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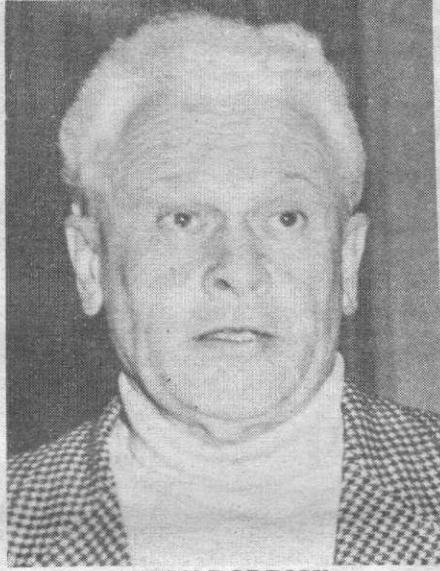
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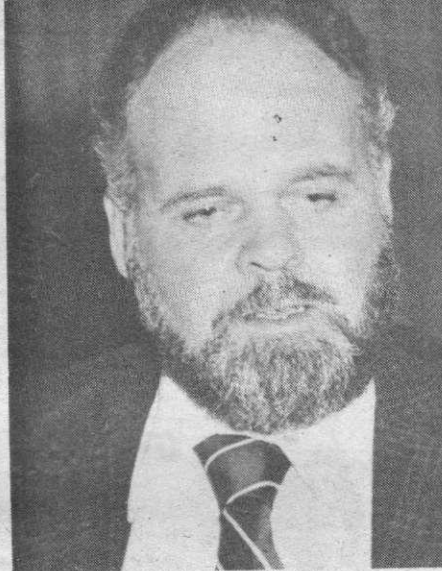
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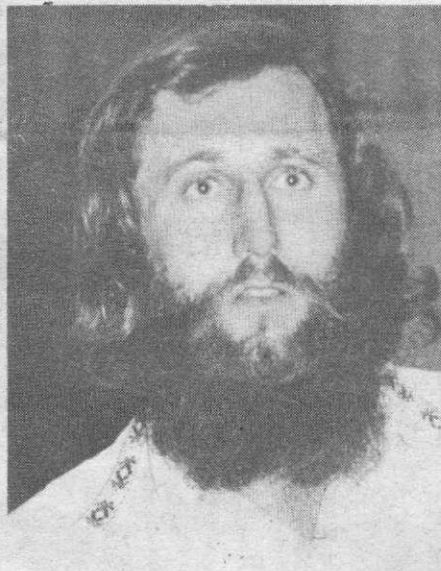


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School district — Saturna Island seat



JONATHON GUY



CAROL-LYNN FISKER



TOM DAVIDSON



YVETTE VALCOURT

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Maintenance bylaw rejected by board

Maintenance bylaw originally suggested for the Capital Regional District has been thrown out by the board. On Wednesday the directors rejected the proposed bylaw.

A new bylaw is to be prepared, omitting those aspects which have been found objectionable.

Director Mike Clement told *Driftwood* on Wednesday that the board was unanimous in its rejection.

Federal government has initiated a program for the renovation of older homes across the country. The program is financed through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and offers loans at 6% to enable the owners to bring older-style buildings up to date.

The loans may be used for many aspects of renovation. The total cost of the approved work is then amortized over the agreed number of years and charged to taxes.

By this method the owner pays off the mortgage with his annual taxes.

The federal government had required the passing of a Premises Maintenance Bylaw as the first pre-requisite of eligibility for the loan.

Sewer hearing

Ganges sewer appeal hearing will be held in Central Hall and will commence at 2 pm on Monday, Nov. 26.

Hearing will continue into the evening.

If necessary, reports the executive secretary of the Pollution Control Board, Miss S. R. Mitchell, it will go into Tuesday, reconvening at 10 am.

Hearing is called to enquire into protests against the granting of a sewer discharge permit for Ganges Harbour.

Saturday's the day when 10 islanders will seek public acclaim.

On Saturday islanders will elect two regional directors to the Capital Regional District, a local trustee to the Islands Trust and a school trustee to the Gulf Islands School District.

There are two candidates for the Salt Spring Island seat on the regional board and three are seeking the Outer Islands seat.

Three Saturna Islanders are vying for the school board seat there and two are in the Mayne Island race for local trustee.

In the Outer Islands Jim Campbell, of Saturna, is the incumbent. His seat is being challenged by Vern Roddick, of South Pender and Weldon Pinchin, of Mayne Island.

Regional board seat on Salt Spring Island is being fought between the incumbent, Mike Clement, and Yvette Valcourt.

On Saturna Island, the sitting member of the Gulf Islands School Board, Tom Davidson, who is also chairman of the board, is challenged by Carol-Lynn Fisker and Jonathon Guy.

Election on Mayne Island for a trustee to fill the seat vacated by Isabel Geehan brings George Douglas and Helen Joan Sprague

to the hustings.

POLLING STATIONS

Voting will be between 8 am and 8 pm on Saturday. School board election on Saturna will be staged in the Saturna Community Hall.

The Islands Trust election at Mayne will be centred on the Mayne School.

Voters on Salt Spring Island may cast their ballots at the school board office in Ganges, or in Central Hall or St. Mary's Church Hall, Fulford.

In the Outer Islands regional board election voters may attend to vote at Galiano School, Mayne School, Pender Island School, Saturna Island Community Hall or the North Saanich Municipal Hall, Mills Road, Sidney.

Eligible voters are those whose names appear in the voters list for the regional district.

New number

There is a new telephone number for ambulance service on the Gulf Islands.

The new toll-free number for Galiano, Salt Spring, Mayne and North and South Pender Islands is 112-595-9911.

New Ganges development

A development permit application for phase one of multi-stage development in Ganges came up before the Salt Spring Trust Committee meeting at Ganges last week.

Stage one is to consist of a 9,800 sq. ft. building, located on property between the Fire Hall and the Bank of Montreal.

The committee decided not to approve the application until more details were available.

Some concern was expressed over what the phasing would mean.

Chairman John Rich said among the items that needed to be considered were screening the parking area, how it would conform with future road lay-out and provision for a public walkway through the property.

Heritage group is planned

BY ARIADNE SAWYER

A heritage group primarily for native Indian and Inuit children is being formed on Salt Spring Island. The purpose of the group is two-fold: to reach into the rich and varied cultural heritage of each child in the group, using resource people, field trips and other material; to share with the children and young people of the community, the elementary school and high school, such aspects that might apply.

Songs and dances of the Plains Indians, the west coast Indians and the Inuit, as well as legends, traditional ways and the study of nature will be presented. Soapstone carving with an Inuit carver and arts and crafts of the above groups will also be part of the program.

The first meeting will be on Monday, November 19 at 6.30 pm. in the kindergarten room at the elementary school.

New art teacher at Ganges

Newly arrived from Montreal to British Columbia is Bruce L. Smith, artist and teacher.

Smith received his art education at the Ontario College of Art, Toronto. Moving to Owen Sound, about 150 miles north west of Toronto, he established a studio and developed technique and expression in drawing, painting and sculpture.

He has taught visual art subjects in two Ontario community colleges, Georgian College, Barrie, and St. Clair College, Chatham.

At St. Clair he established and directed an extensive craft and design program. The Montreal experience found him as the assistant director of the Dominion Gallery.

Moving to Salt Spring proved to be somewhat of an adjustment. He frequently goes into Ganges, trying to find frantic rush-hour traffic and infamous Quebecois drivers.

Teller shows how it's done



When Ganges branch of the Bank of Montreal installed its computerized Multi-Branch Banking system the first call was for tellers to master the procedure.

account is good, the bank pays out. If the account is not adequate, the cheque is not accepted.

Picture shows Nan Jenks, teller at the Ganges branch, calling up the Toronto centre to check on an account. Each teller has a terminal of her own.

The system permits banking at any branch of the bank, irrespective of which branch has the account.

When a customer of another branch wants to cash a cheque at Ganges, the teller simply types up the information on the keyboard and the centre in Toronto confirms the account and the balance. If the

More than 60 at wine party

More than 60 people attended the Galiano Lion's annual wine and cheese party on November 10 at the Community Hall.

After eating the various cheeses, cold cuts, crackers and breads, all prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Hank Knudson, and sampling the wines, everyone danced to the music of the Newmans from Salt Spring.

Winner of the big load of firewood, given by Ollie Garner, was Burrill Bros. Store.

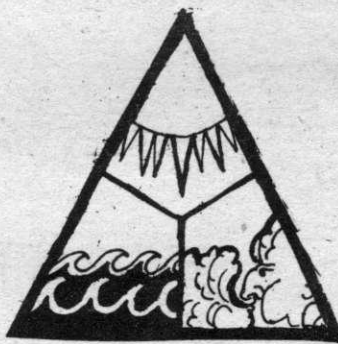
Door prizes were won by Bob Fletcher, a pack of "bubbly"; and a load of wood won by Ollie Garner was drawn for again. This time it was won by Joan Carolan.

Death of Dan Ellis at Sidney

A resident of Salt Spring Island for the past nine years, Daniel Ellis, 40, died Friday in Sidney after suffering a heart attack.

Born in North Bay, Ont., Ellis lived in Detroit and Toronto before going to Vancouver, where he met and married his wife, Ann Beatrice. He also leaves a son, Jon, 7 years of age.

Two months ago he and his wife opened Humperdinks Delicatessen and Meatmarket in Ganges.



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Frank

by richards



It was the second time I had been to a show on Salt Spring Island featuring Margot Kidder.

Last week she was Lois Lane in *Superman*, flying around the skies of New York.

Six years ago she was playing opposite Joshua Bryant in *Sea Marks*, the first Salt Spring Island Summer Theatre show to be brought here by Stuart Margolin. I suspect that few of the youthful audience at the Island Cinema would remember so far back.

I admire the confidence of the British in their institutions. I was calling a hotel in London from farther north. Would I mail my information, enquired the receptionist. You'd never get it in time, I protested. The young woman was indignant. Of course she'd get it! It only takes 24 hours for a letter to cross the country! What's more: she was right, she did.

It's a box social. Tell them what a box social is, said a Legionnaire. They asked me because I'm kind of anti-social. It's what you box in when you take a lunch but it ain't for lunch because it's supper time. I think. Heck! Everybody knows what a box social is, anyway! And if they don't it's what the Legion is doing on December 1.

