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## Hospital may have to close—chairman

### Ruling is appealed to cabinet

The Pollution Control Board's ruling on the Ganges sewer will be appealed to the provincial cabinet by the Capital Regional District. The decision to appeal was made at the meeting last week of the sewage and solid wastes committee of the CRD.

The board appeal would be based on the fact that it was reached without the same technical and professional advice which had been devoted to the original plan. In addition, it was felt by directors that the board, in its deliberations, would well have taken into consideration the economics of the project.

In making the motion to appeal the decision of the Pollution Control Board, Jim Campbell called attention to the fact that an appeal is not in any sense improper. Where the machinery exists for an appeal against the rulings of any tribunal, the members affected by its rulings must be completely free to appeal to that recourse, he urged.

"There is nothing improper in appealing the decision," he assured his colleagues.

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Greenwoods residents Joan Springford and Frank Pantony, with Pat Speed in the centre, and the giant softball where the ballots containing suggestions for team names will be deposited.

### Greenwoods has a softball team

A Salt Spring Island softball team is looking for a name.

The men's team known last year as Salt Spring Cablevision is aligning itself this season with Greenwoods, the intermediate and personal care facility at Ganges.

A benefit concert is being staged Friday evening to raise money for equipment. And at the same time, suggestions for a name will be taken. Whoever submits the winning name for the team will be given a dinner for two at the restaurant of his choice, on the island.

One of the project's organizers,

Pat Speed, told *Driftwood* that contributions have been received from a number of local people, including Dagwoods, Ralph's Meat Market, Gulf Island Trading, Humperdinks, K & R, and Ganges Harbour Groceries. She expressed thanks to them and to Margaret Atkinson as well, for their donations.

Tickets for the concert are \$3, \$1.50 for senior citizens, and are available at Dagwoods and Greenwoods. It will begin at 8 pm and will feature entertainment by Reid Collins, Rick Dodds and Doug Rollo.

### Wright critical of Ganges sewer scheme

Without cabinet intervention in the sewer proposal at Ganges, Lady Minto Hospital will likely be closed, a Capital Regional District committee was told last week.

A large delegation from Salt Spring Island heard the chairman of the solid wastes and sewage committee of the regional board express vigorous criticism of the proposed Ganges sewage scheme.

A Ganges business group was subsequently denied permission to speak.

Chairman Robert Wright opened the discussion of the project with the reminder that he has no axe to grind in the matter.

He welcomed director John Mika of Saanich, who has been expressing interest in Salt Spring Island. He also assured committee member Yvette Valcourt of Salt Spring that any spokesman she wished the committee to hear would be heard. Valcourt did not want the committee to hear the Ganges spokesman.

He also introduced the three members of the Islands Trust who were in attendance.

Opening the discussion, engineer Norman Howard explained the history of the project and the ruling of the Pollution Control Board following the appeal in November.

Cost of the provision sought by the Pollution Control Board would be in the region of a million, he told directors.

"That would be out of the question from an economic point of

view," suggested the chairman. "Is that a fair statement?"

It was, agreed Howard.

Howard Sturrock, of Saanich, interposed that the system has not been planned as economic. It has been highly subsidized all the way.

#### COSTLY FLUSH

Without government grants on the 2,000-metre expansion of the outfall, required by the Pollution Control Board, it would cost a Ganges resident \$150 a month to flush the toilet, suggested Wright.

Analysis of the costs showed that the average household could have paid between \$250 and \$300 a year under the original plan. Today's figure for the same work would cost about \$340 per annum.

Cost per household with the present requirement of the Pollution Control Board would bring the cost up to about \$417.50, reported the regional treasurer, Ken Ball.

If grants were not permitted to cover the new outfall extension, the unit cost would rise to \$714 per annum. If the 75% factor applies, where the province accepts three-quarters of the cost beyond an arbitrary mill rate, then the total would drop back to \$530.

The chairman stated that he "had been given to understand" that the ministry of municipal affairs will not allow the "high-cost

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### Property opposite school

## Site found for Health Centre

The Pender Islands Health Care Centre will be built on property directly across the road from the School-Community Centre, it was announced last week.

Stewart Corbett of the Pender Lions Club made the announcement at a meeting attended by approximately 200 people at the community centre on Friday evening.

