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Transportation meeting at Ganges

Islanders voice opposition to gas tax for Victoria transit system

Salt Spring and Outer Island residents voiced strong opposition Friday night to a proposed gas tax of three cents per gallon which would subsidize the Victoria area transit system.

Approximately 120 people turned out for the meeting, called jointly by Salt Spring's Island Trust members and regional board director Mike Clement.

Many of the briefs submitted at the meeting outlined similar reasons for opposition to the tax proposal, among them the fact that bus service on Salt Spring has always proven to be economically unsound.

Chuck Longueay, who has served time on both the Capital Regional Board and the Islands Trust, maintained that an increase in gas prices on Salt Spring would encourage off-island shopping, with resulting damage to the island's economic stability.

He added that he could see no reason for Gulf Island residents to subsidize those living in Victoria.

"I think it's time for a resolution to stand up and tell that dictatorial board that enough is enough, and leave us out," Longueay commented.

TAX A HARDSHIP

Frank Pierce pointed out that many people living in the Gulf Islands are living on fixed incomes, and the gas tax would prove to be a hardship for them.

"I feel that Mr. Clement on his first major test has let us down badly," Pierce said. "And I think he should either try to right the wrong and/or offer his resignation. I don't like to have a person gambling with my money, especially when the odds are bad."

Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Reynolds told the meeting that his group's poll on the tax proposal had brought in a total

of 282 ballots all of them opposed.

Salt Spring Taxi owner Bill Hitchcock protested the tax on the grounds that he would, in effect, be contributing to something that could in the long run put him out of business.

Residents of the Outer Islands were also represented at the meeting by Gordon Wallace of Pender Island, who serves on the Trust.

Wallace didn't hesitate to suggest that the Gulf Islands should consider going "their own way."

"This constant gouging has got to stop," Wallace told the meeting. "We don't and can't use the transit services. I don't think this is fair, and we would ask for reconsideration of the matter."

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Gulf Islands hit hard by 65-knot winds Tuesday

When British Columbia shuddered beneath the force of gale winds in the early hours of Tuesday morning, hardest hit were the Gulf Islands.

Winds from the south at 65 knots, or better than 70 mph, tore through the islands, uprooting trees, tearing down branches and pulling down power lines.

About 3 am the winds rose and howled over the water until about 5.30 am. By that time the damage was done.

Large areas of Salt Spring Island, the Penders, Saturna, and a small part of Mayne were without power. Larger part of Mayne and Galiano appeared at press time to have escaped the full force of the storm.

Two heavy conductors were smashed at the north end of Salt Spring Island; Long Harbour was out of power, from Fulford to Beaver Point was isolated and

the line to the Penders and Saturna was down.

By late morning Hydro crews had restored power to the majority of Salt Spring Island, although outages on side roads and secondary lines were still uncorrected.

By afternoon, islands Hydro manager John Thomson was despatching crews to the Outer Islands to pick up the other end of the lines.

During the storm the feed from Salt Spring Island to Crofton and part of the Nanaimo district was knocked out, but this was restored by nine o'clock.

The weather office at Pat Bay Airport said Tuesday that wind speeds of up to 64 knots were recorded at East Point on Saturna Island, while at Pat Bay it only blew up to 38 knots.

Board cuts spending by a further \$35,904

Gulf Islands school trustees gave final approval to their 1979 operating budget Thursday after cutting a further \$35,904 from spending estimates for the coming year.

The additional cuts at last week's regular board meeting lowered the overall proposed budget by a total of \$106,609. The reductions, made in the course of two board meetings, mean an increase in spending over 1978 of 12.9 per cent rather than the 17.9 per cent originally scheduled.

The final operating figure of \$2,922,483 wasn't, however, settled without its share of wrangles.

Trustee Ivan Mouat was ready but unable to reinstate expenditures of \$15,000 for maintenance and equipment replacement. That sum had been cut at the board's meeting of January 25 when trustees slashed \$74,000 from the original spending estimates of \$3,029,092.

NO TIME

Because those cuts were approved through a motion of the board, Mouat would have had to give notice of motion of his intention to cancel the original decision and propose a motion reinstating the first estimates. The deadline for submission of budgets to the Ministry of Education, however, is February 15 and such a move could not have been considered until the board's next meeting, slated for February 22.

The additional cuts Thursday of almost \$36,000 were proposed by

trustee Charles Baltzer. Baltzer called for a reduction of trustees' travel allowance by \$3,000, pointing out that the cut could be covered by reducing committee meetings to once a month, thereby

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Field trip policy may undergo changes

Pender Island school trustee John Zacharias served notice Thursday that he intends to make a motion at the February 22 meeting of the board regarding school field trips.

Zacharias' motion, if approved, will change the district policy in several ways. The trustee proposes that approval authority for the trips be transferred from the district superintendent to a majority vote by the board.

The motion would also limit teachers and students to a maximum of three days per school year for field trip use. The new policy would become effective September of this year.

Although the board would have complete control of the matter if Zacharias' motion is carried, the district superintendent would act in an advisory capacity to the board.

Blood donors share blood trophy



Islands Trust is concerned over Crown land protection

Islands Trust is opposed to the development of Crown land in the Trust islands.

The Trust council voted unanimously last week to press the government to permit no such development within its area.

It was noted that there are about 10,000 hectares of Crown land within the Trust islands. A lot of this land is inaccessible.

In many parts of the area Crown land represents a watershed.

It was noted that where Crown land was approved for develop-

ment it is uncommon to be warned ahead of time. The public usually learns from a ministerial decision or order-in-council.

The discussion arose from a council committee report completed last year.

The Trust policy is already part of various island community plans, recognizing Crown land as a vital open space component of the islands and urging its retention.

The Trust noted that Crown land is not needed for development

These are the Salt Spring Islanders out for blood. Last week three island teams tied for the past-president's shield, presented by the Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion to the club or organization hitting the highest average blood donation.

Tying at the recent clinic were the RCMP detachment, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Rotary Club. Picture shows Peter Bingham, left, congratulating Const. Darrell Simmonds, Rotarian Jack Reynolds and banker Albert Beitel.

purposes while a glut of 7,000 vacant parcels already exists in the islands.

A copy of the Trust view will be sent to Premier Bill Bennett.

Capital Region replies to Islanders protesting gas tax for bus service

Capital Regional Board has received a number of protests from electoral areas against the gasoline tax levy to underwrite bus services. Others have petitioned to have the tax removed.

Board Chairman Murray Glazier explains that the board did not establish the procedure.

There was no prior consultation with the board and the region can only carry out the instructions of the province, he says.

Following is the chairman's statement addressed to Islands Trust vice chairman Gordon Wall-

ace, of North Pender Island.

The Capital Regional District is required by provincial legislation [The Urban Transit Authority Act and regulations] to apply the three cent surcharge throughout the service area designated by the UTA Board. The Capital Regional District cannot change or vary either the surcharge or the area.

The surcharge, as the primary means of funding the local share of transit deficit, was designated by the province in legislation without any consultation whatsoever with the regional district. It is therefore the province and not the regional district which must justify the equity of such a surcharge.

As to the area over which the surcharge is applied, it is the UTA Board, appointed by the provincial government, which determines the

service area. Section 18 of the UTA Act gives this power to the UTA Board. They decreed that the whole region be included, and only they can change it.

The Capital Region Board has been very concerned with the effects of this legislation from the time it was first unveiled. The board was not consulted in the drafting of this legislation, but is required by the statute to administer a system of local funding by way of gas surcharge, power surcharge and property tax, with which it is in fundamental disagreement.

The board formally communicated its objections to the Honourable Hugh Curtis, the minister who brought in the legislation. CANNOT CHANGE

The Capital Regional Board cannot change a provincial statute, and is required by that statute to impose its provisions. The position of the board is like that of a policeman required to enforce a law which he did not make and would change if it were in his power.

I want to thank you very much for writing to give your views and attaching letters from the Farmers' Institute and Chamber of Commerce of the Pender Islands. I am placing your communication on the agenda of the board's next Transit Services Committee meeting.

Campbell defends tax

Bus service between Swartz Bay and Victoria must be provided and island residents are not being dealt with unfairly when they are expected to meet the costs.

Former chairman of the Capital Regional Board, regional director Jim Campbell, of Saturna, is a fervent supporter of the program requiring islanders to contribute towards bus service.

An augmented bus service, meeting all ferries at Swartz Bay, represents the major answer to ferry problems and inadequacies, he asserts.

Both island directors, Campbell and Mike Clement, have supported the inclusion of the Gulf Islands in the transportation plan. Both have maintained that the growth of traffic, the need for more and bigger ferries, and the looming shortage of oil, all call for an alternative to hauling empty cars back and forth across the sea.