There was something left out. When a story appeared in *Driftwood* two weeks ago on conditions in Britain, there was a broken sentence. A reader has asked for the missing lines. The two paragraphs should have read: "And you feel that much of the strength and the heft of the unholy alliance of extremism in socialism and extremism in organized labour has come about because most Britons look the other way. Let's make sure that we don't!"

I wasn't the only one to complain. I had a visit from Clinton Moffat, of Ganges. He, also, had occasion to carry bags to the ferry at Swartz Bay. Worse, his wife had been in a wheelchair. She was obliged to walk out to the compound entrance and all the way back to the islands ferry. They wrote to the ferry authority and suggested that the shortest route would have been from gate to gate; walking from the mainland ferry dock to the island ferry dock. They had an answer. All passengers not in cars must pass through the foot passenger ticket booth, they were informed. For safety, they don't cross the compound, Clinton was told. And for security, so that each vessel has an accurate count. Did they know about the luggage bins, enquired the letter. They don't serve the islands, the writer admitted, but they are useful to people who are not going to the islands. These were island travellers. They wanted some convenient way to travel to the islands. So the ferry corporation explained to them that if they were bringing luggage from Swartz Bay it could only be suitcases, not boxes or parcels, but none of these things would be transported for the islands service. Comments from the public are invaluable to us, concluded the letter. Islanders all know, of course, that the only way to get to the islands with bags or weary passengers is to buy a car. The ferry authority only recognizes drivers.

Indian lore is revealed at awareness class in Ganges

Contributed

John Thomas, a Nitinat Indian who teaches language at the University of Victoria, was the speaker at the native awareness class in Ganges recently. He spoke of his early life and the knowledge his grandparents taught him that is not in books.

One of the old parables about tolerance is this: the world is like a waterhole in the woods where all the animals go to drink; bear, mouse, bobcat and so on. Each drinks in his own particular fashion and never tries to force the others to drink in his way. Thus the bear never tells the mouse to drink like a bear.

Another story concerned the vision of a Nootka lady. She saw a big house with light-coloured

people in it. One of the light-coloured men had a beard and told of new teachings about how to live. He talked about brotherhood and unity. This big house also had white wings. And so later when Capt. Cook arrived in his sailing ship he was welcomed as a prophet, and the Nootka people's word for white people is still "house-on-the-water-people."

He had other fascinating stories about his people's encounters with the Sasquatch, as well as legends and stories of his early experiences. He was trained in the whale hunters dance society from the age of five until he went to a mission boarding school in Sardis at age 10.

The tape recording of this and other classes is available from Ariadne Sawyer at Ganges.

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Counting their blessings

BY OLIVE MOUAT

"Every month has something special," began Mrs. Madge Farncombe. Thanksgiving is October's. Christmas? No, not yet. One month the something special may be a bountiful crop to be canned or frozen, or even given away.

And so, on a theme of thanking, loving, sharing, another Mizpah meeting began.

With the collection of the Least Coin came individual silent prayers: for refugees everywhere; for all the sick, especially for our own dear ones who are ill.

Nineteen members answered the roll as it was called by secretary Bett McGinnes. One guest was welcomed.

Mrs. Bunty McNally, the treasurer, gave an optimistic report: we can meet our commitments and are laying away funds to be used to provide a second washroom when the Ganges sewer is completed.

The new Crisis Centre was reported on and discussed. It was felt that the best response here was for those who wished to do so to offer whatever help they could give.

The sum of \$100 will be forwarded to the Hazelton Children's

Home again this year.

Fourteen cards and four notes had been sent by Mrs. Doris Gibson on behalf of Mizpah to sick and shut-in friends.

A parcel containing useful articles including the white blouses that had been suggested for C.G.I.T. and Explorers were mailed by Mrs. Chris Pattinson to Mrs. Celia Faris, wife of the United Church minister at Bella Bella.

The day after the Mizpah meeting, the ladies of the Burgoyne United Church Women planned a luncheon and invited Mizpah members. Seventeen people from Ganges were entertained. The Burgoyne members are noted for their hospitality and this Friday certainly lived up to expectations.

The request that Mizpah supply curtains to separate Sunday school classes was seriously discussed. All wished to assist the Sunday

School teachers but several women considered that other types of dividers might be more practical. This question was left for further investigation.

Mrs. Doris Gibson has the church calendars. They are selling for \$1.50 each, while they last.

What had been done and what could still be done to make the family from Vietnam comfortable and happy in their new home was considered.

Final plans for the Bazaar which, this year, is to be held on Saturday, Nov. 24, were left until nearer the date.

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Absurd procedure

Research is not a function of the Pollution Control Board. The function of the board is to decide the degree of pollution that is acceptable and then to accept it, measure it, monitor it, approve, it, reject it and forget it.

The board is not to blame. The branch is doing its best. The fault lies with successive governments who have done nothing and have clearly indicated they would prefer to leave sewage as a subject for local dispute rather than establish proper norms and yardsticks.

The hearing at Central Hall next week should not be necessary. Five years ago members of the community, officials of the region and engineers deliberated over the problem of sewage disposal. They were deprived of government guidance or input because in British Columbia it is not considered to be a public matter. We are a very pure province. We pretend that no British Columbian drinks alcohol or goes to the toilet. That way the government always has clean hands.

The entire plan was then laid out before the critics and the pollution control board five years ago. And the board could only say one of two things: go ahead, or go back to square one! It suggested that the proponents went back to the beginning. They did.

There is no help, no aid, no guidance and no knowledge from the Pollution Control Board.

They are not empowered to help.

Next week, the parade will be acted out again: same scenario, same cast, different setting.

Sewage won't go away. No matter how deep into the sand successive governments might bury their heads, the sewage discharges will seep through. It is decades late, but the province should even now be establishing a board that directs and guides provincial communities without this absurd confrontation at regular intervals.

The board is undoubtedly accomplishing the task it was given. Whatever might be its conclusions over the present project, that decision will be the result of an exhaustive enquiry, earnestly examined.

But the whole procedure is absurd. The board has been given half a job with half the ingredients.

Dirty Tricks

Every reader of every newspaper enjoys the privilege of expressing an opinion in the form of a letter to the editor.

This is an important feature of a newspaper. Without this service there would be no exchange of views and no means of replying to those views expressed by the editor to which the reader might object.

The open door to the reader carries certain responsibilities.

A letter must conform to the requirements of the laws of libel. It must not be offensive or in poor taste. The editor of every newspaper must reserve the right to omit or amend any section that contravenes those provisions.

Driftwood has also required the writer to append his name for publication. In some newspapers the use of a nom de plume is acceptable. This newspaper has always insisted that the writer whose views are strong enough to merit publication should be courageous enough to identify himself.

In the course of the past dozen years or so there have been at least six letters submitted but not published in *Driftwood* where the names later proved to be false or fictitious. At least two have escaped identification until too late.

The political significance of a letter is small. It would be absurd to suggest that the publication of a questionable letter in a newspaper the size of *Driftwood* would have a measurable influence on the result of the polling.

It is a matter of principle. It is, we believe, not unreasonable to expect the writer of a letter to stand behind his opinion. If he is not prepared to do so, then his convictions are weaker than his vanity and may be of no more value.

Readers will be required to furnish their names and addresses for publication and on Salt Spring Island this will include the number on the street. All letters must also bear the writer's telephone number. This will not be published, but provides for ready reference if there be any question of authenticity.



"Ve haf vays of makink you put der lock on der bathroom door....."

Letters to the Editor

Objects to proposal

Waste should be directed elsewhere

Sir,
 Surely a self-styled sewer expert, such as Mr. Frank Richards, could have during his 13-year reign seen to it that Ganges Harbour was pollution-free.

Albeit progress has been made to that end in that the 12 downtown Ganges polluters that were identified in the Environment Canada studies of 1977 and report of 1978 were quickly reduced to two, one wonders why these two have not been forced to clean up their sewage problems and conform to the law?

One also wonders about Mr. M. Clement who "questionably" represents the people on the Capital Regional District Board, when they identify a "serious health hazard" as existing in Ganges as the reason for the development of a multi-million-dollar sewer system which will in reality convert Ganges Harbour into a sewer lagoon. All this done to cover up an impending major development in beautiful downtown Ganges which is predicated on the installation of the sewer system.

Surely the people of this island are entitled to the facts. I would have thought that the days of polluting water in this province were over, yet the Capital Regional District is proposing to install a sewer system whose outfall goes into a shallow, stagnant blind-end embayment (Ganges Harbour) and uses the excuse that money is the limiting factor for not putting in a proper system. On the other hand, the government has a record surplus, more than \$200,000,000 and the Capital Regional District has already spent close to \$200,000 unnecessarily on inadequate and biased reports to support their

proposal, and despite the fact that a similar previous scheme was

'Amateur minority interference' caused delay

Sir,
 We are very concerned citizens and for very good reasons.

The Ganges area has voted by canvass and obtained a majority vote in favour of sewers. The people signified their willingness to foot the bill. We are still waiting for our vote to be carried out.

The minority opposition has forced the C.R.D. into yet another hearing.

The engineers and consultants have surveyed the district and harbour. We have been advised by these experts how necessary it is to have these sewers. This all has cost all of us a great expense and no results as yet. This, because of the amateur minority interference; their insistence that they are the experts. Why should people living out of the district delay our need.

Each person who believes these amateurs should be prepared to shoulder the responsibility of an epidemic, a closed school and the further expense to Greenwoods and the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital for the continued expense of disposal of effluent.

Be realistic. We do have a problem. Let's pull together and get the clean-up started. If you are concerned about the welfare of the entire island, vote for Mike Clement as director from the island to the C.R.D. next Saturday, November 17.

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disallowed by the Pollution Control Branch in 1974.

Surely if a water sewage disposal system is necessary, and I am not convinced that it is, then the waste should be directed to some deep water, free-flowing area like Trincomali Channel. This has already been proposed by responsible engineers, yet the Capital Regional District Board chooses to ignore this proposal. Surely a system should be installed not for today but for many years in the future.