The two-acre property has been donated by Garnet Marler to be used for the health centre.

Six possible sites were examined by the committee in charge: on Otter Bay road a piece offered by Nep and Don Grimmer; Jim Macdonald's property adjoining the police station; the Estelle property next to the garage, recently purchased by Earl Hastings; a site offered by Magic Lake Property Owners Association; a three-acre site offered by Ken Watters; and the site offered by Garnet Marler.

Corbett expressed his gratitude to those who had offered to donate property and outlined the reasons

for the choice.

- The building itself has to be 58 feet back from the centre of the road allowance.

- The building code requires seven parking spaces for each 1,000 feet of floor area.

### Trust gets no response

Islands Trust gained no response from the Salt Spring Island Planning Association on Monday evening.

Local trustee Bud Kreissl asked the association whether it recognized the medical officer of health as the responsible officer for the health of the community. Second question asked whether the association still stood by the community plan.

The trustee's questions were ignored.

- The septic field has to be about 33ft. by 120 ft. and must be located at least 100 feet from the well. The area above it cannot be used for anything.

- Looking to the future and population growth, the chosen area allows for doubling the building size in 15 years and increasing the parking space.

Corbett said the building will be a Health Care Centre and will be used not only by Dr. Sutherland, but by related health care professionals.

To date \$2,200 has been received in donations, which are tax deductible. More funds are needed to drill the well, lay the septic field and put in driveways, the meeting learned. The provincial grant applies only to the building construction. The community must supply and prepare the site.

Corbett invited those present to look at the plans, prepared by Jim Moebes in conjunction with Dr. Sutherland, and an artist's conception drawing by Mrs. Ora Symes.

## School construction jobs facing postponement

Some proposed summer construction projects may be postponed by Gulf Islands School District for as long as a year due to the fact that the provincial government is over two months behind in its deliberations over this year's capital budget.

School district secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck said that the \$686,000 capital budget submitted to the ministry of education on December 1 should have been sent back to the board for discussion in January.

The board then negotiates and re-negotiates the budget, Peck said, until it meets with ministry approval. This, he added, generally takes three months.

The capital budget goes toward construction projects otherwise known as fixed assets. Planning, the hiring of architects and the letting of tenders should begin no later than April 1 if the hammer

and nail stage is to be reached by the summer.

The negotiating stage hasn't even been reached yet and April 1 is only two weeks away, Peck said.

The projects to be covered by the budget include covered play areas for Salt Spring Elementary, Fernwood and Galiano Schools; funds for connecting to the proposed Ganges sewer system; Mayne Island School fire risk reduction work required by I.C.B.C.; an addition of a new office and classroom at Saturna School; a band practice area at Gulf Islands Secondary School; a new school site on southern Salt Spring Island; and facilities for the Gulf Islands Secondary agriculture program.

Peck said projects that will not be disruptive to classroom activities could begin in the fall, but projects like the one slated for Saturna School would have to be delayed until next summer.

# Committee looks at Ganges sewer

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grant". This is a special assistance in respect of projects costing much beyond the capacity of the region to pay for a needed service.

Already spent on design, planning, appeals and other preparatory works is \$275,000, directors were told.

If the project were abandoned, the burden would be on the designated area, said Ball. He estimated a levy of some 28 mills over a 20-year period.

### WITH OR WITHOUT

The treasurer made a quick comparison. On the original basis, without the 2,000-metre extension, the project would cost the average householder \$340 per annum. To clear the debt incurred over the planning would cost him \$240 a year for nothing.

Committee learned that there are 180 developed properties in the sewer area. Inclusion of schools and hospitals represents the equivalent of 560 developed properties.

The equivalent value is based on the likely use of the utility.

Norman Howard listed the options.

Treatment plant upgrading, providing two parallel treatment plants to ensure a freedom from disaster in the event of a breakdown, without the outfall extension would cost \$3.6 million.

Tertiary treatment is virtually already there, said Howard in reply to a question from the chairman.

Two other options are to discharge into Trincomali Channel at an estimated cost of \$4.686 million and to put it into Sansum Narrows at a cost of \$4.582 million.

There was less information available on land disposal, as there are very few areas on the island which would be suitable for the purpose, explained the engineer.