On Wednesday morning last week Campbell told Driftwood that he cannot conscientiously take any other stand. Faced with an awareness of pressures on the system, he must seek alternative means of travelling between island centres and Vancouver Island.

If he failed to take this stand he would be failing in his duty as a regional legislator, he averred. "You can't keep on lengthening ferries," he told Driftwood.

The fiery Saturna representative took a quick look at the story over the past several months.

When the question was first raised, there was no publicity given to it, he charged. When he pressed the Capital Regional Board to include the islands in order that they might expect an adequate bus service, there was no public announcement and no uproar.

No local paper, including Driftwood, mentioned it, he charged.

It was not until the matter had been publicly debated and decided that a wave of opposition was stirred.

The ferry-bus system is not popular and it is scarcely used at the present time, said the advocate of bus service. But if the bus met every ferry and provided a direct run into the city, instead of weaving around Saanich Peninsula, it would appeal to many who

don't want the chore of driving into the city and finding a parking place.

There is more to it than that, he added.

There are many people in the islands who don't drive a car, for their own good reasons. Many are older people and cannot readily get into the city. An adequate bus service at a reasonable cost would enable them to go into the city at their leisure.

COMMUTERS

He echoed Mike Clement's early plea that, given an adequate bus service, many Salt Spring commuters might very happily use the bus instead of their own cars.

In conclusion, he appealed to the very conservationist island people. How can anybody justify car after car after car travelling across to Victoria with one occupant, or perhaps two? In face of the need, already looming, to save fuel, how can an islander challenge the program which will, in fact, cost him so little?

There must be a bus in the islanders' future and now is the time to plan it. Ferries could carry every traveller if more were on foot. That's how he sees it.

Government engineer to study Fernwood

Gulf Islands school trustees were told Thursday that the provincial Ministry of Health is sending an engineer in an attempt to remedy the sewage disposal problems plaguing the new Fernwood School.

District secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told the board that he expects the engineer to come to the district "quite soon".

"The department is sending in an engineer to determine what should be done to bring the system up to the health regulations," Peck concluded.

School band benefits from golf tournament

The Gulf Islands School Band has benefited from the Villadsen Classic Golf Tournament to the tune of \$313.

The tournament, an annual June event for the past several years, has traditionally donated its proceeds to the band. The event was originated by contractor Aage Villadsen.

A band spokesman says the funds will be used in a variety of areas, including coverage of travel.

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Frank

by richards



Turner's had a Giant Sale last week, but I can't find out whether they sold many.

I was first. The other day I had to get to Victoria on time and I was at the wharf long before No. 2 arrived. And I found my place on the Queen of the Islands in a group of six cars. Two were 2300 cc Pintos. The other four were under 2,000 cc. Two were Japanese and two were European.

Sitting in at a meeting of the regional administration I was struck by the thought that more elected representatives are enhanced by their office than bring distinction to it.

She was looking for a ride. And she is a very charming woman. A little elderly, and not as spry as she was a few years ago. How could I offer her a ride? The biggest exercise I get is climbing in and out of my car.

It cost me 49 cents and that's not cheap for a chocolate bar. But I bought it in Victoria for the fact that it came from a novel place. It was a product of the Nazareth Candy Co., Ltd., of Nazareth, Israel.

Last week I learned the colour scheme of sewage disposal and I was surprised. There are no black and whites, it's all grey, said Howard Sturrock, of Saanich, at a regional meeting. It sure doesn't look grey when it hits the harbour!

Jim Campbell could write a book on the regional district, suggested a colleague last week. It wouldn't be publishable, retorted Jim.

Tachek will be off for one week

The B.C. Ferry Corporation has announced that the Ministry of Highways ferry Tachek will be taken off the Fulford-Swartz Bay run for one week, commencing February 25.

It was announced last week that the Tachek would replace the Salt Spring Queen on the run. On Tuesday Driftwood was told that the Tachek will be needed on the Comox-Powell River route.

The Salt Spring Queen will run from Fulford instead, following the Tachek's schedule. The latter vessel will return March 4.

Briefs protest tax at transportation meeting

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Prior to presentation of the briefs Clement explained his action of voting in favour of including the Gulf Islands within the transit area for taxation.

Clement told the meeting he felt that if the islands were not included in the taxation area "we would lose the right to negotiate terms" for possible future public transport on the islands.

"I did a rapid calculation and decided that the decision wasn't that onerous," Clement told the meeting, "It was too late for me to come to you at that time, and I felt we would have a better chance of negotiating terms if we voted for inclusion."

Clement said he figured inclusion of Salt Spring in the taxation area would raise between \$25,000 and \$30,000 which "would give access to bus transit, and this is what you have to decide".

"We must consider bus transportation in one form or another as a reasonable alternative for the island, Clement told the meeting.

Clement said he welcomed the formation of a transportation committee for Salt Spring and expressed the hope that it would "take various points of view and digest this sort of thing".

The CRD director concluded by saying he is "willing to do what islanders want me to do".

BLAMES GOVERNMENT

"We're dealing here with provincial legislation," Glazier told the meeting. "The regional board didn't write it, wasn't consulted and is required to implement it. There is not one director that I know of that accepts the method of funding called for by the provincial government".

Former CRD director George Heinekey and Fred Tessman both had quick retorts for Glazier's explanation of the situation.

"I spent four years on the regional board, and we only voted for things that were going to benefit us on the island" Heinekey said. "If they didn't like it at the board, why did they vote for it?"

Tessman was equally unconvinced.

"What in the name of conscience is the CRD doing then?" he queried. "They're not representing us at all. I feel the regional board is useless as far as we're concerned."

Glazier went on to explain that if the Gulf Islands are now to be pulled out of the taxation area, it must be done through the provincial government.

"But the minister has assured

Those ballots are still coming in!

Opposition to the proposed three-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax to be imposed on Gulf Islands residents continues to mount, with ballots sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce still arriving at the offices of Driftwood and in the Chamber's mail box.

To date, the count tallies up to 367 votes against the proposal, and none in favour.

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Island man rescued by students

It was very quick attention on the part of a number of Salt Spring students that saved the life of an island man last week, Driftwood has learned.

Gulf Islands school trustee Ivan Mouat was pulled out of the waters of Fulford Harbour on Friday by a number of students on a field trip.

Gulf Islands Secondary School vice-principal Hugh Archer said Tuesday that about 10 students and a teacher, Hugh Spoor, went to the aid of Mouat, who fell into the water while tying up a boat at the government dock.

The school trustee was "well bundled up" with clothing, said Archer, and was unable to get out of the water by himself.

"If no one had been around, he would be there still," Archer added.

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Controls are here to stay

The decision of Municipal Affairs Minister William Van Der Zalm on the future of regional districts is expected within the next week or so.

The previous minister, Hugh Curtis, initiated the inquiry committee which examined all aspects of regional districts and submitted its report shortly before the end of the year. The committee recommended the retention of regional districts with some changes in format and function.

The various campaigns in the province to have regional districts eliminated have sparked by fear of too many levels of government or fear of too many regulations.

The opponents of a third level of government might get their own way, should this, or any other minister, decide to eliminate regional districts.

Such a decision, however, would not relieve the various communities from the functions presently exercised by the regions. It is difficult to visualize how the regions could be eliminated without forming municipalities of every electoral area. By this means the responsibility of administration and the liabilities of indebtedness could feasibly be transferred.

Not every islander would welcome such a move.

Those who expect the cancellation of planning and zoning upon the elimination of regional districts would be hardest hurt. Planning, in one form or another and with various degrees of control, is a part of 20th century living.

A government which cancelled planning and zoning functions would be inviting far greater problems in the future for lack of controls than are faced today as a result of those controls.

Whatever the minister may decide about regional districts, debt and land-use controls will undoubtedly stay with us.

Letters to the Editor

STARTLING ACCUSATIONS

Sir,

It is amazing how a letter printed in your paper on January 17 can go unanswered. Surely one of the many bureaucrats guiding the destiny of our islands can either refute or confirm the startling accusations in that letter.

Number one, will our taxes become a burden to us all if the "discriminatory" by-law 14-15 is made law? Under planning will the "development permit area" cause the relocation of the fire-hall; second, alternate roads; third, multi-million-dollar sewer system, polluting the harbour; fourth, new water lines and systems etc; fifth, subsidizing a low income housing development.

The letter then goes on to suggest that in a few more years a new post office, schools etc. all added to the already high tax burden.

Is there an area across the parking lot that is unsurveyed crown foreshore, for the purpose of extending Hereford Avenue, but now used as a private company parking lot plus a 40-foot wide access to the waterfront?

