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District back to square one — ON FERNWOOD PROBLEM

BY SHIRLEY CULPIN

The endless delays that have held up the opening of the new

Recreation plan to be presented

The final draft of the master plan for recreation on Salt Spring Island will be presented to the public in the second week of March.

Parks and Recreation Commission chairman Glenn Woodley said at the commission's meeting Monday that public meetings are being planned for Monday and Tuesday, March 12 and 13.

The plan is being prepared by Professional Environmental and Recreational Consultants (PERC) at a cost of \$12,000.

PERC representative Bryan Johnson will be on Salt Spring for the meetings, details of which are to be announced next week.

Senior girls' team takes top place

The senior girls' basketball team at Gulf Islands Secondary School has been on a winning streak lately.

The girls took top place in the Mid-Island League after losing only one game out of five. The other teams were from Ladysmith, Chemainus and Lake Cowichan.

Following that win, the girls entered the Vancouver Island "A" division Basketball Championships and took fourth place.

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Subscription rates will be increased April 1

The increase in postal rates April 1 will bring with it an increase in the cost of a subscription to Gulf Islands Driftwood.

In addition to the increase, another category has been added to the rate structure, which will mean a new rate for Canadian subscriptions off the islands. Gulf Islanders will pay less for their paper than readers elsewhere, at an annual cost of \$8, an increase of \$1.

Out-of-town Canadian subscri-

Fernwood Elementary School on Salt Spring Island may be near an end. Or they may continue indefinitely, depending on the results of a new series of percolation tests conducted at the site last Wednesday and Thursday.

The most recent problems revolve around alleged improper installation of the septic system for the school. Until the problems are alleviated the school cannot open.

School district secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck told trustees at last week's regular board meeting that a number of government agencies, including the Capital Regional District and the Environmental Engineering branch of the provincial Ministry of Health, are now involved in the problem. They, along with the contractor, architects and mechanical engineering consultants for the project have been involved in a series of talks over the past weeks.

START AGAIN

"It was decided that if the problems were to be solved we would have to go back and start again with new perc tests," Peck told the board.

The secretary-treasurer added that although the original site had been perc tested before the district purchased it, "unfortunately the general contractor doesn't appear to have used good building practices. He did not follow the contract drawings and as a result he has created an unexpected health problem."

Once the results of the most recent percolation tests are available the mechanical engineer for the project will take them and calculate whether or not the original design for the system is still workable. Even if the first system can still be used, however, Peck says that further work will have to be done to rectify some of the faults in it.

The system that has been installed at the site was designed with two fields to allow for alternating use. But according to the school district's information there are

instances where the individual pipe runs are too long and have been installed too deep. There were also problems with the size of the distribution boxes for the system, according to Peck, and one of the fields was installed and back-filled before being inspected, which is contrary to Capital Regional District health regulations.

If the new percolation tests pan (Turn to Page Two)

Ganges sewer will be topic of meeting

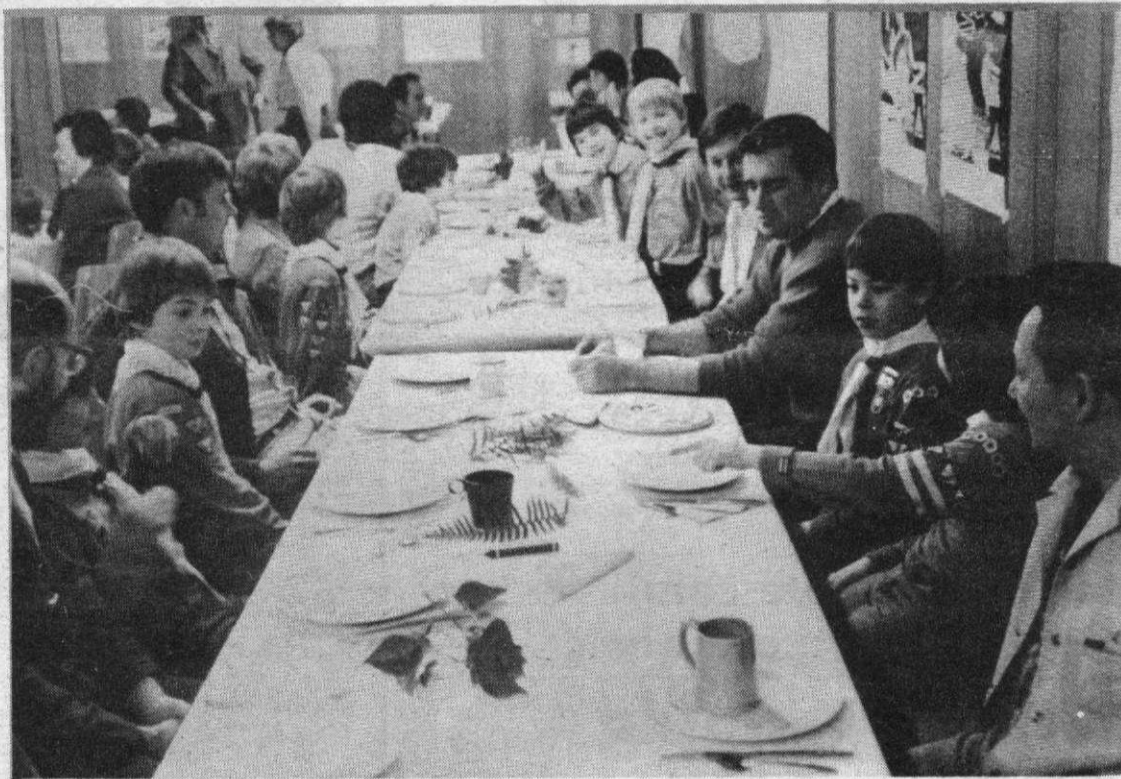
The sewer issue will again come to the fore when interested Salt Spring Islanders gather at the Activity Centre in Ganges on Thursday evening.

The Capital Regional District will present to the public a progress report on the Ganges sewerage proposal. A number of region staff members are expected to attend the meeting, which will commence at 8 pm. The Activity Centre will be open from 6.30 on to allow people to see sketches prepared by the region and to discuss the sewer topic with region staff.

There will be engineers and biologists on hand as well to speak on the surveys and reports that have been undertaken.

More sewer stories on pages twelve, thirteen

Scouts, Cubs at dinner Thursday



Materials are needed for ramp work

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for materials to resurface the boat launching ramp at Centennial Park in Ganges.

Chairman Glenn Woodley told the commission at its meeting Monday that he had understood a \$1,000 grant was available from Environment Canada for the job. However, a letter from the federal government recommended that the commission apply for a Canada Works grant.

Woodley told the meeting that there was no shortage of labour, what was needed was money to purchase materials.

The commission has also been asked by the island Rod and Gun Club to take over the job of keeping up the floats at Stowell and Blackburn Lakes. The club also suggested that portable toilets for the use of swimmers be installed at St. Mary Lake.

Hall is packed when Cubs and Scouts invite parents

Annual Cub and Scout parents' dinner brought a record crowd to the hall at the church of Our Lady of Grace in Ganges on Thursday evening.

Parents staged a pot-luck supper for boys enrolled in the Cubs and Scouts on the island. Guests heard a report on scouting from Doug Campbell, executive director of the Boy Scouts of Canada for Greater Victoria.

The report was followed by a program of entertainment staged by the boys.

Chairman was David Hoskin, Group Committee chairman.

He introduced the leaders of Cubs and Scouts as well as the members of the Group Committee.

Akela is Mrs. Hoskin, with assistants Gordon Farrell, Janet Jang, Paul Minvielle, Paul Sadler and Bill Simpkin. Scout leaders are Matthew Coleman as leader, with

assistants Charles Bazzard and Glen Hanna.

Members of the Group Committee were Gwen Althouse, secretary; Ray Bush, treasurer; Paul Minvielle and Marion Baines, publicity; Robert McWhirter, recruitment director; Bud Innes, member-at-large.

Harbour study

is missing

Someone on Salt Spring Island is going to be doing a lot of reading. The report on the study of Ganges Harbour by H.A. Simon (International) Ltd. has been reported missing from the building inspector's office at the provincial government building in Ganges.

Ganges RCMP said Tuesday that they have no information as to who took the documents.

Fernwood School delay

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out the matter of rectifying disposal problems could turn out to be minimal and it's possible that the school could be opened after the spring break at the end of March. If the tests don't meet the qualifications of the system that has been installed, the school district will be forced to look at a variety of alternatives.

Among the options open would be relocation of the entire system to land where the perc tests are successful. Peck, however, says he doesn't feel "there's any other place on that acreage that would qualify." The board could consider purchasing more property adjoining the present school site but Peck points out that anything that could be considered is within the confines of the Agricultural Land

Reserve. It could take as long as a year to get a permit to use ALR land for a septic system.

"The board could look into disposing the sewage off-site," Peck says. "But there's nowhere to put it. And they could add fill to increase the percolation where the system already is. It would be costly, but it could be a feasible alternative."

The final option, says Peck, would be to install a treatment plant which would ultimately result in a reduction of the requirement for disposal area.

NO COST TO DISTRICT

Whatever happens however, the secretary-treasurer told the school board Thursday that he had been assured by the architects that there would be no cost to the district should alterations have to be made.

Bill Burak, meanwhile, feels that the district has "blown this up all out of proportion."

Burak is the contractor for the project, the lowest of nine bidders for the job with a tender of \$550,000.

In a telephone interview last week Burak expressed a willingness to correct most of the problems that already exist in the system his company has installed. He claims that the distribution boxes have already been replaced with ones of the required size, and says he's willing to cut the pipes to the proper length. Burak also admits that it was his company's fault that too much fill has been placed on top of the septic field and says he has agreed to remove the excess. That job, however, can't be done until the weather clears and the ground firms up.

LEGAL BATTLE

As for backfilling one of the fields before it was inspected, Burak claims that "we were never instructed that we couldn't backfill until it was inspected."

"We were told nothing about inspectors having a look at the project in stages," he says. "But if they want, we'll open up those trenches and they can have a look at them."

Whether there's a legal battle for costs looming on the horizon is anybody's guess at this point. It will depend on what, if any, alterations have to be made to the present system, and that depends on the perc tests run last week.