N. P. MERKELEY, M.D.,
 Old Scott Road,
 Ganges,
 November 9, 1979.

Allegations without substance

Sir,
 I have checked out the allegations made by Mr. J. Davies ("Big Sewer", *Driftwood*, October 31) that the Islands Trust were "afraid to" provide him with information, and find them to be without substance.

In fact, Mr. Davies spent several days in the Trust office gathering information and was accorded the fullest degree of co-operation. The only things denied Mr. Davies were photocopier and telephone privileges without charge.

The Trust continues to maintain a "freedom of information" policy.
 JOHN RICH,
 Chairman,
 Islands Trust,
 Parliament Buildings,
 Victoria, B.C.
 November 8, 1979.

Petition

A petition is being circulated in opposition to a proposal to start an open-pit mine at Gambier Island, in Howe Sound.

A copy of the petition is at Et Cetera Book and Stationery Store in Ganges. Deadline for signatures is Friday.

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

Writer suggests there have been many 'dirty tricks' in sewer plan

Open letter to Regional Director Mike Clement:

So during your 11 months of officiating on our behalf on the Capital Regional Board you have seen no evidence of subterfuge, of criminal or any other type of negligence and you state categorically that any suggestion of dirty tricks is insidious, to say the least.

A quick review of your records inclines me to believe that there is no cause for doubting your statement. Rather, that you saw no evidence because you kept your eyes closed.

By September, 1978, the press reported the allegation of many violations of the law in connection with the Ganges sewer petition. And at the misinformation meeting on May 3, 1978, Mrs. Valcourt landed CRD executive director Dennis Young an inch-thick wad of CRD documents, challenging him to prove from them his petition count figures to be correct. Young accepted the documents and refused to give proof, the board chairman, Mr. Campbell, simultaneously asserting that "the petition issue is dead." No dirty tricks, Mr. Clement? To deprive Mrs. Valcourt of the evidence and then to state that there is no issue?

A few weeks later, Mrs. Valcourt announced that her request for return of the documents (paid for by the Concerned Citizens' Committee) was answered by Campbell to the effect that they had "been discarded." No dirty tricks, Mr. Clement? To destroy other people's property needed to prove wrong-doing? You must have had your eyes closed when you were reading that page in *Driftwood*.

In summer 1977, the federal Environment Protection Service pinpointed 12 downtown businesses and institutions as the sources of the pollution in the inner harbour; and on the prompt order from Dr. Arneil to correct their faulty systems, they did so, all "except about two." (*Driftwood*, 28 September, 1977). A bare three

months later, Mr. Young in his letter of January 4, 1978, to the chairman and members of the board, recommends to abandon the petition because of the legal challenge and assures them that the "regional health officer continues to identify a serious health hazard with respect to numerous private systems in the area," advising the board to ask the Pollution Control Branch for the order to install the sewer, which request the board thereupon promptly made. No dirty tricks, Mr. Clement? You produce

to my brief of March this year, the section labeled "Addendum", which too you must have read with eyes closed.

You are running again for regional director. We need a director who is awake, alert, and willing to actively represent us without fear or favour. I just cannot see you in that role.

HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,
R.R. 1, Ganges,
November 9, 1979.

More letters to the editor

the list of those "numerous private systems", dated between September, 1977 and January, 1978.

Nor can we agree with Mr. Richards' nonchalant statement that he doesn't "really care who said there was a serious health hazard in Ganges," when this very assertion was instrumental in convincing the regional board to take the sewer solution out of the hands of the Salt Spring Islanders: that would be tantamount with the abandonment of our moral standards in public affairs).

In the misinformation meeting in May, 1978, Dr. Elder, chairman of the Planning Association's sewer committee (the only such committee then existing) disavowed any connection of the committee with the sewer area as proposed. Yet, Chairman Campbell had minutes before said that the plan was the work of "the Ganges sewer committee." No dirty tricks, Mr. Clement? You must have dozed through that incident, too.

In December, 1977, a Ganges resident made it known that neither he nor his wife had signed the petition and that his signature there was forged. No dirty tricks, Mr. Clement, a forged signature? Now doesn't that ring a bell.

For more of the same I refer you

Big sewer is a waste of resources, writer claims

Sir,

The big sewer is a waste of resources.

Years ago, most people said sewerage small communities was the right thing to do. Today, in many places, sewers are no longer inevitable, necessary, or desirable.

Dr. Alfred P. Bernhart, a Toronto engineer, writing in 1973, said: "For large property sizes in suburban environments, evapotranspiration and soil infiltration are the ecologically best methods of wastewater disposal. Three kilograms of phosphates and 14 kilograms of fixed nitrogen compounds per person per year are usefully returned to the ecological cycle. There are also economic advantages: each household may save some 20% of wastewater disposal costs by using an "on-site" disposal system rather than centralized sewer and treatment systems."

Russell E. Train, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Service, writing to the regional administrators in 1975,

Sir,

The choice for the voters on Mayne Island next Saturday seems quite clear.

If they vote for a non-resident, they will get someone who looks upon the island simply as an escape from the city, and possibly from reality.

Such a person obviously will be happy with a water well, rather than a system with hydrants for fire protection and reasonable assurance of an adequate water supply all year round.

Further, that individual probably does not mind dusty roads, no electricity, no health services or schools, or the other fundamental

necessities of modern living. They can always return to the comforts of home on the Mainland if they get too uncomfortable.

And, of course, they want the ferry schedules set up for the convenience of travel from the Mainland, and return; not for the convenience of residents of the island.

Such a candidate probably isn't even on the voters' list.

On the other hand, Mayne Islanders can cast their votes for a reasonable alternative ... fortunately.

They can vote for: a westerner who has been a long-time resident of the island; an experienced member of the planning committee; a man who is sensitive to the needs and aspirations of his neighbours, and as a trustee, can be expected to help us get better, more flexible ferry service, and other amenities which improve the quality of life on Mayne.

KEITH JACKSON,
R.R. #1,
Mayne Island, B.C.
November 12, 1979.

ment appears to be the propaganda of a sewer salesman.

On January 4, 1978, when the Executive Director, stated there was a "serious health hazard" in Ganges, there was no proof of such a hazard. The statement was made, as a tactic, in order to effect the resolution of the regional board requesting an emergency order to install a sewer system in Ganges. The statement has had a number of serious consequences.

I am well aware of the community plan. A sewer may have been a very fine idea at the time the plan was written. If, in the light of new knowledge and experience, a sewer does not seem like a good idea, the plan should change - not the experience of the rest of the world. The plan has already been changed several times.

The plan is not the final word. It does not, any more than the statement of the executive director, subvert the provisions of the Municipal Act that give property owners the right to democratically disapprove the cost of local improvements.

It may prove to be a costly plan. The cost of sewage collection, treatment and disposal may be much higher than anyone has yet imagined.

The cost to businesses and homeowners of the urgently needed improvements to water supply are not yet known, but certain to be significant.

It may be that certain activities are better off located in nearby urban areas. It may be, if islanders so wish, that plans may change.

You and I may quite freely think with our noses, and thus, without any other evidence, determine not only the cause, but the cure of a smell. But if that is the highest level of reason we are to expect of those who we hire to look out for our technical needs and our legal rights, we may as well be governed by dogs. Dogs have better noses, and they are interested enough to track a smell to its source.

Many people, Mr. Clement, have seen no evidence. Many can see no evidence of a majority on the infamous 1977 petition. Many can see no evidence - no warning signs are posted and no property owners prosecuted - of the subversive 1978 "serious health hazard." Is it to be a case of the blind leading the blind?

The smell may continue, the \$70,000 per year sewer operating costs will increase. Water supplies will be depleted and become surprisingly expensive. In whose interests is the plan?

First, count the costs.



Tony Richards

IT IS DOUBTFUL that anyone on Salt Spring Island is unaware of the location of Mouat Park.

The signs erected in the vicinity of Ganges recently are big enough that every park on the Gulf Islands could be listed upon them.

If the park officials figure that the message is that important, why don't they go all the way and illuminate them with neon lights.

HOW MANY SALT SPRING residents have heard of the Golden Cup Award for restaurants which serve good coffee? Not many. I imagine because such an award would be unheard of here.

To rectify this shortcoming, we are considering introducing our own award. It will be known as the Day-Old Dishwater Award, and this week we take pleasure in announcing that nearly every restaurant and coffee shop in Ganges has won it.

I have an aversion to strong tea. And an even stronger aversion to coffee which tastes like a mixture of day-old strong tea and dishwater, which is the flavour of some of the coffee I've had in Ganges lately.

MY EARS ARE STILL ringing. I think Sea Biscuit misplaced their volume control knobs at the dance at Fulford last week. Need I say more?

A BOARD OF REVIEW is being held in Ottawa next month to investigate two objections by industry to proposed restrictions on the use of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB).

So says a press release from Environment Canada, which we never got around to using because we couldn't understand it.

"The Iron Ore Company of Canada...and the Eurocan Pulp and Paper Company of Kitimat have filed objections to a proposed amendment to regulations prohibiting the use of PCB as new filling or as makeup fluid in servicing of maintenance of any electrical transformers or associated switch-gear," says the release.

There's the information. If you can decipher it, good luck!

I'VE BOUGHT A time book for use at home. I've kept track of my hours during the past two weeks and now I'm ready to hand them in to whoever does the payroll.

Mind you, the amount of time I've spent doing housework in the last two weeks doesn't add up to very many minutes, but if somebody is going to pay me for it, I'll gladly take the money.

But I have yet to find out who does the payroll, and not even my wife can tell me. But perhaps she knows and isn't telling...

A bachelor friend who is going to school and doing his own housework is also waiting to hear where the pay-cheques are coming from.

Does anybody know?

IT'S TIME FOR A new sign at the corner of McPhillips Avenue and Lower Ganges Road.

It would read: "Road Closed---Occasionally." Motorists in Ganges on weekday mornings will generally find that it is impossible to get down McPhillips Avenue because of vehicles parked in the road.

On two mornings this week, I was unable to go down McPhillips and had to go around.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor must be brief and the editor reserves the right to abbreviate any letter in the interest of publishing a wide range of opinions. Writers must also furnish their name, address and telephone number. Letters signed with a pen-name will not be published.