As a "Concerned Citizen" I find it very disconcerting to be groping in the dark for information.

Some time ago we were told that there would be a survey taken of the harbour in connection with the sewer outfall. We have heard nothing. Have the regional director and the Pollution Control Board come to any decision as to the type of sewage plant to be installed.

Have they finalized the sewer area

and the cost to each householder?

Speaking of "Concerned Citizens" it would be appreciated if you all could forward your cheques to help defray the legal costs. Though we lost on a small technical detail after many weeks of deliberation we are sure the results would have been different if we could have afforded to present our case to a higher court.

I join with you all in objecting very strongly to the latest insult to the islands. I speak of the tax on gasoline to pay for the operation of buses we never see and never will see on the islands. Already the gas here is eight to 10 cents more per gallon than it is in Victoria. One would think the merchants here would cry out loudly against such a tax. For every gallon purchased off-island the motorist will take advantage of lower priced merchandise in Victoria and Duncan. The stretched ferries will need to be "cloned" to take the rush. As the reporter says, "Don't let me spoil your weekend".

JOHN G. WATSON
Reid Rd., R.R.2 Ganges.
February 6, 1979

GETTING SHORT-CHANGED

Sir,

Help! Help! Help! I knew when I wrote that last letter it would generate a lot of flak but as President Truman said, "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen."

I'm sure there are many people that feel the same as Mr. Zacharias and I do, the only trouble is they aren't letter writers as are the

vociferous other side.

I don't issue a blanket condemnation against field trips, nor do I suggest that the depression was "the good old days", nor do I recommend a return to them; once was too much.

I do say that for our education tax dollars the people of British Columbia, and the students too are getting short-changed. Read Wayne Jenkins letter again. I admire him for trying to write it.

Matthew Coleman states he contacted the three principals of Salt Spring Island schools. What sort of an answer did he expect to get from them or from Mr. Wright. I suppose if a person was going to rob a bank he would get a policeman to help him.

Mr. Coleman told me on the telephone that as a scout master his troop enjoyed camping trips and outings. Well I was a scout-master too for many years and I think I have hiked and climbed every mountain and trail in the lower mainland with my troop. We all enjoyed ourselves but I did it on my time and at my own expense, not the taxpayers. I'm not a complete old fogey living in the past, not yet.

ARTHUR BEADDIE
Ganges
February 9, 1979

The following is an open letter to regional director Mike Clement. Dear Mr. Clement,

The report on the oceanographic study of Ganges Harbour, commissioned last June, price-tag \$100,000 on which the decision on the outfall into the harbour depends, has been received and distributed to CRD board members and staff.

On February 7 I asked the secretary, of the Capital Region, Mr. Young, for a copy of the study-report, which you had failed to make available to us islanders via the library and Driftwood, and Mr. Young refused.

I approached you, and you too refused. You stated over a dozen reasons why I should not have the report, among them:

1. "Well, yes, in every office there must be rules, you know." But you, too, very logically denied me access to these rules.

2. I, therefore, couldn't have a copy from the pile lying idle in the office next door; but you could let me have your own copy, at the time on loan to another islander (and which you obviously needed yourself for study).

3. If you got me a copy from the spares in the office, I could not take it home to the island but would have to read it right there, in the office.

4. I would have to be qualified to understand the report.

5. If I received it, then everybody else on the island could demand it.

6. I would have to state what I wanted it for.

7. I would have to submit my request "in the appropriate form."

8. I would have to pay for the copy.

9. I would have to submit my request to you in writing.

10. You would have to submit my request to the Capital Regional Board for authorization of the release.

11. I and the other islanders could not have it now because it will not be made available to us before the CRD-sponsored information meeting on Salt Spring Island several weeks from now (dozens of people who are not islanders having the report at their disposal in the meantime.)

Let me first, Mr. Clement, express my admiration at the stunning feat of your memory: that you, after having been a board member for barely a month, should at the snap of my fingers have been able to remember all these rules and regulations from the administration manual was no mean achievement, for sure. And let me also submit, in writing though perforce in ignorance of the appropriate form, three requests:

That you make this manual available to me and my fellow-islanders;

That you explain your 11 points recapitulated here, that you say why all this should be so; and

That you submit one copy of the report each to Driftwood and the library.

HERMANN KIRCHMEIR
RR 3, Ganges
February 12, 1979

WHY WAS HE UPSET

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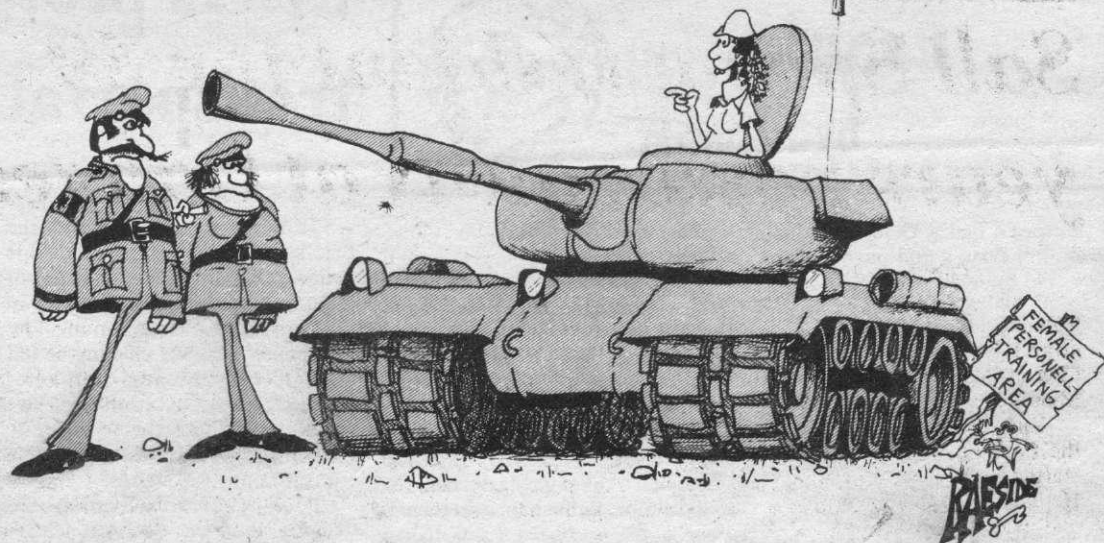
Why would a free-enterprise premier intervene to prevent a B.C. company being purchased by one based in eastern Canada when he must have known that his action could, in the words of the Financial Post, "have a very adverse effect on the future flow of investment money into British Columbia?"

The winter issue of B.C. Economic Development, a provincial government publication, provides an apparent answer. It sings the praises of a company that operates across Canada and in many other parts of the world, but because its operational base is in B.C. 4,500 of its 7,100 employees are here and last year \$280 million of its \$459 million income was spent here.

A perfect reason why Bill Bennett rushed down from the mountain to prevent Canadian Pacific Investments from taking over MacMillan Bloedel? Well, not quite. The company that has done so well for British Columbia is Canadian Pacific Airlines.

What, then, was the premier so upset about? Could it be that he depends on MacBlo for a big chunk of his campaign funds and he knows that Canadian Pacific companies don't make political donations?

JOHN GREEN
Progressive Conservative
Candidate
Saanich and The Islands
February 9, 1979



'It's very nice, but do they come in pink?'

Church Services

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1979

ANGLICAN			
9.30 am - St. George's, Family Eucharist, Rev. Peter Parker, Gold River			
11.15 am St. Marks, Morning Prayer, Rev. Peter Parker, Gold River			
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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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

6.00 PM - WORLD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION POT LUCK & MEETING - GABRIELA VIDELA, CHILE AT CATHOLIC CHURCH, DRAKE ROAD.

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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

Capt. V.C. Best

Salt Spring resident for 59 years passes away at Ganges

Contributed

A man who came to live on the Gulf Islands 65 years ago passed away last week at Ganges. Victor Charles Best, aged 93, died at Lady Minto Hospital Saturday.

Known to most of his friends as the Captain, or Cap., Victor Best started life as a brewer in England. He later went to India on business and was married there, leaving shortly after, via England, to America, with the intention of taking up cattle ranching.

He took a veterinary degree at a college in Chicago and then moved to Canada in 1912 and to BC in 1914, where he took up residence on Galiano Island. After the first world war broke out, Capt. Best joined the army and went overseas with the Veterinary Corps. He served in France, and after being wounded in action returned home on leave in 1918.

TO SALT SPRING

In 1920, the family moved to Salt Spring where for a time the deceased practiced as a veterinarian, although the population was small and the service was limited.