Will Burak fight if it comes down to paying the costs associated with the project?

"We're pretty easy to get along with," he concludes. "But as far as we're concerned if that land perced before it'll perc now. If it doesn't now it never did before."

Fernwood School features

The four-five chess champions at Fernwood were Todd Tamboline and Inga Mainwaring. Both were beaten recently by the Salt Spring Elementary School winners Jeff Moger and Sean Albhouse.

- Todd Tamboline

Other results were more favourable to Fernwood, with Mark Nordine winning the Grade 2 championship, Anthony Archer winning for Grade 3, and Linda Quesnel becoming champion for Grade 6.

Grade 1 and Grade 7 playoffs between Salt Spring and Fernwood will take place soon. Representing Fernwood will be Trevor Hardie and Anne Weihing.

In Social Studies we are learning about the Gold Rush. We have already learned about the Indians, the explorers and the fur trade.

- Graham Prentice

During school we have times tables races. We get five minutes to complete 121 questions on the 'scrambled' sheet. If we can get three straight sheets all correct we can drop out of the races if we wish.

The first people to get three straight all right were Cindy Walker, Melissa Farrell, Rob Pringle, Inga Mainwaring, Morven Neish and Todd Tamboline.

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ED KETCHAM DIES IN MADEIRA

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Pioneer Islands publisher left in 1965

Pioneer publisher of the islands, Edgar Collins Ketcham, died in his sleep in Madeira on February 10 at the age of 87.

Ed Ketcham retired from the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1958 and moved from Moose Jaw to the islands. For the first year or so on Galiano Island he was engaged in renovating his newly acquired home, Greenwater.

He launched the Gulf Islander and published the mimeographed newspaper for some four years.

In 1961 the Galiano Island writer took about half a year off to travel. During that time he elicited the help of a recent newcomer to the island, Woody Fisher. Woody stayed at Greenwater and published the journal. When the owner came home Woody moved to Salt Spring Island and launched Driftwood.

TO VICTORIA

In February of 1963, Jean Lockwood moved to Galiano and purchased the Gulf Islander. Mr. and Mrs. Ketcham remained on the island for another two years or so before moving to Victoria.

In addition to his publication, Mr. Ketcham took an active interest in the affairs of the islands. He was a member of Galiano Chamber of Commerce and he was the first president of the newly re-established Galiano Golf Club.

With his first wife, Mary Josephine, he was prominent in the social life of Galiano Island. Mrs. Ketcham died several years ago.

A native of Leon, Iowa, he spent most of his life in Canada. He was living in Revelstoke when he was married and later made his home in Moose Jaw, North Bend, Galiano and Victoria.

Recreation Commission to look into renting ice time

Ice-skating enthusiasts on Salt Spring might be able to look forward to pursuing the sport in spite of mild and temperate weather.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is going to investigate the possibility of renting ice time at the Fuller Lake Arena in Chemainus.

Pat Akerman told the meeting of the commission on Monday evening that the rink could be booked for the use of Salt Spring skaters on Sunday afternoons, from 12 to 2 pm. Akerman said the usual charge is \$32 per hour but he felt the commission could probably "get a better deal" if the rink was booked on a long-term basis.

He suggested that the commission could get its money back by

charging islanders for the privilege of skating at the arena. There are about 170 people on the island who would be interested in skating, Akerman told the meeting, and there are about three groups going over now.

Commission member Jack Albhouse will look into the matter.

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More thinking about buses: Any bus service between Swartz Bay and Victoria must pick up and drop passengers in the compound, a pensioner urged to me last week. The walk between the ferry slip and the main gates is too long for an older person. Heck! It's too long for me!

I was patiently waiting in the Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris a month or so ago and I was entertained with the sight of a very discomfited wife hurriedly leaving the men's room. She had chosen the wrong door. As they have female attendants in both rooms, the mistake is easy. I thought back to an incident before the war. I was visiting a large manufactory and with recourse to the office, found a toilet. Whilst within, I heard the shrill voices of some of the workers. I had made a judgment where I had a 50% chance of being right and I had found the women's. So I kept quiet. Later, I remarked on my error to the fellow I had stopped in to visit. I was lucky, he told me. Any fellow caught in there was stripped and smeared with coloured paint. It's different with de Gaulle!

It is a week since I was planning to attend the funeral of Dan Murray in Vancouver. Former publisher of the Alaska Highway News, he died a week or so after his wife, Kathleen. Both were suffering from cancer and neither was over 60. I thought back to a couple who came from England with us, just after the second war. Their schoolboy son was destined never to live out his life in British Columbia as they had planned. Stricken with cancer, he died before he was 30. His father died a year or so later, also suffering from cancer. Last year his mother died from the same disease. It is probably because other fatal diseases have been combatted that cancer claims so many victims, but there does seem an increase in the number of couples stricken at the same time.

It was not so dull and then it was duller and then it wasn't so dull after all and that was the eclipse of the sun on Monday. Just glad I've seen one before!

Had a visit from a fellow who gave up publishing a newspaper in order to drive a boat around the inner seas. Funny what things people will do to get out of work! Alan Black and his wife, Adelaide, were having dinner and were asked would they prefer tea or coffee. Coffee and nothing else was the reply, "We're both black!" And I don't think she even saw the pun when she said it!

Last week I was trying to get a BC birth certificate and discovered that in BC a person is not permitted to know the identity of his father. No such details will be released by the very scrupulous government. This week I got a letter containing a birth certificate. I don't know why. But it tells you everything. The birth certificate was issued by the state of Michigan, USA. The place of birth, sex, name of the father, his occupation and birthplace are listed. The name of the child, mother's maiden name, birthplace and occupation are available. The racial colour of both parents and their age at the time of the birth are also listed. The certificate, 50 years old, also shows the number of children born to the mother and records the legitimacy of the infant. Finally, it lists the confirmation of birth by the attending physician and records the use of a prophylaxis solution to the eyes. So, you see, everyone isn't as reticent as BC! Thanks to Gordon Edsel David McGill Dobson!

Most interesting form of address I've seen for Driftwood in a long time: "Gulf Iscanos Driftwood". Must get the staff to write better!

The 1978 Employer's Guide for income tax gave the employer a choice. Under What to do with completed forms, it tells you mail copies 2 and 3 of the T4 Supplementary and copies 3 and 4 of the same form to the employee. "Keep remaining copies." Out of 4 copies altogether?

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Salt Spring Lions convert to metric system for Walkathon this year

Walkathon has gone metric! Lions annual Walkathon on Salt Spring Island will be measured in kilometres this year for the first time. Miles are out: kilometres are in. The walk of eight miles will be marked out in kilometres.

There will be other changes as well.

Don't miss the play, students urge

On March 23 and 24, Gulf Islands Secondary School students from grades nine through 12, will present the play, Cheaper by the Dozen, adapted by Christopher Sergel. The play is based on the book of the same name by Frank B. Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey.

Cheaper by the Dozen is a comedy-drama with the accent on comedy, said one of the students last week. Casting has already been completed and rehearsals are under way. Directing the 1920's play is Ian Thomson and the setting is the living room of the Gilbreth home.

Advance tickets will be available from any drama student or from Et Cetera for \$2. Tickets at the door will be \$2.50.

Those who have missed the movie or haven't read the book are urged by the drama students to make sure they don't miss the play.

Cheaper by the Dozen will be presented at the Activity Centre on the two evenings at 7.30.

Workshop cancelled

A school board workshop scheduled for last weekend in Duncan had to be cancelled at the last minute when five of the nine Gulf Islands trustees said they couldn't make it.

The workshop on decision making, run through the University of British Columbia, was to get under way Friday afternoon and terminate Sunday.

Trustees Jim Ripley of Galiano and Norma McCallum of Salt Spring had given early notice that they wouldn't be attending the seminar, but the other three, Spencer Marr and Charles Baltzer of Salt Spring and Jeanine Dodds of Mayne, didn't give notice until Thursday afternoon's board meeting.

Although there was a \$500 fee set by UBC for the seminar and tentative reservations had been made at a Duncan hotel, the district managed to cancel the affair at no cost.

There will be no chariot race this year. Popularity of the chariots has been on the wane over the past couple of years, it was decided and a number of new features will be launched this year.

On Easter Saturday, April 14, the annual long walk will be staged between Ganges and Fulford. In addition to the walkers, there will be rocks, a marathon race and a bicycle contest.

In charge of the Walkathon is Les Ramsey.

Rocks will be the feature of the event. Walkers will be invited to carry a rock to Fulford to be inserted in a cairn at the end of the course to mark the finishing point.

Prizes of ornamented rocks will be offered and a rock painting contest will be staged ahead of the Walkathon to focus attention on the event.

The Walkathon has been one of

the main sources of revenue for the island service club. Each walker is invited to have as many friends as possible to sponsor his entry. The sponsor then undertakes to pay an agreed sum for every kilometre covered.

The walkers are offered prizes in various categories for those coming in first. In addition, trophies are offered for certain accomplishments and there are prizes for the oldest walker and the youngest and the largest family as well as other special categories.

More details will be announced as plans are laid by the service club. Announcement will also be made regarding the use of funds raised by the Walkathon.

In the meantime, the Lions are looking for trophies and holders of Walkathon trophies are invited to return them to Les Ramsey at Ganges Pharmacy.

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The science of drains

The problems with drainage at Fernwood School bring out the inadequacies and the utter stupidities which are associated with the precise science of getting rid of dirty water.

To ascertain whether a ground will absorb water, a number of holes are drilled and filled with water.

If the water runs away in 30 minutes, the ground is perfect.

If it takes 35 minutes, the ground is no good for a drainage field. It is probable that nobody who owns land or who carries out the perc test or who supervises the legislation requiring the tests or who builds a home after the tests has the slightest idea why 30 minutes should be the critical period of drains. The figures may not be precise, but the relationship remains.

It probably doesn't matter very much, yet the question remains, why is five minutes the critical period?

That question would not be critical if allowance were to be made for the time of year. A layman, lacking the necessary Latin to calculate such scientific tests, might wonder why the test period is the same in winter as summer.

The tests at Fernwood were originally carried out in midsummer. Will the February tests be the same? Or does heavy ground water not affect the absorptive capacity of the soil?

