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Report of harbour survey is ready

Meeting to examine sewer recommendations

Guess what this is?



It's sewage. Sewage from Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, to be precise. Because the septic field for the hospital is totally saturated, effluent from the institution is now rising to the surface and trickling its way downhill and into a neigh-

bouring residential yard. The level of effluent in the pipe which is used for testing purposes, is above ground level.

A hospital spokesman called Driftwood's attention to the situation this week.

Progress report on sewers will be presented to the Salt Spring Island community on March 1 in the Activity Centre when directors and personnel of the Capital Regional District will be present for a meeting to discuss the projected installation for Ganges.

The regional district staff will be joined by engineers and biologists to speak on various surveys and reports already undertaken on behalf of the region.

Islanders will be invited to take part in the meeting to learn of the progress being made.

Called at the behest of regional director Mike Clement, the meeting is primarily intended to offer the results of Ganges Harbour studies to islanders. Two surveys have been carried out.

The ecological study has examined current movements in the harbour, temperatures at various depths and the presence of contaminants in the water at the present time. Copious charts have been prepared to illustrate the water conditions of the harbour.

Second report is an oceanographic examination of the harbour.

Information hitherto not available illustrates the manner in which liquids entering the harbour are likely to act upon encountering the water of the harbour.

SIMILAR TO PAST

The project is not vastly dissimilar to the earlier proposals for a harbour discharge of treated effluent.

It embraces a collection system catering to that area lying between Embe Bakery and Crofton Road, bounded on the east by the sea and on the west by an irregular line stretching as far west as Kanaka Road.

The collection system includes the commercial centre of Ganges up to Valcourt Centre and the Court House as well as Lady Minto Hospital, Greenwoods and the schools.

Sewage will be collected and piped to the plant in Mouat Park.

The plant will provide for a comminutor, or masher, settling tanks and an ultra-violet treatment for the destruction of bacteria.

Resultant outflow will be consi-

derably cleaner than the specifications laid down by the Pollution Control Branch, Driftwood was told.

CHANGES

Senior Design Engineer Mike Williams, of the staff of the Capital Region, told Driftwood that the projected installation allows for changes and improvements if constant monitoring should bring out any inadequacy in future years.

From the plant in Ganges, the discharge outfall will run 6,000 feet into Ganges Harbour.

This is the layout for which the region is planning to ask a permit from the Pollution Control Branch.

When many islanders urged that sewage would be better used on land the region examined the recommendation and finally decided against it. These findings and the factors which led to them will be explained at the March 1 meeting.

Decision to incorporate an ultra-violet treatment process has been made in the face of local and distant protests against chlorination.

Earlier proposal asked for a short outfall which would have terminated alongside Beddis Spit. New plan provides for an outfall of approximately a mile and a quarter.

The Ganges meeting is a public meeting of the public works committee of the Capital Regional Board. It will listen to comments from the public and it will inform the island community of what is planned. Any decision reached by the committee will be subject to the approval of the board.

Meeting will commence at 8 pm, though the doors will open at 6.30 for informal discussion and viewing of sketches.

Delegation asks for referendum

Municipal affairs minister Bill Van Der Zalm was visited last week by a delegation of seven people from Salt Spring Island who expressed their opposition to the sewer proposal for Ganges.

Spokesman for the delegation, Yvette Valcourt, told Driftwood this week that they spent 45 minutes with the minister last Wednesday. She said they asked that a referendum be held on the sewer issue and that the Pollution Control Board's order for sewers be scrapped.

"Our right to vote has been taken away," she said.

She went on to say that the sewers would not serve the area around the Valcourt Business Centre, that it was only the core area of Ganges that would benefit.

She explained that she had received a letter last year from the chief engineer of the Capital Regional District, who said that the sewer plans did not include the shopping centre.

Permit details already set up for pollution branch

Following the presentation of reports on the Ganges sewer project on March 1, the Capital Regional Board will seek a permit to discharge treated effluent into Ganges Harbour.

The Pollution Control Branch will then decide whether or not to issue a permit.

Basis for the permit application is a discharge of 409,000 litres per day. That is 129,841 gallons.

Treatment plant would provide "high quality secondary treatment", bio-disc with ultra-violet disinfection and dechlorination standby.

The outfall is planned to consist of a six-inch pipe, or 150 mm diameter, 1,925 metres long, or

6,300 feet, with a diffuser into Ganges Harbour.

Also provided is a 24-hour holding basin at the treatment plant to allow discharge on advantageous tides.

Joint venture

Gulf Islands School Board has granted permission to the high school to participate in a joint venture with Salt Spring Island's Rotary Club.

The high school will be involved in the construction of cement garbage containers. Rotary is to pay all material costs, and the student labour will be supplied free of charge.

'Salt Spring has more than its share'

Outer Islands director attacks 'malcontents'

Salt Spring Island has more than its share of small, malcontent groups, according to Outer Islands regional director Jim Campbell of Saturna Island.

Campbell made the statement on Tuesday last week in an attack on those islanders who have expressed disfavour with the three-cent gasoline tax to be imposed in the Capital Regional District.

The former Regional Board chairman said the public is incapable of dealing with the issue in the time they have.

"People choose their representatives and the vast majority is prepared to watch what they do and either dispose of them or put them back again at the time of the next election. But what happens sometimes is that small malcontent

groups, and Salt Spring Island has rather more than its share of them want to pre-empt the elected persons job. I can name you a dozen on Salt Spring whose main occupation is to do that."

Campbell went on to say that he was disturbed by the fact that 120 people on Salt Spring could go to a meeting and affect the attitude of a regional director "in a significant way by the weight of their numbers."

He was referring to the meeting on transportation held at Ganges two weeks ago.

"I advanced the argument that there was a serious and compelling need for an adequate transportation link from the Gulf Islands to Victoria and I want to be party to the group that makes that effective," he stated.

Maxwell Lake level down 18 inches

Rainfall during the past 12 months was light on Salt Spring Island.

Rain gauge at Maxwell Lake recorded a fall of 29 inches last year at the North Salt Spring Waterworks station.

The average annual rainfall is 39 inches.

One effect of the drought has been to leave the lake level 18 inches below normal on January 1, Driftwood was told last week.

Parents push for hiring of kindergarten aide

Gulf Islands School Board is being asked to reconsider a decision concerning the hiring of an aide for the kindergarten class at Ganges.

Due to the budget cuts made by the board in the last few weeks, plans to hire an assistant have been set aside.

Parents of children in the class have expressed concern over the "lack of continuous and qualified aide."

In a letter to the school board, the parents say that they were

given the impression that an aide would be hired for one hour per class.

"Due to the specific troublesome nature of these classes," said the letter, "we feel an aide is warranted."

"We question the school board's priorities in view of its allocation of funds and its choice of budget cuts," said the parents.

They added that help for the class is "absolutely essential."

The letter was signed by 31 parents.

Heart Fund gets colourful boost



Heart Month on Salt Spring island got an extra boost Friday when the winners of a school poster contest were announced. Claire Holmes, Grade 12, displays her first-place poster and the third-

place work done by her Grade 10 brother, Robert Holmes. Allison Albhouse, left, who is in Grade 7, was the other third-place winner, and Tracy Stibbards, Grade 12, won the second place prize. Hon-

ourable mentions went to Sheralln Cook, Grade 12, Liz Jenks, Grade 11, and Marnie Dammel, Grade 8. The prize money of \$20, \$10 and \$5 respectively, was donated by the Salt Spring Rotary Club.

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Annual meeting of Community Planning Association

Planning group hears annual reports

Chairman of the Salt Spring Community Planning Association, Gail Secor, told the association's annual meeting Monday evening that the island must keep up with whatever plans are being made by the B.C. Ferry Corporation and the Islands Trust.

She told the meeting that it was up to the association to educate itself and the community on such plans because, she noted, "their decisions will have a tremendous effect on Salt Spring Island."

The meeting also heard reports from the Islands Trust representatives and the regional director.

Trustee Bud Kreissl observed that because the Trust was waiting for ministerial approval on the Ganges plan and other bylaws, the trustees were "in a period of limbo".

Kreissl also spoke of the sewer plan for Ganges, saying that there is talk on the island that certain businesses will benefit from the sewer. That wasn't the case, he asserted.

HOSPITAL, SCHOOLS NEED IT
Both the hospital and the schools need the sewer system, said the trustee. He added that he had asked the water board for figures showing the amount of water consumed by various users in Ganges.

"I think we'll be surprised to see how little the businesses use and how much the big institutions use."

He noted that the sewer controversy had become a "we and them discussion".

"Let's go to the meeting (March 1 sewer meeting) with the understanding that the sewer takes

in the entire area (of Ganges) and not just two groups," he urged.

Regional director Mike Clement said that transportation had caused him the most trouble since he was elected. If the bus tax is applied, he said, he wants to see the island get value for its dollar.

Speaking of the recent transportation meeting in Ganges, he said he had felt a little nervous at the meeting.

"I was standing just about

where I am now and there was a fellow fingering the ropes back there," he said, referring to the ropes on the back wall of the Activity Centre.

He went on to say that if people thought transportation was a difficult problem, they should try spending some time on dog control. He said he hadn't known anything about sheep some months ago, and hoped to forget about them before long.

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Last week one of the general trustees of the Islands Trust, Gordon Wallace, of North Pender Island, suggested to a Salt Spring Island meeting that the islands might be better in a regional district; that the Islands Trust should, maybe, be a regional district.

Mr. Wallace was speaking in censure of the region's plans to include the islands in the Capital Region's transit area.

Subsequently, Jim Campbell of Saturna Island, described those who disagreed with the Capital Region's plans as "malcontents". If he were simply a resident of Saturna Island, the comment would pass unnoticed. But he is a member of the Capital Regional Board and a former chairman of that board. He was thoroughly trouncing the people of Salt Spring Island for their failure to agree with the board.

A Victoria newspaper at the week end took islanders to task for challenging the privilege of paying for city buses.

It is becoming increasingly evident that the islands are out of step with other parts of the province. It is an eccentricity based on the totally different mode of living. The higher pressures of the city environment bring people into forced contact with each other. It patently results in a tendency to spend other people's money and to want to help the other fellow by tax bonuses and levies on other areas. This pervading sense of brotherly love penetrates even the hardest heart and we see those fortunate islanders who are in constant communication with the urban dwellers, all coming out with the same affection for their fellows.

Mr. Wallace is undoubtedly on the right track.

Far better for the saintly citymen that the boors from the islands be segregated. Imagine a regional district composed entirely of islanders. It would contain all the fire and the ire of the present administrative areas. The saints of the city could go ahead, preaching largesse and the propriety of community paying for community. The selfish islanders would have nobody to pay for but themselves.