After the outbreak of the second world war, Capt. Best joined the local air defence and was made regional director of the Air Detection Corp for the Gulf Island area. The ADC was disbanded late in 1944, its place being taken by the Ground Observer Corp., or G.O.C., under the Department of National Defense. Best was made regional

director of the G.O.C. which post he retained until 1960, when he received an Order of Merit for his service with that organization.

He had previously received a similar award from the A.D.C. for his work with them. About this time The Air Sea rescue became a reality and Best was appointed senior co-ordinator for the Gulf Islands Search and Rescue unit which, with an array of very willing volunteers, he ran with great efficiency until the Coast Guard took over the whole responsibility for rescue on the coast.

BORN TEACHER

In the private field, Capt. Best will be remembered particularly for the work he did with young people. He was a born teacher, even of things he knew little about, and in 1935 he started the islands' first

cub pack, which he ran for several years.

He taught target shooting to youngsters who wanted to learn, and he taught tennis. Tennis was his main project and almost any youngster who wanted to learn could come and have lessons from him, and many of his pupils went on to do well in local tournaments. Others, many still residents on the island, are taking up the game again where he left off 18 years ago.

Capt. Best loved people and in turn was loved by so many who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was generous and warm and will be missed, not only for himself, but for the very real contribution he made to life here in the islands.

Memorial service will be held at St. George's Church at 1 pm, Saturday, February 17.

Saturna Scene

BY MARJORIE RATZLAFF

Saturna Islanders sympathize with Ed Davis of Tripp Road, Ganges, and friends. We, too, get that witches' brew on the Mayne Queen. It is not surprising that the crew appears not to drink it.

There seems to have been a rash of empty gas tanks on Saturna. Either we have gas that

evaporates very quickly, or else the tanks are being emptied unknown to the drivers. One resident who had the "empty gas tank syndrome" twice in one week was presented with it when he needed his car to take his wife to the hospital.

Another ran her car battery down trying to start her car, because she knew that she had filled the gas tank the afternoon before. Somehow, the tank emptied overnight. The gas in the tanks of the fire vehicles as well as the emergency supplies have also disappeared recently.

Apparently there are at least two things one can do to prevent theft of gas from automobile tanks. One is to park the car near the house, and the other is to have a gas tank lid that locks. The latter is not fool proof, but removal without a key is a noisy business and therefore somewhat of a deterrent to theft.

Residents are requested to avoid blocking the entrance to the firehall, especially on doctor's visiting day. Leave one lane entirely free and refrain from parking two cars in the other.

Saturna O.A.P.O. #138 annual meeting was held at the community hall on Monday, Feb. 5. New officers elected were: Louise E. Money, president; Marjorie Daly, secretary; and Walter Ratzlaff, treasurer. New directors elected were Marie McMahon, Frank Copeland and Norman Fowler. The dinner before the meeting was much appreciated. Members played bridge and cribbage after the meeting.

Now, about those robins. Apparently they have been around all winter. They were expecting, maybe, another non-winter and got fooled. However, we have heard the song of the blackbird, which must be a genuine sign of milder weather.

A crew of four young men and three young women, employees of a janitorial service in Victoria, arrived on the early ferry Tuesday morning. They stayed all day, till the late ferry in the evening, spending the whole day cleaning and polishing away the festoons of soot and grime and layers of oil caused by the furnace accident in St. Christopher's Church.

Mayne Island TOPS group is given new incentive

Contributed

The KOPS members of Mayne Island TOPS (those who have reached their desired weight) were given a new incentive to maintain it, by the announcement of an attractive "Slim miss" trophy. This was presented by the leader, Edona Medcalf, for the KOPS member holding her weight below goal with the best record. It will be passed to another member only when her record is bested and will be reviewed at the first meeting of each month. It was presented first to Anna de Roussie for the best record in January.

The fruit basket, presented to the TOPS best loser for January, went to Betty Warman. Betty was not able to attend so we will say "congratulations" this way. We are all proud of you Betty.

Best losers of the week were Liz Harris, who has recently returned to the group, and Maude Smith who ran a close second.

The Reach for the Top contest has been started again and it is expected that interest will be keen since several members are having problems with "creeping pounds".

Another contest will be started in March.

On the last Monday of February the meetings will be held again at the Wm. Burden residence. Members appreciate the help this has been to the chapter and we will be happy to return there.

May is to be marked as Family Month in British Columbia.



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The lesser islands to gain greater attention

What of the lesser islands? What are the lesser islands? The Islands Trust council agreed two weeks ago to pay special attention to the islands within the Trust area which have not been specifically designated. They range in size and population from Valdez Island and down.

The lesser islands have no local trustees. They have no input into Islands Trust, but they are restricted in development and future use.

Most lie under the 10-acre freeze. Most are rural and most have experienced low-density residential use.

Planner Tony Roberts summarized the islands.

MOSTLY EMPTY

Of all lots in those islands, 65% are vacant; 31% are serving summer residents and five per cent house permanent residents.

Some are included in the community plan of a larger, neighbourhood island. Most are not included in anything. Keats is the only one with a community plan of its own.

The lesser islands are smaller than the larger islands; they have fewer people; they are less accessible; they have a high waterfront ratio and some lie within the agricultural land reserve.

These islands, which have only come into close focus in the past year, are the subject of an uncoordinated policy, commented Roberts. While some are included for land use policy in the program

of an adjacent, larger island, others have no provision.

COULD SET IT UP

The regional plan, concluded the planner, could establish plans for the lesser islands.

In reply to a question, Roberts explained that where they are attached to a larger island they become the responsibility of the island trust committee.

In the case of smaller islands their problems and their development potential are both small and they don't really call for a community plan of their own, he added.

He gave two examples. Sidney Island is attached to North Pender Island and Piers Island to Salt Spring Island.

Trustees agreed that the parent island in each case knows little of the problems or politics of the lesser island concerned.

Trustees were invited to communicate their views and concerns to the Trust office. The policy will be established at the next council meeting.

His 500th show is looming

Come March, Bryan Smith will have played to Harbour House audiences 500 times.

The pianist has played the piano, sung and brought guest entertainers to the Ganges Dining room . . . almost 500 times, already.

Mainly Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

Hello again and Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! I would like to thank the Mayne school staff for filling in during my absence and Shirley Culpin who covered the Islands Trust meeting held on Mayne January 27.

Some interesting items from the school. Seven new students were enrolled in January and three have left the island. Total at present time is 72.

Volleyball teams from the elementary and secondary levels played against Pender Island school.

Mayne students will attend a presentation by Pender Island Prism Dancers February 23.

Parents were entertained by the students at the January school assembly. A very interesting program was presented and enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

Six students from Mayne school will be among the Gulf Islands students spending two weeks in Quebec this season. Top French students will be chosen.

The assistance in building storage facilities at the school by Roy Betts, who has donated many hours of time and expertise during the past season, has been very much appreciated by the school staff.

Get-well wishes to Stu Sinclair, who is home after a stay in Royal Jubilee Hospital following a heart attack. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Conducting the service at St.

Mary Magdalene Church on Sunday at 11.30 am will be Rev. George Morrison. Rev. John Dyer is in charge of services on the second and fourth Sundays.

Guest speaker at Community Church service at the school on Sunday, at 3.00 pm will be Latif Chobrial, formerly of Egypt and now Director of Graduate Registration at the University of Victoria. Rev. John Rodine is in charge of services and will be assisted by Bill Sawyer.

Kanaka Road to remain open, trustees told

Gulf Islands School District has been told by islands MLA Hugh Curtis that the Ministry of Highways is not willing to close Kanaka Road to vehicular traffic.

At its regular business meeting Thursday the board received a letter from Curtis saying that residents of the Kanaka Road area were opposed to the proposal. In addition, the letter noted that such a closure would cut back fire crews' road access to the area.

