction, handicrafts, games, songs, stories and ceremonies for credits and badges earned.

### FOR UNICEF

Our cubs are presently collecting pennies for Unicef. All you parents and friends of cubs, who have big caches of copper that you've been wondering what to do with, can rest assured your pennies will be appreciated and go to a good cause.

Any enquiries about cubs should be directed to the cub pack leader, Mrs. Jean Hoskin, or to Bob McWhirter.

At 11 years old the boys can move into scouts. Here in the Gulf Islands we have a sea scout troop and it is for boys 11 through 14 years of age.

Sea scouting activities include sailing, boating, swimming, camp-



Scouts enjoy outing at Long Harbour

ing, first aid and instruction activities.

### SUMMER ACTIVITY

While sea scouting is primarily a summer activity, the winter is spent working on restoration of boating equipment and learning skills needed for summer camp-outs.

Our sea scouts presently have a 23-foot motor sailer and have just acquired a 25-foot whaler for restoration and usage. We also have two flying junior sailboats, (three kid capacity) and one 16-foot imitation Boston Whaler. They also have the use of several canoes and kayaks.

Camp-outs have taken our sea scouts to Tent Island, Prevost Island, Montague Harbour and Princess Margaret Island.

For boys interested in sea scouts, there is room in the program. Scoutmasters to contact for further information are Mat-

thew Coleman and Charles Bazzard.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Both the cubs and sea scouts are selling subscriptions to *Beautiful B.C.* magazine. The magazine is an excellent gift for those out-of-province relatives and friends, not to mention us folks here in B.C.

Besides offering its readers the tops in photographic and editorial material on B.C., the magazine returns \$1 of each subscription sold through the boys to the scouting program. This money helps to finance the continued growth of both programs as well as to purchase much-needed camping equipment.

Let's all help support these worthwhile boys' programs. You can get your *Beautiful B.C.* subscription from either a cub or scout, and don't forget the pennies to the cubs for Unicef.

Cheers - Ed.

We are singing "Stormy Weather" on Mayne Island these days but we expect the weather is much the same elsewhere at this time of year except in Hawaii or the South Seas. Power outages have been confined to the wee small hours so they haven't interrupted baking plans.

Coming events include the following:

The Annual Bazaar sponsored by the W.A. of St. Mary Magdalene church is slated for November 17; more details later.

Monday, November 5 at 2 pm the regular meeting of the Silver Maynes will be held at the Agricultural Hall.

The music appreciation group has arranged for Dr. Ian Bradley, professor of music education at U.B.C., to give a talk and demonstration at the Health Centre on Friday, November 9 at 7.30 pm. His theme will be *How to Listen to Music*. All those interested in music are welcome to attend.

Isabel Geehan is pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of her daughter Nancy to Laurie Hedger, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Hedger of Salt Spring Island. The wedding will take place at St. Mary Magdalene church on Saturday, December 29. Best wishes to them both from all their friends on Mayne Island and elsewhere.

Helping Isabel paint the house

has been her son Bob from Vernon, whose assistance was very much appreciated.

Joyce Mitchell plans to have a show of her paintings at the Humboldt suite, Empress Hotel, Victoria, Sunday, November 4, 12 noon to 10.30 pm. The Mitchell Gallery, Arbutus Drive, will be open on Sundays only from now on during the winter from 12.30 to 4.30 pm.

Frances Faminow will conduct art workshops for teachers at See Studio, Bayview Drive, on the weekends of November 2, 16 and 30. The classes are sponsored by the University of B.C. Centre for Continuing Education.

### Fatal diseases

During 1977, more than 19,000 Canadians died of respiratory diseases, reports the British Columbia Lung Association.

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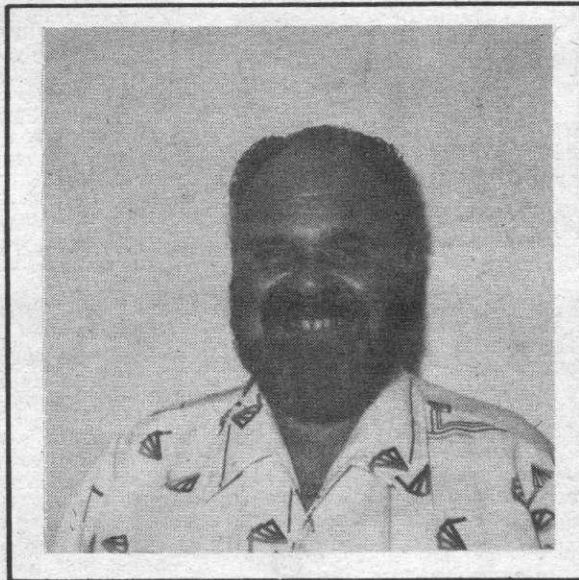
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## Trail and Nature Club prepares program

Following is the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club's program of events for November.

November 6: there will be a second visit to the Institute of Ocean Sciences and Geophysics for those who were unable to go previously. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 8.45 for the 9.30 ferry at Fulford. Mary Sylvander will lead a hike on Mount Finlayson. Jack Webb will lead a walk in Goldstream Park to see the spawning salmon. Meeting place for both walk and hike is Centennial Park at 9.30 am for the 10 am ferry at Vesuvius.

November 13: walkers' choice, led by Marjorie Beggs. Hike, plateau area, led by Val. Keys. meeting place for both is Centennial Park at 10 am.

November 20: Toni Luton will lead a walk in the Blackburn Lake area. Gerry Holland leads a hike on Mount Bruce. Meeting place for both, Centennial Park, 10 am.

November 27: Walk in the Reynolds Road area led by Sue Mouat: meeting place, Centennial Park, 10 am; Drummond Park, 10.15 am. Hike, Mount Maxwell, led by Nora Ray. Meeting place, Centennial Park, 10 am.

Bob and Betty Ball will be showing flower slides on Thursday, November 15, at 7.30 pm in St. George's Hall. All members are welcome the club says.