And the islanders, true to type, could continue to protest having to find colossal sums for the operation of schools in the wealthier areas of the province.

I don't know who lives in Columbia House. All I know for sure is that he doesn't know my name. I had a lot of printed papers from Columbia House inviting me to buy some recordings by people I don't know: Russian composers, I think. But the ultimate insult was not that the householder at Columbia House didn't know my name. It was the casual form of address he used. Lots of people call me Richards, thus baldly. Mostly, they are not trying to sell me anything. Some address me by name: others add "Mr." But not Columbia House. They write to me as "Dear Frichards" and that even burns a veteran of insults.

Two observations from Europe. Why can't Canadian bakers cook bread with the brittle crust of a French loaf? Two ways of cooking ham, boiling or baking. Eaten hot with all the camouflage, baked ham is a meal. Eaten cold between crisp, fresh bread, boiled ham is so much more moist.

Right off the cuff I can name two islanders who are not malcontents, because they were both for gas tax. That makes about 7,000 malcontents, which is a lot of soreheads for a little group of islands.

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Future looking bright for library

Membership was up, net income was up, and circulation was down. That, in a nutshell, was what members of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association learned at their annual general meeting Thursday.

Circulation of books continued on the decline that began in 1976, the members were told. During 1978, publication circulation of 31,025 was recorded, down from the 1976 figure of 32,562. Things were looking up during the first month of 1979, however, with a circulation of 3,410.

The total number of books in the library at the end of 1978 was 13,520. Of that total, 375 were new hard-cover publications purchased during the year and 871 were donated. Purchases in 1979 are expected to increase substantially with the advent of new government funding programs designed for the purchase of books, records and magazines.

Although overall circulation

was down in 1978, the number of adult memberships in the association increased considerably. By the end of the year they tallied up to 851, an increase of 14 per cent over the previous year.

Other good news for the members included the fact that the library's net income for the year was more than double that of 1977. Income jumped from \$866.47 in 1977 to \$1,940.17 last year.

After voting in favour of increasing the number of board members from six to seven, the membership elected Mrs. Betty Carroll, Don Kertland, Donna Ross and B. Stratton to the board.

At a subsequent meeting of the newly elected Board, Mr. Donald M. Kertland was elected chairman and Mrs. Margaret Stratton is treasurer.

Mr. G. Wells, who was not eligible to stand for re-election as a director, agreed to serve for another year as secretary.

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While the Tachek is off, the 12.30 pm sailing from Otter Bay will be cancelled, along with the 12.45 pm departure from Swartz Bay to Fulford. In addition, the 1.15 pm sailing from Swartz Bay will be serviced by the Pender Queen rather than the Salt Spring Queen.

Meeting of Women's Institute

The South Salt Spring Women's Institute held its regular meeting on February 8 at the home of Mrs. Truefitt with 13 members present. Owing to road conditions the January meeting had been cancelled.

General business was attended to and two new members were welcomed.

More material was handed out to be made up for the Children's Hospital in Vancouver.

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'We can't understand why skylab is failing, it has the same advanced technology as a Liberian oil tanker.'

Only a few malcontents?

As a result of statements made last week by one of our elected representatives in Victoria, we can only assume that a large number of islands residents are favourably disposed towards paying three cents more for a gallon of gas.

Outer Islands regional director Jim Campbell has inferred that the Islands Trust, the Chamber of Commerce of both Pender and Salt Spring Islands and the Pender Island Farmers' Institute are "small, malcontent groups". It is only a few "malcontents" who are opposed to paying a gas tax, he feels. A gas tax designed to help out Victorians with their bus service.

It is a tax designed to help the needy elsewhere, such as the equalization tax which helps needy school districts in the province. Word seems to be getting around that the generosity of Gulf Islanders knows no bounds, but the malcontents seem to be out to destroy that image.

It is unlikely that anyone could disagree with Mr. Campbell's observation that we cannot continue to stretch ferries. We must commend him for looking to the future when there will be no fuel for our vehicles and a transit system will be of the utmost importance. But we must take issue with him when he is told we must pay a tax for transit service that will not, as one regional director put it, be introduced in the foreseeable future.

Mr. Campbell has launched an attack against the malcontents, but where are those who will gladly pay an extra 40-odd cents when they fill their gas tanks?

We know there are close to 400 in the former category because they all submitted ballots signifying their opposition to the tax. We have only heard from three people who are in favour.

Mr. Campbell stated in his attack that the public is "completely incapable of dealing with this issue in the time they have".

It would appear, however, that Mr. Campbell is completely incapable of understanding the wishes of those people whom he was elected to represent, in the time he has.

And if he feels that his is an acceptable form of democratic government, then give us something else, because Mr. Campbell's philosophy of democracy is more akin to a dictatorship.

Letters to the Editor

FROM A MALCONTENT

Sir,
With regard to Salt Spring Islanders and the three cents per gallon gasoline transit tax, I would just like to point out to Jim Campbell that I doubt he was created in a flash of fire on Mt. Olympus. He was probably conceived in the normal way like the rest of us.

May I also remind him that he was democratically elected to represent the people of the Outer Islands on the Capital Region Board, not to hurl thunderbolts at them because they dare to rebel against his divine edict.

Yours malcontentedly
DR. DAVID LOTT
RR 2, Ganges
February 15, 1979

INSANITY

Sir,
In reference to Salt Spring Island gasoline tax for transit in Victoria: the Capital Regional Board take-over of transit is insanity in itself; there will be future surtaxes in Hydro bills, and additional property taxes, and God knows what else. Public transit was never, nor will it ever be, a "profit-game."

Contrary to what some

politicians are fond of expounding, to speak up against certain political decisions is not tantamount to be "malcontent". The way these same certain politicians are causing our country to go down the tube, calling them to account is past due.

The tragedy your country is the vast majority seem satisfied to sit and watch, but do nothing to voice opinions of what politicians are about.

If they were less concerned with pettishly "getting at" the next guy, (people like themselves) and more concerned about how the country is being run then we'd all have less problems.

E.g.: Oil companies in Canada, have been given everything they demanded over the years by our so-called government, from tax-exemptions to exploration rights.

Imperial Oil is now thanking us tax-payers by taking oil and selling it to other countries at almost twice the price.

Sitting back in the face of such political stupidity, and company greed, is also criminal.

The list is endless. There are the multi-millions spent by Loto Canada for buildings and equipment now not used, and Loto Canada, itself, should be further

looked into. The time is past when people are merely going to sit back and let the roof cave in.

CHARLES B. CROSLY
Box 675,
Ganges, B.C.
February, 19, 1979

OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION

Sir,
At the town meeting held February 9 on transportation and sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, an overwhelming opposition to the inclusion of Salt Spring into the Urban Transit area was expressed.

This meeting was called at the request of the Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties who recognize that transportation is the prerogative of the Islands Trust, since planning and transportation go hand in hand. The local representative of the Capital Regional District was invited to attend, and to be a co-sponsor.

It now appears that Mr. James Campbell has used the Victoria news media to express the opinion that we on Salt Spring are a group of 'malcontents', incapable of dealing with this issue.

Mr. Campbell, as an elected representative of the Islands Trust, I can assure you that my constituents are not merely malcontents. The people of this island selected the Islands Trust as their preferred method of government over the Capital Regional District by a two to one majority. They may have differing opinions on many subjects, but on inclusion in this series of taxes the word has come loud and strong that it is the Capital Regional District that is once again out of step with their wishes.

I believe, Mr. Campbell, you and your fellow members at the Capital Regional District owe an apology to the residents of Salt Spring Island.

L.J. KREISSL,
R.R.1, Ganges,
February 17, 1979

IN SUPPORT OF BUS TAX

Sir,
The proposed three-cent gasoline tax in aid of transportation, seemed at first thought to be an injustice to islanders, but upon reflection, and after reading Jim Campbell's arguments in last week's Driftwood and those put forward in editorial comment in Saturday's Victoria Colonist, I am satisfied that if we must have the tax, its application over the entire region is fair. I therefore support the position taken on this matter by Mr. Campbell and our regional director Mike Clement.

To quote the Colonist editorial: "If government was ever to adapt a bald user-pay policy, most of the people who now live on Salt Spring and other Gulf Islands...could not

afford to be there." The editorial also reminds us that if we had to shoulder all the costs of roads, ferry service and power transmission, we, being a sparse population, would be priced right out of our rural homes.

We rightly objected to being reminded by signs on the ferries that the rest of the province is subsidizing the system, but it is a fact of life, just as we too subsidize public services we may or may not use.

Roads, schools, hospitals, health services and other public needs are supported on a broad tax basis by users and non-users alike. Why should transportation be exempt?

The proposed tax, if implemented, will be hard on those islanders who make frequent use of their vehicles, but on the other side of the coin, if transportation facilities to and from Victoria are improved because of the tax, then many Gulf Islanders will benefit. As it is, there are many island residents who do use the existing, if somewhat cumbersome, bus service from Swartz Bay and do make use of city buses while in Victoria.

Nobody likes to pay taxes, and especially extra taxes, but let's be fair. If we take, we should be willing to give.

ELSIE MACDONALD
Ganges Hill
February 19, 1979

OLD SYSTEM DIDN'T WORK

Sir,
There are many of us, parents and teachers alike, who are appalled at what is happening with our school system at the moment. It is apparent to anyone with the eyes to see, that the entire program of retrenchment is a hoax.

For one thing, the assets in the provincial coffers are greater than ever, if we are to believe Bill Bennett. Indeed did he not say that the economy has picked up since he came into power? Therefore, the provincial coffers are not depleted. In light of this, it is hard to accept the rationalization for cutbacks in spending on education.

On top of it all, we have the trustees moving to curtail the field trips of the children. Just great! In a time when an economic program is limiting life on all fronts, creating untold frustrations at home, the children are going to be chained to their desks, for 10 months of the year! If this isn't imprisonment and slavery, I don't know what is!

Trustee Zacharias has only to look to the example of the good old days, to see how precisely this system didn't work. Trapped, frustrated, penalized children have not been good students. They have reacted in a number of ways, all of them destructive. They have disrupted classes, destroyed school property, even burnt their schools down!

The other side to this approach is that an education system which can only develop the abstract mode of learning, such as through books (and by extension other media) by denying first-hand experiential learning (such as acquired through field-trips), creates a totally unbalanced human being.

Indeed, what we need now, desperately, in our quality of life as a whole, and especially in our homes and schools, is flexibility, openness and freedom to new possibilities, new experiences and new perceptions! We need to search out those areas and people

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Church Services

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1979

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Morning Prayer	11.15 am
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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

More letters to the editor

(From Page Four)

where life is sustained by natural, immediate and humanistic concerns. We have to break out of the small tight boundaries of our present world-view. Thus we need to create an educational system which helps people grow towards a truly knowledgeable, hence, humanistic state of awareness.

