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Bus tax

April 1 is 52 days away

There are 52 days remaining until April 1, the day on which islanders will begin paying three cents more for every gallon of gas purchased in the Capital Regional District. That's the day when islanders begin paying for Victoria area bus service.

For those who have strong feelings either for or against the bus tax, the ballot that was published in last week's issue is being published again this week.

Readers may drop it off at the Driftwood office or mail it to the island's Chamber of Commerce, at Box 111, Ganges.

Swan is a good friend



A few years ago, Dick the duck was a well-known waterfront character in Ganges Harbour. Dick has gone and this swan has taken his place, a friend to anyone who will feed him.

Outside sources responsible for sewage

Not all the dirt comes from islands within the Islands Trust.

On Saturday trustees learned of the problems of sewage flowing into islands from outside sources.

Off Comox this is a problem to northern islands and Saturna suffers from mainland sewage washing up on the beaches.

Brief discussion revealed that a number of islands suffer from this problem.

FOR AND AGAINST

The Capital Regional Board has supported the proposal that islanders be taxed for urban bus services. The Islands Trust has opposed the proposal and the MLA for the Islands, Provincial Secretary Hugh Curtis, has expressed sharp criticism of the proposal, pointing out that it was never the intent of the legislation to impose a tax on areas that enjoy no benefit.

The Salt Spring Island Chamber (Turn to Page Twenty-Four)

No weight restrictions

Highways ferry Tachek to be used at Fulford

B.C. Ferry Corporation has changed its plans with regard to the Fulford-Swartz Bay run while the Bowen Queen is off for stretching.

Original plans called for the Salt Spring Queen and the Pender Queen to take over on February 19, but now a Ministry of Highways ferry is to be used instead of the Salt Spring Queen.

A spokesman for the corporation said Tuesday that the Tachek, formerly the Comox Queen, will be on loan to service the run until May 3. There are no weight restrictions on the Tachek, Driftwood was told.

The schedule (effective February 19) will be changed only slightly, said the spokesman. One change will be the addition of one more sailing each day.

No defoliants in Islands Trust area

Defoliants will not be permitted within the Islands Trust area.

On Saturday the Islands Trust council, meeting at Ganges, warmly embraced a resolution to prohibit such sprays from highways and rights of way.

The resolution was extensively discussed.

It was agreed that defoliant sprays are harmful to birds and animals.

David Lott, of Salt Spring wanted to omit the reference to highways and rights of way and to have such sprays universally prohibited.

John Gaines, general trustee from Saturna, suggested that farmers are in the habit of spraying for control of pests and that a blanket order against spraying would meet with strong opposition. **TOO SHORT A NOTICE**

Jim Tyhurst, of Gabriola, was in agreement with the original proposal. Prohibit defoliants from rights of way or highways, he urged, because it is too short a notice to look very far into the question.

He also expressed opposition to experimental spraying of chemicals

without prior approval.

Council agreed to restrict the use of defoliants on rights of way and roadsides.

The Trust will also ask the forestry for plans for spraying from the air.

Ganges property is still in land reserve

The Quesnel property in Ganges has not been taken out of the agricultural land reserve.

At a recent meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, Bud Kreissl made the observation with a comment.

"There is no truth to any of the rumours on the island," he commented.

It is even likely that the British Columbia Land Commission is not even aware yet of the application, he added.

K & R Food Stores have applied to have some six acres on Rainbow Road taken out of the land reserve in order to build a new store there.

To name new committee

Gas tax and transportation to be threshed out at Ganges

Three-cent gasoline tax in the islands has still got residents running wild. They must pay a tax on gasoline to meet the costs of a bus service in the urban areas of the Capital Regional District.

Gasoline outlets on the island have threatened to shut off gas sales if the tax goes on.

Islanders have written to the Capital Regional District and to the province protesting the

One local gas station operator was wondering this week how the additional gas tax would be collected. Driftwood called the Urban Transit Authority office in Victoria on Tuesday and found that it would be collected in the same manner as other gasoline taxes.

Assistant general manager of the authority, Larry Miller, said that the oil companies would collect the money and pay it through the normal process.

The individual gas station will be charged three cents more for every gallon by the oil company, Miller explained, and no further bookwork would be required from the station operator.

demand that they pay for a service they don't enjoy.

On Friday evening, at 8.15 there will be a meeting in the Activity Room at Ganges to enable Salt Spring Island residents to express an opinion on the subject.

Consultants veto ice rink, pool proposals

—But there's backing for centre

Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants Ltd. of Surrey have come up with a variety of wide-ranging recommendations on a proposed five-year master plan for recreation on Salt Spring Island.

In its second draft of the plan, made public early this week, the consulting firm backs the concept of additional tennis courts and boat launching facilities for the island, but vetoes the suggestion of an ice rink and swimming pool.

The firm has called for the establishment of two more tennis courts on the island, one at Portlock Park and the other at Fulford. Estimated capital cost is

\$15,000 per court, and the consultants suggested that the Parks and Recreation Commission should consider the proposal when local organizations voice their willingness to spearhead fund-raising campaigns to finance the project.

The report suggests that "despite the obvious demand for a swimming pool, one not be built for at least five years." A number of reasons for the deferral are outlined in the report, among them the probable tax increase of two mills to cover capital costs and another one or two mills to pay the operating costs of such a facility.

TAX INCREASES HEAVY

The consultants cited basically

the same reasons for putting off the construction of an ice rink for the island, pointing out that capital costs alone would mean a rate increase of about 1.5 mills. Operating costs would eat up a further, equal amount, the report suggests.

The consulting firm did, however, support the idea of construction of a new recreation centre at the school grounds in Ganges, with an eye to that facility eventually being a replacement for Mahon Hall. And it backed the concept of moral support for the Salt Spring Island Curling Club, which is considering constructing a curling rink adjacent to the current golf club. The consultants suggested

that the Parks and Recreation Commission could go so far as to apply on the club's behalf for a B.C. Recreation Facilities Assistance Grant.

Upgrading of several existing recreational facilities was also suggested in the report. When more permanently guaranteed use of the Fulford Park site is seen to, the report suggests, the field surface there should be upgraded. A suggestion was also made that the commission choose one or two of Stowell, Cusheon, Blackburn and Weston Lakes for development of basic public support areas and facilities.

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Building costs at Central Hall total \$75,000 to date

BY M.K. CUNNINGHAM

Before reporting on the annual meeting of Central Hall I would like to thank all those who contributed so generously with money and items for our various sales in order that we might be able to finance the additions and renovations to the hall. This is very much appreciated as without your help we could not have done it.

The various grants which we obtained both federally and provincially have now been used up and we are most grateful to both governments for their concern and help with our project. The total building cost to date has been \$75,357.21.

There are still several things to be done to improve the hall: a stage door, front door handle, casing on windows and doorways both upstairs and down, stage and window curtains and tracks and various other things. A recent grant to the Senior Citizens, Golden Agers and Heritage Groups has provided part of the cost of dry-walling, carpet

and lino, and will be forthcoming for paint and kitchen utensils.

Bevis Walters was in the chair for the annual meeting which took place on January 15 at the hall. Minutes and treasurer's report were passed and the secretary-treasurer gave a detailed report of the finances of the society and of the building project.

Several matters were discussed, but as there were not sufficient committee members present to form a quorum it was decided that the committee could meet and appoint additional members, according to the constitution regarding members and quorums. Two new members had joined a year ago, and three more joined at the meeting.

Receipts from hall use for the year totalled \$24,493.03. Combined with a total of \$50,881.52 in grants, the total receipts for the year tallied up to \$75,374.55. Expenses, with more than \$50,000 covering renovations, reached a final total of \$75,374.55 for the year.

Third World visitor at Salt Spring

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Sunday, February 11 is a Day of Witness and Solidarity with the Third World. Most of our island churches will be hearing a message from members of the World Development Education Committee.

Our Third World visitor, Gabriela Videla, will visit the churches on Sunday the 18th, and will be the guest of honour at a pot-luck supper to be held at 6 pm at the Roman Catholic Church Hall, Drake Road, on the same day.

Gabriela is a Chilean journalist-social worker who was born of working-class parents in Santiago de Chile in 1935. National president of the Young Christian Worker Movement, she received her degree in journalism from the University of Chile.

Co-founder and executive vice-president of the Chilean Institute of Popular Education, she dedicated many years to community organization and leadership training among Chile's oppressed. In 1969 she became a professor at the Catholic University School of Social Work and in 1971 assumed the position of Director of Social Development for Northern Santiago under the government of Salvador Allende. After the military coup of 1973, Gabriela went to Mexico, and lives in Cuernavaca, working with women.

In the settlement of Lomas del Carril the people struggled for nine years for water. They now have five faucets for 10,000 people! In Langunilla the people built their own school. After two years of pressure, the government finally sent them a teacher!