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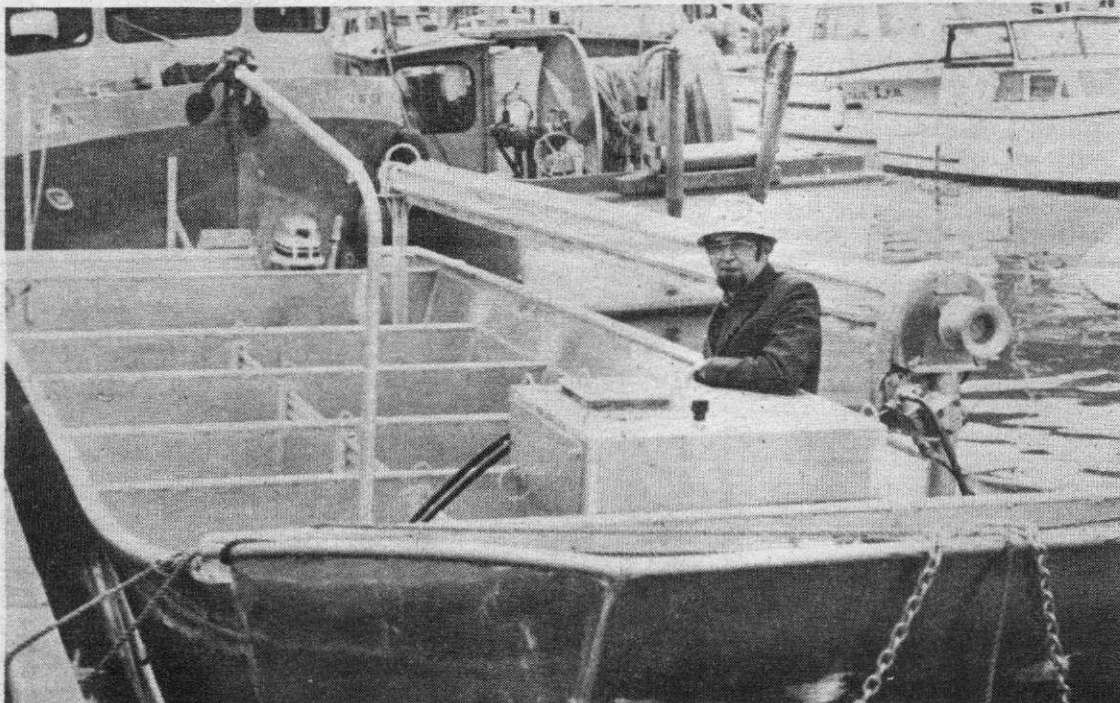
Bill Hitchcock will be getting away from the taxi business for a while when the herring roe fishery opens again this year. The Salt

skiff is 30 feet long by nine wide and has a slight V-bottom to reduce pounding in choppy water.

The long roller on the port side,

lights and a depth sounder.

Hitchcock will begin fishing at Yellow Point on Vancouver Island when the season opens early next



Spring taxi operator has just taken delivery of this brand new herring skiff.

Built by Queensboro Marine of New Westminster, the aluminum

which is used to pull in the nets, is powered hydraulically with an eight horsepower Briggs and Stratton. The motor also turns a generator to supply power for

month, and plans to fish inside waters only though he may go as far as Bella Bella. He will be going with Rolf Hildred on his boat, the Marg Alice.

Regional director's report

Committee tables sewer discussion

BY MIKE CLEMENT

The application for permission to discharge sewage into Ganges Harbour came up for discussion at last Wednesday's meeting of the public works committee of the Regional Board.

Acting on your behalf, I moved the matter be tabled and that a representative sub-committee accompanied by members of the board's engineering staff come to Salt Spring and hold an informational meeting at which all aspects will be made public.

Input from the public is invited at this meeting, which has been arranged for Thursday, March 1 in the Activity Centre, commencing at 8 pm.

As I understand the position at the present time, it is that because the harbour has been declared polluted, the sewer installation has been ordered by the Pollution Control Board.

In consequence, I have requested that steps be taken to monitor the pollution in the harbour, before, during and after construction of the pipe.

I have also requested that the engineering staff be prepared to discuss reasons for or against disposal of sewage on land, and to set out their recommendations for treatment plant and outfall in detail.

To assist me in interpreting the technical information provided to date, I have appointed a committee of four islanders, each with specialized, appropriate skills. Because of the controversial nature of this subject, and in order that they may be able to work with me in peace and quiet, I am withholding their names until I receive their general agreement to publish them. I promise you this is no secret society, but simply a matter of common sense.

TRANSPORTATION

I feel confident that the committee elected at Friday's meeting will take into account all facets of

transportation affecting Island life, including a survey of bus transportation for those who cannot afford other forms of transport.

I look forward to the consensus of their opinions.

DOG CONTROL

As in the case of transportation, there can be little doubt that the provincial government's decision to transfer powers to local forms of government is commendable. However, the decision to transfer dog control to local authorities requires careful consideration.

In transferring the power, the provincial government has also

indicated that it wants the maintenance of dog control to be self sustaining.

To assist me in presenting a consensus of views on this matter I have asked Pat Akerman, of the Farmers' Institute dog control committee, and J.B. Stewart, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to prepare a brief on the draft bylaw now up for discussion.

I ask any residents who have views on this subject to contact either of these gentlemen and make these views known.

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SPORTS

IN SOCCER

Island welcomes new team to fold

Kicks trounce Prospect Lake in weekend game

Salt Spring Kicks 5 - Prospect Lake Risers 0

The Kicks were back to their old form on Saturday for most of the game. Prospect had very few chances at the Kicks' goal, and were unable to take advantage of the chances they did have.

The Kicks opened the scoring with a fine rising drive by Alan Stepaniuk early in the first half. It was taken from the edge of the penalty area and the opposing goalkeeper had no chance to stop the ball.

The next goal from some fine passing and hustling involving the whole forward line and Paul Cottrell finally pushed the ball in.

Later in the first half Andrew Hoeller took a corner-kick from the left corner, and sent in a high in-swinger that left the opposition flat-footed.

At half-time the score was 3-0 and Salt Spring was dominating the game.

In the second half, Paul Cottrell, a constant threat to the Risers' goal, scored again. Toward the end of the game Tom Clarkson scored from a free kick taken by Andrew Hoeller.

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Slowly, but surely our teams are returning to full action once again, in fact a new team has arrived to increase the amount of soccer action on the island.

The intra-island schedule was washed out last week by torrential rains and muddy fields but our week-end teams faired a little better.

The Kicks were big winners, 5-0, at home over Prospect Lake. The Strikers travelled to Victoria to play but their opposition failed to show and the Canadians game was cancelled as the players had left on a field trip.

On Sunday the island saw the return of men's soccer on a

competitive level as a squad of local amateurs did battle with the Division 5 Saanich Breakers men's team.

Competitive men's soccer has been absent from the island for over 15 years and its return to the soccer scene is a welcome sight.

The Salt Spring squad looked shaky in the early going and Saanich were soon up 3-0 after 25 minutes. But the local boys started to settle as they got used to playing together and the latter part of the first half saw them with several good opportunities to score.

The second half was almost all Salt Spring's as they controlled the

majority of play. Saanich was able to build its lead to 4-0 on a defensive miscue but then Salt Spring came alive with an offensive flurry that netted them three goals in the last 15 minutes. Malcolm Legg with two and Chris Lake were the marksmen for the local team.

The team played well, after the poor start, and should provide the island with some exciting soccer for Sunday afternoons. When playing at home, their game time will be 2.15 pm at Portlock Park.

Those possibly interested in playing should contact Ron Moger at 537-2231, because the team could use a couple of more players to fill its roster.

Sparkling effort cops 4-0 victory for Sockeyes

BY MALCOLM LEGG
SSI Sea Products Ltd. Sockeyes - 4
Gordon Head - 0

If the game had a theme song it would appropriately be "Splish-

Splash I am a-taking a bath" because of the very wet conditions last Saturday. But wet conditions or not, the Sockeyes came up with yet another superb team effort in squashing Gordon Head 4-0.

Pouring rain and very slick field conditions could have hampered the game quite easily, but not the Sockeyes. The girls came up with an awesome display of disciplined soccer utilizing excellent positional play with some pin-point passing to salt away the win.

Their discipline was reflected by their defence, who did not allow a single shot on Donna Moulton in goal. Credit must go to Cathy Anderson and her defensive charges. For Gordon Head it must have been like running into a brick wall every time they entered their half.

The Sockeyes' discipline really showed in offence as the girls utilized their wingers to the full extent. Their control of play forced the Gordon Head defence to spread out, creating openings in front of goal for the Strikers to work. It was this failure last time that allowed Gordon Head to obtain a 0-0 saw-off last game.

DOWN THE GUTTER
...with Ken Collins

At last we have a lady bowler who has come up with an 800 triple. That lady was my daughter, Julie, who came up with 812 in the Sunday night league. Then on Monday night Carol Kaye went one better, coming up with a 900 series, 934 to be exact. This was her second 900 in a row, as she came up with 906 in the roll-offs for the B.P.A. competition. Well done Carol; you see what a difference it

makes bowling more than once a week.

Other good scores came from Ken Collins 798-837; Frank Keoppel 702-717-776-733; Dave Calver 791; Leo Toutant 776; Bunty McNally 749; Mike Kelly 799; Julien Valcourt 705; and Danny Bedford with 742.