To do this, more exposure, more immersion in other experiences, more freedom is needed.

By way of documenting this, I present, as an example, a recent field trip taken by my daughter and her class. They spent the day in a school on the Tsartlip reserve over in Saanich. My daughter had never met a native person before and was afraid they would be frightening and mean. She came home delighted, bemused and amazed. What she saw was a situation where the children demonstrated an extraordinary degree of kindness and consideration for each other, where the dominant feeling in the classroom was one of friendliness, freedom and cheerful, uncomplaining work. The native children were delighted to have them there and invited them right in to their activities.

As my daughter said when she came home, "If they had come to a class in our school, all the kids would have stood back and looked at them with suspicion. Then there wouldn't have been any joining in."

Surely this says something of an experience which conveyed much to my daughter and from which much understanding and awareness will develop. Of course it will lead her to ask certain questions about some differences and to wonder about this. Of course she will draw her own conclusions and it might not be what we adults would have wished. However from this first-hand experience she has had a greater chance at discovering

a truth than we could "teach" her with all our books. And now, a few days later, she is trying her hand at journalism in trying to write a record of the event for her class newspaper. On a personal level, this is a great moment of development for her, as she has always focused exclusively on her subjective realm, and now she is looking out and recording that.

In conclusion, I would like to remind the trustee Zacharias and to draw attention to it to the general public, that it was Hugh Archer's high school students who pulled school trustee Mouat out of the ocean after his spill. The high school students were on a field trip!

Your friendly social critic,
JEZRAH HEARNE
Fulford Harbour
February 15, 1979

THE WHIP WILL LEARN THEM?

Sir,
About this here school business, I have something to say and its this. Ther is never been such a lazy disobedient spoiled bunch of kids as there is now. They've been getting away with murder for years. All this talk about respect and freedom, bunch of garbage. Just soft and lazy that's what they are.

I say its high time the school board came to its senses and did what its done now. About time we stopped giving away our money to free loaders. Here I been working up a sweat while them kids get to go on holidays.

So lets get rid of all them trips. I goes alongs with that fellow Zacharias. He's from my island you know. No more trips. And while we're at it lets bring back schooling like it was when kids knew what was what and who was who.

What them kids today needs is to be strapped until they learn.

And if they still don't settle down then we'll cane them! And if that still don't work then we can whip them. That will learn them for sure. And they should have Bible lessons too. Everybody should know about God. I'm a God fearing man myself and I can tell you it's the only way.

I. M. WRIGHT
Pender Island
February 16, 1979

SET THE CHILDREN FREE

Sir,
Bored of Education?
Well so am I. I say lets be done with this Bored of Education and set our children free! We could do it as our small contribution to International Year of the Child.

Then there would be no more problems! And our kids wouldn't have to put up with the Untrustworthys down in the pits of the Skool Bored Office.

Furthermore, I really don't see why my children should have their lives dictated to and perverted, by persons who display one-fiftieth the intelligence, nobility, sensitivity, conseriation, wit and humour of the kids. Really! How can these Objectionable Untrustworthys have anything to offer my children?

Money? Hah! If money is their only concern, then why don't they just say so, and let the parents pay for the field-trips. I pay for my child's field-trips anyway. If the Untrustworthys still ban field-trips in spite of the parents' willing to pay, then the decision to ban field trips is based purely on prejudice and tyranny. Who needs it? Not my kids!

If this is the best the Untrustworthys can do, then how pathetic! And this is intelligent and responsible leadership? Hah!

A bit like the fool trying to instruct the wise.

For our children are wise;

infinitely wise until corrupted by foolish parents, boring teachers, pompous administrators and mind-bending television.

Leave the children alone! Set them free! Let's celebrate International Year of the Child!

Untrustworthys go home!
EMMA GOLDMAN
Fulford Harbour
February 16, 1979

CENTRAL HALL DONATIONS

Sir,
I would like to make a correction to a recent issue of Driftwood, when \$24,493.03 was shown as Receipts from Hall Use. As the hall was practically closed to all rentals from January 1 to September '78, this should have read Receipts from Donations. So much of this was raised locally I thought it only right that islanders should know how this sum was raised.

At first we requested help through a Save \$1 to Help Central Hall Fund, which brought in \$116. I shall use round figures instead of cents. From then on donations of all kinds came in for which the hall is most grateful.

Memorials (and plaque) Miss Oulton, \$1050; Harry Nichols, \$690 of which quite a good deal came from friends and relatives in Victoria and Vancouver, and \$60 for six other memorials. Individual donations: \$2778.70; local organizations: Mouats, Weavers, a closing out A/C; S.S. Singers, Credit Union, Lions, Lionesses, Farmers' Institute, S.S. Players, \$1599; O.A.P.O. Building Fund, interest and penny collection \$5900.77, L.M. Hospital Auxiliary \$1000 for wheel chair ramp and B.C. Lottery Fund (Hon. H. Curtis) cheque \$5000 for porch and doors.

Fund-raising projects through individual efforts, as well as sales by the hall from contributions of merchandise, etc., for which the hall is most grateful to islanders for their help, brought in an additional \$3983. All this with a bank balance and interest the total locally raised amounted to \$24,493.03.

Federal and provincial grants

given earlier and for wages in 1978 totalled \$50,881.32.

The Central Hall Committee wishes to take this opportunity of thanking everyone in all capacities concerned for their generous support towards the renovation and addition to the hall, which is not a multi-purpose building.

It may not be universally known that the hall is available at any time for rental, provided two or three weeks' notice is given. While the Island Cinema has presently booked week-ends they have always been willing to surrender any weekend date to other important functions such as weddings, dinners, concerts, providing at least two weeks' notice is given to the hall, as I alone as secretary am taking all bookings. The hall is hardly large enough for most of the dances, which could possibly be booked elsewhere.

We hope next week to have a full supply of chairs for both the upper and lower halls, and as soon as possible will have the kitchen equipped with all necessary utensils.

MARGARET K. CUNNINGHAM
Ganges
February 12, 1979

Salt Spring fishermen form new association

Salt Spring Island has another organization.

The Ganges Fishermen's Association held its first meeting on Tuesday, February 6. The group has been formed to represent local commercial fishermen's interests.

Anyone interested in joining the association is asked to contact Ken or Imme McLean on the Smilee at the government wharf, or Deborah Nostdan at 537-9618.



Tony Richards

I don't know how close former Salt Spring Island man Bill McClean came to being torpedoed last Christmas, but the Canadian Armed Forces did their best to ensure that he wasn't blown out of the sea.

Bill was running down from Lasqueti Island to Salt Spring and like most people who travel down that portion of the Georgia Strait, he ran through the Canadian Armed Forces testing area. To avoid the area, as the nautical charts suggest you do, you must add an extra five or six miles to your trip. Bill had never seen any sign of torpedos on past trips, and wasn't expecting to see any on this one.

But on the day he was making his journey down, the navy happened to be in the midst of some target practice.

Shortly after he entered the testing grounds, a navy launch pulled up alongside Bill's 30-foot boat. The Otter, and advised him to make a detour.

Nothing doing, was Bill's reply, I've only got enough gas to get to Nanaimo. The operator of the launch got on the phone and conversed with headquarters, while the Otter continued on its course.

It wasn't long before a helicopter could be heard, an Armed Forces helicopter with a special mission: to airlift five gallons of gas to an old fishboat that was obstructing special manoeuvres of the Canadian navy.

And by the time the gasoline was lowered on to the Otter, they were so close to the boundary of the testing range that there was no need for a detour after all.

That must have been one expensive can of gas.

How many other local businesses are in regular communication with Statistics Canada? And how many other business operators have tried to sever relations with this busy government department by filing away the communications under "g" for garbage at Blackburn Road? If you haven't tried the latter system, don't bother: it doesn't work.

But how about this one? The questionnaire received by one particular businessman was worded thus: "Give us a complete list of your employees, broken down by sex."

His reply: "We have no employees broken down by sex; but we do have two alcoholics."

Evidently, the Salt Spring Community Society doesn't plan on doing any extensive travelling nor does it expect to begin spending large amounts of money.

The reason why I draw that conclusion is that an application for an American Express Card received by the society was passed on to me.

Now the letter explaining the value of "the world's most prestigious payment instrument" was addressed to the Community Society, but the application form itself invites Salt Spring Island to apply for a card.

So shall we send off the form and name Salt Spring Island as the applicant and see what happens? We could pay for the new sewer system with it, the three-cent bus tax could be covered by it, we could build a recreation centre....the list is endless.

And they couldn't very well send the bill to Salt Spring Island. Perhaps we could have them send the bills to the Capital Regional Board....

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The end of the road

BY FRANK G. RICHARDS

There they were, selling off Ganges and not an islander had a word to say about it!

Tenders closed on December 8.

Up for bids was HMS Ganges, at Shotley, Ipswich, in England.

HMS Ganges is the masonry pile that took the name of an old wooden ship. Ganges is the island community that took the name of the old woodenship.

HMS Ganges became home-from-home for thousands of young sailors in the Royal Navy. Ganges became home for hundreds of Canadians of all ages.

HMS Ganges outlived her usefulness.

And there's the difference.

The London Times described HMS Ganges as the ship that never floated. The fabric and structure of the training establishment has certainly not floated, but only in the eyes of the Navy could she be termed a ship.

FAIRY TALES

The tough he-men of the Navy are

grown oak trees in the construction of a battleship. The demand on British forests was great: too great.

Ganges was commissioned in 1823 and started her career.

She was, of course, a hybrid. British heart-of-teak, she was not even a Royal Navy design. The French ship of the line, Franklin had been captured by the navy at the Battle of the Nile at the end of the 18th Century. Renamed Canopus, Franklin had impressed the British with her lines and her speed.

They were so impressed that many new Royal Navy vessels were based on the design of Canopus.

HMS Ganges performed the normal duties of a ship of the line during the mid-19th century and gained note for only two circumstances. When she came out to the Pacific Station at Esquimalt, from 1857 to 1860, she became the last British wind-powered fighting ship to carry an admiral's flag. Steam was in and sail was out. All good admirals would henceforth sail under power.

The head of the Salt Spring Island harbour and the large harbour itself were named after the ship and the second harbour on Salt Spring Island took the name of her captain, John Fulford.