FOUNDED MAGAZINE

As Director of Publications for CIDHAL, a non-profit foundation working for women's liberation in Latin-America, she founded the monthly Mexican magazine, Maria Liberacion del Pueblo, which she continues to edit as well as a weekly Mexican newspaper.

One of Gabriela's stories follows. It is told in simple language, illustrated by photographs with cartoon-type captions. (Unfortunately we cannot reproduce them here).

"One day when a few families on a small arid hilltop near Cuernavaca heard the state government was going to take over their hill, a hill to which the people had title, they decided to stand their ground. Other homeless people joined them. When the people asked the authorities, they were told to wait 90 days. On the third day the police arrived and closed the road so no more people or house-building materials could pass. But the people went the other way, across the river!

"The people said, I will take this, you take that. Everybody has to help clear the ground. There are lots of stones, even scorpions. When they reached the hilltop, some began to build houses, others went to the authorities six times to explain they had legal ground to

struggles are not over yet, but we are working together.

"Why is it," the people asked, "that in Mexico there are problems like this?" Their answer: "Because there are a few that profit from the land that is for all people. Because the government and bosses don't care how the people live. Because we are a poor country exploited from inside and outside."

"But," they said, "In this struggle we learned that unity, organization and solidarity with people are the only way for justice to be done."

It seems to me that we have much to learn from the Third World.



GABRIELA VIDELA

The More-with-Less Cookbook contains suggestions by Mennonites on how to eat better and consume less of the world's limited food resources.

CARROT SALAD

Combine:
1 c. milk or yogurt
1/4 c. mayonnaise
1 T. honey
salt and pepper
Add:
6 large carrots, grated finely
1/2 c. raisins
Mix. Sprinkle with chopped nuts.

More Food for Thought

stay on the hill. But the police continued to harass them, so they set up vigilante groups of men and women to watch day and night and a system of fireworks was used to call the people to resistance. The harassment by the police and delays by authorities continued, but the will of the people grew stronger.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION

"The people knew the president was coming to Cuernavaca, so they decided to organize a public demonstration. Marie was chosen to tell the president of their needs and sufferings. The president heard, and because of his direct intervention, the police were ordered to leave the hill.

"There was lots to do. Distribute the land, fix the road, build a school and houses and prepare the land for crops. The school of Langunilla is a symbol of unity and struggle. We built it ourselves; it's a place for meetings and for celebrating our triumphs. Our

Recreation plan

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BOAT FACILITIES STUDIED

Recommendations for Portlock Park were also on hand, with suggestions for a long-term development plan and site development as funding becomes available.

The need for increased boat launching facilities on the island also got attention, with a suggestion from PERC that the commission designate the public park on Collins Avenue as a location for such a facility.

The consultants also recommended that the commission support the Farmers' Institute should it decide to acquire an agricultural site for the benefit of local residents.

A number of minor housekeeping recommendations were also included in the report.

Although the report is only the second draft, Parks and Recreation Commission chairman Glenn Woodley said Tuesday he hopes to see the third and final draft within three weeks. The second draft is available for public perusal at the library on McPhillips Avenue.

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Went to a special meeting of Gulf Islands School Board last week and found a closed door. It was a special movie show by the minister of education. The movie was obviously restricted to adult audiences, because they wouldn't let me in.

It was at the Lions Club dinner in December for old timers. A member of the service club picked up a guest and drove him to St. George's Hall. Did he have a family, asked the Lion. He has three sons, proudly replied his guest and passenger. What did the boys do for a living, enquired the courteous driver. They are all old age pensioners, he was informed.

Parameters are one of the most important parts of modern life. Without them we couldn't think. At least I don't think we could. But because everyone likes parameters and I didn't want to admit I didn't know what a parameter looked like I looked it up in the dictionary. So that next time you sit in on a meeting and some one asks about the parameters, here's what they are so you'll know and you can tell him as well: parameter is the name given to a constant quantity entering a curve, principally used in discussing the conic sections. In the parabola the parameter of any diameter is a third proportional to

the abscissa and ordinate of any point of the curve, the abscissa and ordinate being referred to to that diameter and the tangent at its vertex. So now we all know!

I had a warm letter from George Pearson, in Victoria, the other week. George is approaching his 90's and is still vitally concerned with the Pender CARE Tree, which he started nearly 20 years ago. The letter was the more welcome for the fact that George typed it himself and typed his apologies for the odd mistake, but he has glaucoma in both eyes and is limited by it. The CARE Tree fund this year was already over the \$9,000 mark, he reported. It may have gone far better by this time, but the letter came when I was away. Except for my eyes and my hearing I am 100%, reports George Pearson. But he's always been 100% in my book! His wife, Edith, added her note and both expressed their gratitude for the support they have enjoyed every year since the CARE Tree was first conceived.

Early Victorian, 1900 side-board, read an advertisement in a city newspaper. I guess they just can't decide how old it really is!

Interested in statistics? Here's some! At the Islands Trust table last week, of the heads of 19 distinguished islanders, 13 showed graying hair, ranging from white to traces. Six were apparently free of problems.

Talking of white hair: I am always fearful of men with white hair. It's the only prejudice I have!

Commission gets 1979 off to active start

At its first meeting of 1979 on January 29, the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission elected Glenn Woodley as chairman for the year. Loes Holland, a long-time member, was appointed vice-chairman. Spencer Marr continues as treasurer.

Other committee appointments included: Mahon Hall- Olive Clayton, Glenn Woodley; field maintenance-Dr. Borsman, Rod Pringle, Alan Hardie; public relations- Bev Unger, Glenn Woodley; sports committee- Dave Hoskin, Jack

Albhouse, Loes Holland; grants- Bev Unger, Alan Hardie; finance- Spencer Marr, Dave Hoskin.

The commission accepted with much regret the resignation of Isobel Marr as secretary. Mrs. Marr has been a most valued member of the commission for the last five years, doing much for recreation on Salt Spring Island.

BUDGET SET

At the January meeting, the Recreation Commission also decided on its annual budget. Following is a brief outline of the projected expenditures:

Operating Budget-	
Grants to local groups	\$7500
Park and Field Maintenance	7000
Truck maintenance and gas	2200
Sports and Swimming programmes	3000
Public Relations	500
Mahon Hall	3800
Planning Meetings and Advertising	500
Administration	1300
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	\$25800

Capital Plans

Fulford Playing Field	\$3000
Centennial Park	1000
Little League Park Expansion	700
Master Plan Development Programme	10,000
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	\$14,900

Total Projected Expenditures \$40,500

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has received the second draft of the Master Plan from Professional Environmental Recreation Consul-

tants (PERC). After some discussion, the commission decided to collate suggestions from its members and forward these to PERC consultant Brian Johnston. Thus, the final draft should be forthcoming during February. At that time PERC will present the plan at a series of workshops. The plan will then become the Master Plan for recreational development on Salt Spring Island for the years 1979-1984.

TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

The Recreation Commission decided to apply for a Canada Works Youth Grant to develop some local summer programs for children plus help with the upgrading and maintenance of parks. Application will be made by February 16, 1979.

A letter has been sent by the Parks and Recreation Commission to Gordon Wallace to apply for a \$1000 grant to help rebuild the boat ramp at Ganges. Wallace is Small Craft Harbours Branch Director for the Department of Fisheries and Environment.

This will be a community project with the Fisheries Department, Gulf Coast Materials, the Recreation Commission, Public Works Department, and interested contractors combining to resurface the present boat ramp.

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Trust wants more control over subdivision

Islands Trust has called for the adoption of Section 6(3) of the Islands Trust Act to exercise greater control over subdivision applications.

The section, not yet invoked, requires that the Lands Registry Office may not accept an application for the deposit of a plan for a subdivision or a strata plan under the Strata Titles Act until it has been approved by the island trust committee concerned.

Section only refers to properties wholly or partially included in the Islands Trust area.

Trust council meeting in Ganges last weekend asked the General Trust to investigate the proposal and to report back.

Of the 21 trustees present, three voted against the resolution. The debate led to the challenge by Mike Humphreys, of Lasqueti, that the restrictive covenant on further subdivision may not be very strong.

"I have the feeling that some developers are using a strata title to get around the regulations," he told his colleagues.

FRUSTRATION

Such a program would use a strata title pattern of subdivision and leave an agreed area under covenant against further subdivision. If the covenant could subsequently be lifted, the land-use legislation would be frustrated, it was felt.

Planner Tony Roberts agreed that a covenant can be lifted by appeal to a Supreme Court judge. One of the provisions of such a decision is that the judge must be assured that the proposal is in the public interest.

The public interest does not refer to the general public, warned Jim Tyhurst of Gabriola. It refers to the interests of the owners.

Gordon Wallace, of North Pender, agreed with Roberts.

"I never knew in my life a law made by man which could not be changed by man," he observed.