Waste of resources

From Page Four

E. J. Mishan, in *The Costs of Economic Growth*, states: "Business economists have ever been glib in equating economic growth with an expansion of the range of choices facing the individual; they have failed to observe that as the carpet of 'increased choice' is being unrolled before us by the foot, it is simultaneously being rolled up before us by the yard. We

are compelled willy-nilly to move into the future that commerce and technology fashions for us without appeal and without redress."

No, I am not a no-growth advocate - there are wise and wasteful, uses of resources. The resources of the Gulf Islands are to be preserved and protected.

This is not simply an idea, it has practical value. The problems of the islands, in water supply and waste disposal, are distinct from those of the regional districts. This policy problem needs critical attention - free from the pressures of special interest groups.

The conclusions of my research, summarized in "The Big Sewer - Salt Spring Goes Down the Drain", have not yet been disproven.

JOHN A. DAVIES,
U.B.C.

November, 1979.

British have fear of change

Sir,

Who really understands the terminal sickness Britain seems to be suffering from? I was stirred to righteous indignation upon reading, this time in a Frank Richards article, that trade unionism was to blame.

I disagree strongly with its basic premise. After all, my best friends in England are Labour Party activists, and their reading of the situation is quite different.

But Mr. Richards was true on one point. The British people do live in a stifling atmosphere of fear. It is a fear that defies class barriers. Even trade unionists and Labour Party activists are afflicted by it.

I'd be willing to wager that it's a fear of change. Because Britain is a nation so attached to its traditions, its class system (to which the working class are fiercely loyal - they'd rather be dead than middle class) and its past greatness, it has fallen so far behind the more adaptable nations of Europe.

A simplistic analysis, maybe, but no more simplistic than blaming it on the unions. As I see it, the British people need not fear what Mr. Richards styles "a form of tightly controlled living (under a unionist government)". They're already living that way.

KEN SIMONS,
Fulford Harbour,
November 12, 1979.

Union leaders imposing own form of government

Sir,

Desirably, this letter should have been written a week ago when Frank Richards' excellent article (*Fifth Estate*, October 31) on Britain's malaise was fresher in the mind. However, better late than never.

Though doubtless Frank would modestly shrug it off with, perhaps, an embarrassed smile, he is, to my way of thinking, clearly expressing both a sentiment and a fear that many of us, though less eloquently, share wholeheartedly, - the sentiment being deep love of his adopted country and of the country of his birth; the fear that, largely because of simple apathy and the lack of willingness to "stand up and be counted," we are allowing the power hungry (indeed power-crazed may not be too extravagant a term) big union leaders to impose upon us all a singularly undesirable and unwanted, un-elected, undemocratic

Sincere appreciation

Sir,

I would like to use your paper to express my sincere appreciation to all people who, by words or actions, showed deep sympathy and strong community effort at my brother Norman's funeral.

I was impressed by the warmth of friends and neighbours and the support extended to his wife Amelia in her sudden bereavement.

Norman's tragic death was a sad shock to us all.

My special thanks to Freddie Hanson for his kind assistance and to all those responsible for the excellent reception.

ROBERT A. GEORGESON,
R.R. 2, Nanaimo, B.C.
November 9, 1979.

form of government of their own, all in the guise of the general interest and well-being of their union membership.

Locally, we have once again seen the result of the ordinary decent union members allowing over-control by the elected leaders of their union, viz. the ferry strike, now thankfully apparently settled. Many ferry employees have told my friends and me that they did not really want to strike (and they only voted 53.6% in favour of the strike and only about 60% of members cast a ballot) but strike they did, albeit only rotating.

Many also told me that "of course the Peacock gang should be disciplined by dismissal" but they appear not to have forcefully told their leaders so! A poor analogy perhaps, but I feel most people will know my meaning. I include, also, the blackmail tactics, now commonly employed, of unions demanding as a pre-condition of settlement, no reprisals and no prosecutions for malicious damage to person and property done by members of the striking work force. Even for the use of firearms as in the case of the Endako Mines strike!

For we Canadians, there is a great advantage to be gained from the fortunate fact that we are separated from poor misguided Britain, both by a form of time, as in sequence of events and by great distance. We can see their history before it becomes our history too.

Thank you Frank, thank you very much for telling your story two weeks ago. As your readers will know, it's not the first time you have told this story and given this warning, but it was your best and most eloquent. I could but wish you could be re-printed in all the papers of the country.

After "agreeing to disagree" in our thinking so many times in the past Frank, it is truly a pleasurable experience for me to be able to praise you, as indeed I now do.

R. A. ASTON,
Ganges,
November, 1979.

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Happy in a serious business



Negotiations at the Lady Lions' garage sale in St. George's Hall on Saturday was a very serious

business. Picture shows, left, Jean Jefferies and Bev Menzies (centre) trying to make a deal with Daisy

Gear and Louise Foulis. Referee, with her back to the camera, was not identified.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Toynbee to make home in Saskatoon

A wedding of interest to many Salt Spring residents took place at St. Mary's Church in Saskatoon on Saturday, Nov. 10, with Rev. Father Garbutt officiating.

Exchanging vows before a congregation of relatives and friends were Deborah Yvonne Gisi and Richard Laurence Toynbee.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Gisi of Cochin,

Saskatchewan, and the groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Toynbee of Salt Spring Island.

The bride's attendants were the niece of the bride, Kendra Hegel, and Anne and Katharine Toynbee, sisters of the groom. The best man was Tom Brown of Victoria and ushers were Doug Anderson and John Bradbury, also of Victoria.

Travelling from the island for the

wedding with the immediate family were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Toynbee and John C. Lees. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Laurence, of Vermillion, Alberta, relatives of the groom, were also in attendance.

The day following the wedding celebrations, relatives and friends gathered again to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the bride's parents.

Dick and Debbie Toynbee will be taking up residence in Saskatoon.

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Islands Trust clashes over Gambier project

Sharp clash has occurred between the Islands Trust and the provincial government over protection of the islands from industrial development.

The province established the Islands Trust to protect the islands from excessive or undesirable development. Now the Trust wants to protect the islands from a development which can only be arrested by the province.

The projected open pit copper mine on Gambier Island is the site of the collision.

The 20th Century Energy Corporation is planning the opening of a mine on Gambier Island to extract copper. The Islands Trust contends that such a project represents the ruin of the island and a complete denial of the very purpose for which the Trust was established, "to preserve and protect the islands".

Gambier has a steady population of about 60 people, rising to 600 or 700 in the summer.

The Islands Trust was startled, earlier in the year, to learn that the project could go ahead with no recourse to the Trust at all.

MINING IS PARAMOUNT

Mining in British Columbia takes precedence over almost all laws and regulations, explained John Rich in an interview last week with *Driftwood*.

The Trust has appealed to the government to implement the Environment and Land Use Act to arrest the project.

Question asked by many islanders is simply, "will the province listen to the Islands Trust?"

"It will be a tragedy if they don't," said chairman Rich.

The government requires that a mining company pay a guarantee of \$1,000 per acre towards rehabilitation. To be rehabilitated is a pit, 1,000 feet deep and measuring about three-quarters of a mile by about a mile and half, explained the chairman.

RAIN FILLS IT

The only rehabilitation is filling it with water. The rain does that. The millions of tons will have been taken away as ore.

Open pit mining is now gaining favour as a method of mining, explained Rich. It is feasible by virtue of the modern excavating equipment.

Only the government can prevent the establishment of an open pit and the accompanying heavy industry which will come to the Gulf Islands if the project goes ahead, warned John Rich.

"Will the government stand behind the Islands Trust?"

Last week there were petitions being circulated on the islands asking for support of the Trust.

Historians to meet next week

The regular meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Association will be held on Saturna Island at the Community Hall on Sunday, November 25 at 1.30 pm.

Mrs. Tracy Pillsbury will be guest speaker. Visitors are welcome.

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In war the rays released by nuclear explosion are part of the effectiveness of the weapon. They destroy life. In peace those rays are the hazard of nuclear power.

In small doses they can cause cancer or bring about mutations, or changes, in the nature of offspring. In large doses they can cause almost immediate death.

The opponents of nuclear power are almost all motivated by the fear of the invisible death or the effects those rays may yet have on their children or their grandchildren.

FISSION AND HEALTH

On Thursday evening last week Dr. Eric Young, of the British Columbia Medical Association, came to Salt Spring Island to explain to a small audience something of the threat of nuclear fission to the health of the world.

Dr. Young is a member of the environment committee of the medical association. He is also the author of two works on nuclear fission and the human body. He has been the cross examiner at the Uranium Commission hearings on behalf of the association.

During the day Dr. Young called at Lady Minto Hospital and spoke to students. In the evening he addressed adults.

He brought no message of dread from his association. He simply explained that the association is neither pro-nuclear nor anti-nuclear. It does, however, contend

that the people of the province should be aware of all the main facts relating to nuclear power and health. They may then, make their own decisions.

Some of his observations were cautionary in the extreme and some were surprising. Radiation is energy.

He explained that he was concerning himself with ionizing radiation only; that form of radiation which, in passing through a tissue, will ionize the molecules and energize a molecular split. It is this splitting of the molecule which leads to cancer and other breakdowns.

CONSTANT EXPOSURE

There are some forms of radiation which are constantly present. Cosmic radiation from outer space and ground radiation from such unstable metals as radium in the ground are constantly there and vary in intensity to a limited degree.

X-rays produce radiation to a dangerous extent. The only reason they are usable is the short period of exposure.

The additional sources of radiation which exist today are those deriving from nuclear power plants and atmospheric nuclear testing.

There is no radiation dose so low that it has no effect, warned Dr. Young. There is some argument at the present time about the effects of very low doses, but it has not yet been resolved.

Radiation, in nature, comes from the instability of heavy atoms. Certain elements in this category release their electrons to seek stability. Uranium, he cited as an example, eventually becomes lead.

Given off in radiation are alpha rays, gamma rays and protons and neutrons. Alpha rays have no penetrative capacity and are safe in collision. They become very dangerous when taken into the body through the mouth or nose. The alpha particles discharge neutrons and attack the tissue of the lungs. It is one of the hazards of uranium mining, he suggested. Gamma rays penetrate the skin and enter the body at any point.

The effects of low level radiation are delayed. They are leukemia, radium poisoning, or bone cancer and cancer of various other parts of the body.