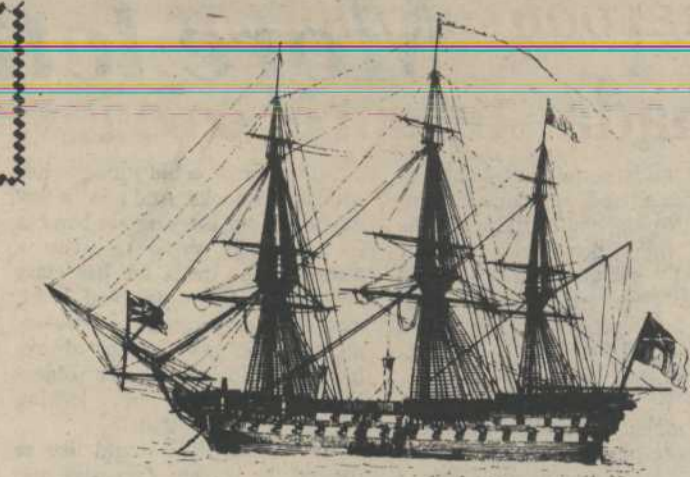
Those three years represented her link with the west coast. On September 10, 1860, she sailed away to England and great age.

Chance was to play its part.

Six years later she had been taken out of active service and was recommissioned a training ship, tied up at Falmouth.

Once again HMS Ganges was the subject of controversy. Nobody was eager to enlist for training because Commander Stevens was too harsh. A disciplinarian for even the Royal Navy.

The records of the training ship still retain the names of two boys, Edward Earle and George Finch. They are recorded simply because they had been birched at the order of



Stevens, the ship was towed to the east coast of England and lay off Harwich.

THEY WERE LEARNING

By the end of the 19th century, HMS Ganges was still there, on the coast and still home to hundreds of boys learning, the hard way, to be sailors.

About this time the Navy switched from training afloat to training ashore. HMS Ganges moved up on to the land and a new structure was built to serve the new training pattern. In 1905 there were 330 boys enrolled.

Although the trainees were now housed ashore, the old ship remain-

Among those veterans of the training school is John Thomson, BC Hydro manager in the Islands. He served his time on the Ganges and has the pictures to prove it.

ONLY A MEMORY

When the shore establishment bearing the name of Ganges was up for sale last month, it was only a memory.

Not even the mast, rising 143 feet above the pavement, was an authentic relic of Ganges. On each year's passing-out parade the boy entrants were required to man the mast just as they used to in the old, grim days of sail. Top boy was "button boy" who stood on the platform, a little less

STARTED 60 YEARS BEFORE GANGES WAS NAMED

fond of fairy tales. If the government says a block of concrete is a ship, then thousands of sailors duly murmur that the block of concrete is a ship. Of course, both government and navy know that they are all just playing "let's pretend."

And that's what's being sold.

HMS Ganges started out in life as a pile of expensive teak planking in Bombay. That was in 1821. The planking lay in the yards of Jamsetjee Bomanjee Wadia, a Parsee mastershipbuilder.

She was, as every Salt Spring Islander knows, an 84-gun, wooden walled, battleship. The teak vessel represented a challenge to the very heart of the British Navy.

"Hearts of Oak are our ships," sang the happy sailors.

And now they were hearts of teak! Horror of Horror!

Surprisingly, the teak proved as responsive to the needs of the new navy as had been the oak of the old.

TOO MANY OAK TREES

There were nearly 1,000 fully

In addition to this statistical claim to fame, she also left her mark on the west coast.

Stevens and the punishment was asserted to be unjust.

Long after the departure of

part of the establishment. For another 20 years she would be around. And she was.

In 1929 the original teak battleship, HMS Ganges, windblown across all the oceans to slowly rot away in an alien sea, was sold out of the service and broken up.

Her name lived on and periodically a man would walk into the office of Driftwood and explain that at some time earlier, this century, he had been one of the Ganges boys.

than one foot in diameter, nearly 150 feet above the spectators.

What do you do with an old training school, not fit for a juvenile prison (and that says a lot for the discipline of the navy) measuring about 150 acres, with buildings covering 650,000 square feet.

Better wait and ask the Brits. They're the only ones who've got a place like that and want to sell it!

But it all leaves Ganges as the only relic of the old ship.

Unknown subscriber in Hawaii sends donation

A Driftwood subscriber in Hawaii is evidently concerned about fire protection in the Gulf Islands.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Galiano Fire Department holds a book sale at the firehall on the third Saturday of each month and recently the auxiliary sent out a call for more books. The unknown friend in Hawaii mailed a parcel to department treasurer Mrs. Marion Williams. It was received in late January, badly battered and torn, but the books were clean and intact. No name could be found on what was left of the wrappings but the postmark Hawaii was quite clear, Driftwood was told. The books will go into the next sale, and a warm thank you is extended to the sender by the Women's Auxiliary.

Following questions asked at

the recent annual meeting of the Galiano Fire Department, its board of directors is discussing with the Galiano Emergency Health Service the proposal that an intensive training class in first aid and emergency transport be organized in the near future.

Members of the fire department and first aid unit, as well as other interested men and women, will be welcome to participate, said a board spokesman. Dr. Harvey Armitage is working out arrangements with the Emergency Health Service Commission in Victoria, and publicity will be given by mail when plans are finalized.

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MORE FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Canada supports corruption in Chile

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON
O Canada! Glorious and free!
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee!

I hope that was true when written. It certainly isn't now. If we were truly standing on guard to protect a gloriously free country, we would not allow many of the things we now condone.....such as Canadian capital flowing into Chile to support the junta of Gen. Pinochet. The Toronto-Dominion bank loaned one million dollars to DINA. Did they think it was a girl's name? Did they not know they were dealing directly with the secret police?

If we stood on guard we would not allow our immigration officials to operate secretly, deporting refugees who have already suffered physical and mental torture. Our procedures compound their misery.

Infiltration by multi-nationals is a matter of history. Only a truly strong and free government could undo the harm done by foreign takeovers of our natural resources and such primary industry as we still have. But surely we should at least change our national anthem so that it becomes more honest and less hysterically inept.

Chile is foremost in my mind, as I had the privilege on Sunday of listening to Gabriela Videla talk about life in Chile and Mexico. Then I came home and read about it. How the reform government of Allende was overthrown by internal and external pressures applied from the U.S.A.

Personnel trained by the CIA and money provided by U.S. corporations such as I.T. & T. **WHO JUMPED IN?**

Three years later the corrupt government was in trouble and appealed to the Paris Club (a powerful European banking group). Because of the economic and human rights status of Chile, the Paris Club refused help. So who jumped in? We did! Glorious and free us!

We helped to support the tottering junta and have supported it ever since. The Canadian Labour Congress condemns our policies, and corporations like Noranda, which maintains it has no way of knowing "whether what is alleged to be happening in Chile is accurate or exaggerated." This ignorance doesn't prevent Noranda from investing heavily in such a mysterious country!

What's to know? Santiago alone had 11 daily newspapers until Pinochet's regime closed five of them, permanently. The remainder are censored. Worker unions are banned. Government unions are started, but as soon as they become worker-oriented, they are closed.

This is not a party political column. But it must be recorded that the NDP voted in convention to condemn Canadian banks which support the repressive regime, and demanded we use all available means to end the terror in Chile.

Our Glorious and free response? To deny appeals from terror-stricken refugees and deport them back to the horror from which they escaped.

THEY ARE NECESSARY

Gabriela painted a graphic picture of the way in which another empire has taken over the reins in Latin-America. The repressive military dictatorships are not an unfortunate coincidence, they are necessary to the latest colonial power. Stability and docility, together with a high rate of unemployment and soaring inflation are necessary tools to serve the purpose of the multi-nationals and the power structure in which we all live.

I will go into further details next week, but a more immediate concern takes over today. The Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin-America asks our instant action to help save lives: lives at present in Canada, but threatened by deportation. If you are concerned about life and human rights, please write to Bud Cullen, Department of Immigration; Don Jamieson, Department of External Affairs; Prime Minister Trudeau; Jake Epp, M.P. and Andrew Brewin, M.P.

None of these letters needs a stamp, as they all go to the House of Commons, Ottawa. Please send copies to I.C.C.H.R.L.A., Ste. 201, 40 St. Clair Ave., East, Toronto, M4T 1M9.

Ask them to revise the procedures followed by our immigration people, so that all non-English speaking immigrants receive good translators and competent legal aid. Ask that all political refugees be personally examined by a knowledgeable board, with medical evidence available, and that Edgar Ziegler, chairman of the Refugee Status Advisory Committee in Ottawa, be replaced.

February 21, 7.30 pm. United Church upper hall. Ven. Hilary Butler, founder-member of B.C. Council for the Family, speaking on "A Christ of the Universe". Sec-

ond in a series "In Search of..... Faith". Adult Continuing Education.

February 28, 9am - 5pm. Vigil in St. George's Church. Nonie Guthrie, organizer.

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Duplicate Bridge

Gordon Best and Anne McConnell topped the duplicate bridge club players at the Legion on Tuesday, February 6.

Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop were in second place, followed by Rowena and John Foubister in third. Fourth place was tied between Marg Mackintosh and Mary Clements and the team of Dorie Best and Norm McConnell.

Canadian Legion Duplicate Bridge Club winners on February 13 were: first, Mary Clements, Margaret Mackintosh; second,

Audrey Allan, Helen Shandro; third, Don, Joan MacDonald; fourth, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; fifth, Odell Reid, Phyllis Henderson.

Golf Club annual meeting

Members of the Galiano Golf and Country Club are reminded that their annual general meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday evening, February 24

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SPORTS

Kicks defeat Gorge despite bad fields, wind and rain

BY MEL COATES

Salt Spring Kicks 1, Gorge Royals 0
What the Kicks team participated in at Portlock Park on Saturday morning was an unusual experience.

By 10.30 am, when the game was due to start, the wind was blowing at what seemed like gale force from one end of the field to the other. The rain was being driven parallel to the ground. Ground conditions were appalling. The field was greasy in the driest places and covered with several

inches of water in the wettest spots.

Despite such conditions, players on both teams were anxious to play. The two previous games between the teams had not produced a winner, and Gorge remained the only team in the league that Kicks had not defeated. An agreement was made to play short halves and to dispense with the half-time intermission.

WINS TOSS

Salt Spring won the toss and elected to kick against the wind for the first half. The idea was to keep Gorge out of the Kicks' penalty area for the first half; to play a

defensive game; to keep the ball low; and to pass as accurately as possible. Then in the second half the Kicks would have the advantage of the wind when both teams would be tired.

What happened was that the Kicks not only kept the ball out of their own goal in the first half, but they repeatedly took the ball into the Gorge half, and threatened to score on several occasions.

When the first half ended, the Kicks were ahead by the only goal scored, and Gorge had failed to take advantage of the wind, although they had threatened the Kicks' goal more than once.