NOTHING IN STONE
Second general trustee, John Gaines, of Saturna, supported him. "Nothing is written in stone," he reminded the council.

But the decision to press for the lifting of a strata title would require the unanimous agreement of all participants before a court order could be sought, he added.

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We don't need more lines

Elsewhere in this paper is the report of a comment made by a member of the Islands Trust at the recent Trust council meeting held at Ganges.

The trustee, from one of the northern Trust islands, was talking of the transmission lines being planned by B.C. Hydro to carry power from the mainland to Vancouver Island. The meeting was discussing committees at the time and the trustee said the original B.C. Hydro committee was no longer needed because Hydro had changed its plans as to the route the lines would take.

He said the route they had been considering, across Texada and Lasqueti Islands, had been abandoned in favour of one across Galiano and Salt Spring.

Are we to assume then that the Islands Trust is not concerned about additional power lines crossing Galiano and Salt Spring? Are we to understand that as long as those lines don't cross Lasqueti Island the Trust doesn't care where they go?

That is probably not the case, but it was evidently the opinion of that one trustee.

Driftwood checked with B.C. Hydro on Monday and was told that there are no plans to run additional transmission lines across the Gulf Islands.

But if it were to come down to a toss-up between a Lasqueti crossing and a Salt Spring-Galiano crossing, most of us on the Gulf Islands would probably prefer to see Lasqueti get the lines.

We have one transmission corridor now: we don't need another one.

She was right

For several years a former staffer of Driftwood, Mrs. Elsie Macdonald, of Ganges, has pressed government and region to consider the need for an alternative route over Salt Spring Island, by-passing Ganges Hill.

Mrs. Macdonald has cited the hazard of a blocked highway and the resultant restriction to through traffic.

Last week it happened.

A large truck and semi-trailer sank into the shoulder of Ganges Hill. For two hours traffic was restricted. It would have been completely stalled had it not been re-routed through the private property of Embe Bakery.

The incident served to point up the justification of Mrs. Macdonald's fears.

Letters to the Editor

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Sir,

How many of us have visited the island dump recently? Or is this too distasteful an experience for most of us? Perhaps it could prove educational if we all rubbed our noses in our own...GARBAGE????

Mounds of rusting cans, wind strewn newspapers, and broken glass make it an eyesore. Rotting food and clothing, stinking rugs, old furniture, books... the list is endless, but not necessary.

Almost all of the above items are re-cycleable. By cleaning cans, removing the lids and flattening them, they can be recycled. Try washing those bottles that take up so much space, and smash them down to a smaller size. Newspapers can be tied in bundles and with a once a month trip to the recycling depot, all of these things can be eliminated.

There are also two second hand stores on Salt Spring. The Thrift Shop accepts donations of clothing,

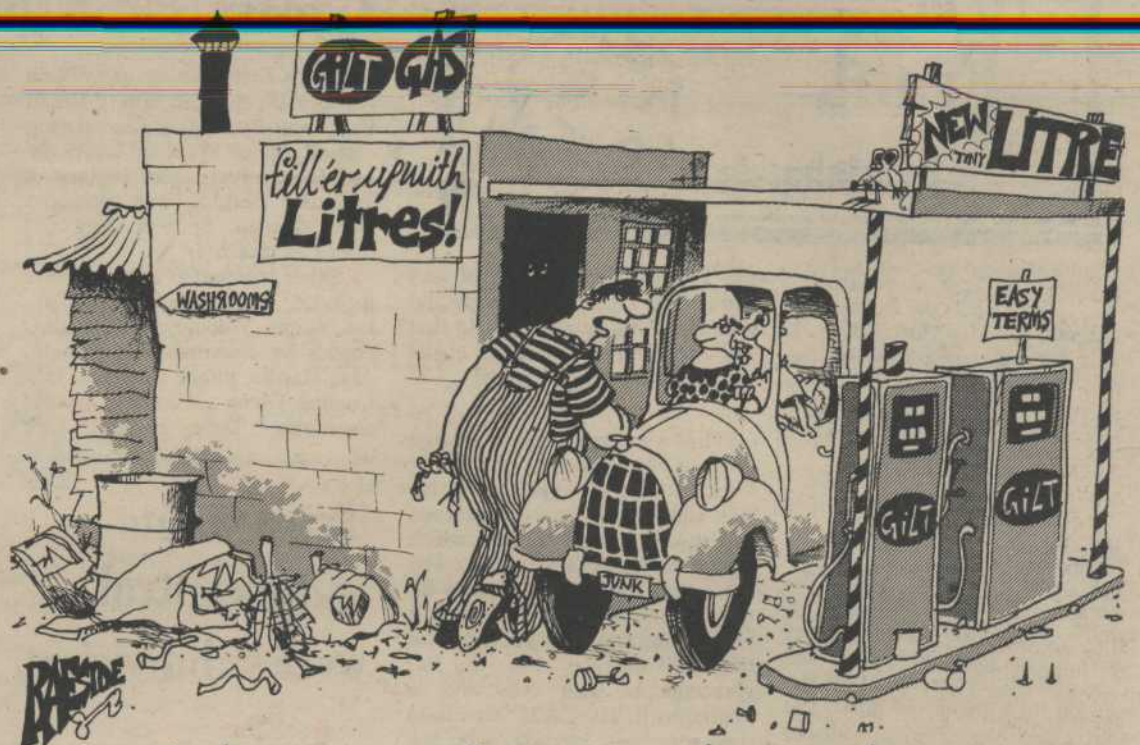
household items, etc. and all profit is donated to the Lady Minto Hospital to furnish wards.

The former Free Store, now known as the Five and Dime, is run on a volunteer basis and accepts most any clean, reusable items... clothes, toys, books, etc.

With the price of wood escalating it's time we took a look at old furniture. Desks, cabinets, boxes, or scrap plywood can all be put to good use rather than left to rot in the dump.

A majority of things at the dump shouldn't be there. Instead of us griping about the poor economic condition of Canada, we can all do something constructive by re-cycling. By keeping down canning and packaging expenses we can help our own economy and combat inflation. It seems ridiculous to throw away our country's resources every day.

It's time that we all looked around our homes and changed some of these extravagant and wasteful habits.



As my hedge against inflation I am charging the same price for a litre, as I am for a gallon'

Please, reconsider those things once called garbage.

LINDSAY LEWIS
R.R.1 Mansell Road
Ganges
February 1, 1979

FIELD TRIPS

Sir,

In return to the letter that you received last week regarding school field trips as a free for all fun trip for teachers to take students on, I must disagree.

Last year I was lucky enough to go on a field trip with four other Salt Spring Island students with a group from Richmond to Britain and other foreign countries as Italy, Spain, Tunis, Greece and Yugoslavia and if you think that I could of learned that in school you must be nuts. We gained so much experience about mans culture by visiting cathedrals, historical battlegrounds, and places of historical significance as the Parthenon, Carthage, and Rome. Each time I glance into a notebook about one of these places it bores me so much and I can realize now that that trip taught me so much. As for the fact that when you were in school you didn't have any field trips I really feel sorry for you.

One other point if you don't mind. Your freinds that taught during the depression may have been dedicated but I bet they can't beat some of the dedication of some of our teachers and probably just match that of others.

WAYNE JENKINS
student, G.I.S.S.
Ganges
January 31, 1979

SILLY LETTERS

Sir,

I try to make it a general rule not to react to silly letters, but can't resist replying to those of Jev Tothill and Arthur Beaddie.

First, to Mr. Tothill. The people of B.C. are already supposed to own the natural resources of the province, and the idea of selling them shares in their own resources is at once an insult and a fraud. Surely adequate resource taxation would be far preferable to selling shares which will inevitably fall into the hands of that very same small group of rich shareholders mentioned in the last paragraph of Mr. Tothill's own letter.

As for 'Big Brother', what better example than Mr. Tothill's own Pierre Trudeau? The N.D.P. is committed to government by the people, which seems to me to be

the exact opposite of 'Big Brotherism'.

Next, to Mr. Beaddie. Is he seriously advocating a return to classes of '53, no frills, no library, no gymnasium etc., etc., etc.? May I respectfully suggest that just such a system was quite satisfied to drop most of its clients before they had completed their education, to send a fraction of a per cent of students to university, and to accept a large percentage of children as 'failures.'

The end result of years of such a system was a population of frustrated people preying upon each other, massive unemployment leading to a major depression, worldwide war, and the holocaust!

Today we no longer have an army of pick-and-shovel men to absorb the dropouts, and we are trying our best to provide a quality education to all of the children, so that they might all have a chance to reach their potential.

Technological society and the children themselves have clearly changed over the last generation, and any talk of a return to the old methods of the twenties or thirties is, at best, wishful thinking, and, at worst, ridiculous.

TOM WRIGHT
RR 1, Ganges
February 2, 1979

THE FIELD TRIP COIN

Sir,

Well, after talking to two of our three Salt Spring School principals, many parents, school board members, others interested in the education process and last of all, Arthur Beaddie, I see that there are two sides to this school field trip coin.