IMMEDIATE EFFECTS

High level radiation has immediate effects. Such radiation would occur after a nuclear explosion such as that in Utah or a nuclear plant accident. Death would occur from high-level exposure in anything from 24 hours to a month or so.

The ultimate exposure to a lethal radiation would result in immediate drowsiness, convulsions and death in hours, said Young.

During the Sedro-Woolley enquiries, the speaker had been among the observers.

The effect of a major disaster at Sedro-Woolley could expose the people of Vancouver to a fatal radiation if they did not have sufficient warning to get out of the area.

But the Canadian government had no objection whatsoever to the plan. They didn't express any concern at all over the hazard to Vancouver...and the islands. They didn't intervene. They didn't even participate.

There is no provision for evacuation in BC. There is no means of co-operation with Washington, observed the speaker.

A disaster in Sedro-Woolley would be on us before the islands could be evacuated. He questioned whether there exists any means by which Vancouver could be evacuated, even given a warning. **COULDN'T SEE IT!**

The president of the Puget Sound Power and Light told the hearing into the establishment of the nuclear plant that he could not visualize any scenario which would affect British Columbia.

He had no knowledge of wind patterns in the state.

The enquiry was even told that such an incident as that of Three Mile Island was too remote to consider. And that despite the fact that it had already happened.

He termed the choice between no-power and nuclear-power as odious decisions. They are unnecessary, urged the speaker. Conservation of energy would obviate the need for constant demand for increased power.

Uranium is used exclusively for nuclear power or weaponry. In the United States eight per cent goes to power and 92% for nuclear weapons.

He referred to the problems of mining. A ton of ore will produce about one to four pounds of uranium. It is crushed and leached out into "yellow cake". The tailings are highly radioactive and are about 86% as active as the original rock.

This active water is the first problem of nuclear power.

He cited Elliott Lake in Ontario. There may not be enough water in the world to dilute the tailings pond to a safe level.

If that water could be contained, there would be no great problem,

he added, but it can't. Tailings at Elliott Lake amount to 75 million tons. And there is no practical means of storage.

He cited 15 accidents with such storage in the United States.

After the uranium has passed through the reactor it is still a highly dangerous commodity. There is no way of disposing of it safely. And the nuclear wastes are destined to be radioactive for a million years. The world has about 7,000 tons of it so far.

He raised the question of ethics. "Do we have any right to hope that a solution will be found, while producing it?" he asked.

The uranium is fed into the reactor and the atom is split by bombardment. The action is controlled by the presence of heavy water and the use of control rods. Control prevents a chain reaction.

MISCONCEPTIONS

Eric Young described some misconceptions.

- That the process is too complicated for the ordinary man. It is not, he emphasized. The issues involved are not too abstract.

- That the chance of accident is one in a billion. That 1974 assessment has been revised and stands at about 1:4,000. Nobody really knows, he added.

- That the Three Mile Island incident proves the effectiveness of the regulatory measures. It proved that the plant was being operated blindly and one authority stated afterwards that if he had been more fully informed he would have evacuated the whole area.

- That there is no choice; either nuclear power or nothing! It is twisted logic. The country should look at the use rather than the sources of energy.

The nuclear plant is by no means the ultimate answer, he warned. It is forecast that the world's supply

of uranium will be exhausted in 40 years. It is a non-renewable resource.

Better use energy wisely and conserve it, urged Dr. Young.

There are odd factors in the use of nuclear power.

LIMITED

In the United States, explained Young, nuclear liability insurance is limited to \$760 million. Yet a melt-down is assessed at \$7 billion, or 10 times the maximum insurance.

He quoted a Philadelphia water spokesman: "Only God would underwrite a nuclear reactor!"

The nuclear plant would be consistently discharging low-level radiation, suggested Jezrah Hearne.

Young did not entirely agree. Nuclear reactors are reasonably safe operations, he explained. It is the waste and the effects of accidents that represent the dangers.

The medical association is asking BC to carry out baseline studies for epidemiology assessments, noted the speaker.

"Doesn't that smack of using humans as guinea pigs?" challenged Jezrah Hearne.

In comparing coal and uranium as fuels for power generation, Young warned that coal is no safe fuel. It is dangerous to the miner and it is a source of radiation through radon gas.

There is no incentive in British Columbia to conserve energy.

"If you were to add to your home a solar collector, your taxes would go up," he said.

Weaponry is a source of contamination, said the speaker. Millions of gallons of radioactive water has leached out of weapons and contaminated rivers.

The speaker was thanked for his presentation by Beth Hill.

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THE HISTORY OF THE STARK FAMILY

The dawn of freedom

Second of a series

This second installment of Marie Stark-Wallace's manuscript includes the stories and conditions of the Leopold slaves of Clay County, Missouri. One of the Leopold slaves, Sylvia Estes-Stark, belonged to one of six black families living on Salt Spring Island in 1860.

Life for the Leopold slaves would have been comparatively easy but for the nagging disposition of Mrs. Leopold. Perhaps she thought if her husband would not rule their slaves according to custom in a slave state, she would.

Mrs. Estes usually went through these eruptions calmly, although they made her angry. It came to a climax when her mistress called her to make a fire in the kiln when her hands were in the dough. So she explained to her mistress that she could not make it at that moment as she was making bread and did not want to spoil her bread.

Apparently Mrs. Leopold was out purposely to start a row. She said, "How dare you disobey my orders."

Hannah Estes was not afraid of the big German woman. Hot words passed between them. A quarrel was precipitated that nearly proved disastrous. When Charles Leopold came in he heard his wife's story which was very much distorted. He was very angry. He said he would be ruined if this went around, that he allowed his slaves to talk back.

SHE WOULD HAVE FOUGHT

He held a menacing whip in his hand, but Hannah would have fought with all the strength she possessed if he had attempted to flog her. Her wild Madagascar blood was aroused. It was settled at last with a sound lecture to both women, Mrs. Leopold sobbing the while because her scheme to have Hannah flogged had failed.

At a considerable risk to himself, Mr. Leopold had on one occasion

quelled a race riot at an anti-slavery meeting. It made him very unpopular with the slave-holders. These eruptions worried Sylvia too. What troubled her mother, troubled her ever since that Christmas morning.

Life for Sylvia was surrounded with terrorism. It was not safe for coloured children to play outside of their own homes. They kidnapped coloured children and sold them down south to the cotton fields from whence they never returned. Sometimes a stranger would offer candy to Sylvia. She always refused it and ran home.

Look beyond,
there's light for thee.
Streaming o'er
a turbulent sea.
Soft it smiles,
though distant far,
The beautiful polar star.

FINALLY SOLD

Sylvia remembered Harriet Tubman as one of the Leopold slaves. She appeared to be young, only a teenage girl, but she was stocky and strong, and a good worker. But she found it hard to work under Mrs. Leopold. She was finally sold to a slave-breaker. His business was making the slaves be submissive to their masters.

Often they were treated to a daily flogging. But when he tried to flog Harriet Tubman, to his surprise she flogged him, scratched his face, tore his clothing and pounded him so severely, he abandoned the cowhide and threatened to shoot her. She bared her bosom without flinching, saying "Shoot and be d---, I would rather die than live such a life." He shot low to cripple her.

Mrs. Estes visited her when she was layed up sick. To her she told her pitiful story. It was a long time before she could walk on that foot but her spirit remained unbroken, as her life showed for many years after that.

CALLED 'MOSES'

That was not the only wound she received while trying to rescue her race. She was knocked unconscious while trying to protect a slave. She was called the "Moses" of her race.



SYLVIA STARK-ESTES

\$40,000 was offered for her capture.

Harriet Tubman saved her parents and hundreds of slaves through the underground railway, assisted by both white and coloured people, who took part in the underground work.

The underground railway was a network of secret routes operated by land and water. She being a woman of great strength and endurance, finally escaped through this system. Many times her life was in danger, but she always followed the north star while fleeing north at night with a band of refugees.

She lived through the Civil War and served as a scout in the northern army, and built a home for the aged in New York. The last they heard of Harriet Tubman was from a coloured woman

who nursed her in a home for the aged in Syracuse, New York.

MADE A CONTRACT

The dawn of freedom came to the Estes family in 1849. The gold rush was on and livestock was in great demand. Tom Estes, Howard's boss, was sending cattle to California. Tom's two sons and Howard went as herders. The boss made a contract with Howard, agreeing to give Howard his freedom papers on receipt of one thousand dollars, allowing him the privilege of making the money in California.

Howard worked in the gold mines, made the money and sent it to Tom in care of his sons according to contract. Tom received the money, but refused to give Howard his free papers. Unwilling to be thwarted he made another \$1,000, sending it directly to Charles Leopold. It was carried safely in the pocket of a German friend and delivered to Charles Leopold.

CLAIMED THE MONEY

When Tom Estes heard about it, he claimed that money too, on the grounds that Howard was his slave. Leopold contended that Howard was in a free state, and therefore a free man. Then Tom sued Leopold and was awarded \$800, but was forced to relinquish Howard's free papers.

The time seemed long while waiting their father's return. Sylvia saw the anxious strain of that long wait in her mother's face and how she frequently went away alone to the seclusion of an old shed. Sylvia was anxious about her mother, so one day she stole out to the shed and peeped through the crack. She saw her mother on her knees praying for the safe return of Howard, and that her children would be blessed and free.

Next week, part three of Marie Stark-Wallace's manuscript tells of her grandfather Howard and his family's trek to California.

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Dogs and Salt Spring Island



Gavin Reynolds explains his views

Animal man on Salt Spring Island is Gavin Reynolds of Ganges.

He cited the instance of catching a bitch and her pup running deer. The animals were traced and the owner was invited to pay the requisite \$60. She settled to keep the older animal and relinquish the puppies.

"They were of no value to anybody," explained Reynolds. "They had started running animals."

When a dog was identified as a killer of sheep in the south end, he was destroyed. The owner may yet be paying a bill of several hundred dollars for the sheep lost, warns the Salt Spring animal control officer.

UNPOPULAR CURB

"Maybe it doesn't make me popular," he told *Driftwood*, "but someone's got to put a curb on these dogs running loose."

He is investigating the destruction of three thoroughbred ewes on the Harkema property recently.

That dog was never away from home, said the owner.