The 300 games came from Frank Keoppel 309-306; Ken Collins 323-313; Dave Calver 305; Leo Toutant 306; Charlie Byron 303; Deanna Marleau 318; Lillian Martin 311; and Bob Akerman 308.

Did you notice that we have new pins on all the lanes? What will we find for excuses now?

The bowlers of the week were, for the ladies Carol Kaye and for the men it was Ken Collins.

A very important thing to remember when you are delivering your ball is that you must deliver your ball before your sliding foot stops. I see so many people stop and then deliver, this only makes you off balance, and very inconsistent with your delivery.

The Turks are unbeatable this year

BY DENNIS WOOD

Mayne Island's junior hockey team, the Turks, just seem to roll along in unbeatable fashion again this year. After a month of hard practice on Gillians' frozen pond, all members were more than ready for their first serious challenge to their supremacy when they routed a strong team from the Queen's Hotel. Score at the end of the game was seven to four at the Panorama Leisure Rink in Saanich on Monday, Feb. 5.

Unless Boom-Boom Hortie from the Centre Store can find some local team to challenge them, this reporter has been advised that the beautiful Tequila Cup will be donated to the local branch of the A.A. (if he can be found) and Mayne will again be top of the pile in the Outer Islands hockey world.

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Flag-raising ceremony at Ganges



Flag-raising ceremony at Ganges Friday marked the official opening of the Heart Fund campaign. Present for the occasion were, from left to right, John Lees, Harry Stewart [Galiano], Mrs. Elsie Thacker, Darryl Foerster, Vonnie Butler and Bill Simpkin.

Students offered ski trip

If enough Salt Spring skiers are interested, they can have a ski mountain to themselves on February 23.

Manager of Green Mountain ski resort, Dave Mathews, has offered two days of skiing for Salt Spring Elementary School students, who have a school holiday coming up on Friday, Feb. 23.

Mathews said this week that he would open the resort if a group of 40 or more children and parents would like to go skiing. He is offering a two-day ski special on that weekend. It would include two days of lift tickets and one night's accommodation in the ski club lodge.

Green Mountain is located south of Nanaimo and, said Mathews, is approximately two hours, including ferry time, from Salt Spring. There are about 200 centimetres of snow there now, he said.

Dave Mathews is a resident of Salt Spring Island, and further information can be obtained from him.

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Applications for Youth Employment now available

Applications are now available at the government buildings at Ganges for the provincial Ministry of Labour's Youth Employment Program.

Goal of the program is to provide 13,500 jobs for youth and students in British Columbia. In 1978, 1,600 jobs were found for those eligible in the Capital Regional District. On the Gulf Islands, about 30 jobs were provided.

For jobs involving businesses or farms, the government will reimburse the employer for one-half of the employee's wages and for non-profit organizations will pay about \$3.40 per hour.

The program runs from May 1 to the end of August, but the government will consider extensions in some cases.

Field Coordinator Marion Buller told Driftwood last week they were looking for supervised jobs that would provide good training and skill development.

"The employer can hire whoever he likes as long as the youth is eligible under our regulations," she explained.

Young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are eligible for the Youth Employment Program and they can fill in an application too, if they wish. Those job applications can then be correlated with applications from employers.

Deadline for business and farm applications is March 12; for non-profit organizations, March 2.

Marion Buller can be reached at 387-1431; the Youth Employment Office is located at 808 Douglas Street, Victoria.

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Annual meeting on Monday

Planning group serves as watchdog

BY SAM LIGHTMAN

For island residents concerned with the future of Salt Spring, the place to be on Monday, February 19 at 8 pm is the Activity Centre of the elementary school for the annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Planning Association.

If the association did not exist, residents here would probably have to invent it as a means of expressing their concerns to government agencies about the issues which effect their lives.

Although not an official body, the Planning Association is recognized as a sort of unofficial voice of

the residents, or at least as one responsible point of view. The association does, however, seek to provide a forum for all points of view on any given issue.

The association also serves as a watchdog over the implementation of the Community Plan, the Agricultural Land Reserve regulations, and zoning by-laws; maintains regular public contact with Islands Trust representatives and the regional director; serves as education function on the meaning of certain issues to the public; and initiates planning proposals such as the Vesuvius Plan, the Fulford Plan, bicycle routes, water supply re-

serves, the beautification of Ganges, and so forth.

LIVELY YEAR

Over the past year, many lively meetings and discussions have taken place under the aegis of the Planning Association.

It held a pre-meeting to inform the public on all sides of the sewer controversy. Although the Capital Regional District was invited to attend, it opted for a subsequent information meeting of its own.

Chris Foord brought a revised version of the Ganges Plan to a directors' meeting for discussion and suggestions.

Tom Toynbee came to discuss his proposal for a route diversion around a portion of the Ganges business district.

Yvette Valcourt spoke at a directors' meeting on the subject of the island's relation to the Capital Regional District.

Jack Fisher, a trustee at the time, brought up the Islands Trust's proposal for changes in cottage industry regulations for discussion.

Other issues discussed throughout the year included the use and abuse of St. Mary's Lake, watershed designation for Stowell Lake, the transportation question, and even whether the association itself had outlived its usefulness and should disband (unanimously opposed).

On Monday night, seven new directors will be elected. Any resident may attend, vote, nominate, or stand for election. Every resident should be there.

Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

The appearance of snowdrops, little spring flowers, and a frog (maybe a bit mixed up) makes us all turn to thoughts of gardens. Several of our fishermen are busy getting ready for the herring season.

There will be a Valentine's dance in Galiano Hall on Saturday, February 17 with the band, Tuxedo Function. We hope for a great turnout for them. Galiano Hall kitchen is in the middle of renovations and by the looks of it now, it will be really nice when it is all finished.

The annual meeting of St. Margaret's Church was held at the church on January 29. As Rev. Dyer was unable to attend, rector's warden Jean Lockwood conducted the meeting. Following opening prayer, Miss Lockwood welcomed the people, and then gave the report of rector's warden. She said that the carpet for the rectory and a new light towards the back of the church are yet to come, but will soon be installed.

C. Morshead gave his treasurer's report, and in the cemetery report, given by Mrs. Joan Callaghan, the meeting was told that three big trees have come down during winter storms, but have now been cleared away.

Mrs. Callaghan gave a most interesting talk on the Sunday school. She says that she has more children coming on Sunday mornings and gave warm thanks to Mrs. Shay Foster for her help during the year.

Miss Lockwood said that the Altar Guild is going along well, the Thrift Shop has now been moved, and she thanked Mrs. Bow and Mrs. Simas for their help. She also said that we shall give Mrs. Jessie Bellhouse a vote of thanks for her hard work during past years.

A hearty vote of thanks was

given to Mrs. Ross Parminter for playing the organ for services during the year.

Election of officers and parish council then took place. Miss Lockwood announced that she has been appointed rector's warden for the coming year. People's warden is Ross Parminter; secretary, Mrs. Roy Harding; treasurer is C. Morshead; appointed sidesman is Roy Harding.

Council members are D.A. New, Mrs. J. Callaghan, Mrs. M. Bow, Mrs. C. Morshead, Mrs. G. Philippon, Mrs. B. Bengier and Mrs. R. Parminter.

The Ruridecanal Conference delegate was deferred to a later time.

Cemetery committee includes Mrs. Callaghan, Mrs. Bow, Mrs. Harding and Mrs. New.

The meeting closed with prayer and Miss Lockwood thanked everyone for coming.

The annual meeting of the Senior Citizens, Branch 94, was held at the Page Drive Lounge on February 5 at 2 pm.

A warm welcome was given to Mrs. Harry Baines, the treasurer, on her recovery from her illness. A pot-luck supper was put off until another time in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. French will attend the annual convention of the Senior Citizens in May.

Election of officers for the coming year then saw Mrs. Callaghan elected president; Mrs. Roy Harding, vice-president; Mrs. Corrine Snell, secretary; Mrs. Harry Baines, treasurer; and Mrs. Linton, the Counsellor.

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Bertram Drysdale, 81, died in the Memorial Pavilion in Victoria Monday.

A veteran of both world wars, Mr. Drysdale served overseas with the 48th Pioneers and the Canadian Scottish. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Britannia Branch, a patron of the "old contemptibles", and a member of the 88th Battalion.

The 1978 Remembrance Day ceremony in Ganges was the first time in 45 years that Mr. Drysdale failed to play the bugle. However his son, Jack, arrived to carry on the family tradition.

Mr. Drysdale is survived by sons William and Jack of Victoria, daughter Mrs. Marian Shingles of View Royal, B.C., five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters.