All who I talked to, with the exception of Arthur Beaddie and one school board member, agree that field trips are a very beneficial part of modern day school life. (The school board has given its full endorsement to field trips.) Arthur (who in all other respects, incidentally, I greatly admire) is I think, speaking for a large segment of the older generation.

What we have basically is the "good old days" argument. How we as old people had it so much harder, how we were so diligent and responsible and, in short, so much better. But do I hear any of these lamentors complaining that they didn't do a good enough job in bringing up their children? No! They just complain, saying their children should have done better, so their grandchildren wouldn't be such a mess.

The world is different today than it was 40 or 50 years ago. In 1929, how many used air travel, TV walking on the moon, computers,

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Church Services

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1979

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
Daily: Mon.-Fri.			
St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
Weekly: Wednesdays			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
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Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9.00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11.15 am
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Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm
COMMUNITY			
GOSPEL			
Rev. S. Hildebrandt	Sunday Sch.	all ages	10.30 am
Box 61, Ganges	537-2622, -5757	Evening Service	7.00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer	Thursday		7.00 pm
MAYNE ISLAND			
St. Mary Magdalene	Sundays	Rev. John Dyer	11.30 am
Community Church	Pastor J. Rodine		539-5710
Sunday at 3 pm	in school		
Bible Study	Friday in the homes		
GALIANO ISLAND			
St. Margaret's	Galiano	Sundays	9.00 am

Letters to the editor

Recreation study is received by Trust after two years

(From Page Four)

just to name a few. Everyone knows there's endless problems to be solved in today's technological world, there were problems and there always will be, but the argument about how wonderful we were back then doesn't help.

Look around you here on Salt Spring. Have you ever seen so many rich homes? Tell me, how hard does anyone have it now? Pleasure boats, cars, T.V.'s, winter trips to the sun and don't forget the potential curling rink. How many would really want to go back to the "good old days" and do without all the conveniences? How much do adults spend on their own pleasure on the island? Second highest liquor consumption per capita in B.C. according to the Department of Human Resources. And ask the charities, the youth groups, how much is given to the youth of the island: the equivalent of a couple of bottles of booze? Probably not even that much, per capita.

The field trip budget includes four types of off-island trips. Athletic, recreational, cultural and week trips. All of them broaden the child's experience and vision and make him more aware of this world we live in, and that extends far beyond Salt Spring Island.

Who could dispute the value of our athletic teams travelling to play other schools, a tradition since I can remember. Trips to the Provincial Museum must be approved and the parliament buildings in Victoria should bring no complaint.

The French exchange excursion to Montreal must be educational and band to travel and give concerts doesn't sound too bad does it?

So what exactly are we complaining about? The one or two trips to Duncan per student to go swimming and make use of the ice arena, a camping trip as a class once a year? Pretty stingy if you ask me and besides I think these activities are just as good as sitting in a classroom all day, confining all that young energy.

O.K. the ski trip, maybe that's not necessary but it's not compulsory and paid in main individually and it too might just be beneficial.

The school that has produced more Rhodes scholars than any other school in Canada, University Hill in Vancouver, has a policy of incorporating various field trips as educational aids as extensively as possible.

MATTHEW COLEMAN

Ganges, BC
February 5, 1979

B.C. IS FOR SALE

Sir,
Through your columns I wish to comment on the actions taken by Premier Bennett on the takeover bids in the lumber industry.

In this matter the premier has been preaching the "keep it local" doctrine and has proclaimed that "B.C. is not for sale".

The present and previous Socred administrations have, in fact, put B.C. up for sale. Under their

management the forest industry has in large part passed under foreign ownership, as have the mining and fishing industries. Crown Zellerbach is 89% U.S. owned, B.C.F.P. 42% U.S. owned, Weldwood 74% U.S. owned and Rayonier 96% U.S. owned.

And unfortunately in all of this latest discussion and publicity the impression is somehow left that Mac Blo, after having made its pile here, is a "good corporate citizen" and has the welfare of B.C.'s economy and its citizens at heart. Far from it. Let's look at the record.

Is it not a fact that M & B was prepared to callously dump 700 workers on the street at Vanpily and that this action was only stopped by the threat of massive I.W.A. action? Is it not a fact that its modernization program at Port Alberni will put 300 workers out of a job without alternative employment? Is it not a fact that, swollen with super profits, reaped during the Anti-Inflation period, Mac and Blo was able last year to take over the main French pulp producer and now has achieved control of Domtar? Is it not a fact that Mac and Blo has a large fleet under foreign registry and at present is accepting delivery of two large "roll on, roll off" freighters built in Norway, while B.C. shipyards suffer 40% unemployment? Is it not a fact that at the recent Truck Loggers Convention Mac Blo (along with others) was charged with being one of

When the Islands Trust received a study on recreation on Friday, there was some sharp criticism addressed to the author.

The report had been prepared at the behest of the General Trust and instructions and terms of reference were outlined nearly two years ago.

The trust council on Friday felt that the study was inadequate and directed that it be withheld from the public for fear of creating a wrong impression of the potential of some of the islands.

The author of the report was told that before the report was commissioned the Trust should have established the need for the

report, the rationale, the terms of reference and a budget.

It was also agreed that the General Trust must consult with local trustees.

Trust was told that the report was never intended to be an adequate assessment of recreational potential. In company with other information it was intended as part of the background of the forthcoming regional plan.

Nelder Boulton explained that when the study was initiated there were a lot of islands without local trustees.

Driftwood for Photocopies

our top wood wasters, grinding good plywood and saw mill type logs into pulp while small outfits are starving for timber and cannot sell their chips? The list goes on and on.

A special session to take over Mac Blo and add it to the B.C. Resources Investment Corporation would open the way for new policies to turn B.C.'s forest industry toward manufacturing and processing instead of remaining raw material and semi-processed based.

B.C. now has an opportunity to reverse the trend towards monopoly domination of the province. The public takeover of the largest company in B.C. would reverse that trend and would start the process of returning control of B.C.'s resources to the people.

Then maybe he could offer us 10 shares!

ERNEST L. KNOTT
V.I. Regional Secretary
Communist Party of Canada
January 23, 1979

FAVOURS DOCKING FACILITY

Sir,
Mayne Inn provides a public service for the people of Mayne Island and it requires a dock and float to round out its service and to make it a viable operation. That seems evident; but these facts have been somewhat overlooked in public discussions to date.

We cannot afford to lose this important asset of our community.

I might say, also, that as I look about in these islands, I see Springwater, Galiano Lodge, Port Browning Pub, and other hotels and "watering holes", equipped with docks and floats, or such facilities nearby.

It seems, therefore, that many people recognize the value of such

facilities in connection with their land-based accommodations for boaters and tourists, as well as local people.

I wish to state unequivocally, therefore, that I am in favor of the limited docking facility which is proposed by Mayne Inn as a practical contribution to improved public service, and, incidentally, to the Inn's financial well-being.

KEITH JACKSON,
Mayne Island,
January 27, 1979

GOOD WISHES

Sir,
As a former Pender Islander (native) I enjoy your paper as it keeps me in touch, and I also pass it on to interested friends.

"Good wishes" to Frank Richards in his retirement (we hope he will still be around) and "Good luck" to the younger Richards as they now take over and continue to produce.

Also "hearty congratulations" on the recent newspaper award. Well deserved!!