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## Golfing

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In the ladies' section on October 23 it was Dolly Whorley taking the low net for 18 holes, while Irene Hawksworth took the low gross for 18 holes. The low net for nine holes was Dorothy Crofton, and the low gross for nine holes was Anne Sober.

The second low net winner for 18 holes was Helen Insley, and the second low gross was Bev Menzies. Second low net nine holes was Helen Welliver, second low gross for nine holes was Gwen Ruckle. The lowest number of putts for

18 holes was Lou Wolfe-Milner and the lowest number of putts for nine holes was Mary K. Thomas. The closest to the pin on #11 for the 18-holers was M. Hardie, and for the nine-holers it was Dorothy Crofton.

The longest drive on number seven hole for the 18-holers was Dorothy Sneddon, while on the same hole for the nine-holers, the power hitter was Anne Sober. The team prize went to Helen Insley, Irene Hawksworth, Kas Black and Gwen Rucke.

According to my notes, the most likely to succeed and overcome all difficulties in the 18-hole section was Mary Carlson, and in the nine-hole section it was Dodie Dillabough. For some strange reason they gave the Comic Prize to my friend Bunny Jordan.

Everyone is reminded that the annual awards night banquet this year is being held on Wednesday, November 14, and you are asked to make your reservations for dinner through the Pro Shop at your earliest possible convenience.

# The "Big Sewer": Salt Spring goes "Down the Drain"

By J. Davies

Two years ago I came here to look for property. I was a construction contractor and designer, looking for something of my own to develop.

I wanted to do something that fit the community, and I became aware that planning and regulation had a lot of influence on what happened on the island.

So instead of moving here, I went back to university for a year to learn about planning. Last year, I worked as a community planner.

This year, I am doing graduate study in natural resource management — in particular, water and waste disposal problems in rural areas.

### HANDY PROBLEM

The Ganges sewer issue seemed like a handy problem to study. I went to the Capital Regional District, and read through the six-inch-thick Ganges sewer file. I went to the Community Health Service and read through the Salt Spring health inspector's files. (To get permission to do this I had to promise not to go to the newspapers with the information.)

The Capital Regional District became concerned about the extent to which I might involve the community with the information. I suggested one person on the island who would review my writing for me and not divulge their confidential information, and they said that was all right.

### WATER SUPPLIES

The Islands Trust had no information to give me on the sewer proposals, but I got a lot of information from their library, mostly about water supply problems. They were somewhat cooperative, but were afraid to give out information, presumably because people might then criticize their work.

I left this part of my work over a year ago, wondering about freedom of information, and what it is that these people want to hide.

From what I've seen, I know now that it's certainly not in the best interests of the ratepayers, who are paying the salaries of politicians and civil servants and the bills for public projects, to have the facts kept secret.

We need to know more of the facts than the carefully prepared press releases and paid political advertisements tell us.

### PEOPLE WERE OPEN

When I came to the island, I found people open about their views. The records of the Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Association were given to me to use. I interviewed people on all sides of the controversy for hours at a time.

After two weeks, I was totally confused. I spent the summer of last year sorting it all out and arranging events in chronological order on a four-foot by 12-foot piece of plywood.

When I finished, I had written 90,000 words about the land and water resources, the people's organizations, the regional district administration and the economy.

### FALSE INFORMATION

Recently I've become more and more aware that many people are operating on the basis of false information. You may think a sewer system is inevitable, or desirable, or necessary on Salt Spring Island, but the facts as I've come to see them say it's not.

The reason I'm breaking my promise to the Capital Regional District is this: an investment of several million dollars of public money is proposed, and your right to know the facts, weigh the costs and benefits and make a democratic decision has been taken from you.

I can't see how this is in the public interest, the sequence of questionable events leads me to suspect if not criminal error, at least "dirty tricks".

### RAT'S NEST

At first, the mass of information looked like a rat's nest. Now that I've organized it, it looks like a pyramid turned upside down.

A pyramid standing right side up, on a solid base of fact, is very stable. A pyramid turned upside down is balancing on a very fine point — it will fall over very easily.

The fine point on which the "sewer is inevitable" argument rests is that there is a "serious health hazard" in Ganges.

Who said this? Not the regional health officer, to whom our provincial legislature gives the legal authority to determine such facts. He did not testify to the existence of a health hazard beyond any doubt. His opinion was contradicted by the executive director, who made the assertion which everybody accepts as fact.

### AT THE TOP

The executive director is at the top of the bureaucracy of the Capital Regional District. He is known for his command of the facts. What he recommends to the elected directors on the regional board, they generally do, because they trust him.

The petition for a sewer system had been circulated around Ganges for months during the previous summer, and caused a great fight. Charges of fraud, forgery and intimidation were hurled at the canvassers, as you may recall.

When the executive director certified that enough people had signed in favour of the sewer, the opposition challenged the count. The Capital Regional District agreed to take no further action on the sewer until the challenge to the petition had been dealt with.

### SEWER ORDERED

Instead of having an independent person judge the truth of the charges against the petition, the executive director found out that the Pollution Control Branch director could order the Capital Regional District to put in a sewer system.

And that's what was arranged late in 1977, thus evading the challenge presented by the court action against the sewer petition.

The legislature passed the Pollution Control Act in order to control pollution. The Municipal Act gives citizens the right to vote democratically for improvements like sewers.

In order to take away this right, a serious health hazard would, I think, have to exist — not just because somebody said so, but in actual fact.

### UNLAWFUL

To use an order by the Director of Pollution Control for any other purpose in Ganges would not be seen as lawful by the legislature. So the Big Sewer really isn't inevitable.

If a public problem exists, why hasn't everybody been told exactly where it is so it can be solved right away?

If it's a private problem, why can't the private parties solve it on their own? The answers to these questions don't come easily.

Ganges first developed along the shoreline, because that's where the boats came in to unload commercial supplies and people.

Now that's changed, but commercial development still continues in that area, despite the sewage disposal problems in the lowland shoreline area.