The specified area might be changed, suggested Mika. This wouldn't change the problem of putting it into the sea, replied Howard.

### CAN'T WALK AWAY

The region cannot simply walk away from it all, cautioned Jim Campbell. The director of Pollution Control and the medical officer of health both believe that a sewer is necessary.

The region is just the messenger, suggested the chairman, and it's getting shot at. The board could go back to the province, if it's faced with a horrendous cost, and say, "Let's have a referendum," he observed amid limited clapping from opponents of the sewer project.

The medical officer of health is of the opinion that a health hazard exists, directors were told, and that correction on an individual basis would be very expensive, even if it were possible.

The cure of the problem at the schools and the hospital would entail the construction of treatment plants with a marine discharge, said Campbell. Abandonment of the project would not eliminate the need for a marine discharge. It would simply result in a new application within four years at the outside, he forecast.

### HOSPITAL CLOSED?

It would have to be a marine disposal system or the hospital must be closed, he commented.

Sewer construction has a close bearing on planning, it had been decided at a meeting the week before, and the Islands Trust was invited to express its opinion.

Chairman John Rich told the committee that the Ganges plan followed the sewer decision and that it was predicated on the

assumption that sewers would be necessary.

Asked for his own opinion on the need for sewers, he replied that he was not prepared to offer such an opinion.

"To us it is a fact," he told the committee chairman, "and to raise such a matter is a red herring. We don't challenge facts."

The presentation of trustee Bud Kreissl's report on the health hazard was met with another round of applause; this time from another section of the audience.

Trustee David Lott agreed that there is a sewage problem in Ganges. There are many people unhappy with the idea of discharging sewage into Ganges Harbour, continued the trustee, but he has no solution to the problem.

### AGREE WITH RICH

He agreed with chairman Rich that the Ganges plan was predicated on a sewer system.

How did he feel about the outfall and harbour discharge, the committee chairman asked Bud Kreissl.

"I'm smart," replied Kreissl, "I leave that to the experts!"

The region is not an initiator, it is a facilitator, said Mika. It should be up to the residents. There should be a referendum to establish whether a sewer is needed.

The answer should be devised by islanders, he urged.

"The Capital Regional District was remiss in not holding a referendum," he told the committee.

She has not accepted the concept of a sewer, noted Yvette Valcourt. She has objected to the methods used by the Capital Regional District to get signatures on the original petition.

"All the concerned citizens had asked that a fair referendum be held," she told the committee.

### CHALLENGES NEED

She listed reports from the medical officer of health and challenged the need for a sewer on the grounds that he had reported, in 1977, that all problems were cleared up.

The referendum would have no reference to the school or hospital, commented Sturrock.

Iola Brookbank, as chairman of the Gulf Islands Hospital administration, reviewed the years 1969 to 1980 and the mounting pressure for a sanitary sewage disposal system.

Last year, from April until February, 1980, the Lady Minto Hospital spent \$48,110 for pumping out the septic tanks at the hospital.

A new disposal field has been installed as a palliative, to serve temporarily, she reported. It was put into use on February 14 and on February 15 a complaint was lodged by an adjacent property owner that effluent was leaking on to his property.

"Does the hospital or the school board vote on a referendum?" she asked the committee chairman. Wright said they would. The

hospital spokesman corrected him. They would have no vote, she stated.

### NOT PREPARED TO LISTEN

When he was reminded that a number of Ganges businessmen had come to address the committee, the chairman told Ron McQuiggan, "I am not prepared to hear anyone else besides you."

The business community of Salt Spring Island has no representation on the board, said McQuiggan.

He described himself as the tenant of a dilapidated building typical of the area. The long delay in taking action on a sewer has resulted in the dilapidation, he explained.

Ganges is a community with a large number of buildings past their economic life, he continued.

He expressed particular concern for the sewage system delay because it would provide the only place on Salt Spring Island where multi-family dwellings might be built and the numbers of elderly people looking for an apartment are increasing constantly.

On the request of John Rich, a former local trustee, Jack Fisher, was invited to speak.

Fisher recalled the problems of planning Ganges and stated that the planning was undertaken to link with the projected sewer system.

The original sewer plan had included the area south of Ganges, on the hill, and the Trust had honoured a vigorous objection to inclusion of the area by its pattern of planning.