GORGE WITHDRAWS

As the second half was about to begin, the Gorge team decided to withdraw from the game, so the Kick's team was declared the winner.

Every player on the Kicks' team displayed a high level of sportsmanship and determination throughout the play. Team play was outstanding considering the conditions. The Kicks' players managed to keep the ball on the ground for the most part and to complete many of their passes.

Although everyone on the Kicks team turned in exceptional performances, two players in particular should be mentioned.

SPECIAL MENTION

In the offensive line, Paul Cottrell repeatedly latched onto the ball, and repeatedly threatened to break through the Gorge defense. He finally succeeded and scored with a strong shot which left the goalkeeper no chance.

In the defensive line Peter Coates broke up Gorge attacks again and again, and repeatedly cleared the ball out of the danger zone, most of the time to his own players.

Kicks have now almost guaranteed themselves the league championship.



DOWN THE GUTTER

...with Ken Collins

This week we had one 900 series, coming from Pat Byron in the men's league. He rolled a very nice 907. We also had some other good scores from the men's league. They were as follows: Ken Collins 858; Dave Calver 770; Alf Carr 718; Frank Keoppel 786; Julien Valcourt 789; Art Dawe 717; Jim Glenn 736. The other scores worthy of mention from the other leagues, came from Julie Collins 741; Mike Kelly 767; Bunty McNally 763; Cyril Beech 719; Leo Toutant 751; Nellie Miller 711.

We had 300 games come from Julie Collins 316; Ken Collins 317; Dave Calver 323; Pat Byron 318 - 311; Frank Keoppel 331.

Congratulations to all the bowlers who made it to the B.P.A. Teams to represent Salt Spring in

the up-coming tournament, to be bowled in the next few weeks.

Another Bowl-a-thon will be going on March 17 starting at 6 pm. If you want to get in on it, just leave your name at the desk with Dave.

The bowlers of the week were for the ladies, Bunty McNally, and for the men it was Patrick Byron.

Here is another bowling tip that can help to improve your game. Don't hold your ball too tight. The correct way to hold your ball is as follows: spread your fingers out, and be sure to leave a gap between the ball and the palm of your hand. Just hold the ball tight enough so that you have control of it. The name of the game is to roll the ball, not throw it.

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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 766AA of the Municipal Act, the following text of By-law No. 556, cited as "Building Regulation Amendment By-law No. 6, 1979" is hereby published as at third reading and prior to submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 168, BEING BUILDING REGULATION BY-LAW NO. 2, 1974

The Board of the Capital Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. By-law No. 168 is amended as follows:

SECTION 11 - OTHER REGULATIONS

11.8 Sewage System Boundaries

That section 11.8 be deleted in its entirety and the following substituted:

"11.8 The sewage system of any building must be connected to an approved Municipal or Regional sewage disposal system or other publicly owned approved sewage disposal system or the sewage therefrom must be:

- (a) Treated and disposed of entirely within the boundaries of the parcel of land on which the building is or is to be located; or
- (b) Treated and disposed of within the boundaries of a parcel of land immediately adjacent to that parcel on which the building is or is to be located, provided that;
 - (i) there is registered in the Victoria Land Registry Office, an easement over the said adjacent parcel and appurtenant to the parcel on which the building is or is to be located to permit the installation, operation and maintenance in perpetuity on the said adjacent parcel of a sewage disposal system approved by the Regional Health Officer; or
 - (ii) the said adjacent parcel is owned or occupied by the Crown or an agency of the Crown and the applicant for the permit has the written permission of the Crown or the agency of the Crown owning or occupying the same to dispose of the said sewage in an approved sewage disposal system located thereon."

A copy of the complete by-law may be viewed during normal working hours, 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

Dennis A. Young,
Secretary

Tennis association meets to discuss coming events

BY JOAN TIERNAN

The Salt Spring Tennis Association executive held a meeting at Loes Holland's home last Tuesday to discuss mainly the coming events planned for the tennis season.

More Sports on Page Ten

The big pre-season tournament will be held Saturday, March 24. Court time will be 8 am. S.S.T.A. members will adjourn to Cedar Beach Resort in the evening for a general meeting followed by music, dancing and a pot-luck dinner. The tournament will be a three set tennis scramble. Choose your own times, partners and opponents and register at the courts when you arrive. Everyone is welcome.

The executive discussed the benefits of having a guide for assuring fair distribution of court time for all players. A notice board will be posted on the court fence for all to read. Also, action will be taken to improve the court facilities and two new benches will be made with volunteer labour.

Twelve lessons for beginners and intermediate players in both junior and senior categories are proposed for May 5 to June 13. All tennis players are welcome to come out on Thursday evenings to encourage the likelihood of getting a game on that evening.

As tournaments, lessons and scrambles are proposed throughout the coming months, make a point of watching for this column.

Gorge gets revenge

BY MALCOLM LEGG

S.S.I. Sea Products Ltd. Sockeyes 1 Gorge 5

The bubble finally burst as the Sockeyes fell to their first league defeat, a 5-1 humbling supplied courtesy of the Gorge team.

The Sockeyes did not play as poorly as the score reflects. The local girls played their normal style of soccer, outshot their opponents by a substantial margin and outplayed Gorge for a good portion of the game.

Three factors contributed very greatly to the Sockeye's defeat. Firstly, the team was without seven of its team members, five of which are starters. The line-up, which

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Notice of Meeting

The Capital Regional District

Invites you to attend a meeting to discuss the proposed Ganges sewage collection, treatment and disposal system.

8 pm Thursday, March 1, 1979
Ganges Elementary School Activity Room

Doors will open at 6.30 pm for informal discussions and viewing of sketches.

In attendance will be four members of the Capital Regional District's Public Works Committee: *Director C.A. Perkins, Chairman; and Directors H.F. Sturrock, A.E. Beasley and Mike Clement.*

Also expected to attend are: *Dr. Allen Arneil, Regional Health Officer; Don Wakelyn, Director of Regional Health Inspection Services; Norman Howard, Chief Engineer; Michael Williams, Senior Design Engineer; and representatives of the consultants responsible for the oceanographic study of Ganges Harbour, together with the environmental consultant.*

Agenda

- Tabling of reports concerning the pollution in the harbour.
- Discussion on procedures for obtaining a Pollution Control Branch permit.
- Discussion of alternative methods of sewage disposal considered by engineering department staff.
- The recommendations of the engineering staff.
- Explanation of the method of financing and of grants-in-aid available from senior governments.
- Discussion of the design work necessary to bring the project to completion.

Capital Regional District

Ganges Sewerage Scheme

Introduction

A sewerage scheme consists of three parts: a collection system, a treatment plant and a final disposal system.

For Ganges all three will be required. The final disposal system is usually the critical area and dictates what quality of effluent is required from the treatment plant.

Final Disposal

There are two usual places for final disposal — the land or a body of water e.g., the sea, lake or river. For Ganges, disposal to the land and sea were considered.

A comparison of preliminary costs for disposal to the land (by spray irrigation and subsurface disposal) and to Ganges Harbour was made which indicated that there was no advantage to land disposal. It was potentially more expensive because of land costs. In addition the health aspects of spray irrigation have not been documented to the satisfaction

of the Regional Health Officer. Hence he will not approve a spray irrigation system of sewage disposal until more satisfactory information on health effects are known. For these reasons land disposal was rejected.

Disposal to the sea was further investigated and cost comparisons of disposal to Trincomali Channel, Booth Bay, Stuart Channel and Ganges Harbour made. Ganges Harbour was considered to be the least cost alternative and was further investigated.

Detailed investigations

H.A. Simons (International) Ltd. was appointed to conduct detailed oceanographic, biological and environmental studies to augment the work previously undertaken. This work was performed between August 1978 and January 1979.

While this work was being carried out proposals for the supply of treatment plants to achieve:

- (a) 45 mg/l Biological Oxygen Demand (B.O.D.) and 60 mg/l Suspended Solids (S.S.) and;
 - (b) A higher quality effluent;
- were received by the Capital Regional District Engineering Department.

Alternative systems for disposal to Ganges Harbour

Three basic alternatives evolved from the work described above:

- (a) Treatment plant to achieve an effluent of 45 mg/l B.O.D. and 60 mg/l S.S. and a 4400 m long outfall (14,500 feet);
- (b) Treatment plant to achieve a high quality effluent and an outfall 1925 m long (6,300 feet);
- (c) Treatment plant to achieve a high quality effluent and a 2800 m long outfall (9,200 feet).

The difficulty of constructing a 4400 m (14,500 foot) outfall and the associated additional construction cost of \$1 m resulting from increased length and depth makes Alternative (a) unattractive particularly as Alternative (b) and (c) are considered acceptable. For these reasons Alternative (a) was set aside.

Alternative (b) is recommended over Alternative (c) because there is considered to be no real advantage in going a further 875 m beyond the terminus for Alternative (b). Should it be found that the system does not perform as expected a further expenditure on the treatment plant such tertiary filters, or additional storage will be a much more cost effective way of improving the performance of the system.

Proposed basis for application to the Pollution Control Branch

The high quality effluent proposed is 15 mg/l B.O.D. 15 mg/l suspended solids to be produced by a biodisc treatment plant and is recommended because its reliability is considered greater than other systems such as extended aeration or contact stabilization.