"He was chasing my sheep," stated the farmer. The dog lost that deal.

Reynolds also spoke of the responsibility of the owner of an unspayed bitch. It is not enough to keep the animal tied up. She

should be fenced off to keep other dogs away.

Gavin Reynolds works with Bill

Leach, the animal control officer for all of the Capital Regional District.

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An appreciation

His loss leaves us the poorer

BY W. HUNT-SOWREY

An expected death, when it occurs, appears to be sudden.

It is even more so for an accidental one, when the blow comes with no notice or time for preparation.

We had such a tragic event on Mayne on Hallowe'en, an event rare on this island, for which we should be thankful. We all know that death waits in the wings; we all hope that we do not have this sudden confrontation.

Norman Georgeson was a member of one of our older island families; a family that came here to an almost unpopulated area of dense bush; a family that helped in the initial and basic building of our islands.

Further, they were a family who, like so many of the pioneers of this area, were islanders when they came here. The Shetland Islands they left were stormy and windswept, lying in the open Atlantic to the north of Scotland, where winter gave almost no daylight and the brief summer almost no night.

They were descendants of the Viking sea-marauders, born and bred to the varying moods of the wild Atlantic.

They must have found our islands idyllically quiet in contrast. The sea still called them.

Many sailed our ships on what was then an uncharted coast; their uncanny knowledge of tides, weather and ocean life discounting the lack of navigation aids and charts which we use so freely today.

FEW WORRIES

In my earlier days I sailed on ships they ran, and with a Shet-

lander in command, one had few worries.

Many more assisted their seafaring relations, manning our few earlier lighthouses.

Norman, in his working life, did what his ancestral blood dictated, and followed the sea. He sailed on the old *Princess Mary*, in those days almost our only link with the outside world, and fished up and down the coast until about four years ago. He was born on Pender, and spent his younger life there.

Some 25 years ago he moved to Mayne, where he was still residing at the time of his death.

In addition to his seafaring skills, he was a natural mechanic. The most balky of gas engines soon became orderly in his educated hands, in a day when engines were not too reliable, tools were few, and spare parts still fewer. The writer, no mechanic, often had to thank Norman when his skills enabled him to make farm machinery work again, and thus complete stalled jobs. Two of his innovations I remember well. In pre-war days he had electric light in his newly-built house, and the first operating television set on the island, again ahead of B.C. Hydro.

A GENTLE SOUL

Norman was a gentle soul, with few, if any, enemies. To each one he met he was kindness personified, only too happy when he could assist in larger or smaller ways. His passing leaves a void on our island. He was of a type too rarely met today, unworldly, and thus a greater loss.

To his widow, his brothers and sisters, his relatives, so many of whom still dwell in our midst, the

Saturna Scene

By MARJORIE RATZLAFF

Hallowe'en on Saturna, as in most other communities, was the big event of the week. The parents of school children, directed by Carol Fisker and Dayle Evans, gave the children a gala party at the Community Hall.

There was a bean supper made with Saturna pork, hot dogs and other goodies. Then there were games and a grand parade to show all the costumes to best advantage.

All the costumes were good, showing much artistic ingenuity. It would take too long to mention them all, but here are some: Cory Bozer as the golden effigy of King Tut-an-kamen; Danny Bouch as the Incredible Hulk with green face and hands; Jimmie Money looking very authentic as Al Capone, with a violin case containing his sub-machine gun.

Every costume received a prize donated by the Saturna Island Women's Service Club.

Special mention should go to the school children who, under the direction of Lynne Scott, have provided some interesting art work to decorate the hall. For the Lions Club Octoberfest there were sever-

al murals done in bright colours and partial collage depicting harvest scenes.

For the Hallowe'en party there were suitable colourful decorations. Thank you, students and teacher, for providing some very interesting pictures for everyone to enjoy.

Norman Fowler is reported to be recovering well from further surgery.

Public health nurse Georgina Dingwell will hold a clinic in the health clinic on Saturna the first Monday of every month, beginning November 5. Appointments can be made by phoning 539-2231.

Now Loreta's East Point news:

Les and Hilda Crosby have been to Vancouver visiting friends and relatives. But the "Hi-Lite" of their trip was seeing their third great grandchild for the first time --- a boy, named Tyler.

Dick Gaines has returned from his trip abroad, and glad to be back home.

A big thank you from us all to Jim Money, his grandson Danny Peterson and all the school children who worked very hard on the driveway to the fire hall and health clinic, leaving it whole and smooth. Now when it rains, we don't have to hop over or wade through some deep puddles.

Also, thanks to the Saturna Lions who made such a beautiful job of cleaning and varathaning the Community Hall floor. It is a thing of beauty and a joy till it needs doing again.

Newest residents at the Breezy Bay form are Vietnamese refugees Hong Son Le, his wife Kim Lien and newborn son Hong Phong. They speak no English but are learning fast. Hong Son is a mechanic and is available for work of almost any kind.

Len and Margaret Hobbs attended a 50th wedding anniversary of a relative in Oregon, and enjoyed a lot of company after returning home.

Saturna residents are reminded that there will be a church service at St. Christopher's on Sunday, November 18 at 2.15 pm. All are welcome.



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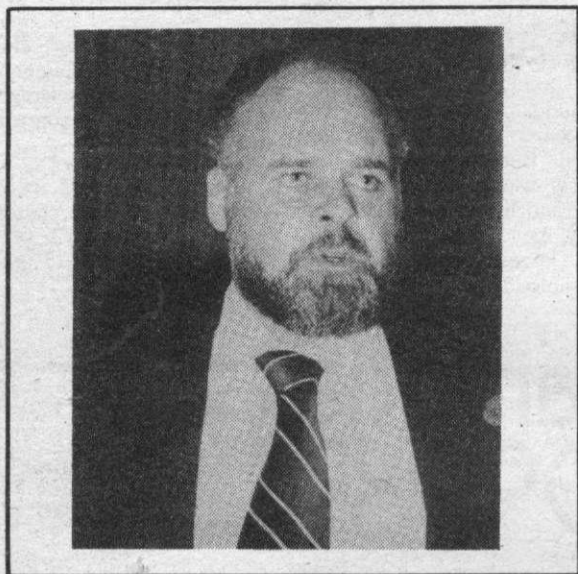
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Tom Duncan in Sidney

Former islander golfing and driving despite his 92 years of busy life

The islands are good for long life. Even former islanders shrug off the years and defy the calendar.

Like Tom Duncan left Salt Spring Island two years ago after almost 20 years here. In October he marked his 92nd birthday at his new Sidney home.

Not only was it his second year past his 90th, but he is still driving his car and he enjoys his golf as well as carpet bowling in the senior citizens' centre in Sidney.

The former islander doesn't ascribe his years to living on the island. He figures that clean living and plenty of sports make up for longevity. And he ought to know.

He plays golf every day and he neither smokes nor drinks.

But he can't play golf all day long and he plays a lot of cards with his wife, or his neighbour.

If his eyes hadn't caused him concern, Tom and Edith Duncan might well have stayed on the island. But he needed to be closer to the specialist attention his sight demands. He figures that his eyes will end his driving and then they'll be glad of public transportation. They couldn't have that on the island.

VILLAGE OF 250

Tom Duncan was born in a Scottish village on October 12, 1887. He describes Pitcairngreen as a village of some 250. On that day it became a village of some 251. He had 11 brothers and sisters, all older than himself.

The young Scot made his first trip to Canada when he was 20, in 1907. He was following the lead of an elder brother who had crossed the Atlantic two years previously.

The youthful immigrant came to farm and stayed to bore holes. He explains that his first homestead was financed out of his wages as assistant on a boring rig. When the operator couldn't pay his wages, he inherited the rig in compensation.

For 25 years he was engaged in boring wells. He acquired a drill and spent another five years drilling.

Then, he explains, politics were his undoing. He recalls that he went to a CCF meeting and the

Liberal government learned of his political dallying. When time came for renewal of his well-drilling licence it was refused. He attributes the unexplained refusal to his playing with the CCF.

DRILL NO MORE!

It was easy. A government man appeared on the scene to inform him that he could drill no more wells. And the government was right. He didn't.

It spelt the end of his chosen calling, but it was not the end of his life in the province. Before many years were out he was named a magistrate in Mayfair. He eventually moved west and into British Columbia in 1942.

There was a war on. And he had every reason to know the signs. He had served during the First War in the Black Watch, famed fighting

regiment from his native soil.

He tried for more of the same in the Second War, but they wouldn't believe his tale that he was under 45. That was the age limit for military service. He was over 50 when he sought to enlist.

For a dozen years he worked for Burrard Dry Dock and in 1958 he moved to Salt Spring Island.

His wife of 21 years died in 1964 and Tom remarried in 1969.

He and his wife are content with their life in Sidney and he is now eyeing that century mark. His doctor is betting on the 100, but Tom's a canny Scot and not about to make rash forecasts.

He'll just take it as it comes, says Tom Duncan from the age of 92. But that 100-mark is probably beginning to shape up as an interesting target.

Tripp Rd. property

Opposition voiced to zoning change

A Salt Spring Trust Committee bylaw which would see the zoning changed on three lots on Tripp Road has met with some opposition.

When it met at Ganges last week, the Trust Committee heard a letter from the North Salt Spring Waterworks District objecting to the new zoning. Lots in question are adjacent to St. Mary Lake and the bylaw would change the zoning from Watershed I to Commercial 4.

The water district's position was that the system has an intake within 300 feet of the lots and development of the property could affect the quality of the lake water. LEGAL NON-CONFORMING

However, with regard to lot 3, it was noted that it was already being used for commercial purposes and

the district recommended that it be recognized as a legal non-conforming use.

Trustees were also given a petition by Tripp Road resident Ed Davis. Over 30 owners of property adjacent to Tripp Road had signed the petition, circulated in opposition to the zoning change.

Davis told the committee that the lots bordered the lake on the edge of a hill.

"If they are rezoned for multiple family dwellings, there would be a discharge of almost raw human waste into the lake during wet weather," Davis warned.

TABLED

The Trust decided to table the bylaw until the next meeting.

Trustee David Lott said he hadn't realized there was going to be any opposition.

Several bylaws were given third reading at the meeting.