Letters to the Editor

CAN BOOKS TELL WHOLE STORY?

Sir,

I would like to challenge not only the statements of John Zacharias, but also those of Arthur Beaddie, concerning the field trip and extra-curricular activities of the school.

Mr. Beaddie has stated that as much can be gained from reading books as from these trips. Can books tell the whole story? Can pages express the feelings of other people in different parts of B.C. or even the world? Confucius said, "A picture is worth ten thousand words." I am sure he was a very brilliant man but I would like to add to that famous line, "Real life is even better."

Is learning restricted to just reading, writing and arithmetic? Knowledge does not just include facts and figures and I condemn anyone who believes so. Is it not true that students have been expected to understand and comprehend more in academics than in "your time....."?

With regards to the recent trip to the Okanagan and the Kootenays and many other trips of this kind that have passed and I hope will be considered in the future, the students have acted as ambassadors of a kind from our school. A recent band trip to California was very successful in promoting national and international friendship. And isn't friendship one of the most important things in life?

The fact that the taxpayers are being shafted is not a total misconception. However, who is doing the shafting? A major portion of our school tax money is not being put to use on Salt Spring or the Outer Islands.

This major portion is being sent to Vancouver or Victoria. In consi-

deration of this is it such a shame or a "trip-off" for the taxpayers to send our students on a field trip or excursion at a minimal cost. Beside the point is the fact that the greatest portion of the cost is being payed by the students themselves.

In retort to John Zacharias' statements, I feel that the remarks made concerning the school trip situation are foolhardy and have no thoughtful backing. If the problem is cutting the budget, I am sure there are other places corners may be cut. Should the students do without when the cost is very minimal?

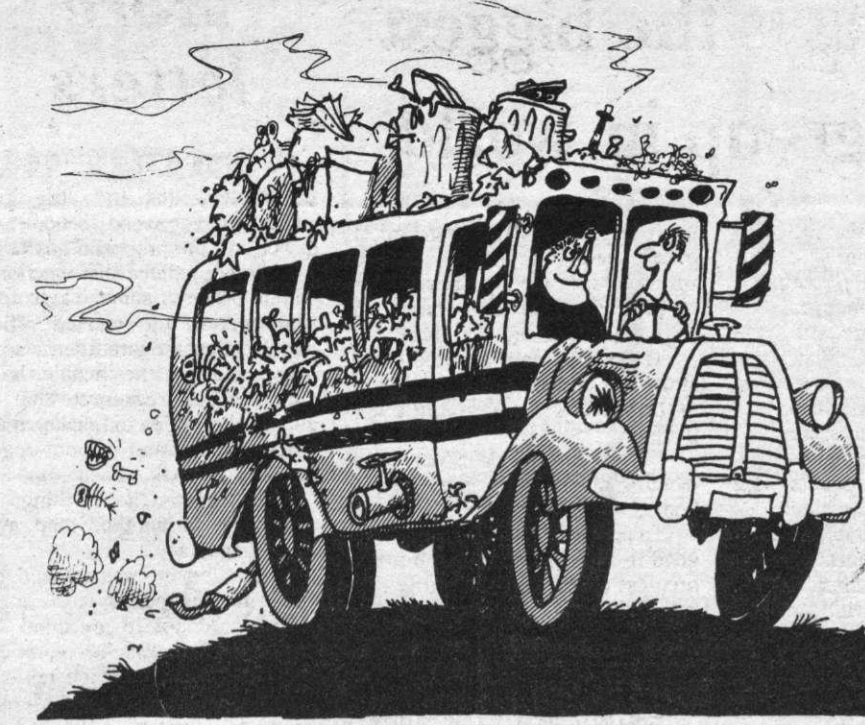
Mr. Zacharias has suggested a maximum of three days. This is a very, very unacceptable idea. On a field trip such as the recent grade 10 trip, two days are spent in transit. I am willing to produce the agenda of this trip at any time if need be. The grade 10 socials trip not only includes skiing, but also includes the study of a winery, a fruit packing plant, research station, Cominco Smelters and a hydroelectric plant, all of which are quite extensive studies.

There is no way that any book will give the same meaning to the students which take part in any trip such as this.

Mr. Zacharias has not given any support of his reasoning behind his decisions and I feel if he wishes to push this issue through instead of attending to more important school matters, he should look at all the facts and consider them before indulging in his opinions.

My final question is, "What will the forcing of this issue prove anyway?" The forcing of this issue will restrict the outside learning of students and raise tension between the school board and the school itself.

In closing I would like to say I



"Simple solution really....bus the sewage to Victoria"

am not in favour of these trips for my own personal benefit. I have not been involved in one yet, but I do feel that they will give the student a better chance to see more of the world around him, and meet more people.

ROBERT OWEN
Student, G.I.S.S.
Ganges
February 16, 1979

PAYING HIS DUES

Well I don't make it a habit to speak out about political matters, don't make it a habit to speak out at all, in fact. But as I sit here by the fire in my comfortable home which is really too big and fancy for just me and the wife, basking in the glow of my easy retirement years, I can't help but think, well damn, I made a comfortable living and my business was very successful, doing some of those things people of my generation get criticized for. I mean I saw to it that some of our resources got shipped off in a manner which left something to be desired in the environment. I mean, to be honest, we did leave a mess behind. I know some of those areas won't be much good for anything anymore.

So when I think about taxes and my money being spent on education and whether or no there should be field trips for the kiddies, I say let them tax me, let the kids have their field-trips. It's the least I could do, considering how little me and people like me, have left behind for them and their future. I mean, those of us in our nice plush homes here shouldn't kid ourselves too much eh? We did get more than our share, if you read my meaning!

So tax me boys, let the kids have a break. I don't mind paying up. You see, its sort of like paying my dues!

How about you?
WILLIAM CHAUNCEY
Ganges
February 14, 1979

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Sir,

During the winter months the Farmers' Market pretty well shuts down except for occasionally a truck arrives with fruit from the Okanagan or Washington state.

I believe that the Farmers' Market idea could be expanded to storage of produce and also food processing of the surplus.

The owners of farmland here on the island should form a co-operative and the revenue from taxes on farmland made available to this group to advance the development of the land and the marketing of local produce on a year-round basis. Whenever there is surplus

then there should be freezing and cold storage so that, for example, apples ready in August will be available the year round.

This way the growers would be relieved of the uncertainty about being able to dispose of their produce. This would be a great thing for the island as all the land would be producing crops after a while. As soon as the markets were there, then quite a few would be encouraged to start planting trees, growing crops and raising livestock. For this produce there should be a permanent retail outlet year round so that people have the choice of buying carrots grown on Salt Spring or turnips and many other products that can be grown here.

It always seems crazy to me to transport all the things from California that we can grow on Salt Spring so well, and not have any choice in the matter.

This is wrong and it should be changed. I think it is so important that something is done soon to set things right or at least get them going in the right direction.

GEOFF HOWLAND
Ganges
February 19, 1979

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Sir,

Last issue, the Driftwood quoted Lasqueti Island trustee, Mike Humphries, as stating that the route of the proposed mainland to Vancouver Island power transmission lines had abandoned Lasqueti

in favour of Salt Spring and Galiano. This is not the case. What Mike said was that the Lasqueti route had been abandoned in favour of a route further north.

The reference to Salt Spring and Galiano was in reference to a pipeline bringing natural gas to Vancouver Island. If constructed, this pipeline could cross Galiano and Salt Spring. At present, B.C. Hydro has no definite plans. However, the Islands Trust is in contact with Hydro on this matter and should a proposal be put forward the Trust will be consulted. We will keep the affected communities informed should planning for this proposal proceed.

JOHN RICH
Chairman
Islands Trust
February 16, 1979

DICTIONAL ATTITUDE

Sir,

It was nice to see that at least two of our Islands Trust members had the courage to speak out against Mr. Campbell's actions.

Mrs. Valcourt has been trying for some time to bring to the attention of the islanders, just what the regional board has been doing to this island with their dictatorial attitude. I can see no justification for our right to vote on important issues being taken away from us. Too many of us are apathetic and this is why such things can happen. There would be far less bad feeling on Salt Spring Island if there had

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Church Services

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1979

ANGLICAN

St. Mark's	Central	Holy Eucharist	11.15 am
St. George's	Ganges	Family Eucharist	9.30 am

Daily: Mon.-Fri.

St. George's	Ganges	Morning Prayer	7.15 am
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Weekly: Wednesdays

St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	5.00 pm
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ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9.00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11.15 am

UNITED

Dr. V. McEachern	Ganges	Worship Service	10.30 am
537-5817	Box 330	Fellowship Hour	11.30 am
537-5812(church)	An Hour of	Sharing and Caring	6.30 pm

COMMUNITY

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 Dyër	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
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Scouting is the biggest youth group in world

Doug Campbell grew up with scouting. He started life as a Cub, became a Scout and then continued as a Scout leader in Quebec.

In Ontario he pursued the same interests and came to Victoria a year ago. He is now executive director of the Boy Scouts of Canada for Greater Victoria.

On Thursday he explained to a hall full of Cubs, Scouts and parents just what it is all about. He started with a commendation.

He expressed thanks to the sponsors of the movement on Salt Spring Island, the Royal Canadian Legion on the island; to the Group Committee and to the leaders for "making Salt Spring Island one of the best examples of scouting in the region."

He spoke to the Cubs and Scouts.

WORLD'S BIGGEST

They belong to the biggest youth-serving organization in the world, he reminded them. There are nearly half a million boys and girls involved in Canada. Scouting and Guiding have more members across Canada than even the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, he reminded the gathering.

What makes parents unhappy? he asked the boys. There were

many suggestions: beating Dad at poker; eating granola; cutting spring flowers with the lawn mower; breaking dishes; screaming and yelling and punching brother.

They could learn to avoid these situations through their enrolment in the movement, suggested Campbell.

"A good Cub or Scout at a meeting should be a good guy at home," he urged.

To parents he suggested, "It is good to have good things, but the greatest resource you have is still your children."

LOCAL REPORT

Chairman of the committee, David Hoskin, added his report on coming activities. He also made reference to the switch last year from Scouts to Sea Scouts.