[MRS. W.B.] ETHEL C.
JOHNSTON

Victoria, B.C.,
January 26, 1979

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Tony Richards Congratulations to Charles Tidler, poet and playwright, one-time Salt Spring resident who now lives in Comox. His play, Blind Dancers, is being produced in Vancouver by the New Play Centre and will be presented at City Stage from February 13 to 24. Charles' play will be seen along with two others in what is being billed as the du Maurier Festival of One Act Plays. According to a release from the New Play Centre, members of the audience will be asked to help in the development of the three plays. So as the festival progresses, each play will be revised and rehearsed through the sharing of ideas between the audience, the playwright, the actors and directors. Tickets for the festival are \$2.50 at the door. Before we moved back to Salt Spring Island, we lived in an area where people go to bed at a decent hour and rise at a decent hour. Surge Narrows at midnight has nothing in common with Ganges at the same hour. Anyway, the lure of the bright lights and Salt Spring nights proves to be too attractive to resist after the peace and solitude of Surge Narrows. And the attraction of a night on the town brings with it a host of problems, foremost among them that of finding a babysitter. We searched high and low for someone to look after the kids last week, but our search was in vain. Each prospective job applicant displayed the same amount of enthusiasm at the thought of earning a few bucks. Great, each one said, love to babysit. What time? "Our living room is in a shambles due to renovations on the house," my wife would warn. "Oh, that's all right," the reply would come. "The kitchen table should do just fine, as long as the television is portable or easily visible from the kitchen....but, what's that you say? You have no T.V.? Well, er, oh dear. I just remembered, I have a date tonight." And so we discovered that we shall forever have problems finding a babysitter until we buy ourselves a television set. But I'll be damned if I'm going to buy one and then pay someone a buck an hour to watch it. We had a very revealing and informative press release the other day from a company that is keeping pace with the times in man's desperate battle against body odour. It's those damnable apocrine glands that make us smell worse than Vesuvius in a northwest wind. They, says the release, are the "true odour culprits". And this company has come up with a really progressive solution to the problems of foot odour which is, the release explains, "no joking matter". Their answer is absorbent latex foam insoles treated with deodorant, a product that is sure to have a devastating effect on those nasty odours that are so common among us all. Looking ahead into the not-too-distant future I can see this new innovation in footwear being extended to the rest of our wardrobes: absorbent latex foam clothes, permeated with some fragrant deodorant. I can hardly wait. If ferry travellers want to drink decent coffee in the morning, they should get up a little earlier and have some before they leave home. That's how Fred Howard feels about all the recent fuss over the coffee-like substance served on the Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry. And perhaps he has a good point, too. Over the years there have been many aspects of ferry service that have warranted complaints from islanders; And there have been a few complaints about the service that really weren't worth all the bother. Is the hue and cry over the lousy coffee worth the trouble? Wouldn't ferry travellers be better off to carry a thermos instead, because looking back, I can't remember ever having had a half-decent cup of coffee on any ferry in the provincial fleet.

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New committees established

New committees were established last week by the Islands Trust.

First council meeting of the new Trust, assembled on Salt Spring Island, examined the track record of some committees and then established a new slate of committees and members.

Gordon Wallace, Pender, declined the chairmanship of the committee on taxation. He explained that he does not feel a general trustee should head any committee.

He also urged that the taxation committee be given terms of reference and not left to establish its own.

Nine members volunteered to serve.

Environmental impact committee was formed again and the oil spills investigation group of last year was raised to the status of a committee.

INTERNATIONAL

Bill Duncan, of Galiano, commented that, with the Roberts Bank and Cherry Point bases, the committee could be an international function.

"A spill is inevitable," he observed.

Although he objects to the chairmanship of a committee by a general trustee, Gordon Wallace

accepted the wildlife committee, when there was no eager candidate. Most of the work undertaken by the committee in the past was done by Alan Brooks, of South Pender.

Brooks is prepared to carry on with the project, which is a hobby, reported Wallace. Salt Spring Island's David Lott also volunteered to help.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The BC Hydro committee has been re-established as the energy committee.

Mike Humphreys, of Lasqueti, reported that the original committee is no longer needed as the proposed route for power lines between the mainland and Vancouver Island will be abandoned in favour of Galiano and Salt Spring Island.

Jim Tyhurst, of Gabriola, noted that a close watch should be maintained on BC Hydro.

Coastal zone management committee was re-formed with Mike Humphreys at its head.

Trustees agreed that a transportation committee is a necessity to examine general and local problems. Bud Kreissl commented that the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee is already in it.

Islands included in new brochure

Gulf Islands will be solidly listed in the new tourist brochure to be prepared by the Vancouver Island Publicity Bureau.

Terry Elford spoke briefly on Thursday evening at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, when he outlined the bureau's plans.

Working for the Heart Fund



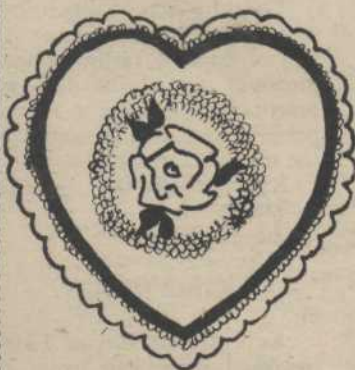
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SPORTS

Intra-island teams dodge wintry weather

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Will it never end? Winter's wonderful whiteness descended once more to put a hole in our soccer schedule again. This new year has been plagued by snow, rain, icy, slick fields and chilling temperatures.

Fortunately though, the intra-island were able to play their games during the week.

Goblins 4 - Wildcats 0

If the first five minutes of each half were taken away the game would have ended in a scoreless draw. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, this was not possible and hence the Goblins actually scored an easy win.

Rob Minvielle with two, Terry Chase and Andrew Aust were the marksmen as the Goblins continued their drive for first place.

Canadians 1 - Hornets 0

The game was an evenly played match, with both teams having opportunities to score the winner.

The Canadians were the opportunists as Jacob Seagrave scored a second half goal to give the Canadians the win.

Canadians 5 - Devils 2

The week's play proved very profitable for the Canadians as they picked up their second straight win. This time they knocked off the high-powered Devils team, but it was not an easy task.

Bobby Akerman opened the Canadians scoring with his first goal of the season. Devils' David McWhirter replied with two goals of his own to give the Devils a 2-1 lead at the half.

But the Devils' lack of player strength eventually caught up with them as the Canadians preyed on this weakness. Late in the game they pumped home four unanswered goals to steal the win. Marksmen were Eric Eason with two, David Cates and Rodney Kitchen.

Cosmos 1 - Hornets 0

The victory was by way of a default as the Hornets only had two players, mostly due to the flu. The two points kept the Cosmos in first place.

January's jamboree has been washed off the schedule as the weather has not co-operated lately. We will wait for February and try again then.

A tentative date of March 3 and 4 has been set for two Weeburn teams (Burnaby) to come to Salt Spring to play the intra-island players.

Don't throw away this newspaper: RECYCLE IT



DOWN THE GUTTER

...with Ken Collins

In the bowl-a-thon held on Saturday, the men finally came through victorious, after being left out in the cold in the two previous events. Yours truly, Ken Collins, took first place in the scratch, followed by Carol Kaye and Frank Keoppel. The handicap event went to Paul Minvielle, closely followed by Donna Dawe and Ed Allan. A prize for the high single game of the tournament went to Ken Collins with 323.

It was nice to see some new faces among the regulars and I'm sure they will be back the next time. Once again we have to thank Leo Toutant for a very well run tournament. He puts a lot of his own time in talking people into entering, finding out their averages, working out their handicaps, etc.

The following are the better scores from the past week's bowling: Bernice Glenn 733; Ken Collins 707; Frank Keoppel 712; Mike Kelly 756; Bob Akerman 711; Pat Byron 772; Terry Jenkins 851; Kay Magee 701; John Buitenwerf 744; Larry Davies 704; Leo Toutant 710; Connie Hardy 713; and Ann Monro with 731.

The 300 games came from Frank Keoppel 301; Terry Jenkins 300; Pat Byron 318; Larry Davies 304; and Leo Toutant 304.

The bowlers of the week were Bernice Glenn and Terry Jenkins.

I still see a lot of people trying to pick up those corner spares by bowling down the sides for them. The proper way is to bowl across alley, this means you are making full use of the 42 inches of alley width, not the 12 or so if you shoot

down the sides. It's a proven fact that when you shoot across alley for corners your chances of picking them up are 75 per cent better than going down the sides.

Chamber report

BY LEO HORNCastle

We are now into another year, with the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce working for the benefit of all islanders, business men and private residents, alike.

A presentation was made last month to the British Columbia Ferries Corporation asking for improved service and facilities.

We are also pressing for better highway safety shoulders to provide room to pull off in case of vehicle failure and to provide a pathway for cyclists. In summer, particularly, large numbers of cyclists on island roads create a hazard.

Feasibility studies are also under way into the provision of a boat launching ramp on the west side of the island.

Discussions are currently taking place to improve the tourist bureau at Ganges.

As the year unfolds other projects will be undertaken on islanders' behalf and the Chamber deserves the support of all Salt Spring Islanders.

SUPPORT TWO WAYS

You can support us by becoming a member. This works two ways. Your membership fee will help finance our efforts and, more, your help with island projects will be very welcome.

Fee schedule ranges from \$25 for the larger businesses down to \$5 for associate membership.

The writer, Gayle Stelter, Bob Nicholson, at Mouat's or Gavin Reynolds will be very happy to meet anyone who wants to join the Chamber.

If any reader has a particular project he would like to see undertaken by the Chamber, the directors will be very interested to hear it.

Trustees vote through mails

Resolutions by mail ballot have been cleared by legal opinion, Islands Trust was assured last week. Nevertheless, a local trustee with a long experience in municipal affairs is authorized to take a further look at the routine.

At the present time trustees are canvassed by mail and invited to vote on certain issues through the mails.

Space still available in coaches' course

Applications are still being accepted for the coaching course, which features General Theory of Coaching.

This course is set up for coaches already engaged in instructional service plus anyone interested in coaching. Take advantage of the professional guidance of Jim Lee who will be instructing at the Salt Spring Elementary Resource Centre on Saturday, February 17, and Saturday, February 24.