### CHECKED TANKS

In 1977, the health inspectors checked some septic tanks in the central block, and found a dozen that were "malfunctioning". A "malfunction", under the Health Act, is when you put a special dye down the toilet and it appears on the surface of the ground somewhere. That means sewage is following the same path, and sewage is a hazard to health when it's on top of the ground.

The shoreline in downtown Ganges didn't always look the way it does now. There was a little inlet that was filled in with clay in 1970. Before it was filled in, it was called the "sewage treatment plant", because sewage seeped into it from the properties around the edge.

### ON TOP OF GROUND

After it was filled in, sewage appeared on top of the ground. When this was discovered in 1977, the offending properties were ordered to install holding tanks to store sewage until trucks came to pump it out. So the health hazard was solved.

The school and the hospital also make the news now and then, but their problems can be solved without a big sewer system. There are many institutions in the province that don't have sewer systems to hook up to. So the Big Sewer isn't really necessary.

This community has been fighting about sewers since 1964. At that time, and now, the real issue has been development, not health. After the last battle, which took years of people's time and much money, the Capital Regional District was advised that the Health Branch expressed some doubt about the need for a sewer system, and thought septic tanks might be adequate.

### CAN WORK WELL

Septic tanks can work well. As long as they are put in properly and looked after they will outlast a sewer system, thus saving the homeowner the expense of Big Sewer collection, treatment and disposal systems.

However, you can't crowd too many people on to a small area of land when you use septic tanks. The more people, the bigger the disposal field has to be.

This is a problem for people who would want a small village to grow and become a city. The difference between a rural area like Salt Spring Island and a city like Victoria is the degree of crowding. Putting in a sewer system gives developers a blank cheque — they can put up bigger buildings and crowd more people on to their land. More people means more money for a few people to earn, but more money for most people to pay.

The sewer area planned by the Capital Regional District is 100 times bigger than the area that is presently on holding tanks. Last time they proposed a sewer, they promised it wouldn't grow bigger.

### INTENTIONS CLEAR

This time, the intentions are clear: the sewage disposal problem, they say, will never be solved until the whole island is on treatment plants.

The engineers' dream of the Big Sewer is not inevitable, it is not necessary, but is it desirable? What are the costs? What are the benefits? What are the alternatives?

It's not possible to get off scot-free at this point. Before 1968, septic tank regulation was absent, and since then it's been primitive. We know a lot more now about how they work, why they don't work sometimes and how to solve the problems.

So there will have to be many improvements. Maintenance should be performed regularly as a community service.

### NOT DREAMS

These are not dreams — such ideas are being developed and rapidly implemented in hundreds of communities across North America.

In the United States, for example, someone calculated that sewerage small communities could add \$5 billion to the national debt.

Furthermore, when you add the operating costs of Big Sewer treatment plants, a serious financial burden is imposed on the residents of small communities.

The administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency initiated a research and testing program to improve land disposal methods. Economically, the Big Sewer is undesirable.

If you're concerned about the environment, you'll be interested to know that according to our own Environmental Protection Service, these sophisticated treatment plants that engineers dream up usually only perform to 50% of their theoretical design standards.

Ultraviolet disinfection is usually impractical, and chlorine is unacceptable to fishery interest. Environmentally, the Big Sewer is undesirable.

### HAS TO BE TRUCKED OFF

The Big Sewer doesn't solve the disposal problem, it just gathers it all together in one place: it still has to be trucked off somewhere. The use of wastes from the Big Sewer for fertilizer on farms is a touchy subject — such heavy metals as cadmium are present in sewage, and deadly in human tissues.

It's difficult to get these poisons out of the waste, so why mix them all up in an expensive collection system in the first place? For those who believe in recycling, the Big Sewer is undesirable.

Just in case the marine outfall is rejected, and there's no reason why it shouldn't be since it's only a more sophisticated version of the one that was rejected last time, the Capital Regional District has an alternate plan. They propose to pump the effluent up the hill to the southwest of Ganges into a big ground disposal field.

### A LOT TO PAY

Several million dollars seems like a lot of money to pay to take it away from all the little septic tanks in little back yards, just to put it through a big fancy "septic tank" and pump it in one big back yard. Stripped of its cloak of fancy words, the Big Sewer is clearly undesirable.

The Islands Trust Act was passed by the provincial legislature to preserve and protect the unique environment of the Gulf Islands. The character of Salt Spring Island is still rural and recreational, in contrast to the suburban and urban environments nearby.

### PERPETUAL BURDEN

Big Sewers create suburban-urban environments: everybody hopes so, because if it doesn't, it's just a perpetual financial burden on the few people that have to support it.

Many people came here for the rural-recreational quality of the island. Under the present inadequate regulations, the rural technology of septic tanks cannot be adequately administered. Big Sewers are inevitable, along with smaller lots, higher land costs and the elimination of the rural way of life.

If the slogan of the Islands Trust is to be more than an advertisement for choice real estate in the short run, water and waste disposal regulations must be tailored to suit the islands.

The final blow to the engineers' dream of an island covered with Big Sewers and their fancy "septic tank" treatment plants, is that there isn't enough water to run them. In the long run, St. Mary Lake will become undrinkable and ground water supplies will be depleted.

### WAS RECOMMENDED

An observation well network, as a first step in planning to preserve ground water supplies, was recommended years ago by ground water research staff.

Nothing has been done while several hundred thousand dollars have been spent in the promotion of the Big Sewer.

Several hundred thousand dollars could have solved the problems of the few properties in Ganges that for historic reasons, have located businesses in the area of poor drainage.