Thanks to a bequest, the Scouts have two sailboats and a small motorboat for safety. They also have a trailer for the power boat and adequate life vests.

This summer, it is planned to take a cruise instead of going to camp. The Sea Scouts are planning to rent a large vessel for the purpose. Even the costs of this project are being met from the same bequest, he noted.

Eventful year for local chapter

IODE names officers

BY DOROTHY JAMES

Mrs. E.J. Searles, regent of H.M.S. Ganges Chapter IODE, presided over the annual meeting held in the United Church Hall on Friday afternoon February 2.

Reports given by the officers reviewed a most eventful year in which projects were brought to a successful conclusion.

The following officers and convenors of national standing committees were elected for 1979: honorary regent, Mrs. G.H. Holmes; honorary vice-regent, Mrs. G. St. Denis; regent, Mrs.

E.J. Searles; first vice-regent, Mrs. R. Aston; second vice-regent, Mrs. L. Purser; third vice-regent, Mrs. A.H.R. Howell; secretary, Mrs. B. Lucas; assistant secretary, Mrs. L. Purser; treasurer, Miss M. Cuttill; assistant treasurer, Mrs. H. Shopland.

New business included plans for a garage sale to be held at the home of Mrs. R. Aston in March to complete the I.O.D.E. donation to Greenwoods of \$1,000 to furnish a room. Further details will be announced soon.

More letters

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been plebiscites to settle such issues as Fernwood School, the sewer and the proposed gas tax.

I do not believe that election to public office is some magic thing that endows the elected official with wisdom and intelligence so far above that of the people he is supposed to represent that he should be able to make major decisions for them without regard to their wishes. Each time the citizens allow these things to happen it is another step away from democracy.

Mr. Clement was elected director but his performance so far leaves no doubt in my mind that Mrs. Valcourt was far more capable of doing a good job for us. I wonder how long Mr. Clement would be director if we had the right of recall?

It is about time Mr. Campbell was called to account for his name calling manner. Since when do the people not have the right to try and get justice? If we are malcontents, I think it is a result of people like Mr. Campbell and Mr. Clement who seem to think once they are elected they can do as they please. If they are so sure they represent the wishes of the people, why do we not have the opportunity to speak through a referendum. It could still be done on the gas tax, sewer and planning issues.

We are told the cost of the proposed sewer will be 2.7 million dollars, but remember Clover Point!! Someone will have to pay. Grants, like everything else the government gives come from taxes and how much more taxation can the people stand??

S. HUMES,
R.R.1, Ganges,
February 24, 1979

THANKS TO PHOENIX

Sir,
Thank you Phoenix Orchards! Our old orchard is smiling; dead branches cut off and burned, cuts carefully sealed, all by a pleasant group of people.

KATHY STACK
Ganges, BC
February 23, 1979

EXCELLENT COVERAGE

Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity on the occasion of Scout Week to extend the thanks of our group committee and of all Salt Spring Scouts and Cubs to your newspaper. The continued cooperation and coverage of our activities has been truly exceptional.

This thank you is directed particularly at Frank Richards, whose support of the Scout and Cub endeavours has always been there when it was needed. Over the years, he has attended many of our special events, such as parent-and-son banquets, awards nights and so on. We were happy to see him at our parent-and-son banquet this year, despite the fact that he has retired. We wish him well as he works his way through retirement.

We of the group committee feel that the excellent coverage given to our Scouts and Cubs is indicative of the fine job Driftwood is doing to keep the residents of Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands informed of what is going on in their respective communities.

Again, our thanks to Driftwood, to Frank Richards, and welcome to Tony Richards.

E.D.E. HOSKIN, CHAIRMAN
1st Ganges Cub-Scout
Group Committee
February 27, 1979

Appeal for kindergarten aide referred to administrator

If parents of kindergarten children at Salt Spring Elementary want a part-time aide for the classes they'll have to convince the school's administration to re-arrange its priorities.

That was the word from the school board to a delegation of seven parents who petitioned for an aide at Thursday's board meeting.

The group presented a brief to the board signed by 31 parents of kindergarten-aged children pointing out the need for an aide during the first hour of each of the two daily sessions of the kindergarten. The parents contend that the aide is required to help keep overly exuberant children in hand until everyone settles down to the day's activities.

The parents told the board that they had attempted to work in the kindergarten on a volunteer basis, but said the lack of continuity was proving disconcerting for the children.

WORSE PROBLEMS LATER

"The concern I have," one parent told the trustees, "is that the children who are disruptive now are going to have worse problems later."

Another parent told the board that her group had been assured that the aide would be forthcoming.

"We were told that we would get this person in our kindergarten classes and now we find that that isn't going to happen," she said.

It had been estimated that an expenditure of \$1,200 would cover the cost of an aide to the end of June, but recent final budget cuts by the board slashed all projected teaching staff additions for 1979.

Board chairman Tom Davidson told the delegation that the elementary school currently has one aide, employed for 30 hours a month. That aide, however, is used exclusively in art classes for the intermediate grades.

"I'd suggest that you should return to the administrator at the school and see what his priorities are," the board chairman told the group. "Maybe make an appeal to him to juggle his aides in order to get some of the help you feel is needed."


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He was British Columbia

Former premier had link with Salt Spring

BY FRANK RICHARDS
Death of former premier W.A.C. Bennett in Kelowna on Friday ended an era in the history of British Columbia.

The hoarse voice, the unvarying smile, the shrewd mind, the assertive leadership, the bitter enmity with socialism, all were the characteristics of the first Social Credit premier to hold office in British Columbia.

All of British Columbia knew those marks of leadership for 25 years. The people of Salt Spring island had a close link with the government leader. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett had a home on the island, where they could retreat from the pressures of Victoria.

There were some who saw Bennett as a political opportunist. If he was just that, then he was the shrewdest opportunist the province ever saw.

An easterner who was still a Conservative when he arrived in British Columbia, he was unsuccessful in his bid for the leadership of that party. Most would have dropped into the background or waited for the next

leadership convention. W.A.C. Bennett did neither. He left the Conservatives and joined the Social Credit party.

MANY YEARS

Social Credit had been here for many years, under the earnest direction of Major Jukes. It had accomplished nothing. There was no reason to suspect that it ever would. Without the Bennett touch Social Credit would have remained until this day a small political movement in a large province.

The rise of Social Credit under William Andrew Cecil Bennett was a refutation of the decision of the Conservative convention. The collapsing Tories would always smart under the realization that if they had elected Bennett to the leadership they would have almost certainly formed the next government. Social Credit was not a new movement travelling through the countryside of the Pacific province. It was the bow wave of an Okanagan merchant steering his new ship of state.

Again, on Salt Spring Island, Premier Bennett was a notable

figure. Not only did he acquire the ferry services among the islands, but he brought the provincial cabinet to sit in formal session in Harbour House Hotel. That was a first.

NEW PREMIER

Like most newsmen of the early fifties, I knew Bennett as the newly successful premier, holding a precarious seat against the threat of the CCF and split between the worry of the next inevitable election and the confidence of a new victory to override his first, marginal success.

I knew him in the blaze of glory during his spectacular reign and I knew him addressing his "friends,"

hoarsely defending his unpopular stand. In each case he was the same man with the same smiling optimism and the same confidence.

In Sidney a professional photographer from Lethbridge was urged to colour a life-sized print of Premier Bennett. The publisher of the Sidney Review, Clair Rivers, was also from Lethbridge. The new colour poster decorated the office wall and Bennett was invited to come and look at himself. I had a private call at home.

NO MICKEY!

Was it authentic or was there a plan to take a rise out of him, asked

the premier. I assured him there was no taking the mickey out of anyone.

We had a party with a birthday cake and Bennett was the life of the party, and not the Social Credit party, that time.

Ebullient, untiring and never at a loss for ideas or words, Bennett moved British Columbia out of the incestuous Liberal-Conservative coalition into the post-war prosperity. And those of us who watched him do it either applauded or protested, according to our views. But nobody ever challenged his role as W.A.C. Columbia, because he lived British Columbia for a quarter-century

Rotary Club purchases 500

Vial of Life program is introduced

A new program designed to help the elderly or those with a medical history in an emergency is coming to Salt Spring Island in the form of a plastic vial, an information sheet and a plastic decal.

Vial of Life is the program's name and the island Rotary Club has purchased 500 of the vials for distribution on the island. The latter are used as containers for the medical information sheet and are kept inside the refrigerator. The plastic decals are placed on the refrigerator door so that firemen or ambulance crews know where to

find necessary medical information in case of an emergency.

Local ambulance service employee Jim Macpherson told Driftwood this week that the Vial of Life kits will be available at the fire hall in Ganges commencing March 6. Distribution is being undertaken jointly by the fire department and the ambulance service.

Macpherson said that 40 of the vials have already been taken by the island's Homemaker Service.

The information sheet kept in the vial gives a person's name and

address and health status, and also includes details as to what medication a person may be taking.

The program is being handled by the Ambulance Employees' Union and was first introduced in B.C. late last year. Service clubs and other organizations are being urged to purchase and distribute the vials, which cost \$110 for 500.

Organizations on the Outer Islands are invited to participate, said Macpherson. They can do so by contacting the Ambulance Employees' Union at 3441 Kingsway, Vancouver, V5R 5L3.

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Classes start late for sake of liability and safety

Some Gulf Islands school district pupils had the opportunity to sleep late Monday as the result of an edict from the school board.

At Thursday's board meeting trustees voted in favour of starting classes 90 minutes late on Monday due to the solar eclipse.

District superintendent Bob Huestis told the board that there was concern over the fact that elementary pupils would be on their way to school while the eclipse was taking place. He feared that students might be tempted to look at the phenomenon, thereby damaging their eyes.

"I think it's a situation here of liability and safety," Huestis told the board. "It would seem prudent to me that the younger children should not be in transit at that time."

The board agreed to delay the opening of elementary and junior secondary schools only. Senior secondary students would already be in class at the time of the eclipse, the board was told.

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DEAD SILENCE GREET'S MOTION

No seconder for field trip proposal

A motion at Thursday's school board meeting that would have limited students and teachers to no more than three days per school year for field trips has failed to get approval from Gulf Islands trustees. In fact, Pender representative John Zacharias couldn't even get a seconder for his proposal.