This course is common to all sports and many have expressed interest, but some outlets have yet to express interest.

Registrations will be accepted by Mrs. G.V. Holland at 537-2078 or Mrs. V. Wilson at 653-4514.

Veteran director stages free theatre workshops Feb. 7-8

Salt Spring Island theatre buffs will have a chance to learn more about their craft February 7 and 8.

Jeff Murray has extensive experience in directing theatrical works. Driftwood was told, and will be running free theatre workshops both nights for anyone interested.

Wednesdays' workshop is slated for 7.30 pm at Central Hall and Thursday's session gets under way at the same time at Beaver Point Hall. Both workshops are scheduled to last two hours.

Collision between car, power pole causes \$1800 damage

A 1973 Ford Pinto driven by Bruce Aleksich of Sunset Drive sustained \$1800 worth of damage late Friday night.

Aleksich, 16, was driving along Rainbow Road when he lost control of the vehicle and it veered into a power pole at about 11.30 pm.

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Fun in Ganges after midnight

Phoenix board airs plans

for independent operation in '79

If the board of directors of Phoenix Orchards has its way, the apple-oriented project that got under way in the fall of 1978 with the help of a Canada Works grant will be a self-sustaining business in 1979 and years to follow.

Thirteen people attending the Phoenix Orchards meeting at Fulford Inn Monday night were given a detailed breakdown of the past five months' operations as well as the board's plans for the future.

Jeff Savin told the meeting that Phoenix workers picked and processed 20 tons of apples' last autumn, hastening to point out that "about half of them were able to be picked only because there was a grant."

Sales of the business' apple juice went very well, Savin reported. He added that the group could still be selling juice if there were any available.

"We made about \$3,000 on the juice itself," he said, "and we could have sold two or three times that amount if we'd had it."

Once the juice was sold the crews began pruning the islands' apple trees. That work will continue until the grant runs out in mid-March.

project have come to \$16,749, while other expenses have tallied up to \$5,643.75. An additional \$8,000 in funding from the grant will wind up the project's financial affairs next month.

Board vice-chairman Bev Unger told the meeting she felt the community's attitude toward the project was changing.

"When we first started everyone was kind of sceptical over the use of government money," she said. "But all of our employees have worked extremely hard and are disproving the concept that government grant projects are a fluff-off."

Mrs. Unger pointed out that while Phoenix intends to continue its picking and juicing operation this year, it will be on a smaller scale.

"We could never have a business on the island large enough to support seven individual families," she said. "But we would like to continue, and we think the community would like us to continue. We figure if we operate with less people and a larger press for five months of each year we might be able to swing it."

FEWER EMPLOYEES

The board has drawn up a plan that would see project manager John Boc employed for five months of the year. He and an assistant, who would work three or four days a week for four months, would be responsible for pressing the apples and marketing the juice.

In addition, three or four pickers would be employed and paid a set rate for every pound of apples they picked.

Savin pointed out that cost estimates for the year had been based on a low production figure of 25 tons of apples for 1979.

"This past year was a bad year for apples and we picked 20 tons," Savin pointed out. "It's conceivable that in a normal year we could pick 30 to 50 tons."

Gross income estimates for the five-month period, based on a yield of 25 tons of apples, would be \$11,000 to \$12,000. That figure, Savin pointed out would cover wages but basic set-up costs of about \$1,500 would have to be covered by other methods. There were several suggestions for raffles and other fund raising projects that would help cover the cost of construction of a large press. One suggestion was for a subscription rate with a "pay now, drink later" theme.

The meeting wound up with the appointments of Jeff Savin, Alice Friedman and Wilf Bangert as additions to the original board of directors. Andy Stevens agreed to act as advisor to the group.

ATTITUDE CHANGING

The financial report given by Elsa Fraser revealed that Phoenix has \$3,226 in its current account, with an additional \$528.63 in a savings account.

Total wages to date for the

No one to enforce bylaws

By-law enforcement is a long way round.

On Friday morning last week the Islands Trust, sitting in the Harbour House Hotel, agreed that it is no good passing bylaws if the Trust has no teeth to sink in.

The various island trust committees are not responsible for enforcing other people's bylaws. This means that the building inspector, who is employed by the regional district, calls on the region to enforce the building permit regulations. Similarly, trustees were told, health regulations are enforced by the health inspectors, through the regional district.

Zoning infractions are the concern of the Trust.

It was also noted that there is no building inspector on at least three of the more northerly islands.

The Trust has the authority to hire staff to police its by-laws.

WASTE OF TIME

"It's a gross waste of time to put in regulations if we don't mean to enforce them," commented Gordon Wallace, of Pender.

Jim Tyhurst asked for a report on procedures adopted in other areas. The Trust will investigate the engagement of an inspector.

Wallace referred to the dumping of gravel on a beach at North Pender. The property on which the

material was dumped was residentially zoned. Its new use was industrial, but no change in zone was undertaken to permit the new use.

W.E. SMITH
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A nation on its knees

BY FRANK RICHARDS

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A quick trip to Europe was the introduction to a state of war. The combatants are the forces of labour and the besieged industrialists. The victims are the ordinary Britons. The audience is the British Government, sheltering behind shuttered windows in Whitehall, hearing the worst and fearing a worsening yet.

It was a grim picture this January. The weatherman made a bitter backdrop to the political stage. Snow, ice and frigid temperatures had all of Britain shivering in front of the gas fire. The explosive hobbies of the Irish gangsters formed a punctuation that every Britain could recognize.

To make sure that no man, woman or child in the nation should escape the miseries of the blossoming year, the forces of organized labour introduced a series of crippling strikes aimed at hurting every resident of the compact little land.

ANTICLIMAX

It was a nation of cold, bitterness, hatred and suffering. It was a fitting anticlimax to the Christmas season.

To list every striking agency in Britain would be impossible. There were minor strikes in every range of human activity. Oil tank trucks were idle and the trucks of haulage companies were the centre of the weeks of strife. Communities might starve, but the iron hand of militant labour was paramount!

Everything was there except the knitting. You had unofficial

Beaten by labour strife and strikes

tribunals controlling the citizenry. There was a new state of anarchy that was the worse for its threat of more to come. There was the feeling in Britain's frigid air this January that must have hovered over the land of Royal Bourbon France one day when orderly rule was challenged and overthrown.

And that's the odd thing about the Brits. They elect their government and they enact their laws and then they hand over the reins to interlopers.

Leader of the opposition expressed concern that the ordinary coming and going of the common man was subject to the whim of a non-elective power group. The Prime Minister was not convinced that the matter was serious enough to merit his concern.

IN CONTROL

The strikers were in control of the country and they knew it. One government had fallen in face of a confrontation with labour militants and those same militants were prepared to emasculate the Labour government if it did not do what it was told.

There was a war over statements made by foolish people entrusted with the power of decision. One leader observed that if his union's strike resulted in a loss of life, that was it. Eventually he discovered he had been quoted out of context.

Reports of starving pigs eating their own kind for lack of food brought little response from striking truckers who cut their rations off.

The incident was tough to the visitor, but to the ordinary Brit it is all part of the rather vicious class hatred that appears to have built up since the Second World War.

Many workers are paid inadequately. But the working dog has chased Cat Sterling up the economic tree and out of reach. Many protesters may have every good reason to seek better pay. But they need a better method than a quite vicious blackmail.

During the heat of dispute over strikes and wages came the sad report that domestic car sales in Britain represent about half the market. The other half of the country's vast horde of drivers is using imported cars. This frustration of foreign marques is spreading into the commercial vehicle picture.

AN INDUSTRY DESTROYED

But the country's automobile industry has been destroyed by labour unrest. Most of the small manufacturers were collected into the Nuffield-Leyland camp and then taken over by the government.

Incentive is a foreign word. It is difficult to find interest or concern on the part of the ordinary Joe engaged in the industry. And the product reflects this apathy.

If the visitor finds the cities less than attractive, he is merely supporting the anglophiles who remember only the villages, picturesque and appealing in a setting of green. They are unchanged.

Britain is a pleasing place to visit and a happy place. But how long can this constant internal warfare go on?

IT COULD HAVE BEEN GREAT

Here is a nation so riddled with internal strife that no man's job is secure for more than days at a time. The quality of British manufactures has fallen from the pinnacle to the depths. Industry after industry has collapsed, only to be refloated by the government as a new entry into the vast family of national undertakings. Had there been no strife: had there been peace and harmony and co-operation throughout Britain for the past 20 years, could the nation have still been great?

History may throw some light on that. In the meantime, just let's ensure that the disease doesn't spread to our own affairs at home, here.

Cake decorating course gets under way February 15

On February 15 at 7.30 pm in the Home Economics Room at the secondary school in Ganges weekly classes in cake decoration will commence. During the five sessions that follow the class will learn the basic principles of preparing the cake for decoration; how to create with icing; attractive professional borders; write special messages; how to make beautiful flowers; how to design original cakes; how to create lasting lovely ornaments.