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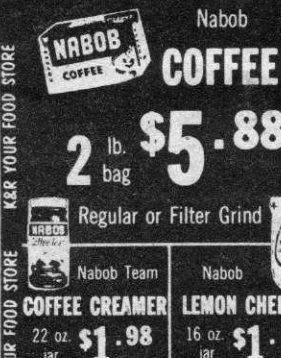
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Vancouver man fined \$375 on impaired charge

Garry D. Ramsay of Vancouver has been fined \$375 in provincial court after being found guilty of impaired driving.

Ramsay, 30, was charged November 4 after Const. Terry Driscoll found him asleep in a borrowed pick-up truck at the side of the road on Pender Island.

The accused testified that he had gone to sleep on the seat of the truck after it had skidded off the


road. Ramsay said he had tried to back the truck back onto the paved portion of the highway, but the vehicle had become stuck on the shoulder.

Ramsay said when he realized he couldn't get the truck back on the road on his own he made himself a sandwich, consumed "a couple of beer," and went to sleep for the night with the intention of flagging down help the next morning.

Driscoll testified that he had had to shake Ramsay awake, and when he spoke to the accused he noticed that his eyes were glazed and there was the smell of alcohol on his breath.

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Legion takes in 12 new members



Unprecedented number of candidates was enrolled into the Royal Canadian Legion last week. At the regular meeting of the veterans' organization in Ganges, the Zone Commander welcomed 12 new members. Eleven are veterans and one is an associate member.

Picture shows the new legionnaires after the ceremony. Seen at the head of the hall are J.V. Clement, R.G. Clark, J.S. Cooper,

G. Crowel, L.F. Earwaker, A.P.S. Gordon, L.G. Martin, D.C.S. MacDonald, Mrs. M.J. Poyntz, W.S. Pearce, H.C. Shea, and Mrs. Aileen Teal.

Three new officers were installed at the same time: Chairman F.B. Tessman, Sergeant-at-Arms J.G. Stevens and executive member S.C. Sage.

School board to apply for student employment grant

A grant to help cover the costs of employing Gulf Islands students during the summer months will be applied for by Gulf Islands School District.

Administered through the provincial Youth Employment Program, the system pays an hourly wage of \$3.20 to school students employed through recognized programs.

District secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told the board at its regular business meeting Thursday that the district has employed

students under the program for several years. "Generally," Peck told the board, "we employ two to four students annually."

The board has an agreement with the Gulf Islands local of the Canadian Union of Public Employees that students may be employed during the summer by the district at an hourly rate of \$3.50. The school district makes up the difference between the grant rate and the base rate.

Mayne man fined \$400 on impaired charge

Brian I. Fellows of Mayne Island has been fined \$400 in provincial court after pleading guilty to a charge of impaired driving.

Fellows was stopped by police on the Lower Ganges Road at about midnight December 27.

He was sentenced by Judge D. K. McAdam.

Bursary is set up for music students

At the last meeting of the secondary and elementary school band parents a bursary was set up to assist students who plan on attending the Courtenay Summer Music School. Jill Cobanli, Doreen Fraser and Pat McPherson are handling the project.

An evening concert on March 22 at the Activity Centre will give the band students a chance "to display their many talents", said a spokesman for the parents.

Tickets will be available from students or at the door.

Another event being planned is the Daffodil Tea and Fashion Show, with styles from Mouat's, and Harbour House as the setting. Barbara Toynbee, Virginia Newman and Marguerite Lee are co-ordinating the show.

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Family Centre forges ahead with new plans

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

Salt Spring Island's Family Centre has completed its first year of operation, and there are plenty of plans in the offing for its second year says the centre's temporary manager, Morgan Savin.

Thanks to a large staff of volunteer workers, a wide variety of programs fostered by the centre in 1978 will continue, with additional projects in the works as well.

Among the centre's most popular offerings, says Morgan, are the pre-natal classes for expectant women and their husbands.

"We have 11 couples attending the sessions that are going right now," she points out. "It's just crammed. All of the husbands are

attending and there's even one entire family that's attending, which is really unique."

The classes, she says, will continue to run every four months, at the beginning of January, May and September. But there's need, says Morgan, for a continuous parent support group to help out between the seven-week sessions.

"What we'd like to have is some volunteers who will share their experiences and information with people who are contemplating a pregnancy or for those who are already pregnant."

SESSIONS POPULAR

Other sessions offered through the Family Centre during the year have proven popular as

well. Among the many, which covered everything from natural family planning to reflexology, the latter and the nutrition workshop drew the most interest from the community.

"We had a real variety of self-help workshops," points out Morgan. "They were all conducted by volunteers from the community who had a special area of expertise. We'd like to continue with those, and if there's anyone with a special interest that they'd like to share, we'd like to hear from them."

The centre has also co-ordinated a babysitter contact service during the year, which can put those parents requiring someone to look after their children in touch with people able to do the job. Part of that service includes follow-up evaluation forms in order that the Family Centre can gather more information on the babysitters available.

Centre staff has also spent considerable time compiling an extensive library covering pregnancy, birth, child care and development.

"We've got a good selection of women's and family books," says Morgan, "and there's a really excellent variety of publications covering pregnancy and child-birth."

BOOKS AVAILABLE

In order to help cover replacement costs on the books and keep track of where the publications are the centre has set up something akin to a regular library system. Those wishing to borrow books are charged a membership fee of \$2 a year, and regular borrowers' cards are kept on file. Overdue fines are levied, and there's space in the back of each book for a damage report.

In addition to keeping all those services going, the Family Centre's innovative staff has a number of other projects up its collective sleeve.

"We want," says Morgan, "to publish either a book or a pamphlet about premature babies. There have been a couple of women on the island recently with premature births, and they found that there was no comprehensive information to deal with the situation. There'd be a sentence here or there in general baby books, and that was about it."

In an effort to make the proposed publication something more than just a collection of data, the Family Centre is sending questionnaires out to parents who have had that experience, as well as to doctors.

"That's going to be our International Year of the Child project," says Morgan, "and we're hoping to be able to get funding to help with the costs of producing it."

COLOURING BOOK

Another child-oriented project for 1979 is a New Baby Colouring Book. Composed of family-oriented drawings and a simple text, the

book is still in the planning stages because of the high cost of publishing.

"We're taking it around to a variety of publishers for pricing," says Morgan, "but it looks as though it's going to be awfully expensive."

Finally, the centre is attempting to co-ordinate a program for women in their middle years. That's being worked out in conjunction with the Continuing Education department of the Gulf Islands School District.

"That, too, would be basically a support group," says Morgan.

"Those women who sign up for it will decide where the course goes. The Family Centre will be responsible for setting it up, but then we're stepping out."

There's one other thing that Morgan and her staff want to make clear.

"We've had some complaints that the Family Centre is geared more to women than men," she points out. "But all of our programs are open to men if they want to attend. And if they'd like to come up with ideas for their own programs we'd certainly like to hear about it."

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- David Bremner

Some girls are forming a group for highland dancing. We would like to thank Kathy Bradshaw for coming over from Victoria to teach us. Kathy would like to see more people coming to highland dancing.

-Cindy Walker and Morven Neish

Ballet will not be held until we get to Fernwood because we have been having trouble getting people to go. Also, the gym is used for basketball on Thursday, so that cuts out people who can only come on Thursday. Salt Spring Elementary students are welcome to come to ballet when we get to Fernwood.

- Inga Mainwaring

The house system is doing very well, but some boys are failing to show up for the house games. The girls are doing very well, and have only lost four games.

- Jen McWhirter

Lately we've been having trouble getting people to show up at the grade 4/5 house games. On

Tuesday only two boys showed up!

- Peter Hedgecock

Our school uniforms are maroon with white patterns. The pattern is a biplane puffing smoke. The smoke spells Fernwood Flyers.

- Alfie Shepherd

Shellfish closures announced

Further restrictions on shellfish harvesting in the Gulf Islands have been imposed by the Department of Environment. The closures are a result of tests carried out by the Environmental Protection Service last year and include five areas on Galiano and the Pender Islands.

Hope Bay, Thieves Bay and Bedwell Harbour contain areas in which shellfish cannot be taken on the Pender Islands. On Galiano closures are in effect in Montague Harbour and Whaler Bay.

Ferry employees suffer gas loss

at Vesuvius terminal

Salt Spring Island RCMP are continuing investigation into the disappearance of gasoline from cars parked at the Vesuvius Bay parking lot.

The gasoline was stolen from a number of ferry employees' vehicles between 1 pm and 7 pm on February 7 and February 8.

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15 YEARS AGO

Ganges enjoyed a rare sunny day for the 7th annual pancake race held by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 11.