Zacharias gave notice of motion at the previous board meeting February 8. The proposal outlined a change in policy that would not only limit the length of field trips, but would put approval for the trips

on the shoulders of the school board rather than the district superintendent.

When Zacharias had completed the reading of his motion board chairman Tom Davidson asked for a seconder. There was dead silence in the board room. Davidson asked twice more for a seconder, with the same result.

24 PROTEST LETTERS

Although the motion never got off the table, the board was told that there had been several letters of protest over the proposal. Dis-

trict secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck had received a total of 24 letters dealing with the matter, all in favour of field trips. Six of the letters came from school principals within the district, one came from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, and 17 came from parents.

John Guy of Saturna Island was at the meeting to express his views on the controversy.

"I think," Guy said, "that if children who live on small islands like ours don't quite frequently come in contact with the rest of the world their lives are going to be pretty limited in scope."

Guy also pointed out that although there are "innumerable things in cities that aren't available on the island," he felt that trips outside the school but still on Saturna were important as well.

"A lot of things can be done much more effectively outside the school," Guy said. "I know there's been some controversy over things like ski trips, and I know there's been some controversy over the behaviour of some students on field trips. I'm not fit to judge the validity of ski trips and I'm not fit to judge the behaviour of students. But you don't eliminate the problems by eliminating the field trips. That's just overkill."

Pipe-thawing equipment is purchased by waterworks

Although it may be years before the islands experience another cold spell such as the one that came early this year, Highland Water System on Salt Spring Island has the apparatus to combat one of the major problems of freezing weather: frozen water lines.

The island waterworks company has purchased a piece of equipment designed to thaw frozen pipes of up to 200 feet in length.

Company president Bevis Walters told Driftwood last week that thawing pipes on private property is not one of the duties of the waterworks but he felt it "would be a nice thing to help out where possible".

The equipment consists of a

200-foot length of one-quarter inch plastic pipe joined to a four-gallon portable reservoir.

The plastic pipe is flexible and will go around corners, said Walters. The frozen water line is disconnected at both ends, the flexible pipe is inserted at one end and hot water is pumped from the reservoir and into the frozen line. Once the ice has started to melt, the pressure of the water forces the remaining ice out the other end of the pipe.

A 200-foot length of frozen pipe can be thawed within 10 minutes.

The machine arrived in Ganges last week, "like the rainbow," said Walters, "after the storm was over."

Bazaarnival on Saturday at Ganges

Secondary students from the Gulf Islands school are responsible for this Saturday's Bazaarnival to be held in the Secondary School gym. A sale of rummage, books, clothing, toys and jewellery will line the tables, and bingo games will be played for prizes throughout the afternoon.

Doors will be open from 1.30 to 4 pm on March 3. The one day event is to raise funds for ninth-grade students to participate in the Open House Canada exchange program as well as for the benefit of the school bands. A Haunted House, cartoons and refreshments will also be featured.

Contributions of saleable articles are welcome: telephone 537-2213 for more details.

First SPCA annual meeting set for Saturday

The annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island auxiliary to the Victoria Branch of the B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held on Saturday March 3 at Central Hall. The president of the auxiliary, Dr. D.B. Wooldridge, will report on the first year of operation and outline plans for the future concerning animal welfare on Salt Spring Island.

The president of the Victoria board, Mr. M. Mirams-Harrison, and the secretary-manager of the Victoria shelter, Don Adams, will both be present.

A short film of general interest will be shown. Election will be held for several new positions on the executive of the auxiliary.

Old and new members of the society are very welcome and coffee will be served after the meeting.

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SPORTS

Lots of activity planned in coming months

BY MALCOLM LEGG

In recent weeks players, parents and coaches have all asked the questions how much longer is soccer going on, is there a tournament, a banquet, etcetera? Therefore, a little synopsis of how things stand to date and what the association has planned for the upcoming months is in order.

Salt Spring Canadians: Since Christmas very little has gone right for the team. They lost a coach and two boys to Victoria and three more came up with serious injuries. Couple this with poor weather and the team has seen no action in 1979. But in early March they have a shot at the District 2A Cup. Maybe things will look a little better by then.

Salt Spring Kicks: The Kick's league schedule is almost completed and hopefully in the next few weeks the boys will wrap up the 5C league honours. Their first league loss last week hurt a little but I am sure the boys will bounce back.

Salt Spring Strikers: Salt Spring's newest entry to off-island play has played so-so soccer and are trying for third place in their division. March brings on the District Cup and invitations to the Prospect Lake Tournament.

Salt Spring Sockeyes: The girls still have three league games to play in March and hopefully will clinch league honours once again. March 18 sees the Port Alberni team coming to Salt Spring for a game with our return the following week-end. May sees the Sockeye's playing in Squamish and Burnaby.

Salt Spring Mens Soccer: The men have been hampered by rain the past few weeks but the team eagerly awaits the next consolation Cup match.

Intra-island Division: League play ended last week with a handful of games: Cosmos 4 - Devils 4; Hornets 1 - Canadians 0; Goblins 1 - Devils 0; Cosmos 6 - Wildcats 0.

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
1) Cosmos	16	12	1	3	27
2) Goblins	16	10	4	2	22
3) Devils	16	9	5	2	20
4) Canadians	16	6	8	2	14
5) Hornets	17	5	10	2	12
6) Wildcats	15	0	14	1	1

This week the teams start their playoffs for the Coers Cup (games listed in This Week in Recreation column). These games will probably cover a three week period.

Westburn Exchange: The older boys in the intra-island are practicing for an all-star team to play a series of exhibition games against Wesburn March 17 and 18 on Portlock Park on Salt Spring. The team will return to Wesburn in April for a two game rematch.

Tournament: The association's annual soccer tournament is being scheduled for April 21 and 22. It will include every player in our Association participating in matches against off-island opponents in a two day extravaganza.

Banquet: This has been tentatively scheduled for Friday April 27, hopefully in the high school auditorium. Potluck style dinner, presentations and door prizes once again highlight the affair.

Sundry: What else do we have in store?

1) The association is working on a full scale exchange with Nanaimo, including all of our players, in May.

2) Hopefully we will have a summer soccer school in which every player entered receives a tee-shirt and a ball. (Possibly August).

3) We hope to send our teams to see the Vancouver Whitecaps play.

4) A Shoot-a-thon as a fund raiser for next season's uniform costs.

5) A coaches clinic in early September.

Keep an eye on this column for further developments.

Mid-Island champions



The Gulf Islands Secondary senior girls' basketball team, mid-Island champions. From left to right: back row, Tracy Stibbards, Jan Hull, Michelle Anderson, Barb Woodley, coach Rob Dunn; front row, Jill Johnson, Susan Mouat, Kathy Toynbee, Peggy Stacey and Andrea Lake.

'Fine record' obtained by senior girls' team

BY MIKE HOECHSMANN

Gulf Islands Secondary senior girls' basketball team have finished first in the Mid-Island League and fourth in the Vancouver Island "A" championships.

Although league games were minimal, the girls obtained a fine record, winning four out of five games in the Mid-Island league.

On February 16 the girls headed off to Campbell River for the Vancouver Island "A" Basketball Championships.

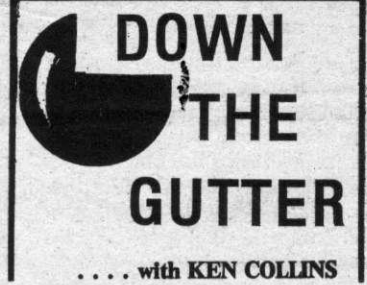
After a lengthy drive up the island, the girls reached their first opposing team, Stelly's, of Saanich. The game was touch and go until the final seconds when the score lit 41-41 with only 17 seconds remaining. To the girls' disappointment, Stelly's gained possession of the ball only to take it down the floor and score, making the final tally 43-41 in Stelly's favour.

The next morning the team came face to face with Ballenas,

from Parksville. The girls whipped Ballenas 66-23. The final and most important game for the girls for fourth and sixth place was held that afternoon when a tough Victoria team (Dunsmuir) and G.I.S.S. met for the last battle. Again the game was touch and go until G.I.S.S. took over the lead in the fourth quarter to capture a well earned fourth place in the Vancouver Island Basketball Championships.

Friday night, March 2, Gulf Islands girls host a game against Victoria's Mt. Douglas. Come out and give the girls your support. Game begins at 8.00, Friday night, March 2.

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In a Golden Ager exchange recently, both the Ganges number one and two teams came out on top over teams from Ladysmith. Number one team bowled 198 pins over their average and the number two team came through with 201 over theirs.

Here are the scores worthy of mention over the past week: Julien Valcourt, 835; Ruth Bedford, 772; Julie Collins, 767; Ken Collins, 742; Leo Toutant, 815-736; Terry Jenkins, 807; Art Dawe, 752; Pat Byron, 788; Deanna Marleau, 751; Ron McNally, 713; Sam Cochrane, 742; Nellie Miller, 742; and Ray Simard, 744.

We had 300 games from Ken Collins, 351; Frank Keoppel, 300; Leo Toutant, 306; Terry Jenkins, 328; Julien Valcourt, 313; Jean Badesso, 313; Jim Bird, 303; Mildred Gurney, 311; and Nellie Miller, 307.

The bowlers of the week were, for the ladies, Ruth Bedford, and for the men it was Julien Valcourt.

Here again are some of the do's and don'ts of bowling, study them and maybe you can find something to help your own personal game.

(1) Hold the ball on the fingertips....don't cup it in the palm of the hand.

(2) Slow and easy does it...don't rush your approach.

(3) Keep the arm close to the body....don't sidarm your delivery.

(4) Deliver the ball beyond the foul-line and follow through.... don't release it too soon.

(5) Toes should point directly at your target....don't finish sideways at the foul line.

(6) Bowling is a game of skill, slow and easy does it...don't try to impress by throwing a fast ball.

(7) Learn the correct angles and the law of averages will work for you....don't play the wrong angle when shooting for a spare.

(8) Relax! Don't tighten up on important shots.

(9) Remember it's supposed to be fun....don't make hard work out of bowling.

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The deadline for returns is March 9, 1979.