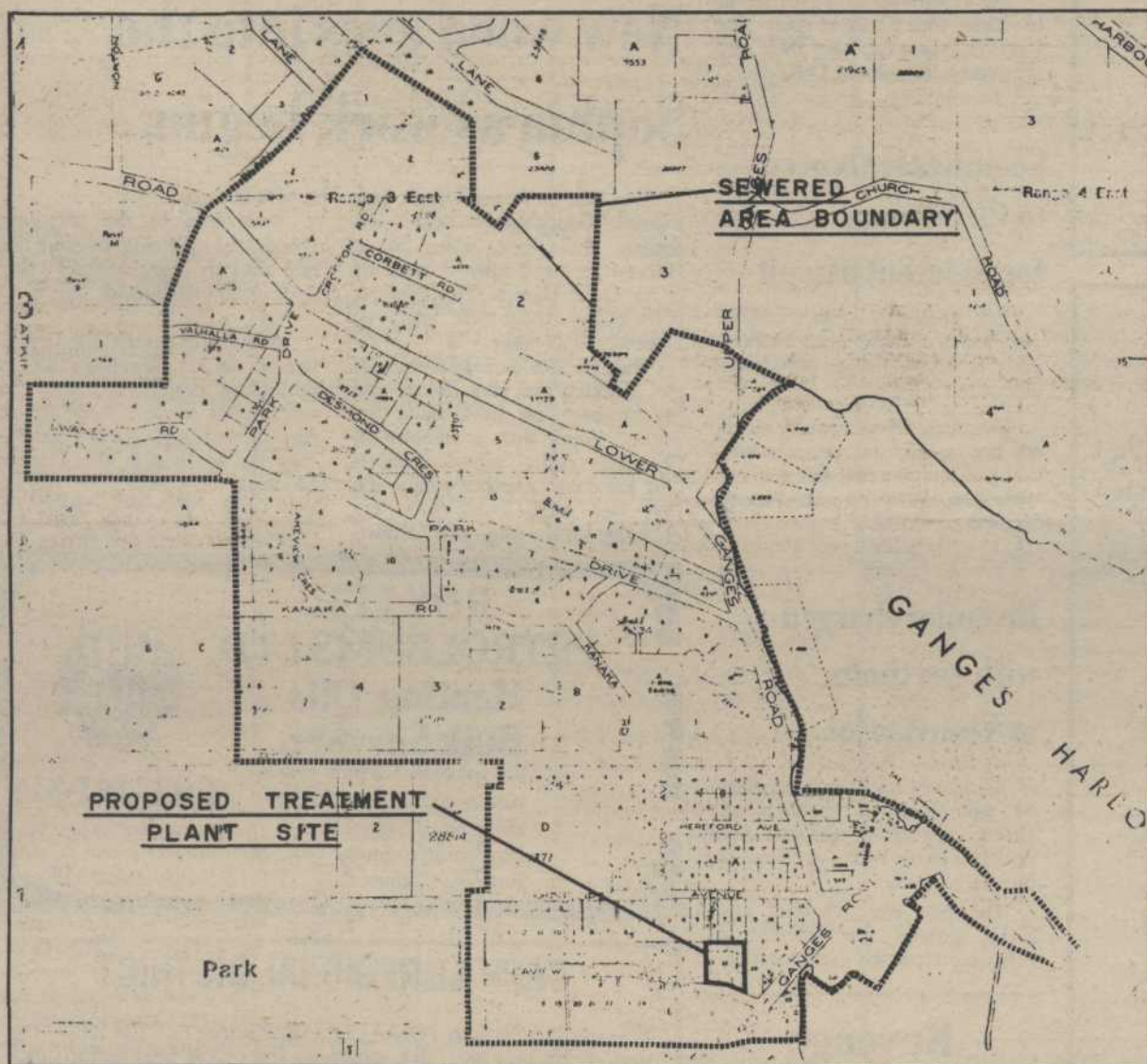
As part of the system a 24 hour treatment effluent holding basin is proposed to permit discharge on the most favourable portion of the tide cycle. Before discharge, ultra violet disinfection is proposed for all normal conditions with a standby system of chlorination-dechlorination.

The proposed outfall is 150 mm diameter and 1925 m long terminating in a diffuser between Goat Island and Deadman Islands and approximately 150 m south of the line between Goat and Deadman Islands.

With the proposed system it is anticipated that contaminant levels in the harbour area will be kept well below currently accepted levels of concentration for all normal operating conditions.

Predischarge monitoring

In order to establish the present level of contamination in the harbour and a basis for determining the performance of the system, predischarge monitoring of the harbour will be undertaken over the Winter and Summer season of 1979.



Financing

The estimated capital cost of the system is \$2,700,000.

The estimated equivalent capital cost will come from:

- (a) Federal Government Grants (C.M.H.C.) \$1,175,000
- (b) Provincial Government Grants under the Sewerage Facilities Assistance Act \$1,113,000
- (c) Ganges citizens \$412,000

Details of costs to individual property owners will be available between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. before the public meeting on 1st March 1979.

KICKOFF

Popularity of girls' soccer grows

BY MALCOLM LEGG

The intra-island resumed play again but before going into their games some discussion of the girls' soccer program should be mentioned.

Girls soccer was formally brought into Victoria and its districts two years ago, but on Salt Spring girls have participated in soccer for four years. In fact, the Sockeyes are the founding member of the Victoria and Districts Soccer League.

The first year of participation was limited to a few girls playing on boys teams, but in the three seasons we have formed the Sockeyes and have had a girls team (Wildcats this season) in the intra-island.

The Salt Spring Soccer Associa-

tion hopes by next season there will be an 18-and-under squad (Sockeyes), a 15-and-under team and two intra-island squads.

Many people have scoffed at the idea of girls playing soccer. Although they may lack some of skills and flair, the girls make up for it with desire and their competitiveness. When one realizes that soccer is the world's most popular sport it is only natural that girls would want to play (consider the fact that 50 per cent of the Vancouver Whitecaps fan support is women, the highest percentage in any major sport played in the city). On top of this is the simple fact that soccer is one of the best sports fitness-wise. If you want to get into shape try playing 80 minutes of soccer with only a five

minute break for half-time.

Soccer is growing, not on boys but also for women, from lot leagues on the Calix beaches to U.S. College tear massive juvenile leagues across North America. It shouldn't long before girls' soccer will boys soccer in team number: Salt Spring hopes to be part of growth.

The intra-island featured close games last week.

Cosmos 2 - Canadians 1

Two late goals by Br Graham overcame the Cana and an early goal by Jacob gave.

David Cates played an outstanding game in goal for the Canadians.

Red Devils 2 - Hornets 1

David McWhirter led his Devils to victory with a pair of goals. The Hornets fought hard but their own tally came from Jesse Donaldson.

Coombes sentenced to three years for indecent assault

Eric Rodwell Coombes of Ganges has been sentenced to three years in jail on charges of indecent assault on a female.

Coombes, who originally pleaded not guilty to the charges, changed his plea last fall and was sentenced in court at Victoria Monday.

Juveniles charged with gas thefts at Vesuvius lot

Two juveniles have been charged with theft of gasoline and attempted theft of gasoline from vehicles parked at the Vesuvius Bay parking lot.

The pair were charged after being sighted the morning of February 15 at the same location.

Revenge

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included newcomer Lynn Spittle, must be given credit for a strong effort while missing so many players.

SLOW START

Secondly, the girls failed to warm themselves up properly before the game started, a common weakness, of late, and consequently opened the game very slowly. This failure resulted in Gorge popping two goals home in the first five minutes.

Thirdly, was luck. Luck is involved in every sport and the Sockeyes sure came up short in this department on the weekend. A disallowed goal early in the match, 10 glorious chances to score missed in the opening half alone, and some rather questionable officiating resulting in two penalty shots against Salt Spring all led to the team's downfall.

All in all the loss was inevitable as the Sockeyes were becoming a little lax in their effort. The girls who took the effort to play did a commendable job under the situation they were presented with.

Rebuilding project under way



Photo was taken from the Sophia's stern and shows Bruce and Rolf Hildred looking over the work that has been done since fire almost destroyed the boat in December.

New sheer clamps, which run the length of the boat along the top of the hull, were put in after the picture was taken.

New wood goes into the Sophia as work begins

The first new wood went into Darrell Georgeson's boat, the Sophia, this week, when Bruce Hildred replaced burned portions of the sheer clamps. The topsides of the old workboat were destroyed by fire in December.

The fire also damaged some of the planking and ribs. Bruce and his brother Rolf have filled the burned areas with a mixture of fibreglass resin, asbestos shorts and sawdust. Another major job that has been completed was cleaning out the bilge and painting

it with red lead. Next step in the rebuilding process is replacing burned ribs; new ones are being milled by Dave Jack of Saturna Island.

A fund was set up following the fire to accept donations for the rebuilding project and the total contributed to date is \$1,595.60. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so through the Bank of Montreal at Ganges, or through Driftwood. Cheques should be made out to A Boat Fund.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-Law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held at the North Pender Island School - Community Centre, North Pender Island, on Saturday, February 24, 1979, commencing at 1.30 pm.

Proposed North Pender Island Trust Committee By-Law No. 7, (being Amendment By-law No. 1, 1979), is a By-law to amend North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5 as follows:

- (a) By changing the zoning classification of the Easterly 260 feet of Lot 6 of Section 7, Plan 1695, North Pender Island, Cowichan Land District, from the Rural 1 Zone to the Commercial 1 Zone;
- (b) By designating the Easterly 260 feet of Lot 6 of Section 7, Plan 1695, North Pender Island, Cowichan Land District, as a Development Permit Area pursuant to Section 702AA (2a) of the Municipal Act.

Location: Corner of Murray Road and Bedwell Harbour Road.

Purpose: To allow for grocery and other retail services.

A copy of the Proposed By-law may be reviewed at The General Store, Port Washington, British Columbia, between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm every weekday, except Wednesday when the store is open from 9:00 am to 12 noon.

The proposed By-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

M. Lee, Administrative Officer.

NOTICE OF MEETING NORTH PENDER ISLAND

There will be a meeting of the North Pender Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning North Pender Island at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on February 24, 1979, in the North Pender Island School - Community Centre.

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Pursuant to Section 766AA of the Municipal Act, the following text of By-law No. 551, cited as the "Dog Regulation and Impounding By-law No. 1, 1979" is hereby published as a third reading and prior to submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

The by-law includes the following:

- INTRODUCTION
- DEFINITIONS
- GENERAL REGULATIONS
- ESTABLISHMENT OF POUND
- IMPOUNDING DOGS
- NOTICE OF IMPOUNDING
- SALE OF IMPOUNDED DOGS
- PROCEEDS OF SALE
- COMPENSATION
- VICIOUS DOGS
- TITLE

A copy of the complete by-law may be viewed during normal working hours, 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. and at CRD Building Inspection Offices at Langford, Sidney, Sooke, and between the hours of 1.00 pm and 4.30 pm at the Building Inspection Offices, Ganges.

Dennis A. Young, Secretary

POSTSCRIPT

That's democracy?

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

"People choose their representative and the vast majority is prepared to watch what they do and either dispose of them or put them back again at the time of the next election.

"But what happens sometimes is that small malcontent groups -- and Salt Spring Island has rather more than its share of them -- want to pre-empt the elected person's job. I can name you a dozen on Salt Spring whose main occupation is to do that."

- Outer Islands CRD director Jim Campbell, speaking on the proposed gas tax.

Well, Jim Campbell may be able to name those dozen groups, but he won't. He insisted quite vehemently during a telephone conversation Monday that he won't for a number of reasons.

"I'm not going to name groups in that sense because it could leave me open to a libel or slander suit," the esteemed gentleman told your trusty correspondent.

Oh dear. A libel or slander suit? Is that to say, then, that his nonsensical charges about the populace of Salt Spring Island are somewhat less than legally justifiable?

NOT IMPORTANT

Mr. Campbell went on to say that he didn't feel the matter of the dozen groups was important, anyhow.

"What I think is important is that issues are dealt with fairly," he said. "And they're not dealt with fairly."