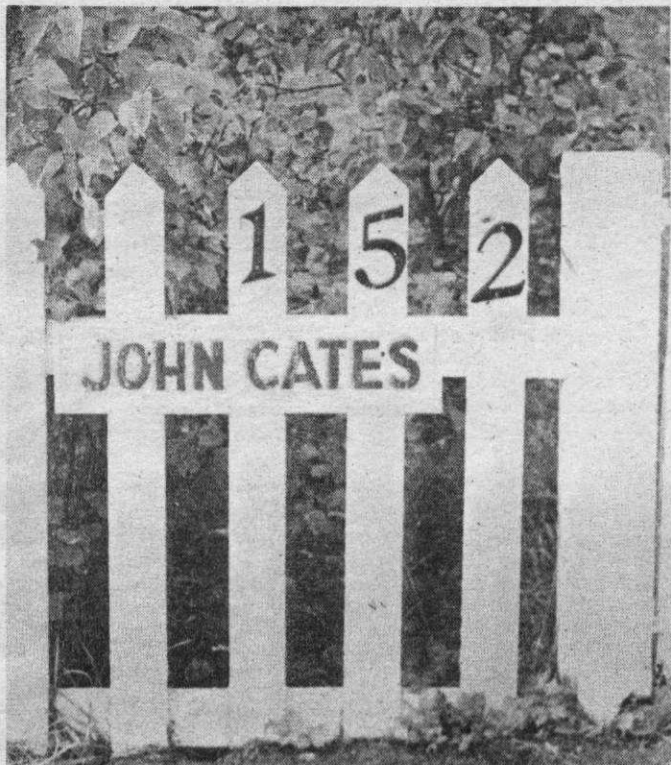
Moving the problem was suggested by the last regional engineer at the last Pollution Control Board hearing, it that was the best cost advantage.

The upland areas drain well, and the lowland shoreline area may be better for scenic, recreational and community use.

It's not a choice between people or fish, to echo another comment of the same regional engineer. With good rural planning, commercial development would not interfere with the Ganges creek lowland area.

The shoreline community area, partly created at the cost to the public of polluting and distiguering the natural rural-recreational shoreline by filling it in for urban-commercial development, would continue to be occupied for so long as the owners absorbed the costs of their own sewage disposal.

# Fire chief urges residents to display house numbers



Concern over the number of residents not displaying their house numbers was expressed by Fire Chief Bob Leask last week.

Leask told *Driftwood* that response to the house numbering scheme on Salt Spring Island has been good but there are still not enough numbers on display.

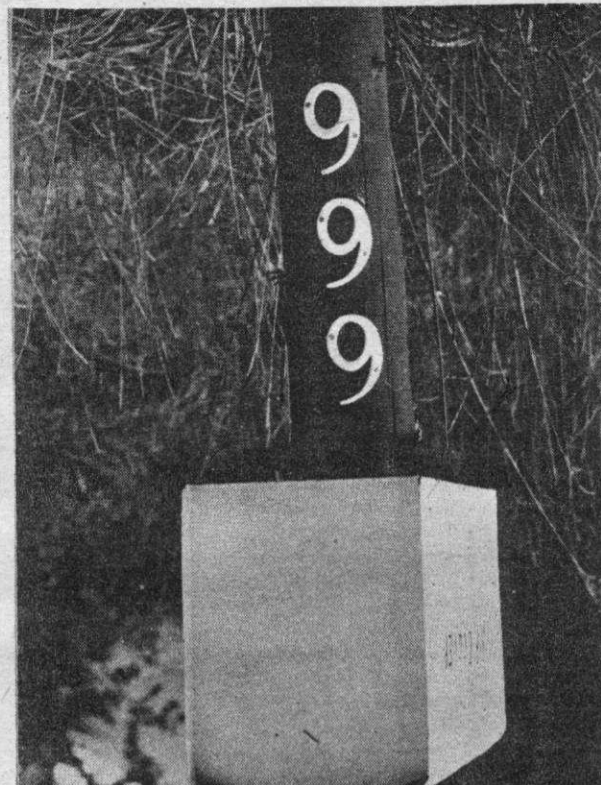
Leask said that residents may not realize the importance of displaying the number until they need an ambulance or fire truck.

Residents who haven't put their numbers up yet, he said, might think about how their numbers could help an emergency vehicle locate a neighbour. He added that many homes on the island are hidden and that their numbers should be displayed where they can be seen from the road.

Leask also warned that it can get very confusing if someone puts up the wrong number.

Approximately two-thirds of the 2,500 home-owners on the island have picked up their numbers, which are recorded in a book at the fire hall, Leask said.

He added that the numbers, which can be bought in Ganges or made up at home, should be at least four inches high and displayed within 35 feet from the road.



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## Luncheon raises \$800 for children's home

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Over \$800 was raised at a luncheon held on Friday in St. George's Church Hall, Ganges, in aid of the Mendies Children's Home in Nepal. The organizers wish to thank the many people who baked, donated goods or otherwise contributed to the success of the meal.

Not everyone on Salt Spring Island may know of the Mendies family. Betty Mendies is a Canadian who went to India as a Salvation Army missionary after the war. She married in India and settled in Nepal.

Her concern for abandoned children led to the adoption of first one then another unwanted or orphaned child. Some of the children are handicapped; some are Nepalese, some Tibetan. No child is every turned away. At the present time the Mendies are caring for over 60 children in an old house which would be condemned in Canada.

Doris Anderson visited the Mendies Home after her retirement as a nurse at Lady Minto Hospital. Doris was so impressed with this example of Christianity in action that she opened an account for the Mendies Children's Home at the Ganges branch of the Bank of Montreal when she returned to Canada. For years Doris picked salal and all the proceeds went into the Mendies Fund account. Now

other islanders also contribute, for they know from Doris Anderson's first-hand accounts that every cent raised is used for the welfare of the children.

Betty is now hoping to get a bed for each of the girls. They can be made for \$25 and she suggested to Doris that anyone who so wished could have their name or the name of a friend or relation put on a bed on receipt of that amount.

In time for Christmas giving, cards are to be designed by Caroline Hamilton's art students at the secondary school. Each card will inform the recipient that a donation in their name has been made to the Mendies Children's Home, and by whom it was made.

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# Harp, violin and piano to be heard at second winter concert

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

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This concert will have everything: beauty and brains .... youth and experience .... novelty and established professionalism .... visual and aural delights .... what more can one ask?