LAYOFFS DIDN'T HELP

Strikers suffer thumping at hands of Gorge Royals

BY STRICK AUST
Gorge Royals 5; Strikers 1.

Two and a half months of inclement weather that cancelled all but one game and two practices for the Strikers showed on Saturday as the boys had a very difficult time getting on track. By the time they started to gel as a team, the Gorge squad had dumped four goals into our net, all but sealing the outcome of the game.

The Strikers have a history of coming from behind in the second half and in all but two or three of their games have done so to either tie or beat an opposing team.

To attempt to accomplish this in Saturday's game the team line-up was totally switched in the second half in the hope that this tactic would shake them out of the mass stiffness that had settled over the team.

Goalie Mike Cue, was put up on outside right forward, Stuart Lyon, the right halfback, was put up on left outside forward, with the two inside and center forward positions being filled by Erin Fewings, Jeff Moger and Brian Kaye. Alan Stacy, who normally plays right fullback, was put up as centre half back. Peter Aust and Glen Speed, forwards, and Todd Chase, filled out the rest of the midfield.

PLAYERS SCRAMBLED

The defensive trio consisted of three players who had never played or practiced for the positions they were asked to fill and their story is the bright spot in what was otherwise a very gloomy day for the Strikers. Playing the two full back positions were Kurt Irwin and Alex Hoeschmann. Kurt, possessing ex-

cellent soccer skills, but in the past lacking the aggressiveness necessary to employ them, was literally unbeatable on the left side.

Our goal keeper for the second half was Darren Garner, who without the benefit of either a warm-up or instruction in even the most basic of goalkeeping techniques provided tremendous excitement during the second half, shutting down all but one of Gorge's break-aways. Darren had all the help he could ask for from his other full back, Alex Hoeschmann, who unquestionably was the game's star for his performance during the second half.

The Royals have a very well disciplined front five, and although Darren stopped all of the initial kicks on goal, there were always at least two of their forwards in front of the Strikers goal awaiting the rebound. On three occasions when Darren was down and out after stopping the initial kick, Alex was standing on the goal line to block the rebound kick and had the presence of mind to use his body and keep his hands out of the way.

TEAMWORK EARNS GOAL

During the second half the forward section of the Strikers played well and but for some isolated team bottled up in their own end. The addition of strong kickers to the forward and half-back lines allowed the Strikers to throw the ball around in the Royals' end of the field. The Strikers' lone goal was the result of this ability, with a good pass up from Peter Aust to Brian Kaye who dribbled around three defenders to hammer the ball home.

Kicks lose to Cordova Bay in game at Victoria

BY MEL COATES
Cordova Bay, 1; Salt Spring Kicks, 0

It finally happened: the Kicks went down to defeat. The team that defeated them was not their apparent nemesis, Gorge Royals, but a team the Kicks had defeated by a wide margin on previous occasions.

Conditions on the Victoria field were quite good, considering the weather of the last two months. The field was muddy in places, but quite playable. There was some rain, but it was not heavy, and it stopped falling by the beginning of the second half.

The Kicks began a little shakily, as they do most games. After the first 10 minutes, they settled down and began playing good soccer.

Cordova Bay, however, was a stronger team than on previous occasions. They hustled, tackled

hard, and kicked strongly. The result was a very even game in the first half.

FINE DEFENSIVE PLAY

Both teams threatened each other's goals every few minutes during the half, and there was some fine defensive play on both sides.

The second half saw the Kicks come on very strongly indeed. Cordova Bay penetrated the Kicks' defense very seldom during the half. In fact, the Kicks pinned the Cordova Bay team in their own penalty area almost completely for the last 15 minutes of the game.

The Salt Spring forward line attacked almost non-stop, but seldom were able to get a clear shot at the goal. Some fine work by the Cordova Bay goalkeeper saved the day for his team on several occasions.

When the final whistle blew, every player on the field except the Salt Spring goalkeeper was in the Cordova Bay half of the field. It was a thrilling finish to a very demanding game.

Island shale satisfactory for track

Salt Spring Island shale would provide a suitable surface for the running track at Portlock Park, the island's Parks and Recreation Commission learned Monday evening.

A sample of island shale underwent laboratory tests to determine whether or not it could be used. The alternative to using island shale was to buy red shale from Alberta, the commission was told, at a cost of about \$10,000.

Commission member Rod Pringle told the group that he expected completion of the track to cost around \$10,000.

The shale will be mixed with clay before it is applied.

Family sing-along on Sunday

A family sing-along is scheduled for Sunday in the Harbour House Hotel dining room. The event will be sponsored by the Master's House of Tapes, a non-profit association that runs a lending library of cassette tapes designed to spread the teachings of Christianity.

The association was originally formed to provide hospital patients and prison inmates in Canada with the tapes, said vice-president of Master's House of Tapes, John Tisdalle, last week. Now they are sent all over the world, he explained. Tisdalle was the Social Credit MLA for Saanich and the Islands a few years ago.

Featured at Sunday's sing-along will be the Singing Holdens and pianist Al Haythorne, all of Victoria.

Tisdalle said everyone was welcome to attend the event, which will take place between 2 pm and 6 pm.

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Cost of firewood is closer to \$90 per cord

BY TONY RICHARDS

The price of firewood is soaring on Salt Spring Island and the situation could be termed as a minor energy crisis.

And it would appear that the only way to bring the price down is to revert to the old system of measuring a wood pile: with a piece of cord.

Driftwood received a complaint last week from an island resident who had ordered a cord of wood and received little more than half a cord. Looking further into the matter, it was found that the practice of short-cording on the part of some firewood dealers is not an uncommon one.

The effect, of course, is that firewood is not really costing the

buyer \$45 per cord, but closer to \$90.

Weights and measures inspector Jack McIlveen of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada told Driftwood on Tuesday that once a short cord has been delivered, there is not much the purchaser can do about it. He explained that an inspector has to be present at the time of delivery.

McIlveen said the government is in the process of setting up a system for policing the sale of cordwood and noted that the problem has become common in many parts of the province.

What is a cord of wood? A loosely stacked pile containing 128 cubic feet of wood or measuring four by four by eight feet.

Why is it called a cord? Because firewood used to be measured with a piece of cord.

And if you're in the market for firewood, you'd better get some cord ready. Otherwise you'd be well advised to buy oil instead and save a considerable amount of money.



The owner of this wood pile ordered a cord of wood recently; this is what he got. The piece of wood running horizontally above the pile is eight feet long and four feet off the ground. The top of the wood pile is almost 18 inches below the four-foot level.

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Something has to give . . . and that something, at most hospitals, is our jobs. People are being laid off, or aren't being replaced when they retire or quit.

The figures vary, but the provincial average could be as high as one in every 10 health care workers losing their jobs, or not being replaced, in 1979.

That concerns us, for obvious reasons: these are, after all, our jobs, our means of making a living; and we care about health care.

It may surprise you to learn it also concerns most hospital boards and administrators, our employers, people who are every bit as concerned as we about budget restrictions and the lowered standard of patient care they must inevitably bring about.

Who's going to be the real loser in this round of election money games?

You are. You're the one who could desperately need that tenth worker when you, or your loved ones, must be in hospital this year. You're the one who isn't going to get the care that tenth worker could offer.

Think about it. Go to the next meeting of your hospital board and ask the trustees there about it. Then write to Robert McClelland, the Minister of Health . . . tell him what you think about it.

 **HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION LOCAL 180**

School neighbour outlines problems with cars, litter

A complaint from a Ganges resident living near the schools has brought a suggestion from the school board that a sign be erected.

Mrs. Ursula Sinclair wrote to the board to point out that children from the neighbouring schools climb daily over the fence separating her yard from the school grounds to play on her property. Mrs. Sinclair pointed out that problems with glass and litter are becoming increasingly worse, adding that she is extending the fence

in order to discourage pupils from trespassing onto her property.

The fence will also keep car drivers attending night school from parking in her driveway, she feels.

Because of the problems associated with living so close to the schools Mrs. Sinclair asked for financial assistance in construction of the fence. Trustee Charles

Baltzer, however, said that although the board had agreed to construct and maintain the original fence he wasn't "sure that we're obligated to go beyond that."

The board has suggested that a sign could be posted warning that cars will be removed from Mrs. Sinclair's driveway at the owners' expense.

School Advisory Committee to meet Monday

The next meeting of the Salt Spring Elementary School Advisory Committee will be Monday, March 5 at 3.30 in the library.

Included on the agenda are: pedestrian traffic safety progress, field trips, gifted child program, communications between parents and school, and fund raising. All interested community members are invited.

The listed Logan is the wrong fellow!

If there's anyone on Salt Spring Island with cablevision problems, they shouldn't call John Logan on Forest Hill. He's not the fellow who runs the cablevision service here, but he is the only Logan listed in the telephone book.

The fellow who does run cablevision goes by the name of Brian Logan, and his phone number is listed under Salt Spring Cablevision.

Door of van smashed in as result of hit and run

A van owned by Don Bourrie of Ganges was sideswiped in the parking lot of the Harbour House Hotel late Saturday night.

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Salt Spring hikers face busy schedule in March

The Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club has announced its activity schedule for March.

On March 6 Bob Ball will lead a hike in the Cranberry Road area. Hikers should meet at Centennial Park at 10 am. On the same date, Sue Mout will lead a walk in the Beaver Point area. Martialling points are Centennial Park at 10 am and Fulford Inn at 10.30 am.

Ann McCalman will lead a hike to Maxwell via Garner Road on March 13 with Centennial Park designated as the meeting place. Hikers should gather there at 10 am. Those planning to walk the Stafford Trail with Marjorie Beggs can also meet at Centennial Park at the same time, or at the foot of Lee's Hill at 10.30 am.

TRIPLE TREAT

Nina Wickman will lead a hike up Reginald Hill March 20, with martialling points at Centennial Park at 10 am and Fulford Inn at 10.30. Those planning to

participate in the walk led by Ted Brown should meet at Centennial at 10 am as well.

March 27 offers a triple treat for walking enthusiasts. Mary Sylvander will lead a group of hikers over a new route up Mt. Tuam, and Doris Anderson will conduct a walk on King Road.