This class provides individual instruction so it caters to the beginner as well as serving as a refresher course for one needing help in any specific area. Students are always pleased to discover how quickly they can learn to turn out an attractive cake.

For more information, call Virginia Newman.

Tourist incentive program sparks interest on island

Wide interest has been stirred up on Salt Spring Island in the establishment of an off-season tourist attraction involving all those segments of the community engaged in arts and crafts.

Proposal, sparked by the Tourist Association on the island and supported by various groups and individuals, would work under the new tourist incentive program, TISDA.

Such a project must encourage tourist activities in off-season months. Any grant aiding the program must provide employment and bring income into the community in a drive to remove regional disparities.

That's what Terry Elford told Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening last week.

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Former Salt Spring resident passes away in Prince George

On February 1 in the Prince George Hospital, Bertheaus Karl Johnsen Skog, aged 85 years, passed away.

Born in Narvik, Norway, Mr. Skog was a well-known resident for many years on Salt Spring Island and in Vanderhoof, B.C.

children and 19 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in Vanderhoof Tuesday, February 6.

Predeceased by his wife Marta in 1977, he leaves three sons and four daughters. Jorun McVeight, Begliot Smedley, Anna Hindmarch of Vanderhoof and Jakob Skog of Vancouver, Olaf Skog, Washington, U.S.A. and Martin Skog, Vanderhoof. Also 20 grand

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Fernwood School features

News from Fernwood's Fours and Fives

We are going to a school. The school is called Fernwood. We hope to be in the school by Easter. We have uniforms for the school teams. We earned them by selling chocolates. We had prizes for the people that sold the most chocolates. We are having a good time here.

Robbie Shepherd

We would like to move to Fernwood and have track and field and house sports, and some sports that we all like, such as running, throwing the shot, relays, and a lot more. We also would like to have ballet and other dancing and activities. We would all like to go there very soon.

Nancy MacDougald

I hate to leave Fernwood School but at the same time I'd like to go back to my homeland in Victoria. I hope the kids have a good time at Fernwood School. Ricky Howland

Our school uniforms have come in, and they are really neat. They are maroon and white. We would like to thank the parents who bought the chocolate bars and almonds. They helped us get enough money to buy these uniforms. Thanks again!

Inga Mainwaring

When we got our uniforms everyone liked them. We put in a lot of effort to get them.

Todd Tamboline

We have uniforms for both boys and girls. The girls' uniform has a white top with a Fernwood Flyers crest. It is a picture of an airplane

on the left breast. We have maroon shorts. The boys have just the opposite, except they have no sleeves on the shirt, and have both maroon shorts and maroon tops.

Elizabeth Gay

We have begun to learn about language. People are learning about many things. Every morning we have a newscast. Sometimes we have handwriting after we've had recess. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have gym. After gym we have a story, or sing.

Mike Kruger

I am a team member of a soccer team called the Cosmos. We are in first place.

Graham Prentice

My Turtle

My turtle is very slow. He went into a show. He won first place for the best. He won a tie and a vest. My turtle is very funny. As funny as a bunny.

Morven Neish

New pattern will be investigated

Election of local trustees on an overlapping pattern would be beneficial in maintaining continuity, but it would render the election of general trustees extremely difficult.

Islands Trust council gave a brief glance at such a proposal when the Trust met in Ganges on Saturday.

Two trustees are elected every two years. In other municipal areas one is elected each year to give an overlap.

Trustees were invited to submit their opinions ready for the next meeting.



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Community Society looking for volunteers

The Salt Spring Island Community Society has got the ball rolling, but now it's up to local residents to keep it in motion.

At a meeting in mid-January to co-ordinate community emergency services, 16 representatives of various organizations and the community at large discussed a wide range of problems facing Salt Spring residents. And while some questions regarding emergency services at odd hours were cleared up, others remained unanswered.

"We discovered, for instance, that homemakers are available 24 hours a day," points out community school worker Nick Gilbert.

"It is possible to get money from the Ministry of Human Resources to cover costs if a homemaker has to go out at strange hours."

the fact that many of the homemaker staff on Salt Spring have families of their own and are unable to go out in the middle of the night to look after someone else if the need arises.

NEED VOLUNTEERS

"What we'd like to do is possibly have some volunteer homemakers who would be available for emergency service at any time," Gilbert says. "If there are people interested in doing something like that, we'd like to hear from them."

Other needs in the community are varied, says Gilbert. The Family Centre has pointed out that volunteers to do a follow-up on newborn babies and their mothers would be helpful.

Rape relief and Crisis lines were also discussed at the meeting.

Those attending were told that there is now a rape relief line in Victoria operating 24 hours a day. Consideration is also being given to the possibility of setting up a local crisis line.

Finally, says Gilbert, the group is hoping that people will be willing to give a little more of themselves if they know a neighbour is having problems.

"We're appealing to people to let their neighbours know that they're available in an emergency," says Gilbert. "If you have a neighbour who beats up his wife, let her know she's got a place to go. If you've got a neighbour with an alcohol problem and he's drinking himself to death, let him know that you're available just to talk to him if he feels like it."

TAKE AN INTEREST
Gilbert points out that such moves seldom require any large amounts of time or effort.

"We're asking people just to take a friendly interest," he says, "to let people know that they're there for help if they need it. It doesn't very often take a large commitment."

Gilbert adds that the Community Society intends to maintain a volunteer list for the community. "It will be an ongoing thing," he concludes. "If there are people out there willing to help in any capacity we'd like to hear from them."

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This is the start of the program. Dick Toynebe, of the Gulf Islands Heart Fund, looks on as Pat MacPherson, of the cleaners accepts her red clothing from Sheila Cooper. Sheila is a staffer at the Credit Union office in Ganges.

Offer applies to any customer who has red articles for cleaning, but it is a gimmick to raise funds for the Heart Fund drive.

John Lees was supposed to be in the picture, but he didn't get his

red flannel underwear in time for the photographer.

Free sessions could help islanders save others' lives

Up to six instructors and five mannequins will be on hand at Lady Minto Hospital for the next three Friday evenings to teach Salt Spring residents how to save lives.

The mannequins will be used to demonstrate the techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation during the four-hour sessions, being sponsored free of charge by the hospital.

Also included in the course of the evening will be films, demonstrations of how to clear obstructed airways, and a lecture on how to assess and revive someone whose heart has stopped beating.

The classes are run by an autonomous group on Salt Spring headed by Vonnice Butler. All six of the instructors have undergone an intensive two-day training program on Vancouver Island in order to pass their knowledge along.

Although the classes have been running for some time on an irregular basis, Vonnice says the attendance at them has varied.

"But because February is Heart Month, we thought we'd try running some now," she points out.

Class limits have been set at a maximum of 12 students per session in order to maintain the 2-1 pupil-teacher ratio that is desirable.

"The emphasis will be on the practical side of things," says Vonnice. "That sinks in a lot more than a lot of lectures and reading assignments."

"It will also give a good idea of how to assess whether a victim actually requires cardiopulmonary resuscitation," she continues. "Knowing the technique isn't much good if you don't know when to apply it."

The numbers of teachers on hand for any given instruction will be dictated by the numbers of students attending the courses.

Those among the instructing ranks include Vonnice, Bill Simpkin, Ray Bush, Garry Garras, Doug Foerster and Alicia Anderson.

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Regional plan for all islands within Trust

A regional plan is to be prepared to cover all of the islands within the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust.

Preliminary discussions took place at the weekend meeting of the Trust on Salt Spring Island.

First hurdle to be overcome is the decision whether to consider one overall plan for all the islands or to break them up into zones.

The Trust has already collected considerable data on the preparation of the plan, it was noted.

Trustees decided to meet for a seminar-workshop this spring to discuss all aspects of the whole Islands Trust region.

The plan has been under discussion by the Trust for the past three years. The trustees were urged to look at the islands in a search for common characteristics rather than seeking the differences.

It was also agreed that the regional plan must enjoy the participation of local trustees.

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Quality of lake water is worsening

Patrick presents report to Islands Trust

BY FRANK RICHARDS
Water from St. Mary Lake is quite satisfactory for domestic purposes after filtering and chlorination. Its quality, however, is worsening and unless positive action is taken it will continue to deteriorate.

This is part of the warning contained in the report on St. Mary Lake prepared by K.E. Patrick, chairman of the North Salt Spring Water District. He was assisted in his compilation by Dr. Jack Fisher, former local trustee.

The author of the report is no newcomer to the problems of water distribution. Before retiring to Salt Spring Island, he was Water Commissioner in the city of Vancouver.

The Patrick report has been presented to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee with a plea for new controls and new pressures from the Trust and the affected provincial government ministries.

The report concerns itself with the present quality of St. Mary Lake water, says the introduction.