They included rezoning to commercial of both Charles and Joan Buckley's property on McPhillips Avenue and Spencer and Isobel Marr's property at the corner of Rainbow and Lower Ganges Roads.

Another bylaw will permit a cottage to be built before a house, where both are permitted. Previously, the house had to be built first.

The Trust gave second reading to a bylaw which would see rezoning to commercial of property belonging to Mrs. J. Martinez on McPhillips Avenue.

Purpose of the rezoning is to open an antique and craft store in the house on the property.

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Annals of a volunteer fire department

BY BASIL BENDER

It is necessary to begin by stating that the following accounts are not the truth, the whole truth or nothing but the truth.

I would not wish to deceive the editor or reader into thinking that these are news items. However, any resemblance to real events and actual people is not entirely coincidental.

There are exaggerations, transpositions and liberal use of imagination, but only to give "artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing statement."

Out volunteer fire department is integrated, or as the editor emeritus would write, "Women's liberated". This recent move has had various beneficial effects, including raising the tone of the decor in the Fire Hall, a refining of spoken language and washroom graffiti and a change in the kinds of refreshment available.

AMATEUR

We are, of course, a strictly amateur outfit; no pay over or under the table, either for fires or practices. There is one exception to this rule and that is the Fire Chief. From time to time the board of directors decides that this role shall be filled by a professional and that some inducement must be offered besides the privilege of living on a Gulf Island and serving the community.

On one such recent occasion the

vacancy was advertised in the *Edmonton Journal*, it being argued that an applicant would more likely be found if he were a refugee from a frigid climate and, moreover, ignorant of the diluvial nature of a Gulf Island winter.

Two members of the City of Edmonton Fire Department concluded that their imminent retirement might be profitably and pleasurably spent as a part-time Fire Chief in a leisure paradise. The board entertained the applicants in style; salmon fishing, venison barbeque, golf and dinner at the local hostelry.

BID EACH OTHER DOWN

Both applicants were enthusiastic and bid each other down until the remuneration was low enough to be included in the meagre budget of the department. The successful officer began making arrangements to move to the island.

The volunteers were not particularly looking forward to a new broom as they felt more comfortable with one of their own members in charge. They were, however, eagerly anticipating the next practice when they were due to burn down a derelict house which was to be demolished.

Unfortunately, the new Fire Chief had returned to Edmonton to collect the rest of his furniture. He left a message to the effect that the residence to be burned was next to Olle's place on the shores of Active Pass, and that all that the owner wished to save had been removed from the building. There followed other more detailed descriptions of the procedure to be followed, disposition of equipment and assignment of personnel.

LARGE TURN-OUT

On Sunday morning a very large turn-out of volunteers, past, present and future followed the yellow pumper and the converted-oil-

truck tanker to the scene of the burn.

We examined the building from the outside. Our W.A. president noticed some chattels stacked clearly in the living room.

"This stuff looks much too good to burn," she remarked. "Let's remove it before we begin. We can dispose of it at our annual Fire Sale."

There was some difficulty at this point. No one had a key and every window was securely fastened. Jean, wielding an axe and looking like Boadicea, soon solved this problem. A colour TV, chesterfield, coffee table and sundry boxes and crates were soon loaded on Ed's truck and despatched to the Fire Hall to be stored until the Fire Sale. We were ready to begin.

PYROTECHNICIAN

One of the fire captains entered the building with a supply of combustibles. He had been a pyrotechnician in the navy and was the ideal man to start this thing off. Soon, black smoke began to pour through the broken window.

The first counter-attack was to be made by the pumper. Booster lines were run out and the 1½-inch hose pulled out for its full 1,000 feet in order to spray fog into the rear of the burning building. At first we played with the fire as a cat would with a mouse. We almost extinguished the fire but left a flicker of life so that it would start up again.

In one such hiatus Wajax pumps were carried down to the shore. There was a brief shriek followed by a high-pitched laugh as Anna suffered her customary aquatic calamity. She had slipped on some seaweed and sat in a tidal pool.

Whatever part of her anatomy was dampened it wasn't her enthusiasm or cheerfulness. Forestry hose was run back towards the burning building. The entwined mess of hoses looked like an orgasmic convention of giant worms. The fire began to gain.

TESTED SUIT

Ron decided to test the asbestos suit and breathing apparatus, striding into the fiery furnace like Daniel. Shortly after he emerged from the other side of the building intact except for the beard and side-burns on the left of his face.

The windows were gone now and a jet from a half-inch nozzle passed right through the house, knocking to the ground a firelady who let out a string of enthusiastic expletives detailing the ancestry of the nozzle-man. "Sorry, darling," came the rejoinder.

At this juncture the power line broke from the building, writhing on the wet ground, spitting blue sparks like a demented snake. Strange! Why hadn't they turned the power off?

CLEANING UP

Back at the Fire Hall we began the task of cleaning up. Charlie, who had been up to his waist in sea water trying to prime the recalcitrant Wajax pump and free the intake valves from seaweed, dashed for home to change into dry clothes.

Fresh water had to be run through the pumps so Jim and Joe set about extracting starfish and other inter-tidal species from the moving parts before pumping began. Ken was refilling the pumper and Ben stood on the tanker spraying water in all directions as he attempted to refill its tanks. The girls were cleaning, coiling and re-stacking the hoses.

Eventually the damp and dirty volunteers repaired to the clubroom where, with a mug of hot coffee held in cold hands, they proceeded to exchange humorous anecdotes about the morning's adventure. Conversation was general and the noise level about 100 decibels when the phone rang.

Charlie, now drily clad, answered. Voices hushed as we strained our ears and tried to deduce the thrust of the message from Charlie's laconic answers. Clues began to emerge.

CHANGING COLOUR

Although his considerable facial hair acted as camouflage, Charlie's face, chameleon-like, appeared to be changing colour from tan to red, then red to white. His voice lost its resonance and became almost a croak.

"We did! — The wrong house! — Whose house? — That's torn it."

Charlie hung up the phone, turned slowly and subsided on to the nearest stool. There was an anxious hush. Everyone stared in his direction.

"We burned the wrong house," he groaned.

"Great," chortled our resident clown, "we can torch the right one for our next practice."

"Whose house was it?" chorused several anxious firemen.


Charlie hesitated a moment and then delivered his bombshell, "The new Fire Chief's."

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Pender meeting covers wide range

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Candidates for the Outer Islands seat on the Capital Regional Board addressed an all-candidates meeting at Pender Island Saturday.

All three candidates for the position, incumbent Jim Campbell, Vern Roddick and Weldon Pinchin, were on hand for the meeting.

Jim Campbell was the first to speak, and said that eight years ago he was elected to the regional board when he felt the bylaws were over-restrictive and he campaigned that each island should have its own individual plan.

Campbell has lived for 34 years on the islands, has been elected five times to the regional board and has served as its chairman.

Weldon Pinchin from Mayne

spoke next. He has been coming to the islands since 1962 and has a business on Mayne, where he has established a permanent home.

He feels the imminent problems of the islands at present are garbage disposal, water resources, solid waste disposal and a need for better communication between the islands and government bodies.

MEDICAL CENTRE

Vern Roddick is campaigning

on the platform of responsible representation for the Outer Gulf Islands. In 1978 the Capital Regional District deprived the Penders of a medical centre, he said. The islands are now being asked to contribute by taxation to regional parks in the Victoria area. He explained there had been little help from the regional district to date in the disposal of solid waste.

He is opposed to vociferous minority pressure groups, high taxes and service charges which are of little benefit to the islands, but is in favour of planned development and especially community involvement by the taxpayer. He wishes to bring a more democratic form of representation, he explained.

At the conclusion of Roddick's address, Jim Campbell was given time to rebut some of Roddick's statements.

Campbell objected to the words "responsible government" as used by Roddick, and stated that he felt that he had acted in a responsible manner during his time with the board.

Campbell said the government had decided to build one health centre for the islands and Mayne was decided upon. Therefore, when Pender asked for financial aid to build a health centre, it was not possible to provide it, he said.

Concerning the half-mill taxation on islander's property for Victoria area parks, he considers that with more and better parks in the Victoria urban area, less people will want to come to the islands.

On garbage disposal, the Capital Regional District has been, and is continuing to work on it, he said, but it is a long-term problem that will take time to solve. The Capital Regional District does not have the ability to collect garbage, only to dispose of it. Galiano and Saturna have solved their garbage problems and it's up to each community to solve its own, said Campbell.

Mrs. Anne Henshaw asked Roddick what stand he would take over taxation of the large landowners on South Pender. Roddick replied that he would be guided by what the majority of all landowners wanted.

UNAWARE OF IT

Campbell was asked why \$12,000 of Pender taxes go to regional district parks while Magic Lake Estates has to pay to keep up its own parks. Mr. Campbell replied that he was unaware of the situation and suggested Magic Lake apply to the Capital Regional District and he will endorse the application.

Mrs. Gayle Burandt asked if Weldon Pinchin would be pushing for tourism if he were elected.

"We need a blend of tourism but it must be effectively channelled," he replied. "Businesses need some tourism in order to provide amenities that the residents like to enjoy..." However, he said, he came to live on the Gulf Islands for the same reason as most residents and favoured maintaining a rural way of life.

Gordon Wallace noted that although it was not necessary to have a money bylaw to impose an additional half-mill in taxation on property, he felt Campbell should have at least made the electorate aware of it and had some sampling of opinion before imposing the tax to pay for parks outside the Gulf Islands area.

'LAST THING WE NEED'

"Most people on the Gulf Islands live on fixed incomes. Inflation is already killing us and the last thing we need is an added tax on our gasoline to pay for transit systems in the Victoria area and an eventual increase on our property tax for this," said Wallace.

He accused Campbell of making conflicting statements and not listening to the electorate.

Campbell replied that it was "very important to connect the bus and the ferry arrivals at Swartz Bay to downtown Victoria." By providing this service, he said, residents can leave their cars at home if they so desire. He said there will be no gas tax unless there is service provided, which would be buses meeting the ferries. Campbell said it was a cabinet decision, not a regional board decision.

Campbell stated that if gas is soon to rise to \$1.80 per gallon, "we can put up with an extra three cents a gallon to leave our cars at home for first class bus connections to Victoria and Sidney."