But if the matter of all of us "malcontents" isn't important, why did Mr. Campbell bother at all to bring it up -- especially at a public meeting of the Capital Region Board, attended by the Victoria press corps?

It's all fine and well for Mr. Campbell to sit back and say that the people of this island have no right to input on contentious issues. And it's all fine and well for him to think that if people are unhappy with their elected representatives they'll simply defeat them at the polls next time around.

What Mr. Campbell seems to forget, however, is that a two year term is one heck of a long time, during which unlimited and irreparable damage can be done. It's not very realistic to expect that we'll sit back for two years and let the heavyweights of the CRD run amok to our detriment. It's not very realistic to expect that we'll quietly accept gas hikes, hydro hikes and lordy knows what else in the course of two years, then simply be content to oust whoever was representing us if we didn't like it. Because by the end of two years of silence we could well be saddled with all sorts of ridiculous costs from which we won't benefit.

It's not very realistic at all, especially from a man who has spent so these many years as a member and chairman of the Capital Region Board, and who should have a better idea of what true democracy is all about.

Drama students announce first production

The Gulf Islands Secondary School drama students have announced that their first production of the year will be Cheaper by the Dozen.

The 1940 play is a comedy about a father who demands complete efficiency in his home. His first major problem starts when his eldest daughter begins to date boys.

See for yourself the hilarious yet so common antagonisms in the father-daughter relationship said a drama student last week.

Arnott heads transportation committee

Ken Arnott was named chairman of Salt Spring Island's transportation committee at an organizational meeting of the group on Thursday of last week.

Vice-chairman is Tom Toynbee and secretary is Bill Toulmin.

The five-man committee was elected at the transportation meet-

ing held at Ganges recently. It will operate as a sub-committee of the Advisory Planning Commission under the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust.



Province of British Columbia

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC INQUIRIES ACT
(R.S.B.C. 1960, Chap. 315)**

**ROYAL COMMISSION OF
INQUIRY HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
URANIUM MINING**

TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the British Columbia Public Inquiries Act, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint as Commissioners the following persons, namely:

- Dr. David V. Bates, Chairman
- Dr. James W. Murray
- Valter Raudsepp

The Commissioners shall inquire into the adequacy of existing measures to provide protection in all aspects of uranium mining in British Columbia. In particular, the Commissioners will examine the adequacy of existing Federal and Provincial requirements in British Columbia for:

- (a) The protection of the health and safety of workers associated with exploration, mining and milling of uranium, and
- (b) The protection of the environment, and
- (c) The protection of the Public.

The Commissioners shall make recommendations for setting and maintaining standards for workers and public safety and for the protection of the environment in respect to the exploration, mining and milling of uranium ores. They are to report their findings and recommendations to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Public Hearings by the Royal Commission of Inquiry Health and Environmental protection -- Uranium Mining will be held at selected locations throughout the Province, at times and dates to be announced. The first series of Public Hearings to receive Briefs will be held during the months of May, June, and July, 1979. An inaugural Public meeting is to be held

**10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, 1979
Holiday Inn
711 West Broadway Avenue
Vancouver, B.C.**

The purpose of this meeting will be to outline plans for future sittings and rules of procedure.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that those persons or organizations intending to appear before the Commission at any of its Public Hearings after March 6, 1979 are required to:

- (a) Write immediately to inform the Executive Secretary at the address below and inform him of such intention, and thereafter
- (b) Prepare a Brief to be forwarded to the Executive Secretary prior to their appearance before the Commission.

There will be an opportunity for informal presentations to be made before the Commission during its Public Hearings without prior notice being given.

The Executive Secretary will contact the parties concerned and certain other organizations and expert witnesses to arrange for their appearance at a suitable time and place.

Further Public Notices with respect to the Public Hearings will be issued in due course.

**On behalf of the Commission:
Brig. Gen. E.D. Danby (retired)
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Ganges World Day of Prayer Vancouver-Gulf Islands route is busiest for West Coast Air Services

World Day of Prayer will be marked on Salt Spring Island in the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace at Ganges.

The worldwide observance is scheduled in every country for Friday, March 2.

All denominations are invited to take part in the Ganges service at 1 pm on Friday of next week.

Service follows the same format across the world each year. This year's service has been prepared by the Pan-African Leadership Course for women in Zambia.

Seven are named

The annual meeting of the Salt Spring Community Planning Association Monday saw seven directors named to the group.

They are Charles Sutcliffe, Nick Gilbert, Ray Newman, Ray Hill, Fred Tessman, Ray Popkin-Clurman and Ruby Alton.

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Seaplane service between the Gulf Islands and Vancouver and Victoria isn't exactly a thriving business but its operators, West Coast Air Services, believe it has a good future.

Company president Al Michaud told Driftwood recently that the airline plans to improve the service and is considering the implementation of twice-daily runs.

Flights between Vancouver and the Gulf Islands are the busiest: 3,188 passengers were carried on that route last year. Traffic to Victoria was "comparatively little", said Michaud.

"There is a fine ferry service (between the islands and Vancouver Island) and we can't compete," he said.

The airline carried only 496 passengers on that run in 1978.

More people flew to Vancouver from Ganges than any other point on the islands; they numbered 2,286. Lyall Harbour was next with 333; then Bedwell Harbour, 238; Mayne Island, 179; and Galiano, 152 passengers.

AUGUST WAS BUSIEST

Busiest month was August, when a total of 556 people journeyed between the islands and Vancouver. Slackest month was January when 70 passengers were carried.

Ganges youth fined \$250 for liquor possession

John Kaufman, 18, of Ganges has been fined \$250 in provincial court on a charge of being a minor in possession of liquor.

Kaufman was charged January 20 after he was found drinking beer at Gulf Islands Secondary School with two juveniles. Police found 17 empty bottles, five partially empty bottles and one full bottle of beer at the scene.

Judge D.K. McAdam levied the heavy fine after being told by Crown counsel Wayne Smith that Kaufman had been found guilty and fined under the Liquor Control Act five times prior to January 20. The previous convictions date back to January, 1977.



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The Victoria-Gulf Islands run was the most popular with Saturna Island travellers: 262 passengers were flown from Lyall Harbour last year. From Ganges there were 94, 47 each from Bedwell and Galiano, and 46 from Mayne.

Again the busiest month was August with 102 passengers carried and the lightest loads were in February and December when only four people used the service in each of those months.

Inter-island traffic totalled 85 during the year. Ganges to Mayne

Island was a well-used route, with 53 people carried.

The airline applied last year to the Canadian Transport Commission for permission to bypass Gulf Islands points when there were no passengers to be picked up or dropped off. The company is still waiting to hear of the commission's decision.

West Coast Air Services has been in operation since 1931 and flies a fleet of 28 aircraft between Vancouver and various coastal points.

Simpkin seeks part-time ambulance drivers for island

If there's anyone living near Ganges who doesn't mind being called out of bed in the middle of the night, is interested in emergency first aid and has a Class 4 driver's license, they should give Bill Simpkin a call.

Simpkin is one of the mainstays of Salt Spring's ambulance service, and he needs more part-time drivers for the two vehicles.

"We've got seven drivers right now," Simpkin points out, "But we

need 12 or 14 to work on a part-time basis. Right now if anyone's sick or off-island we're short of back-up help."

Those currently working for the service are on call for four days straight. Pocket paging devices make it possible for the drivers to be contacted regardless of where they are.

OTHER GAINS

Aside from the fact that drivers are paid \$20 for calls ranging from 10 minutes to four hours, there are other gains for the employees. All drivers are taught defensive driving techniques, as well as the basics of first aid and stretcher handling. They are also eligible to attend a two-week industrial first aid class, paid for by the government.

The only requirements for the job are that applicants be at least 19 years of age and possess a drivers' license that allows them to drive an emergency vehicle. Simpkin also prefers to have people who live very close to, or in, Ganges because that's where the ambulances are based.

Anyone interested in taking on the job can contact Simpkin at 537-9711 days, or 537-9389 after 6 pm.

Response to life saving course is overwhelming

Organizers of the cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses at Ganges have been more than pleased with the response to their free offering, but they're still looking for more prospective students.

Response to the four-hour course was so overwhelming that the group of six instructors is now committed to conducting five classes rather than the three originally scheduled.

The program covers basic life saving techniques, and involves films, lectures and individual instruction on mannequins. It is sponsored by Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and is held in the hospital cafeteria on Friday evenings.

"We've been very happy with the response to the course," says instructor Bill Simpkin. "And there are still people waiting to sign up. We're always looking for more people, because we'd like to cover as many on the island as possible."

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Native Awareness Studies

Court worker addresses class

BY SCOTT LAWRENCE

Some five or six years ago the Native Court Workers and Counsellors Association of B.C. was formed to look into the desperate problem of the disproportionate number of native people in prison in this country.

Wayne Paul, a court worker in Victoria, addressed the Native Awareness Studies class recently and presented a slide show developed by the association.

Mr. Paul, originally from the Tsartlip reserve and nephew to well known Tsartlip elder Dave Elliot, is one of about 45 native court workers in the province. They assist both native and non-native people who have fallen afoul of the law and lack the financial and/or technical means of presenting their case in court.

The slide show was one of several that have been developed by the association to educate students, community and native groups about legal and judicial matters. The shows, said Mr. Paul, especially with students, forcefully demonstrate the harsh reality of the system and thus help to discourage delinquent behaviour.

As most of us in the majority white population have had little contact with either native people or the criminal court system, Mr. Paul was approaching us somewhat as an emissary from an unfortunately distant nation. However, as a man deeply rooted in his work and fulfilled in his role with his people, he was able to quickly establish a rapport with the class and introduce it to the somewhat intricate processes of the criminal court system.

BROTHERHOOD CLUBS

As part of follow up programs, court workers in many parts of the province have established Native Brotherhood Clubs which set up social and cultural programs to aid in rehabilitation.

In the course of discussion after the slide show, Mr. Paul talked of various problems facing the native people in their treatment by the law and with society. Almost 100 per cent of the cases he deals with are alcohol related, a problem compounded by the unemployment and poverty which are extreme on many reserves and in native urban populations.

Accordingly, suspended sentences are frequently accompanied by stipulations for alcohol counselling. Some of these programs are family oriented, involving live-in centres for the whole family at which there has been an impressive success rate of 66 per cent.

Mr. Paul left the class with the heartening message that an increasing number of native people are occupying important positions in the country's legal and judicial world, including native RCMP officers, prison guards, judges and magistrates, as well as court workers, all of which help the native population obtain a better deal in a system which has long been perceived as racist. Although such biases are occasionally still found, Mr. Paul noted that "with the court workers, native people now feel that they can get a fair deal in the courts".