Kathryn Ely, harpist, and Jean Knight, violinist, combined their talents to give one of the most successful concerts of last season, and they were top of the list of performers to be invited again this year, by popular demand.

But they have gone one better! Kathryn Ely is bringing her daughter Elizabeth, also a harpist, and they will play duets .... on two harps! What a feast for lovers of this beautiful instrument.

### BEAR REPEATING

Jean Knight is so well known that it is difficult to find anything new to say of her, but some facts bear repeating, especially as new islanders and new concert-goers arrive each year.

Jean was born in England and received her musical education there, completing her A.R.C.M. at the Royal College of Music. After the war, Jean played with the B.B.C. Opera Orchestra, the Sadlers Wells Orchestra, and was concert mistress of a light orchestra. She joined the Vancouver Symphony when she arrived in Canada, played with the C.B.C. radio orchestra and was a founder member of the Baroque Strings. Jean has lived on Salt Spring



ELIZABETH ELY

Island for almost four years, with her musical husband Tony (a member of the Loyal Central Salt Spring Temperance and Dixieland Jazz Ensemble), she teaches the violin and is a valued member of the committee which organizes the Winter Concerts.

Kathryn Ely was born in Muncie, Indiana, and saw her first harp when she entered college. She studied with Carlos Salzedo and Marcel Grandjany and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1962. She taught at the University of Hawaii and Punapau School, and was principal harpist with the prestigious Honolulu Symphony Orchestra.

Moving back to the mainland, she then played with the Memphis Ballet and Opera Orchestras as principal harpist. Luckily for us, in 1970 Kathryn came to live in Victoria, where she plays with the Symphony Orchestra and teaches harp at the Conservatory of Music and the University of Victoria.

This will be 12-year-old Elizabeth's first concert, and we are delighted to chalk up yet another "first" for Salt Spring Island.

The talented and charming accompanist for the musical delight will be our very own Angela Funk, a concert pianist in her own right.

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But not to worry others' sheep  
Pray fair solutions may be found  
(For foul, now seen or smelled around.)  
Pray some small lots may come to hand  
For those who wish a bit of land.  
Pray problems over which we fret  
Will answers find, or, we forget.  
Pray time will soften points of view  
Of the Richards, pere and fils, and Mary Williamson,  
and me (and even you).

But pray, oh pray, that some things will remain ...  
As always, one can find a cedar's shelter in the rain ...  
A lonesome strip of shore to pace  
On days when one disowns the human race ...  
Some curious deer, some likewise goats,  
Some gulls and eagles and some little boats ...  
Some Salt Spring fruit to pick and eat  
Apples, cherries, plums and pear and berries sweet ...  
The Salt Spring seasons to enjoy each time they pass  
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# What's happening at Salt Spring Elementary School?

BY IAN JUKES

The most difficult aspect of writing this column is that because of the variety of activities covered, it's frequently difficult to develop any continuity to a writing style (if in fact I have a writing style).

This week's column will be of a particularly bumpy nature due to the number of unusual items covered. You have been warned.

One of the more unusual, but extremely successful events held in

the school was Friday's book barter. In essence, each child brought a book or books he or she had read and no longer wanted.

Put 60 students in the same room and you get instant non-stop trading. Of particular note must be the trading acumen of one Jeffrey Moger, who apparently started out with a *Mad* magazine, and ended with the collected works of the Hardy Boys. That fellow has a future!

## BUSY WEEK IN ATHLETICS

This has been an exceptionally busy week for athletics on several fronts. Indoor soccer has become the latest rage for house games. Watching all these future White-caps, particularly the 6 and 7 boys and girls, is really a fine way to spend your lunch hour.

At the moment the Colts lead Stallions and Mustangs by about 20 points.

On Monday our fields were the sight of the second Salt Spring Island Field Hockey Tournament. Due to an unfortunate and unavoidable double scheduling, Crofton had to back out at the last moment, leaving Salt Spring Elementary, Fernwood and Drinkwater of Duncan, to battle it out.

Showing great strength, the Drinkwater team emerged champions, followed by Salt Spring Elementary. Congratulations to Scatter Taylor for his organization.

## PUMPKIN RACE

On Tuesday the fields were alive with runners in search of the Great Pumpkin as we held our second Great Pumpkin Race. Runners from kindergarten through to grade 7 tried to run as close to their estimated time as possible.

At the moment the winners are yet to be determined. A complete list will be published next week.

A summary of athletic happenings would not be complete without a comment upon what's been going on in our gym Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

## GYMNASTICS

Under the skilful eye of Colleen Roy, many of our students have come an enormous distance gymnastically. Having observed from

## Grey Cup draw

The winner of the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club Grey Cup early bird draw was B. Hagell of the Harbour House Hotel. He won \$100.

Ticket was drawn Tuesday night, Oct. 23.

afar I can assure you that this is an excellent program, well received by all the students.

Hopefully in the not too distant future we'll have a gym display just to show you what I mean. On another level, the primary co-ordination program continues to be of great benefit. Thanks to the generous assistance of many parents, the program works four days a week to develop basic motor skills through a variety of activities. The growth in the children has been marked.

## CONFERENCE

Coming up we have several items of note. Friday, several staff members will be off to the Exceptional Child Conference in Vancouver.

To explain, an "exceptional child" means a child whose abilities in one or more skill areas are in some way different from the norm. More on this next week.

Secondly, on November 6 individual student pictures will be taken by an island studio. We will also be taking class photos, but this will not be done until the spring.

## FIELD TRIPS

Finally, a mention about our field trip program as our Alternate Class students returned from Strathcona Lodge our grade sevens returned from a visit to the Salmonoid Enhancement Hatchery on Vancouver Island and listened to a speaker from the provincial agency here at the school) and our threes and fours returned from a study at the museum in Victoria.

Next week some information on our Hallowe'en Assembly. So if witches and goblins don't find you first, see you next week.