"We visualized what facilities might be required and we tried to draw a plan to make provision for them."

### TWO YEARS MAKING

The committee spent two years preparing the Ganges plan, said Fisher. It was prepared over a period of two years, including one period of five months when the members got together every two weeks.

"We considered the provision of a proper sewer for the Ganges area a necessity," he concluded.

Last speaker was the sewer critic from Vancouver, John Davies. Speaking at the invitation of director Valcourt, he claimed no qualifications and explained that he was merely offering his opinions. Confident that the school and hospital problems can be corrected without a sewer and that local business premises could be corrected by a system of local initiatives, he was not prepared to offer a "subjective opinion" as to whether there is a health hazard, he admitted. He also expressed confidence that it would be feasible to dispose of effluent in the ground.

In conclusion, he questioned whether the community could, in fact, be charged for the costs so far incurred in the Ganges sewer project.

The committee agreed to take the appeal to the cabinet, but the

question of a referendum was not settled. Staff will report back to the next meeting of the committee with information on the question.

Also debated were a petition and the placing of a question before voters, which is taken for information and is not binding on the directors.

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## by richards



It's Women's Lib, says a colleague in the office. She meant the Ganges Post Office and its new postmaster, who's a postmistress, Joyce Bradford. If the staff would have the papers in the post office by a deadline on Wednesday, she would ensure their distribution in the postal boxes that afternoon, she said. And that's how Ganges readers were early birds last week.

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Talking about mail delivery, we always hear of record delays in the letter that took five years to cross the world or the letter that was lost and showed up in the mail 20 years later. But we don't often hear about the record deliveries. And the delivery reported by John Healey must, assuredly, be an all-time record. A Christmas card was mailed at a Yorkshire village post office last winter. The recipient estimated the time of delivery as six minutes. The mailman corrected him. Delivery took seven minutes. Not only was the delivery fast, but the names of the post offices concerned would be significant without the speed. The letter was mailed, second class, in Dobcross and was delivered seven minutes later in Diggle.

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Ada Ryan finds retirement easy, most of the way. Here is her summary:

*I can live with my arthritis;  
To my dentures I'm resigned;  
I can manage my bifocals,  
But, by God! I miss my mind!*

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I heard some radio news recently and enjoyed it. When I learned that the bottom "literally" dropped out for some sportsman, I was impressed. I mean, it must have been terribly messy! Might term it a disaster! I heard a "very incredible" report, as well. But I was very alone at the time and couldn't discuss it. The last boner was a reporter explaining that something would culminate a game. One day, culminate will probably take over the meaning already accorded it, but right now it usually gets used in the wrong place.

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I've been plagued with water shortages for years. Either the well was dry or the complex pumping system blew a fuse. But it's all one to the distaff side. Women's Lib had a standard response to my warning on water shortage. For years she would explain that she had been using large quantities of water all day long without any problems and therefore there couldn't be any shortage!

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At my age I can't afford to miss a bet on cemeteries and when Joan Callaghan reported that the Galiano Cemetery needs a little attention, I told her I would see that it was published. I just found it, so I figured better as a tailpiece to this column than that it should be missed. I daren't say it was buried. But the plea was for help to clean up the winter debris and do a bit of weeding and tidying up the graves. And if a reader is eager but too busy, too old or too far away, they could always use a donation. Joan Callaghan is sitting by her telephone, at 539-5796, anxiously awaiting your call.

## Go for the Gold is new slogan for Lion's walk

New approach to the annual Lions Walkathon Salt Spring Island has been launched by the chairman of the drive, Rick Ruppenthal.

Walkers who collect pledges in excess of \$500 will be presented with a gold coin. Those who collect more than \$200 will receive a bag of money.

In past years the awards centred on reaching the end of the walk in first place.

Slogan coined by the Walkathon committee is "Go for the Gold!"

Last week the committee agreed that the course to be walked would be the same as in past years, from Ganges to Fulford.

The service club has already decided to allocate funds from this year's Walkathon to the studies of

extending Pioneer Village and to the Salt Spring Library project.

The Walkathon is the biggest fund-raising event of the year for Salt Spring Lions.

### Second term

Nick Gilbert has been named to the Advisory Planning Commission on Salt Spring Island for a second term.