Anyone planning to participate in either of those events should gather at Centennial Park at 10 am or Fulford Inn at 10.30. In addition, Ruby Alton will lead a nature and bird walk in the Michael Lake and Ivy Green marsh areas on that date. Participants should meet at the Vesuvius ferry at 9 am.

A three-day trip to the Olympic Peninsula is being planned for June 26 to 28. Accommodation will be at a lodge there, and a \$20 deposit is required at the time of booking. Details about the trip can be obtained from Anne Marie Dahlke at 537-2354 or Val Keys at 537-2619.

What's happening at SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY ?

BY IAN JUKES

All other happenings at the school were certainly eclipsed (if you'll pardon the play on words) by the goings on in the sky Monday morning. In order to ensure proper supervision and viewing during the event (most students would have been travelling to school) school opening was delayed an hour. In a sense it was unfortunate that the day was overcast in that it prevented the children from observing the eclipse by the indirect methods discussed in science - oh well, there's always next time (2017).

While all other events pale by comparison, the days have been very full here at the school. First and foremost has been the public speaking contest - grade winners of which have yet to be determined at this writing. Plans are afoot to have a parents evening Wednesday, March 7 at which time all winners will speak or recite. Many hours of student preparation have gone into the contest, and the results are quite apparent. The material is of a uniformly high quality - hope we'll see you there.

event will be our indoor track meet on March 23.

House basketball winds up this week with make up games to complete the schedule. Leaders to date are the Mustangs with 93 points, closely followed by Stallions (88), and Colts and Broncos (71). Next week's event will be a basketball circuit followed by the ever-popular floor hockey.

School teams have been busy playing and practicing. The girls' team lost a close one to Crofton, falling just short in a second half charge. The boys' teams played two games, the scores of which were not available at press time.

STIFF COMPETITION

All teams will have their hands full with one future opponent - Boundary Bay Elementary, from Delta, as the second half of the highly successful exchange has been scheduled for April 6-7 at Boundary Bay Elementary. Rumor has it that several very compet-

itive mainland teams have been invited. Should be very interesting.

Finally, congratulations to Alison Albhouse, grade 7 student at S.S.E. for her fine showing in the Heart fund poster contest, and to Sean Albhouse, Robert Johnson and Jeff Moger, elementary chess champions for their fine showings in the Vancouver Island Championships.

Next week; information about the school production planned for May and the Grade 7 field trip scheduled for March 11.

Duplicate bridge

Canadian Legion duplicate bridge club winners on February 20 were: first, Marge Murray, Anne McConnell; second, Vera and Alf Nichols; third, Hilda Orchard, Lois Popkin-Clurman; fourth, Audrey Allan, Helen Shandro; fifth, Jack Murray, Norm McConnell.

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The end result of such experiences are that teachers can approach ever changing curriculum material with greater confidence, thus improving the quality of lessons.

As everyone knows, seeing or listening to material first hand is usually a far more significant experience than reading or hearing of it in a second hand manner. With this in mind, hats off to Mr. Watson for arranging a school visit by Gabriela Videla so that she could share her experiences in Chile and Mexico with the students. Her visit is just one in a series that have been already arranged or planned for the future.

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Down to the gym where the air was filled with - no not basketballs; but paper airplanes. Over 150 participants competed for championships in three disciplines. Winners were: distance - Jason Bush and Tom Clarkson; accuracy - Kevin Smith and Denny Box; duration - Michael Charron and Robert Calkins. Our next special

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Number of options considered

The board of trustees of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital has voiced unanimous support to Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm for a sewer system for Ganges.

In a letter accompanying a brief sent to Vander Zalm last week, board chairman Iola Brookbanks pointed out that anything other than a sewer system to alleviate sewage overflow problems presently plaguing the hospital would commit taxpayers to heavy expenditures. Mrs. Brookbanks also asked, on behalf of the board, for a meeting with the minister in order to discuss the matter.

The brief was sent to Vander Zalm following a meeting of trustees to discuss what to do about raw sewage that is oozing out of the hospital's saturated septic fields and into a neighbouring residential yard.

STOP - GAP MEASURES

The brief outlines the history of the hospital and points out that the original septic tank system for the

institution gave out after 12 years of use. A new system involving two fields was designed and installed by 1971, but the brief points out that even then various hospital and government officials were aware that it was little more than a stop-gap measure.

"However, at that time (1969)," the brief says, "there was every indication that a Ganges sewer system which included the hospital would be built shortly."

The board's brief goes on to point out that although the sewage situation was aggravated by the opening of 15 extended care beds in 1972, careful use of water helped keep the situation under control until late 1978.

The brief also notes that permission for construction of the 10 additional extended care beds expected to open this spring was granted after a temporary permit was obtained by the hospital. That permit was granted on the basis of early completion of the Ganges sewer system.

The hospital is currently producing in the neighbourhood of 4,000 gallons of sewage per day, the brief says, and once the 10 additional beds are in use that figure is expected to jump to 5,000 gallons daily.

SOLUTIONS LISTED

A number of possible solutions

to the dilemma are listed in the brief, among them the use of both fields simultaneously, daily pumping of the tanks at an estimated cost of \$3,000 per month, or reconstruction of the septic fields, which has an estimated price tag of \$40,000 to \$50,000. Consideration could also be given to not opening the additional 10 beds, the brief suggests, or laying off two full-time long service employees and sending laundry to Victoria to be done.

Estimated net cost of the latter measure is approximately \$5,000 monthly.

Under the heading Permanent and Semi-permanent Solutions in the brief, there are only two suggestions: installation of a separate local sewage treatment plant at a capital cost of about \$70,000 or, "by whatever means possible get immediate action on the construction of the community sewer system."

Maybe it will do their vegetable garden some good

There may be pros and there may be cons when it comes to the controversy about sewers on Salt Spring Island, but there's one couple in Ganges who know only one thing: they're tired of having sewage flow into their back yard.

The couple, who wish to remain

anonymous, have lived on Salt Spring for 16 years. They moved into their newly-bought duplex on Howell Lane behind the hospital at the end of November 1978.

"We bought this property in August, and there was no indication that there was any problem then," says the man of the house. "When we moved in in November we didn't notice anything. But then in December after the hospital had installed those pipes in its septic field, we noticed water seeping down the hill and into our yard."

Closer investigation and a very distinctly unpleasant odour have led to the conclusion that it's not just water seeping into the couple's yard, it's sewage from the hospital's saturated septic fields.

The couple point out that during the cold spell when everything froze up the seepage wasn't apparent. But once temperatures began to rise it became obvious every time the couple crossed their back lawn.

"And you can smell it in the warm weather," one of them points out. "It will be unbearable when summer comes."

Stewart Stevenson passes away

A resident of Salt Spring Island for almost 10 years, Stewart Stevenson passed away at his home at Blackburn Lake Friday.

Born in Belfast, Ireland, 69 years ago, Mr. Stevenson spent most of his life at sea, both in the merchant marine and in the marine division of the Royal Air Force. He obtained his master's papers in 1945.

He worked for both the Coast Guard and the B.C. Ferries before retiring in 1976.

Mr. Stevenson was featured in a story that appeared in Driftwood in July of last year. The story recounted some of his experience while serving on a freighter in 1941, when a giant sea snake found its way on to his ship.

He leaves his wife Elvira and one son, Brian, both of Victoria.

Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Galiano Island

BY MARY ELLEN HARDING

This past week has seen several pretty bad storms, winds blowing hard, and some snow in scattered places. We did not notice any power outages, and we are always thankful to Hydro and roads men who go out and keep our essential services going.

Some great news for our Avon lady, Mrs. Ken (Diana) Silvey, who recently attended the Avon conference in Parksville. She found that she is one of the top 10 salesladies in her district. She was given a Parker silver pen to mark her good work.

Many of our residents have returned from winter vacations now. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Hall Tingley, Judge and Mrs. Mervin Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. D.A. New, who have been at Palm Springs, California, where they saw our friends, the C.F. (Chuck) Webbs.

Miss E.E. Trimmer and Miss F. Druce have returned home after their holidays in England.

Friday, March 2 will be a busy day, with the head nurse from Greenwoods coming over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. O.H. New.



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Trustees call for fast action

Gulf Islands School Board has voted in favour of sending a letter to Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm urging speedy approval and construction of the sewer system for Ganges.

The matter was brought up at Thursday's regular board meeting by trustee Ivan Mouat, who said he feared the district could be "closed down at any time with what we're dumping over the edge here."

"I think if we don't get on with it we're going to be faced with some high costs," Mouat told the board. "I think we should give full support to this effort to try and get the sewer scheme through."

Trustee Charles Baltzer, however, said he had few fears of the district having to close schools. **TOO CHICKEN**

"I don't believe Arniel (regional health officer) would close the too chicken to," Baltzer told the board. "He had an ultimatum on the matter a year ago and he didn't close anything down."

Baltzer added that although he's in favour of a sewer system for the village, he doesn't like the idea of wording the letter to the minister too strongly.

"I think the board has to be a bit careful about strongly wording

it," Baltzer commented. "I would have to vote against anything that would push it hard through the board."

Trustee Spencer Marr told the

meeting before the final vote on the issue that the Ganges schools currently discharge about 3,500 gallons of effluent every day that they are in operation.

Hospital, schools are big users of water at Ganges

Total water consumption by businesses and institutions in Ganges during 1978 was 10,184,100 gallons, according to statistics compiled by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District. The area of Ganges referred to is that which would be served by the proposed sewer system.

The amount of water used by Lady Minto Hospital and the schools was nearly a quarter of the total at 2,203,500 gallons a year.

The largest single user of water in Ganges was the Harbour House Hotel at 3,027,700 gallons, more than twice that of the hospital's figure of 1,549,300 gallons. Gulf Islands Secondary School used 390,900 gallons last year; the elementary school, 263,300 gallons.

The waterworks district report is divided into two sections: one for the downtown, core area and the other for that area north of the head of the harbour.

The core area of Ganges used 3,534,080 gallons last year; the area outside the core (from the Harbour House Hotel, including Harbour's End Marina, up to the hospital) used 6,650,020 gallons.

Additional figures show the total daily consumption including residences. Total for all of Ganges was 40,234 gallons per day.