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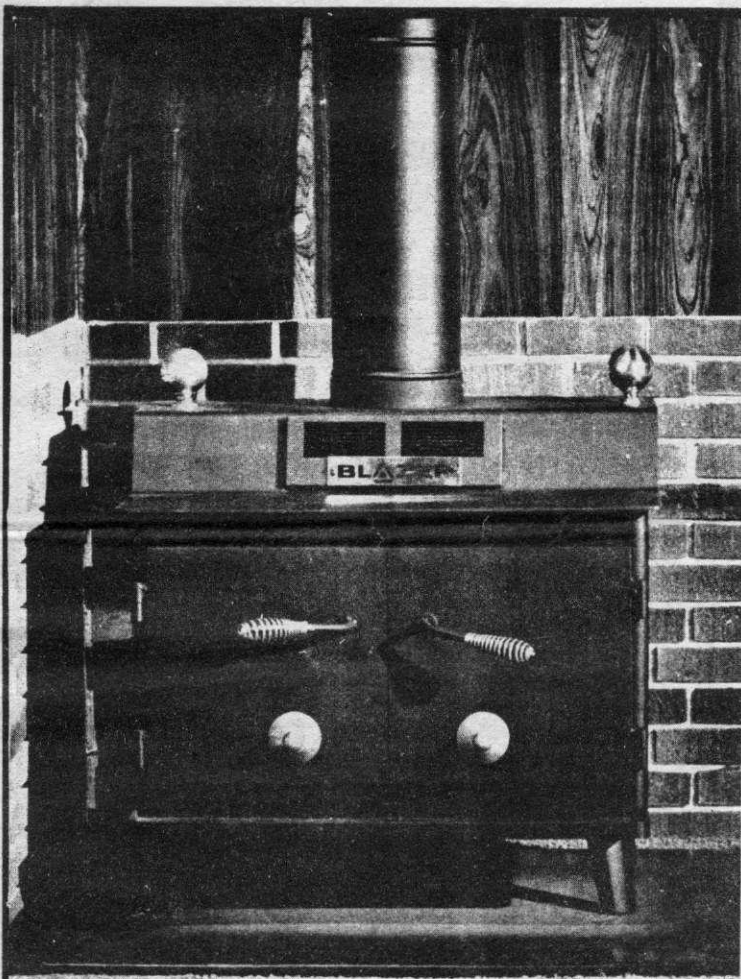
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Oktoberfest one of top five annual events

BY BRYAN SMITH

All the singing, dancing, eating, drinking and gay revelry is over. Did I say over? Far from it.

Salt Spring has several annual events of great popularity and the success of the Lions Club 1979 Oktoberfest puts it among the top five, to say the least.

At the last count, 235 people edged their way into the hall and were presented with a free steiner and a ticket for a free beer. On hand for the entertainment, the Edelweiss orchestra excelled itself.

Being Oktoberfest, the music was mostly Germanic or Austrian but the band proved its versatility

with selections of Spanish and South American music, and to everyone's surprise and delight, came up with that old British Standby, the Paul Jones.

As people clutched their steiners and streamed out of the building it was obvious from the laughter and banter that everyone had a good time.

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## Down the Gutter

With KEN COLLINS

On Sunday last I journeyed to the Tsawwassen lanes to bowl in the Master Bowlers first event of the current season. This was the first of four events to determine who will represent British Columbia in 1980 against the other provinces.

There was a total of 52 bowlers competing, all with averages of 235 or better. I placed about 22 overall. I also rolled a 337 single, for which I won \$15. This was the second highest single of the tournament. I was quite pleased with my performance as this was my first time bowling in such a high class of competitors.

Here are some of the better scores of the past week: Steve Cocoran, 744; Terry Jenkins, 849-769; Don Mills, 837; Dave Calver, 732; Frank Keoppel, 724; and Leo Toutant, 746.

Three hundred games came from Steve Corcoran, 311; Frank Cunningham, 304; Terry Jenkins, 320-313-311; Dave Calver, 344; Leo Toutant, 306; and Don Mills, 310-358.

The bowlers of the week were, for the ladies, Connie Kelly and for the men it was Terry Jenkins.

Something of interest at the masters on the weekend was the fact that all the ladies competing in the ladies' event wore skirts. A rare thing in this day and age to see a pair of knees on the lanes. I think the last pair of knees I saw in Ganges was Julien Valcourt's, when one night he turned up to bowl in his shorts.

I see we have gained a cat in the bowling alley of late. Would you believe it has been called Alley Cat.

### Tip of the week

Try to wear a short-sleeved shirt or blouse so as not to restrict your movement while bowling.

### YOUTH BOWLING COUNCIL

Our future bowlers and citizens in good sportsmanship are well into the bowling season.

The first league to be mentioned is the little Jets, who are working hard every week to improve their game and bowling skills.

This year we have registered Bettina Reid, Clinton Helfrich, Kristina Calver and Christine Noble and they are bowling in the 60's and 70's in one game.

Then come the Pee Wees, whose ages range from five to seven. We have some new bowlers and some who liked bowling last season and are back again to improve their skills and have fun.

Bowlers are Tammy Sloan, Erin Butler, Arlys Stratholt, Tanya Slingsby, Tanya Trory, Debbie and Sherrill Jancowski, Paul Hatch, Paul Smith, Christine Spencer, Brett Marshall, Vivienne

## Weavers hold workshop

The Salt Spring Weavers Guild held its first workshop of the fall season on Thursday in Mahon Hall. The instructor was Hazel Murray from the Victoria Weavers and Spinners Guild and the subject was the spinning of novelty yarns.

As the workshop was limited to 10 people and the guild has 50 members this year, it is hoped that later in the season the workshop will be repeated for those who missed the last one.

With the refurbishing of Mahon Hall, the Weavers Guild has a small room of its own now to house the equipment and books which it has been acquiring over the years. The room will also be available as a workroom for guild members.

The next few weeks will find all weavers busy preparing for the pre-Christmas sale, an annual event held by the weavers and the potters guilds together. The dates are November 16, 17 and 18.