Nomination was approved by the Salt Spring Island Planning Association on Monday evening.

Members of the commission are named by various public bodies on the island.



## Fashion show for band program

Carol Scott and Leslee Quesnel of Carolee's Fashions in Ganges choose clothing for the preview of spring fashions to be modelled next week at Ganges. The show, sponsored by the clothing store as a benefit for the band program at Gulf Islands Secondary School, will feature summer cottons, velours and terrys in playsuits, jumpsuits and swimwear, as well as coloured print skirts and dresses. Over 60

outfits, including accessories and shoes, will be seen. The \$2.50 admission to the show will include coffee and cookies. It will be held at the secondary school gym Monday, March 17 at 8 pm.

## Leap Year celebrated

Greenwoods residents and patients of Lady Minto Hospital's extended care unit got together recently for a Leap Year Day Tea Dance.

Music was supplied on tapes by Mr. and Mrs. W. Coe and refreshments were provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary and extended care residents.

Director of diversional therapy Pamela Taylor said the afternoon of fun was concluded with birthday greetings to Ernie Donnelly, a Lady Minto staff member.

Meanwhile, Greenwoods residents have been making bird houses in their hobby room and they are being sold for \$6.50 each. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of lumber for flower boxes.

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## Board is silent

Pollution Control Board will not explain the meaning of its findings over the Ganges sewer outfall.

Driftwood wrote to the chairman of the board and asked for a clarification of the board's opinion that sewers are needed in "some parts" of Ganges.

Secretary Shirley Mitchell replied to state that the Capital Regional Board has appealed the findings and, hence, the board cannot discuss them.

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## Irresponsible indifference

Lady Minto Hospital has served the islands since 1912. For 46 years it served the islands people from its commanding situation on Ganges Hill. In 1958 it moved to its present location to the north of Ganges Harbour.

Last week the first notes of its death knell were sounded by the Capital Regional Board.

Last week the chairman of the solid wastes and sewage committee of the board, director Robert Wright, warned his committee that if the cabinet does not take any action in the Ganges sewer controversy the hospital will be closed.

The statement follows years of frustration and delay. It follows a long campaign mounted by those who seek improper means of bending the majority to their will.

The installation of a sewer has been seen by a small group on the island as the instrument by which the universally adopted Ganges Plan will be implemented. It has been vigorously attacked in order to frustrate that plan for Ganges.

While this campaign represented a theatrical fight between two commercial areas many islanders were content to sit back and enjoy the fun. Today the picture has changed. For the first time since the sewer project was proposed, there is talk of closing the islands hospital. Surrounded by a pulsating mountain of effluent which cannot be absorbed by the ground, Lady Minto Hospital cannot much longer survive without an outlet for its water wastes.

In a highly inaccurate Vancouver newspaper report, the Salt Spring regional director was quoted as saying, "We won!"

Unfortunately, she may well have won. But the rest of the islanders have lost. If the price of her victory over the "downtown gang" is hospital service to the islands, we fear it is excessively high.

When the Capital Regional Hospital Board is faced with the cost of replacing the hospital, surely director Valcourt's colleagues cannot continue to support this irresponsible indifference to the well-being of the island communities.

Director Mika wants a referendum before any further action is taken. Will he wait until island patients have died, or should we have it before the hospital sewer gates burst asunder?

The very fact that director Wright can make his reference to closing the hospital without comment from the Salt Spring Island director is a clear indication of her indifference to the community she purports to represent.

Unless island people are prepared to surrender their hospital and see it closed down, every man, woman and child in the Gulf Islands should be demanding action, any action from the vacillating regional board or the provincial ministries concerned.

It is illogical to place the cost of the sewer, high as it undoubtedly is, above the cost of replacing hospital, Greenwoods and the Ganges schools.

The sewer cost will appear paltry against the bill for new institutions.