TWO ENQUIRIES

Mr. Patrick refers to the public meeting enquiring into the quality and use of the lake on May 2, 1978, as well as the data report of the monitoring program at the lake from June, 1974 to June, 1975, by J.M. Goddard, M.Sc., of the Water Resources Service.

Four water districts take water from the lake and it is estimated that

1,500 persons use St. Mary Lake water regularly, for drinking and other purposes. This number is likely to increase in the future.

At least one major farm uses lake water for irrigation and local residents and visitors use the lake for swimming, picnicking, boating and fishing. Eight resorts border the lake.

Possible future deterioration feared by Mr. Patrick would not occur at steady rate of increase, but at an accelerating rate, warns the report.

UNFIT FOR HUMANS

If contamination is not controlled, it is entirely probable that the water will eventually become unfit for human consumption.

In such an event, treatment would still be possible, but only at great expense.

Patrick calls for control over the inflow of contaminants. First, they must be identified, with their probable sources and their effect on the water and the people who use it. He lists them:

Nutrients, pathogenic bacteria and viruses, toxic chemicals, petroleum products and turbidities.

Nutrients are the food of the tiny water organisms in the lake. Their rate of growth is directly proportional to the quantity of nutrients available in the water.

The growth flourishes and dies, to leave those nutrients available in the water while the remainder,

inert, falls to the bottom of the lake.

A MEADOW

Over the years this build-up on the bottom becomes appreciable, slowly filling the lake until it disappears, to become a swamp and, finally, a meadow.

In St. Mary Lake, with its small flow-through in proportion to the volume of the lake, the nutrients will continue to increase even when left in the natural state. Man's activities add to the load of nutrients in the lake and accelerate the process.

Already the deterioration of the lake has necessitated increasing frequency of washing filters in the waterworks installation. The natural flow of nutrients is almost impossible to control, says the report, but the man-made factor can be controlled.

PHOSPHATES

Control usually centres on the input of phosphates. It is the one element essential to aquatic life that can be most easily influenced. Phosphates originate in sewage disposal systems and fertilizers.

Regular monitoring shows the lake water to be perfectly satisfactory for drinking purposes. This is probably only by virtue of the filtering and chlorination suggests Patrick.

Phosphates originate in human or animal discharges and from garbage dumped near the lake.

CHEMICALS

Industrial processes are virtually unknown on Salt Spring Island. They are a big problem to water sources in larger centres. While such plants are the major source of toxic chemicals, these also get into the ground and the water from septic disposal systems, pesticides and herbicides. No known means is available to get them out of the water once they get there. The effect of many chemicals on the human system is still not clear.

The water district is studying all the literature available on the subject.

Petroleum products break down the treatment process. They can enter from motors on the lake, oil on the roads and the careless disposal of oil anywhere in the watershed.

TURBIDITY

Sources of turbidity or suspended matter in the water include algae, erosion or material discharged directly into the water. Turbidity

interferes with filtering and chlorination.

Increase of nutrients in a lake, or eutrophication, is generally considered irreversible.

Ideally, says Patrick, a source of water should be completely isolated from human habitation. The water district is planning to monitor world studies on similar conditions in other parts of the world.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Here are the recommendations made in the Patrick report:

That the Trust declare the watershed of St. Mary Lake an Endangered and Fragile Watershed, subject to any regulations which are subsequently made with respect to such watersheds.

That the Trust accept as a prime objective the improvement of the quality of St. Mary Lake water and do all things in its power to achieve this end.

That the Trust implement the recommendations of the June, 1978 report on Eurasian milfoil weed.

That the Trust promote a study of statistical data available in eastern Canada, and elsewhere, to establish a factor whereby the proportion of pollution from other known sources and from inadequate disposal systems can be estimated with accuracy.

That the Trust initiate an adequate water monitoring program.

That the Trust press the ministry of health for specific criteria for sewage disposal systems in a watershed. Where a system is installed in loose rock located above rock or clay the discharge may run through and find its way into the lake before its passage through soil has had any effect. The report refers to this mechanical process as "short-circuiting." It draws it to the attention of the ministry.

That the Trust request the provincial government to initiate studies into the modification of the sewage disposal system to remove nutrients and toxic chemicals.

That the Trust request the medical health officer to require the location and design of any new

sewage disposal system in the watershed to be site specific and such as to prevent any harmful ingredients from reaching the lake.

That the Trust request the medical officer of health to periodically satisfy himself that all systems within the area comply fully with the regulations and standards in force at the time of their installation and that they are in good working order.

That the Trust promote a program of public education in the dangers to the lake of fertilizers and chemicals and other materials used for growing.

That the Trust press the Ministry of Highways to consider the hazard of turbidity when carrying out works near the watershed.

That the Trust inform itself as fully as possible on the consequences of public use of a domestic water supply lake and develop long-term policies. In the meantime discouraging further expansion of such recreational activities.

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee agreed to ask the provincial support in carrying out further studies. It was also directed that the report be presented to the various ministries affected.

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

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Over 100 people were present for the opening ceremony and to view the miraculous transformation of the building. Mrs. Bennett emphasized the importance of a community library for the education, fun and adventure to be found in books. Dr. Stanton, Chairman of the Board, welcomed the guests and introduced Mrs. Bennett. He noted that the library has been in operation just over four years.

The seventh annual pancake races sponsored by the L.A. to the Royal Canadian Legion will be held in Ganges on Tuesday, Feb. 11 between 12 noon and 1 pm.

These races were initiated on the island by Mrs. Ivor Williams, now in Vancouver.

Convenor for this year's races, Mrs. V. McKay, will supply pancakes of suitable quality for the race, guaranteed to flop after you have flipped them. Chuck Horel will be master of ceremonies;

Des Crofton will be starter.

Aunt Jemima herself will be on hand to distribute prizes. Silver coins for children and pancake mix for adults.

The annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a report on the boat basin and fill area at Ganges.

Lady Minto Hospital administrator Harold Hoffman reports that the month of January was the busiest the hospital has experienced in many years. In-patients under care numbered 57 for a total of 397 patient days. Seventy-seven out-patients used the X-ray and laboratory facilities in January.

TEN YEARS AGO

Residents of the Gulf Islands will get expanded and improved telephone services under 1969 capital expansion plans announced by the B.C. Telephone Company.

R.H. Stevens, the company's Victoria district manager, said today the biggest outlay -- \$164,000 -- will be spent on exchange feeder and local distribution cables on Salt Spring, Galiano, Pender and Saturna Islands.

Part of the new facilities on the three islands will be placed underground to overcome maintenance problems during storm periods which cause service outages.

New ferry schedules brought a stranger to Salt Spring Island on Monday.

For the first time the Mayne Queen steamed into Long Harbour at 8 am, bringing students from Saturna, Mayne and Galiano, directly to Salt Spring Island.

The new project was not extensively patronized. Three students of Gulf Island Secondary School walked ashore as the ferry vessel fought a high wind and

currents.

Peter Bingham was elected president of the Royal Canadian Legion on Salt Spring Island for a second term on Monday evening.

His election was uncontested.

Following the elections of the new officers were formally installed by Zone Commander Phillip Johnson from Duncan.

Change in rates for pick-up trucks aboard the provincial ferries has not yet come into effect.

Although the change is imminent, actual change date has not been announced. Drivers have expressed concern at the prospect of being stuck with commuters' tickets no longer acceptable on the island run.

Commuters' tickets still in the possession of car owners after the change may be redeemed at the head office of the ferry service in Victoria.

FIVE YEARS AGO

On Wednesday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Donnelly on Reynolds Road, Beaver Point was completely destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Donnelly was in the house with her infant child when fire enveloped one wall in the kitchen of the newly completed building. Both escaped the burning building.

Brother of the owner, Eric Donnelly attempted to remove their possessions from the house while Mrs. Donnelly went to sound the alarm. Only carpentry tools were saved.

The owners lost all their possessions. The building was not insured.

Seamless flaws in the Salt Spring Elementary School are floorless seams.

On Monday Gulf Islands School Board heard sad reports of the new seamless floors cracking up in the newly-renovated school even before they are in full use.

A repair job is not adequate, warned secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck, they need greater attention.

About 20 people attended the public forum in Ganges on Saturday to quietly review school and educational problems and to approve the formation of a parent association which would establish close liaison with both school board and schools.

Chair was taken by Fred Anderson, minister of the United Church in Ganges.

Various questions were raised on the school curricula and the general department of students.

Majority of the discussion was critical, but concern was shown for the pattern of education rather than local problems.

Kindergarten on the Outer Islands is still a problem for parents and school trustees.

On Monday afternoon the board of Gulf Islands School District reviewed kindergarten classes at Galiano.

The Public Schools Act provides that kindergarten will be offered where there are 10 students or more enrolled. At Galiano there are five. It is, however, board policy that kindergarten be offered on all islands.

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