An enthusiastic crowd gathered on the causeway to watch grandmothers, mothers, fathers and children flip pancakes in assorted types of frying pans as they raced toward the goal.

Mrs. Beverly Gibson and Mrs. Rose Alexander won the ladies' and grandmothers' race respectively. Vincent Knight carried off the engraved frypan for the Bank of Montreal in the inter-club race.

Fire totally demolished the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lowe on Upper Ganges Road in the early hours of Tuesday morning. The family managed to reach safety although they saved none of their belongings.

Fire started in the kitchen wing from causes unknown. The volunteer fire department rushed to the old house, but the fire was beyond control when they arrived. The high wind whipped the flames out of control and blew sparks as far as Scott Road.

Thirty volunteer librarians were briefed on filing books and general maintenance duties at a special afternoon tea meeting held Feb. 11 in the new library.

Mrs. Maurice Atkins explained the shelf arrangement of fiction books and Mrs. R.W. Bradley described the filing card and index system for the non-fiction section.

Salt Spring Islands grand old man, Dr. W.T. Lockhart, Scott Road, will celebrate his 96th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Born in Chester, England, the Doctor has lived in Canada since boyhood, arriving on Salt Spring 16 years ago after retiring from medical practice in Vancouver.

10 YEARS AGO

B.C. Ferries blustered its way out of an embarrassment last week when it was caught with its plans down.

"Reports that rates were to be changed are untrue," said a ferry official.

While the official in Victoria was denying the reports ferry officials elsewhere were explaining them to the travelling public.

The picture of administrative confusion was cleared this week with the announcement that the rate change never contemplated would not be enforced.

Salt Spring Islanders are still looking for late Friday evening ferry service.

Island chamber of commerce told Terminal Agent R.R. Anderson last week that the ferry authority can logically afford to keep on the late Friday evening sailing to Fulford from Swartz Bay.

Snow on the ground for 40 days represents the longest period of snow on Salt Spring Island in recorded history here.

Since December 21 there has been constant snow. It has cleared for short periods in the open areas, but there has been snow in evidence on roadsides and beneath the trees for more than 10 weeks.

Proposed curling rink and recreation centre for Salt Spring Island will cost an estimated \$25,000 and will be an addition of about three mills to taxes if it is approved by ratepayers.

T.W. Portlock gave the estimate when he summarized plans for the centre at the annual meeting of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The figure allowed for a considerable margin of unforeseen expenses, he added.

Home assessed at \$4,000 would pay slightly less than \$12 annually towards the project.

Persons paying taxes below the home-owner grant figure would pay nothing, added Mr. Portlock.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Salt Spring Island Plan has been forwarded to the minister of municipal affairs by the Capital Regional Board. The amended plan now conforms with the term of the Land Commission Act. It is expected to take several weeks before the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council will approve the plan.

A bus has come to town to aid the doctors and nurses and other allied professionals. It is a former highway bus, rebuilt by students of the British Columbia vocational school as a class project, and operated under the supervision of the division of continuing education of health sciences at UBC.

Salt Spring Island library has a new name. By a sweeping vote on Monday afternoon members of the library association supported the proposal to change its name from Salt Spring Island Centennial Library to the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library.

Mrs. Stanley Hawkins was the prime mover in the establishment of a public library on Salt Spring Island. She sparked the campaign to launch a library here and she worked with the library from the time of its formation up to the end of her life.

Resolution was presented to the annual meeting in the Legion Hall at Ganges on Monday afternoon.

Stan Hawkins addressed the meeting to recall the days when his wife had launched her campaign while they were still living in Alberta.

Approximately two cords of wood were stolen last week from the shell of the W.D. Anderson home on Walker's Hook Road. The house was recently the scene of a fire which destroyed everything of value except the stacked fir wood on the cement slab in the garage and various fire irons. It was the wood that attracted the attention of the thieves.

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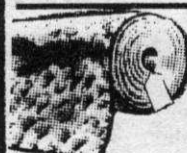
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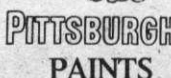
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Silver Maynes hear of island man's travels in Sri Lanka Bengener outlines concerns of fire protection at Galiano

BY ELSIE BROWN

The regular meeting of the Silver Maynes Senior Citizens Association held at the Agricultural Hall, Monday, February 5 was preceded by a pot-luck supper.

Business arising from the minutes concerned the resolution to be sent into the annual meeting of B.C. Senior Citizens Associations that senior citizens' groups merge to form one organization. Speaking on the matter were Roy Betts and Vic Griffiths.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Vic Griffiths reported that the publication of the community news and school bulletin in co-operation with the school principal, Tony Rogers, was in need of financial support. A proposal that Silver Maynes assist with this project met with the approval of the members.

Hugh Campkin congratulated

the secretary for the account of the Silver Maynes in The Elder Statesman and also the charter received recently by the organization.

Harry Redman expressed concern that there is still no taxi service on the island which is an inconvenience for those without transportation. Discussion on the matter is to be continued at the next executive meeting.

Following the adjournment of the meeting Vic Griffiths introduced the guest speaker, school principal Tony Rogers, who gave a most interesting account, illustrated by slides, of his travels in Sri Lanka.

The tour began at Colombo, the capital city, surrounded by magnificent scenery and the locals of the famous Botanical Gardens. A visit to the Temple of the Holy Tooth was made. Travelling north, the terrain was mountainous with rice paddies and tea plantations tended by workers whose labours earned them very low wages.

VERY CLEAN

Cities visited on the tour were Anuradhapura and Siguriya. Lang-

uages spoken were Singhalese, Tamil and English. Children were kept very clean and washing was done in the rivers; standard school dress was white. Villages were also clean and neat. No plastics are used in the market place and everything is recycled. The main diet is fish, rice and fruit. Beaches were clean and safe for swimming. Temperatures were from 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and cooler in the evening.

At Siguriya the travellers visited a fortress 2500 years old which was built by a king after he disposed of all his relatives. It was hewn out of a rock on top of a hill with intricate carving inside and out of the structure. Considerable climbing was needed to reach the fortress and interest was keen in the historic significance of the site.

At Kandy, inland, a Buddhist Temple was visited which also required the climbing of a great many steps. Figures were hand-carved out of stone. The reclining buddha was one of the points of interest.

An interesting method used by the villagers to keep up the roads consisted of chipping rock by hand, which was done by the men and followed up by various stages of pounding done by women, until a form of fairly fine gravel evolved from the process.

In spite of the poverty apparent in some areas, the people were happy and children welcomed the visitors wherever they went.

Accommodation throughout the tour was very satisfactory, Mr. Rogers reported.

Arts and crafts included wood carving, painting and batik, available in beautiful designs and colours.

Al Wardle thanked Mr. Rogers for his interesting travelogue and the evening of touring Sri Lanka was enjoyed by all.

There are innumerable ways in which the South Galiano Fire Department could be improved, the annual meeting of the board of directors of the department was told recently.

Basil Bengener, president of the board, outlined a number of aspects of fire protection that were of particular concern.

He described the situation on the Sturdies Bay wharf as "hazardous", particularly on weekends during the summer. He said some fire-fighting equipment has been placed on the wharf and the procedure of double-lining vehicles and blocking access has been discontinued.

Water storage and the availability of water are problems on the island. A 6,000 gallon water tank was installed to help combat water shortages.

Speaking of equipment, Bengener advised the board that the number two pumper truck was "probably nearing the end of its useful life", and that a replacement should be considered. He also suggested an

alternative form of response from the old hall for the south end of the district.

ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERS

With regard to department personnel, more people should be encouraged to become volunteer firemen, he said, particularly young people.

The needs of the department should be balanced each year against the willingness of property owners to pay for them through the fire protection tax, said Bengener.

Finally, he urged that "every effort should be made to reduce response time in answering calls".

"Our alarm system provided by B.C. Tel is expensive, yet needs to be supplemented."

Bengener also noted that finding a fire chief was a "recurring headache for the board".

"A small community cannot easily afford a full-time paid chief," he said.

The demands on a volunteer chief's time are such that few people are willing to take on the job, he added.

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- To elect the requisite numbers of Board members for 1979 to fill vacancies on the Board.
- To transact such other business as may arise.

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At the conclusion of the business part of the meeting, tea will be served.

Tour for class of '54 gets approval

Approval has been given for a tour of the schools at Ganges on June 30 as part of silver anniversary celebrations for the graduating class of Salt Spring Elementary and Senior School of 1954.

A letter from the organizing committee for the reunion asked that the group, expected to number between 50 and 70, be allowed to tour the schools between 2 and 4 pm on that date.

The board supported a motion from Ivan Mouat that permission be given and that the arrangements be made at no cost to the reunion committee.

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