Smallest single user was the library, with a total for the year of 3,100 gallons, or eight gallons a day.

Copies of the report are available at the water district office at Central, Driftwood was told.

Death of Ron Turner at Richmond

Ronald L. Turner, aged 66, died in Richmond General Hospital on February 11. He is survived by his wife Bessie, daughters and sons-in-law Joyce and Marten Haynes of Richmond, Jeanette and Garry Thompson of Squamish, son and daughter-in-law Ralph and Edith Turner of Steveston, and six grandchildren. He also leaves three sisters, three brothers, his mother-in-law Mrs. E. Goebel and many friends on Pender Island as well as up and down the coast of B.C.

Turner was well known to fishermen in the lower Gulf and Fraser River; he owned and operated the fish-packer Princess Aleta from 1951 until 1974 when he had his retirement home built on property he had bought in 1956 at Otter Bay.

In 1975 he moved permanently to Pender Island from Steveston.

He was a member of the island Legion branch and the Silver Threads.

Funeral services were held at Valleyview Memorial Garden, Surrey on February 15.

Victoria authority gives conditioning tips to riders

Contributed

The Salt Spring Island Riding Club members gathered recently to hear guest speaker Mrs. Harriette Gordon of Victoria give a sympathetic and informative talk on conditioning.

She explained that a horse lying idle through the winter loses muscle tone and condition. He is at this time in no way fit to undertake any hard work, be it jumping or only long trail rides without stress and strain, particularly to heart, lungs and legs.

She said that to prepare a horse for any kind of activity six weeks should be allowed. The first week should be entirely devoted to walking, then with a little increase of grain slow trotting should be

started, particularly up hills to develop the muscles. Trotting on the roads is good to harden up the legs, but should be kept down to a slow pace. Fast paces on the pavements cause leg problems.

Mrs. Gordon went on to give some useful hints on horsemanship stressing relaxation as opposed to tightening up, and urging good sportsmanship and consideration for the horse. She concluded with the sobering observation that the behaviour of a horse is a reflection of its rider's character.

Some of next summer's activities have already been planned and the dates for the Heather Woods clinics have been set. This year her clinics will also include classes for western riders. The first clinic will be held on April 21-22, so next month should see club members busily conditioning their horses.

Liquor charges net fines

Eighteen-year-old Harry Spence of Ganges faced four charges under the Liquor Control Act when he appeared in Ganges provincial court last Wednesday.

After pleading guilty to all four, Crown counsel Richard Law withdrew two of the charges. Spence was fined \$100 for entering licensed premises and \$25 for purchasing liquor on licensed premises.

He was fined by Judge D.K. McAdam.



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Down Through The Years With Driftwood

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

A group of happy Lions and their wives have just returned from attending the Seventh Annual Spring Conference, which this year was held at Bellingham. Under the leadership of Lion vice-president Walter Mailey, the following Lions and Lionesses attended: Lion and Mrs. Dennis Abolit, Lion Jake Barker, Lion and Mrs. Irl Bradley, Lion and Mrs. Lorne Earl, Lion and Mrs. Eric Faure, Lion and Mrs. Ben Greenhough, Lion and Mrs. Dave Pallot, Lion and Mrs. Jack Tomlinson.

The Salt Spring delegation was one of the largest at the conference. Over 450 Lions and Lionesses sat down at the main banquet on Saturday night, representing Lions Clubs from as far north as Kitimat and Prince Rupert and as far south as the Oregon border.

Such surprising things come to light in Fulford now and then and we discovered today that we have an Amateur Radio Station in the district. It is the A.G. Sheffield's Amateur Radio Station.

On Sunday, scout master Doug Jack with 15 members of the Tsartlip troop from Sidney, B.C. visited the Sheffield's and radio station, to renew their Amateur Radio Contracts made during last November's world scouting jamboree. The troop plan to return and camp again in the Beaver Point district during the summer holidays.

Mr. Sheffield is one of the senior members of the Institute of Radio Engineers, and he keeps up his contact with this exciting and useful hobby.

The quarterly meeting of St. Mary's Guild was held at the rectory in Ganges on Friday. Mrs. S.J. Leech greeted the members as they arrived. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The president Miss Doris Anderson, read letters from Mrs. F.L. Jackson and from Mrs. A.D. Dane.

TEN YEARS AGO

Pranksters were abroad in Ganges on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning notice outside the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace on Drake Road identified it as the Community Gospel Church.

At the same time congregation of the Gospel Church were startled to learn that the church was now the Church of Our Lady of Grace.

The signs were promptly sorted out.

It was an enjoyable cabaret dance at the Fulford Hall on Friday night, Feb. 21 when the annual Valcourt Night went into action to aid their favourite project - youth activities.

This public-spirited firm paid for the rent of the hall, the orchestra, the food, putting out the sum of \$200 to start things rolling.

And they did roll. Dick Daiment's orchestra supplied the good music for the dance, the Fulford girls hockey team saw that the hall was prettily decorated, and

the tables set for refreshments, Roy Lee put up the tables (and took them down the next day.)

The purpose of the dance was to raise funds to buy equipment for the hockey players.

Islanders new representative in Ottawa is now duly accepted as a member of parliament.

On Thursday of last week T.C. Douglas, leader of the New Democratic Party, was introduced to the Speaker of the House by David Lewis and Harold Winch.

Mr. Douglas was welcomed back by the Prime Minister.

Writer of world-wide experience will conduct the Creative Writing Classes currently sponsored by the adult education program at Ganges. He is John Rhodes Sturdy.

Mr. Sturdy came to the course with an impressive background of accomplishments.

Mr. Sturdy has written for magazines all over the continent including the once-famous Collier's and Saturday Evening Post.

He has also produced two mysteries under a pseudonym.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Concert by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, or part of the orchestra was proposed by Mrs. Nonie Guthrie at last Thursday's school board meeting in Ganges.

Chairman of the board when the new school construction was undertaken, Mrs. Guthrie is now in charge of arrangements for the opening of the school facilities including the community project at the activity room.

She told the board that there would be an afternoon ceremony for the school opening, with an evening program to mark the opening of the new activity room.

Only problem facing the enthusiastic trustee was lack of funds.

School board has no funds for the purpose, she was warned. The Capital Regional District has no funds for an opening, George Heinekey had told her.

Parents of school children at Galiano have voted warmly in favour of a consolidated school at Mayne for Outer Island students in Grades 7, 8 and 9. The same meeting also approved transportation of Grades 10 to 12 to Ganges.

Daily transportation was considered, but opinions varied. Some want daily trips and others want weekly transport with boarding arrangements on Salt Spring Island, board was told.

Parents on Mayne Island have reached no definite conclusion and are still discussing it.

End of the semester system may be in sight on the islands.

At last week's meeting of the Gulf Islands School Board, trustee Sheila Fraser gave notice of motion calling for an end to the semester system. The system would continue until June 30 this year.

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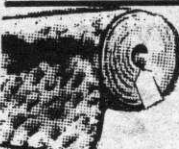
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Music in St. George's will feature harp and violin

BY JOAN STACEY

The unusual combination of harp and violin will be heard in St. George's Church at the next scheduled concert on March 4 at 2 pm. Jean Knight, violin and Kathryn Ely, harp, will combine their outstanding talents for this concert, sponsored by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island.

Salt Spring musician Jean Knight was born in Sussex, England, and began her musical education at the age of six. Several scholarships followed, one at the age of 16 to the Royal College of Music in London, where she completed her A.R.C.M. During the war, Jean first served as a nurse and later joined ENSA, an association for entertainment of the services. During this period she met and married her husband Tony, also a musician with ENSA.

Following the war, Jean played with the B.B.C. Opera Orchestra and Sadler Wells and was concert mistress of a light orchestra. After coming to Canada, Jean joined the Vancouver Symphony orchestra, was a member of the CBC radio orchestra and a founder member of the Baroque Strings.

TEACHING VIOLIN

Jean and Tony have been living on Salt Spring Island for over three years. Jean is teaching violin to all ages on the island, the youngest one in a group of five and six-year-olds.

On Thursday evenings, Jean teaches a group of adults as part of the Continuing Education program.

Sharing the coming concert with Jean will be Kathryn Ely, who resides in Victoria, where she teaches harp at the Victoria Conservatory of Music. Kathryn's husband, Richard Ely, is the well known French horn player.

Angela Funk will be accom-

panying Jean Knight during the concert. Angela is a well-known pianist to Salt Spring Islanders and has shared concerts with Jean in two previous concert series.



JEAN KNIGHT

A most interesting program has been rehearsed for the March 4 concert. Jean and Kathryn together will perform several pieces, perhaps the most ambitious work being the Fantaisie by Saint-Saen. During the program there will be harp solos by Faure and Hindemith, and a demonstration of the harp by Kathryn. The Canzonetta

from Tchaikowsky's violin concerto will be one of the favourites on the program. Jean in former concerts has always delighted the audience with information and anecdotes about the music and composers.

To help offset expenses, a collection will be taken at the door. These concerts have financial assistance from the Community Arts Council in the form of a grant.

The last event this season will



KATHRYN ELY

take place March 18 when the choir from Pearson College will give a concert, another great favourite.

Wide variety of subjects discussed by parents, students

Field trips, new graduation requirements and the family life program were topics discussed at a parents meeting last Monday at Gulf Islands Secondary.

New graduation requirements were outlined by principal Bob McWhirter at the invitation of chairperson Pat Macpherson. Basically, McWhirter explained, the

major change will be that in the future grade 11 and 12 students will be required to take 16 courses as opposed to the current minimum of 12. All courses attempted, passed or failed will now be recorded on the students' transcript. More emphasis will be placed on vocational skills, and the math program will be extended. These new changes will be phased into the present system over the next two years. McWhirter noted that sign-up meetings will be held in April and May to give parents a chance to approve their children's courses.

Teacher Ken Taylor discussed English placement tests and scholarships with the group.

Family life discussion was preceded by the viewing of a film currently being included in part of the Family Life programme in G.I.S. Afterwards, parents were invited to comment.

Field trips were discussed at some length before a vote was taken to see whether the majority were opposed or in favour of placing restrictions on field trips which would allot each student three days a year for these activities. The majority of parents were opposed to such restrictions.



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