Prentice, Deanna Little and last but not least, Candice Miller.

Some scores from October 20 are Deanna with 114, Debbie with 110 and Vivienne with 108. Boys scorers were Arlys with 82, Paul Hatch with 103 and Brett Marshall with 65.

Every week we will feature one of the leagues in Y.B.C. and some of the scores, so keep looking for our features.

## This week

This week's entertainment at the Inn at Vesuvius will be provided by the well known guitarist-singer, Huckle, of Salt Spring Island. Huckle will play Friday and Saturday from 8 pm until 11.

At the Harbour House pub the popular Victoria band, Off the Water, will provide live music for dancing and listening.

In the Harbour House lounge the very popular singer-songwriter Kathy Stack of Salt Spring Island will entertain with folk singing and guitar playing.

## Committee

Sir, May I be permitted through the medium of your newspaper to express thanks on behalf of the Salt Spring Island United Church Resettlement Committee to all those individuals who have assisted, are assisting and will assist in the future with time, goods, services and financial support to our brethren from Southeast Asia, the Lam family.

All your kindness is very much appreciated.  
**MARGARET MILLER,**  
Secretary,  
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# Theatre season begins Friday

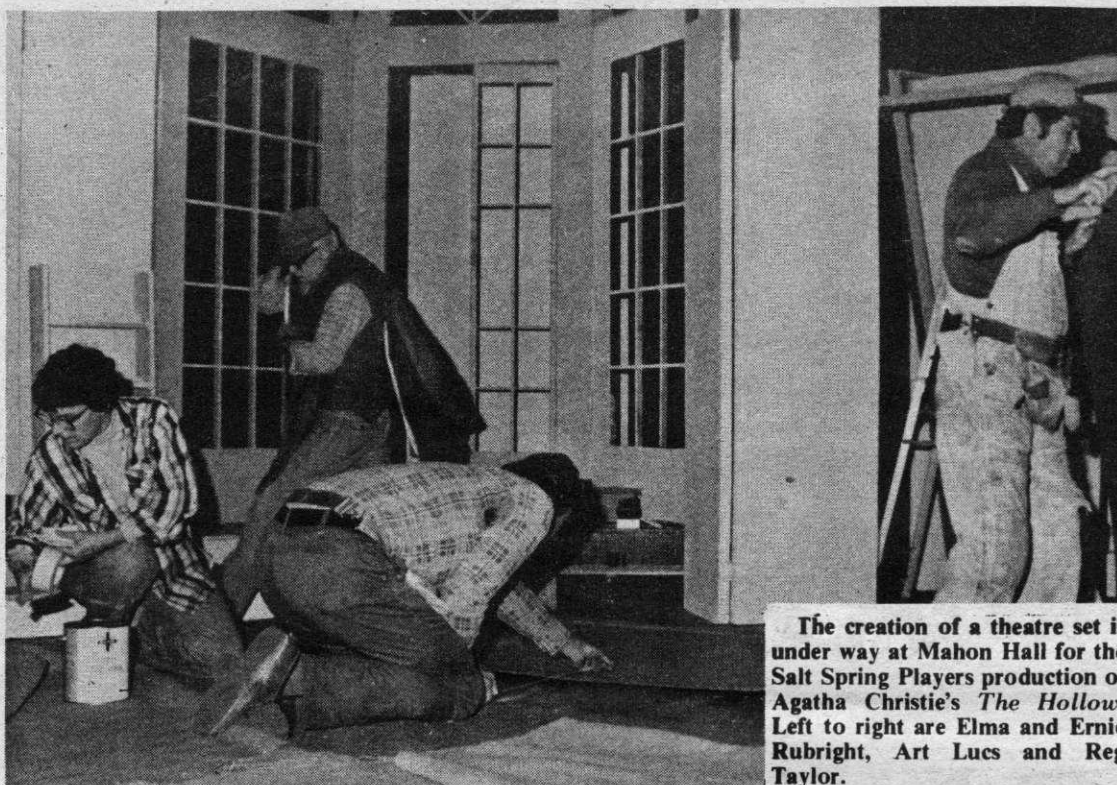
The new theatre season begins Friday night on Salt Spring with the opening of the Salt Spring Players' production of Agatha Christie's three-act mystery, *The Hollow*.

After two months of rehearsal by its cast of 12, the play will run for four nights in refurbished Mahon Hall. Curtain time is set for 8 pm. Tickets for all performances priced at \$3, are available at et cetera Book and Stationery.

Director Gwen Hind-Smith noted last week that the cast is almost evenly divided between Players stalwarts and those making first appearances as Salt Spring Players.

Members of the audience will notice a number of changes to Mahon Hall, in addition to the interior painting which was done in early summer.

The stage front has been extended four feet by the installation of an apron; the wall-to-wall hanging light bar has been replaced; the floor has been sanded and refinished; an improved method of window black-out has been used; and a number of chairs have been procured and provided by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.



The creation of a theatre set is under way at Mahon Hall for the Salt Spring Players production of Agatha Christie's *The Hollow*. Left to right are Elma and Ernie Rubright, Art Lucs and Reg Taylor.

# Car rally

A car rally is being held Friday under the sponsorship of Gulf Islands Secondary School and the Ganges RCMP detachment.

Cars will begin leaving the starting point, Centennial Park, at 9 am.

Police will carry out a safety check of each car entering the rally. Entries will be required to have one navigator along with the driver.

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# Island couple enjoy tour of police training centre

It was the first holiday in England for Sidney and Florence Roberts since they left their native soil 12 years ago. They left their home on Rainbow Road, in Ganges, for a quick tour of the Old Country recently. And they enjoyed every part of it.

Two parts of Britain lured them. North Wales is the home of Sidney Roberts' ancestors and the Peak District of Derbyshire, one of the country's famous scenic attractions, is their former home. It is a national park, says the tourist.