Funeral for Mike Wells draws large crowd to Ganges church

Michael Barry Leicester Wells died in Lady Minto Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 14. He was 19 years of age.

Shortly after graduation from Gulf Islands Secondary School, he suffered from cancer and lost a leg.

For more than a year he fought the disease which claimed his life.

He leaves his mother, Johnnie Wells and his father, H. Barry Wells; two brothers, Stephen and Simon and two sisters, Judith and Melissa; his grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Campbell, of Brampton, Ont.; and uncles, aunts and cousins.

St. George's Anglican church at Ganges was crowded at the funeral service on Friday afternoon, when Rev. Peter McCalman and Rev. Fr. P.A. Bergin officiated. Interment followed in the Memorial Cemetery at Ganges.

Arrangements were by Goodman Funeral Home.

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Course offers advice on speaking, chairing meetings

Speaking and chairing meetings will be the subject of a course to be held at YAWACA, on Salt Spring Island.

Course will be held on the weekend of Saturday, Feb. 24 and is sponsored by the Vancouver YWCA.

A press release from the association says that the course is for those people who sit at meetings silently wishing to participate and for those who want to improve their speaking skills. Those taking part will learn how to chair meetings, learn and practise public speaking techniques and chairing and discussion skills, through demonstrations, lectures, films and simulated meeting situations.

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MOUAT'S

Spike and Lucy Bryan are retired now but they've played many a hall together as King and Queen

BY FRANK RICHARDS

He came on singing. And when Spike Bryan sings, his voice belies his 85 years.

The octogenarian entertainer was on stage in the Harbour House Hotel dining room two weeks ago, playing the role of Pearly King.

He was as full of song and humour as he was when he first trod the boards in the old music halls of London, before the First World War.

But it isn't just Spike Bryan. He is part of a team. Up till last year Spike and his wife, Lucy, were playing to the clubs in Vancouver on a regular basis. And Lucy is 90 years of age!

They didn't appear together on Saturday night. Lucy has finally retired. But they enjoyed a dance afterwards to keep up the old traditions.

The path from the British vaudeville of Edwardian days to the clubs of Pacific Canada is a long one. It is a path that the Bryans have trodden happily for years.

TRUE COCKNEY

Spike was born within the sound of Bow Bells. He is a true Cockney. He has the humour and the rhyming slang and the wit of the Cockney. His very uniform of pearl buttons is a legacy from the Cockney world of merchandizing from a barrow.

He first saw the light of day in Limehouse. In 1920 his father was Mayor of Stepney, in London.

His father was a union organizer, but his descendants haven't followed in his footsteps.

Before the First World War young Spike was on the boards. Then came the war and he enlisted in the Royal Navy. It became a habit and when the war ended, Spike's peactime service began.

PENSIONED OFF

By 1936 his term came to an end and he was pensioned off. He found a comfortable civilian job and settled back to enjoy his retirement. Within three years Europe was in another war and so was Spike. In 1939 he was back in uniform, to serve another six years in his Majesty's ships.

The war was over and the veteran of two major wars and many a minor dispute was back in civilian life and enjoying it.

Fifteen years ago, when he was 70, he pulled up stakes and moved to Canada.

They came to join their son in Vancouver.

He found a job and worked until he was 79. He was obliged to retire six years ago when his sight started to fail. But he could still sing and dance and so could his wife.

Until last year they made the circuit of service clubs and lodges together. Then they retired.

TO HARBOUR HOUSE

This year Spike came out of retirement to appear at Harbour House. But there was some pressure on him. He appeared with Bryan Smith and Bryan is his stepson. It's quite a mouthful, Spike Bryan and Bryan Smith. Could get your Bryans all mixed up.

On February 10 Spike went on stage at the Fireside Inn at New Westminster. He played to a full house. Even Lucy took part, appearing with a pearly bonnet.

The act was so successful that they could start all over again, with bookings at neighbourhood pubs all over the province, reports son, Bryan.

He has accepted one booking. That's Irish Night at Harbour House, March 17. He won't miss that one!



This is a picture of Spike and Lucy Bryan a few years ago when they worked the clubs in Vancouver.

Shortly after the picture was taken Lucy gave up stage work. That was last year when she was 89!

North Galiano

BY DEVINA BAINES

In my report last week I did not mention the numerous beautiful old houses and the churches back east.

We went into one beautiful church in Nova Scotia. It was over 200 years old and the oldest wooden church in North America. The interior was wonderfully kept and the pews were all shiny and bright as was everything inside. Some of the stained glass windows had been shipped over from France. It was St. Mary's Roman Catholic church on Church Point, Nova Scotia.

There were many small churches all along the waterfront, where we travelled. I think they were built so that the fishermen and seamen could see the lights as they neared the man-made harbours or hear the bells when it was foggy. They all seemed to be situated in the most helpful spots in high places. The first settlers were of a very religious nature and sometimes quite superstitious.

The homes that they built were all two or three storey buildings. I imagine, from stories I've read, that a whole family would move out together: husband, wife, children, their respective parents and any sisters or brothers who wanted to live in the new world.

I imagine they would be hard to

heat in winter, though, so that now most of these gorgeous old homes are being turned into small stores and restaurants, some into museums and they do have a lot of museums back there!

Most of the fishermen had homes in land where they farmed during the closed fishing seasons. There were lobster traps piled up in several yards to dry out for the next "opening". It was quite a sight.

We enjoyed lobster and many seafood dishes while we were in the Maritimes.

Jack and Jeanne Silvey are spending a few weeks with their sons Lorne and John, and daughter's family Mr. and Mrs. Andre Lauzon of Powell River.

Laurence and Lloyd Baines, with their wives and brother Harry Jr., entertained a party of ten at Galiano Lodge in honour of their parents' 51st wedding anniversary. As usual we had a most enjoyable dinner and evening, thanks to Sonja, Rozanne and Linda.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Baines on the birth of their baby boy, Laurence Michael, who weighed in at 9 lbs. on Sunday, Feb. 4, at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. Mother, son and Daddy are all doing well.

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Ambitious library campaign after \$75,000

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

An ambitious project to raise \$75,000 for improvements to Salt Spring Island's public library is about to get under way, members of the Public Library Association were told at their annual meeting Thursday.

Association treasurer Don Kertland told those attending the meeting that the expansion and renovation of the present facility on McPhillips Avenue in Ganges will

be conducted "step by step and very cautiously".

The group has already arranged to purchase the lot adjoining the present library property, Kertland said. The property, which includes a 700-square foot house, will cost the association a total of \$36,800. A further expenditure of \$12,000 will be required to move and join the house to the present library building. That estimated sum will also include the cost of related renovations and the cost of grading and

surfacing an off-street parking lot.

A new, two-storey addition to the back of the building, which will include expanded work space for library staff, has an estimated cost of \$24,000, Kertland said, and the final \$2,200 of the funds to be raised will be used to purchase furniture.

ROOM TO EXPAND

The treasurer told the meeting that the first objective of the fund-raising campaign will be to

cover the cost of purchasing the adjoining property. A total of \$9,000 in interest-free loans has already been put toward that, he said, and a further \$1,500 in donations has been received for the building fund.

The new acquisition gives the library association a lot measuring 66 feet by 200 feet, allowing plenty of room for expansion.

Once the property is paid off, the association will begin the second stage, moving the house next to the present library building.

"That could be a stand-alone project," Kertland told the meeting, "depending on how soon we get the total amount."

The final portion of the project would be the new addition which, including the basement, would give the library a total area of 2,900 square feet.

VARIETY OF IDEAS

Kertland told the meeting that

fund-raising organizer Les Ramsey has come up with a variety of ideas for collection of the required monies.

"There will be intensive coverage of Salt Spring Island," Kertland pointed out. "We're in the process of having 3,000 brochures printed that outline the background and objectives of the library. We'll also be approaching corporations, foundations and governments for donations."

Kertland told the meeting that the brochure is expected to be ready for distribution by March 10, and added that Ramsey is optimistic that the total of \$75,000 will be raised over a two-year period.

Regional director's report

Harbour study report now available

Following is a reply from director Mike Clement to a letter to the editor in last week's issue from Hermann Kirchmeir.

Dear Mr. Kirchmeir,

In your recital and commentary of our conversation with regard to the reasons why you were not able to obtain a copy of the Ganges Harbour studies on demand, you failed to mention the fundamental reason.

It is that when documents are received by local authorities such as regional boards, they have the right to read and study them first, and then decide how the available copies are to be distributed. The purpose being of course, not to limit discussion, but to ensure that the information is discussed as effectively as possible in the best interpretation of these words.

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usually run in batches of a minimum of 30 at a cost of probably twenty dollars. If they are not fully utilized there is a risk of wasting public funds.

You failed to mention that I told you that I fully intended to ask the board at their next meeting, which took place last Wednesday, if copies were available for the general public.

This I did, and there is now a set of documents available for

reference in the building inspector's office in the provincial building on Salt Spring.

Elsewhere in this journal Capital Regional District staff have outlined the import of the reports, and other aspects for discussion at the meeting arranged for March 1.

I trust this will allay your concern that every effort should be made to inform the public, a concern which I share with you.

Pub development at Saturna

Disposal on to adjacent property will be allowed

A new building regulation amendment will allow a Saturna Island developer to go ahead with plans for a pub next to the ferry terminal at Lyall Harbour.

Saturna Island Marina Ltd. had applied to have effluent from the pub disposed of in a sewage treatment plant adjacent to the proposed building.

The plant is owned and operated by the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

Before a permit could be issued by the Capital Regional District health department, an amendment to an existing building regulation had to be made.

The amendment allows effluent to be disposed of on to an adjacent property, provided there is an easement granted over the property or that the property is owned by the Crown and the applicant has written permission from the Crown to dispose of sewage into a sewage disposal system located there.

The regional board gave three readings to the amendment by-law at a meeting Wednesday and requested the health department to issue the necessary permit.

A spokesman for the department told Driftwood he didn't anticipate any problem in issuing the permit.

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Kraft **SQUEEZE-A-SNACK** 125 gram 50's **78¢**
Your Choice

Kraft **CHIP DIPS** 8 oz. **78¢**
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Bonnybrook Frozen **GREEN PEAS** Or Peas and Carrots 2 lb. bag. **69¢**

Aylmer **TOMATOES** Big 28 oz. tin. **59¢**
Canadian Pack

SARA LEE CAKES 12 1/2 oz. pkg. 13 oz. Chocolate **\$1.58**
Apple Walnut Carrot Fruit Nut

Dugwood Frozen **FRENCH FRIES** 2 2 lb. bags. **79¢**

Ardmore •BARTLETT PEARS •TWO FRUIT SALAD 2 14 oz. tins **\$1.00**