## Funding from 'you and me'

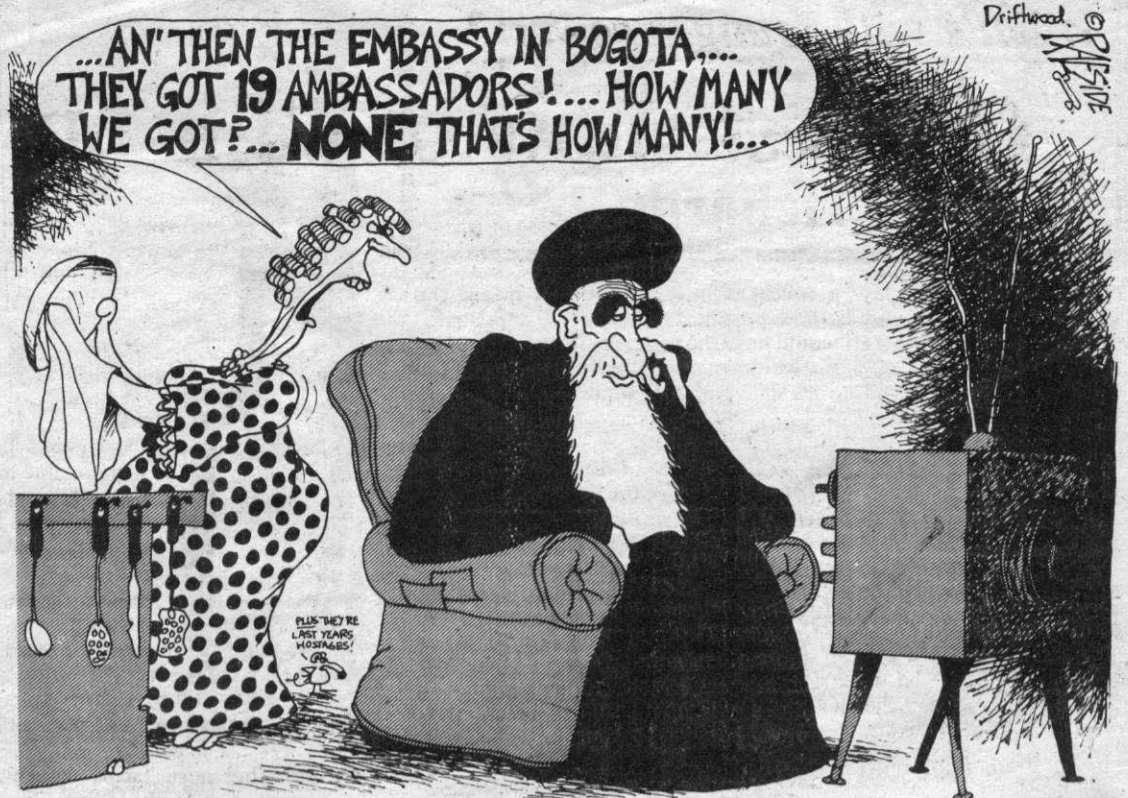
Sir,  
The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce expresses concern regarding the article of February 27, 1980, entitled "No cost if proposal turned down".

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission in their press release state that there would be no cost to the taxpayers of this island if the proposal were turned down.

This statement cannot be accepted by the Chamber as fact. We wonder if the commission has considered how their funds are allotted? To make a statement of this nature is misleading and incorrect.

May we point out that a government has only one source of revenue, i.e. taxation in one form or another. Since the Parks and Recreation Commission is a department of the Capital Regional Board and this is our represented government it does not require much intelligence to realize that the funding for this project is going to come from the taxpayers, you and me.

J. C. JAVORSKI,  
President,  
Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.  
March 10, 1980.



## Letters to the Editor

### 'Too many false statements' about Lady Minto's sewage problems

Sir,

To all the people of Salt Spring Island, the Hospital Board feels very strongly that you should have some factual information about the sewage problem at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. There have been just too many false statements, mostly from people who quite simply do not know what they are talking about.

Our hospital has had continuous trouble with its sewage system since 1969, when our board informed the Greater Victoria Metropolitan Health Board of our problem, since they had jurisdiction over our sewage system.

In 1970, the G.V.M.H.B. approved construction of a lift pump with a new tile field using the existing tank at a cost of \$8,500. This approval stated: "The final solution to your problem is to connect to the Ganges community sewerage system when it is constructed."

In 1971, the new tile field and lift pump was built and the Greater Victoria Metropolitan Board of Health indicated that this new field was designed to correct a health hazard. Problems unfortunately continued.