For Regional Director, Re-elect

CLEMENT, V.H. (Mike)

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The energy crisis isn't something that happens somewhere else. Not any more. Vancouver Island faces a possible shortage of electrical energy now. There's no way Hydro can solve it alone. We need your help.

What's going on here?

Vancouver Island is outgrowing its supply of electrical energy. Since 1964, the average annual growth in electrical demand has been nearly 9%. Peak time (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.) electrical requirements have almost doubled in the past ten years. Last winter's peak use came uncomfortably close to the Island's total electrical capacity.

Where do we all stand now?

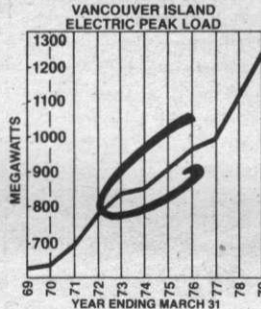
We could face problems this winter if Hydro customers on Vancouver Island continue to increase electrical use at the present rate. AND HYDRO HAS NO OTHER POWER RESOURCES TO TURN TO UNTIL 1983 AT THE EARLIEST.

The Island generating stations are already operating at near-peak capacity, generating 30% of the Island's electricity supplied by Hydro. That exhausts the last of the Island's own economic sources of electricity. The other 70% is being "imported" from the mainland by submarine cables and these are now loaded to capacity.

Two additional submarine lines from Cheekye to Dunsmuir (Squamish to Qualicum) will solve our Island power problems until well into the 1990's. But the first of these lines cannot be put into service before 1983 at the earliest. That means we still face a possible shortage each winter until then. An unusually cold winter could increase the Island load beyond our capacity to supply it.

First in a series of messages to inform Vancouver Island people about the possible shortage of electrical energy, and effective methods of conserving energy to reduce demand.

How did this happen?



After 1972 the rate of load increase on Vancouver Island slowed down. In response to this slackening in the economy, Hydro deferred some costly expansion called for by earlier forecasts. When the economy suddenly picked up again, so did the growing demand for electrical energy.

Why does it take so long?

Planning of major electrical projects is a highly technical and lengthy process. It also involves a long period of discussion with residents, municipal governments and other government bodies. In the case of the Cheekye-Dunsmuir submarine power lines, needed to bring the Island's power supply back up to strength, these discussions have been going on for over two years.

What can we do about it?

Hydro can increase the supply but not in time to avert a possible electrical energy shortage. But you can reduce the demand now. Especially during the daily peak use period from 5:00-7:00 p.m. For instance, hot water is one of the prime energy users at peak load time. And many tasks—washing dishes, washing clothes, taking a shower—could be done outside of that critical 5:00-7:00 p.m. period.

B.C. HYDRO

Students from single-parent families total 20% at school

BY ALICE RICHARDS

Mrs. Evelyn Trefz sounds like a very lucky woman. In her letter to the editor last week, Mrs. Trefz responded to my story on the Wages for Housework organization. But Mrs. Trefz, can you really close your eyes to the number of women who aren't so lucky?

Do you know how many single parents there are right here on Salt Spring? In the Salt Spring Elementary School alone it is estimated that 20% of the students come from single-parent families, or broken homes. No one can argue the fact that every loving couple starts out with the same ideal as you have. But why it so often fails, who can say?

In her book, *My Mother, Myself*, Nancy Friday states that mothers with young children at home are the most depressed faction of North American society.

So I think you said it all when you ended your letter, "so women no longer need to feel abused and worthless." Asking politely is just not working and it's a fact that women are forced to struggle and bargain just as any man would in the job market. They earn only 55% of what men earn.

It's just a lot harder for women when they have children at home to think of and a boss at work who will not pay them what they deserve simply because they are women. And on top of that they have been deserted by their man.

Alimony, you say? In actual fact only a minor amount of alimony payments decided on by the courts are actually paid. Why? Women are too poor to take it back to court to enforce payment. If you don't wish to take sides with these women, at least understand that they exist. There are many of them.

Prejudice and discrimination on Salt Spring? It's sad but true. When a friend asked for some herbal tea in one local establishment, the proprietress said, "We don't serve that kind of clientele in here. If you wish some herbal tea you can go to the health food store."

And the same place recently refused service to a breast-feeding mother when she nursed her baby there - discreetly!

Seems to contradict the whole purpose of the restaurant business. One goes there for refreshment and sustenance but this doesn't apply to babies who don't pay, I suppose.

There's some good news though. Of the nine eating places I called, only three of them had some policy against allowing mothers to breast-feed. It's a surprise that despite all the written evidence on the benefits to a baby of breast-feeding, some people still find it distasteful.

A woman's viewpoint

As one lady I called put it, "My customers just don't feel comfortable sitting there looking at someone breast-feeding their baby in public".

And I find it harder to believe that anyone who didn't like it would actually sit there and stare at something that disgusted them.

Sweden recently passed a law making it illegal for parents to spank their children. (Not beat, spank). Now the Swedish government has proposed a law giving children the right to divorce their parents. The divorce law would only be applicable in certain cases, but the problems arising seem insurmountable.

The liberal divorce laws now in effect for adults and the trend that decision has taken could very well preview the trend that would occur in this new children's law as well. A child could divorce his or her parents simply if they had shown themselves to be unsuitable.

Well, none of us is a perfect parent. But by whose standards do we

become unsuitable. And what will happen to the children who obtain a divorce? Where will they go from there? I don't agree with a law making it illegal, and punishable, for parents to spank their children and I don't agree with a law that permits children to take their parents to divorce court.

Romana de Vries is a believer that facial exercises are a deterrent to wrinkles. And she's a facial expert. She has written a book called *Cosmetics* and here is a stimulating exercise (and humorous; try it late one Friday night when things are getting dull) that with steady use may prevent facial wrinkles.

The "Victory Lift" is for correcting droops and pouches in the jowls. Sit straight and focus on one spot. Open your mouth wide and roll your lower lip inwards over your lower teeth as firmly as possible. Tilt your head back and point your chin toward the ceiling and form your upper lip into a smile. Lock muscles and move your lower jaw up and down 10 times in an easy biting movement.

Personally, I like wrinkles. They give a woman that weathered outdoor beauty.

Christmas Craft Fair coming up

The third annual Christmas Craft Fair is coming up and, according to the Salt Spring Island Community Society, this is the time to see what "our talented and hard-working craftspeople have prepared for our delight and Christmas giving."

It's also the time to see the Community Centre "dressed overall" and to support, with donations and purchases, the work of the Community Society, *Driftwood* was told. Although detailed planning is still in the early stages, 40 bookings have already been made for space.

Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 are the days of the fair. Further details will be published in *Driftwood*.

Co-ordinator is Dorothy Johnson.

Terminal contract awarded

Herb Bate Limited of Victoria has been awarded the contract for the Long Harbour ferry terminal building expansion program, the B.C. Ferry Corporation has announced.

Frank Ramsay, superintendent of terminals, stated: "The program involves major expansion of the building, including the addition of a second storey which will contain offices, washrooms, lunchroom and stairways. The project, costing \$177,407, is expected to begin shortly."

Long Harbour staff oversee the operation of vessels, docks and minor terminals in the islands.

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More Food for Thought

'We have forgotten'

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

I write this on Remembrance Day, with the skirl of the bagpipes fresh in my ears, the tear-jerking *Last Post* and the flags flying at half-mast. I watched the veterans, many walking with difficulty because of old age or old wounds, and I remember.

I remember my Canadian cousin, who came to England from Halifax, who found me and loved me, only to die at the Battle of Caen, as his father had died at Vimy Ridge. I think of all the mothers who lost husbands in the first war and sons in the second. (Both wars "to end war").

I remember the unseen veterans, those whose lives have been lived out in hospitals and mental institutions. I remember the story of the dashing Prince of Wales who was refused admission to a room in a veterans' hospital because of the appalling sight of the occupant. He insisted, and came out a few minutes later with tears pouring down his cheeks, to have kissed the grotesque mask which was all that remained of the patient's face.

CASUALTY LISTS

I remember the daily casualty lists coming up on the teleprinter at Divisional Headquarters during the blitz. I remember searching the lists of names, recognizing some of school friends, the police sergeant who trained me for my job, and at the end of each list the grisly numbered "unidentifiable human remains..."

I think about those walking wounded, some of whom were launched on the long and dreadful road of alcoholism during the wars, and who still tread its dreary paths. They don't come in for too much glory on Remembrance Day or any other day, yet they too are casualties.

There are those, too, whose scars run so quiet and so deep that only their families know. The nightmares, the inability to cope with pressure, the inappropriate response to tension, the difficulty with personal relationships.

LOOK BACK

There are those who live such tedious lives that they look back to "their war" with longing. They tell and re-tell stories of their exploits, in or out of combat, and finish with a sighed, "Those were the days!"

I saw the faces of the young this morning, uncomprehending, some of them frankly bored: "When can we go home?" "What are all those old people doing?" "What's a wreath?"

If only we could convey to the young the horror of living through a war. My children wonder why I flinch whenever a plane flies low; why loud noises make me shake and sometimes cry; why telegrams (mercifully non-existent here) are cause for apprehension. I too have war stories to tell, but here they sound like science-fiction, so I rarely tell them.

'WE HAVE FORGOTTEN'

"Lest We Forget" says the flag flying over the Fire Hall. But we have already forgotten.

Those of us who support the munitions industry, the arms race, the nuclear submarines, the purchase of fighter planes, the export of offensive weapons, the research into germ warfare and nerve gas. Those of us who fail to pray, daily, for the peace of the world.

More Food for Thought

Those of us who support the banks who support unjust and militant regimes in Africa, Latin-America or Asia; those of us who don't care that our money is invested in multinationals or mining companies which exploit the cheap labour and natural resources in the Third World. We have forgotten.

WASTED

Remembrance Day is indeed wasted if we only look back, as John Bailey said at St. George's this morning. If we fail to look at the world around us and see how injustice, poverty and oppression are rife, and may well lead to another war.

If we fail to tell our children that might is not necessarily right. That one's country can be wrong. And that the further we stray from a loving God, the nearer we are to the next war, to end war.

And this time we may be right: the next war will almost certainly destroy all of us, and there will be no more wars unless the insects which survive learn to follow our insane example and fight and kill each other in the name of "Justice, honour and our native land."

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