They also visited the south coast of England where the nuclear submarines were located. But all these things paled beside the tour of the Greater Manchester Police mounted and dog sections at Hough End Centre, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

On learning that they were from Canada and justly proud of the

RCMP, all red tape was cut, reports the Ganges traveller. They were taken on a conducted tour of the complex.

### MET THE HORSES

They watched the horses being groomed and shod and they saw them in training. They met every horse in the section, including the winner of the Best Police Horse in the Country, named at the recent Horse of the Year Show in Wembley.

The Hough End Centre trains man and horse for crowd control or for searching difficult terrain.

The couple were told of the use of these horses for controlling unruly crowds in the city or during football matches. The officer on horseback has a commanding view of what is taking place and his mount is trained to resist the pressure of crowds.

They were interested because they are both keen horse-lovers. And they were both revolted when they were told that one of the police horses had been blinded during a football fracas when a soccer fan threw a dart into the animal's eye.

### MUSICAL RIDE

The greater Manchester Police Force also has a trained team of 16 mounted police who entertain with their version of the musical ride.

The same centre also trains police dogs and handlers.

Mostly alsatians or German shepherds, the dogs are trained to scent out explosives, drugs and criminals. The force has 100 dogs, most of which live with their masters.

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of which live with their masters.

The dogs rank high as detectives, the couple learned. In a single year they made 1,300 arrests involving 1,800 persons in 1,900 incidents.

Sidney and Florence Roberts were so impressed with the efficiency and the care and cleanliness of the horses that they had a message. Anyone visiting England is urged to go and see the Centre.



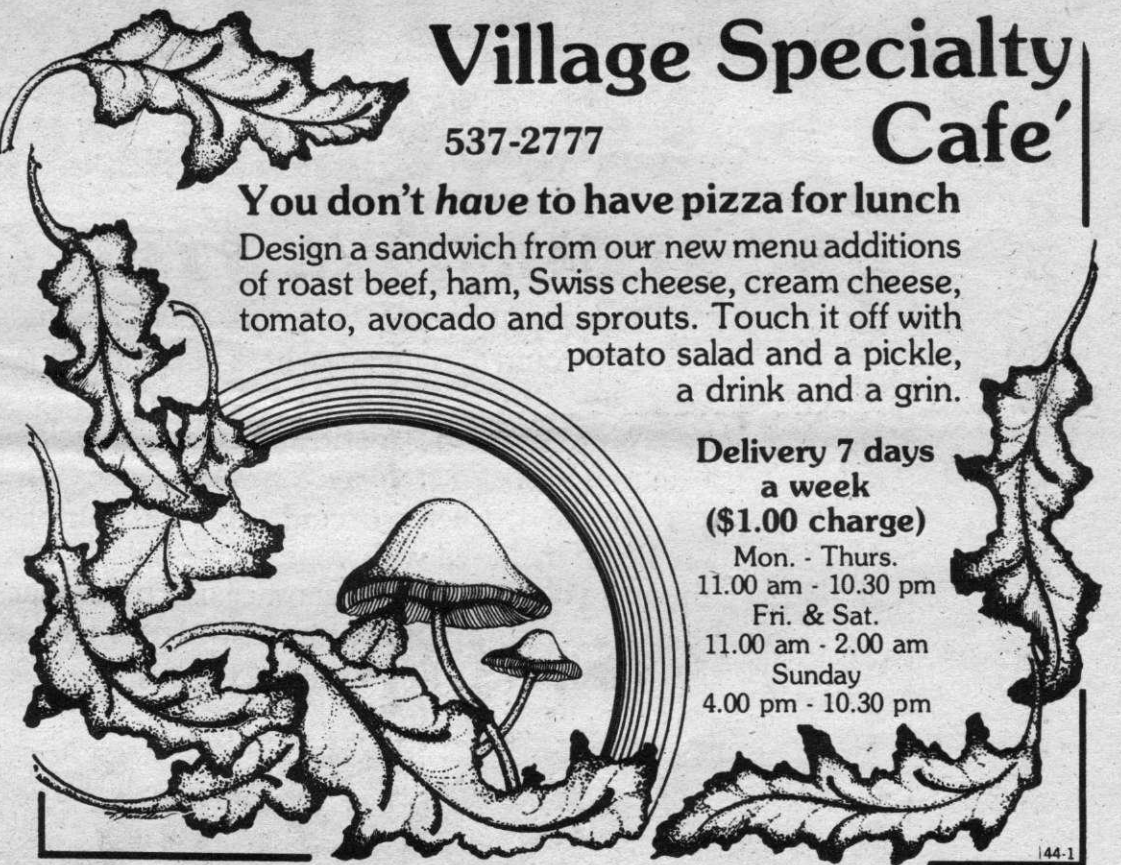
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## Doctor to speak on nuclear fuel chain

Dr. Eric Young of the B.C. Medical Association will be at Salt Spring Island Thursday, November 8. He will be meeting with local doctors in the morning at Lady Minto Hospital and visiting Greenwood in the afternoon. In the evening, he will present a public lecture on low-level radiation, at 8 pm in Mahon Hall.

Dr. Young's presentation will include an explanation of low-level radiation and its effects on health. He will also review the nuclear fuel chain from mining to nuclear power generation and waste disposal and their actual and potential health dangers.

It is a subject with which Dr. Young has been professionally involved for some time. As a member of the environmental health committee of the B.C. Medical Association (BCMA), he has been cross-examiner for the association at the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Environmental and Health Effects of Uranium Mining in B.C.

He is also co-author of *The Health Dangers of the Nuclear Fuel Chain and Low-level Ionizing Radiation*, a BCMA publication; and the BCMA's submission before the U.S. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in the matter of the proposed

Sedro-Woolley nuclear power plant.

His work includes three summers as research associate at the Defence and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine, Downsview, Ontario. Dr. Young has practised in Nova Scotia, Ontario, B.C. and New Zealand.

After his lecture, Dr. Young will open up the evening to a question period.

There will be an admission fee of \$2.50, which will go towards supporting the work of Salt Spring Alternate Energy Studies.

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