In 1977, the Pollution Control Branch accepted the jurisdictional responsibility of the sewage disposal system for the hospital. In February, 1978, the Capital Regional District applied for a temporary permit for the hospital to discharge the increased sewage volume caused by the expansion of 10 beds. This permit was allowed because there was a Pollution Control Branch order in 1978 to install a sanitary sewage collection and disposal system in Ganges, and we would be able to have the hospital connected to it.

In 1979, our sewage field was again malfunctioning and we presented a detailed brief to the minister of municipal affairs, supporting a Ganges sewer system, since we felt that something had to be done at once.

The Pollution Control Branch instructed the Capital Regional District to see what could be done to help the hospital situation and the C.R.D. came up with a plan to rejuvenate the field at a cost of \$30,500. In the meantime, the field could not be used, so, in March, 1979, we started pumping out up to seven loads of raw sewage per day, until February 14, 1980. This cost \$48,110, which, added to the \$30,500, makes a total of \$78,610 of the taxpayers' money in 11 months.

The board recognizes that the C.R.D.'s actions were only a "band-aid" treatment because, once again, we felt that when the

sewer was built we would be connected to a proper system.

We still have a problem. On February 15, 1980, we started to use this newly built tile field, and on February 16, 1980, (the very next day), we had a complaint from a neighbour that they were getting sewage water in their back yard. Right now our field is completely saturated. All this money is washed down the drain because there are too many underground springs and clay strata that makes our property unsuitable for an efficient septic field.

There are so many armchair experts telling you that the hospital board has mismanaged this problem, *not so*. This board or any other hospital board does not have the authority to build or spend money on fixing a sewage system. All financing of projects comes from the provincial government and the C.R.D., who are the officials that determine solutions and find the tax money for such projects. Permits to operate sewage disposal systems are issued by the C.R.D. or P.C.B.

Director Valcourt says she is not against sewers. If so, let us see some quick and positive action to facilitate some kind of a workable sewer system. She must remember that she was elected to serve all the island. It appears that her efforts to date have done little to help the hospital out of a most serious situation.

Mrs. IOLA BROOKBANKS,  
Chairman of Hospital Board.  
March 10, 1980.

## Board is pressing for action on sewer

Chairman,  
Capital Regional District,  
Victoria, B.C.  
Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by motion duly passed at our last board meeting, to write you with regard to the proposed Ganges sewer.

The Board of School Trustees, School District #64 is gravely concerned with the disposal problem existing in the school complex in Ganges. The only solution is to connect with a community sewage system.

You have been ordered by the Director of Pollution Control to install sewers in the Ganges area.

We urge you to undertake this project without further delay.  
IVAN MOUAT,  
Chairman.  
March 10, 1980.

## Rival groups should get together

Sir,  
The Pollution Control Board did not accept the assurances of the Capital Regional District that there would be no detriment to Ganges Harbour with the sewer system covered by permit. They acknowledged that a disposal system was necessary but stipulated that the outfall pipe should be extended by 2,000 meters at an additional cost of one million dollars.

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

**What's with Ganges sewers?**

**Greatest show of all is on regional boards**

**BY FRANK RICHARDS**

Ganges lacks its sewers and the outside world enjoys the joke. The joke is on Salt Spring Island. The joke is Salt Spring Island.

Everybody is in on the joke now. Last week saw the latest sequence in this pantomime of emptiness. The Capital Regional Board, which is capable of manufacturing its own jokes, perpetuated Salt Spring Island's greatest joke with the addition of a few fetching curtain lines.

The regional sewer committee heard the medical officer of health explain the need for sewers. The committee heard a trustee of the Islands Trust, who is a retired pathologist, support the plea of the medical officer of health.

Having learned from its own staff that a sewer is needed; having heard substantiation of that report from a completely independent physician; having in its possession an order from the director of pollution control for the installation of the sewer; the committee proceeded to decide whether the people of the area should be invited to express their opinion.

Even the regional staff must have been laughing at that one. It is probably the unwittiest joke of the whole sad tale played out on the regional stage.

**SCRATCHES THE FLEA**

When the medical officer says a sewer is a must, the region doesn't come sharply to attention. The region scratches the flea on its left buttock and raises a weary eyebrow to ask the merchants and the residents and the man-on-the-street whether they agree with the doctor.

They go further, of course, the joke isn't just on the people of Ganges. It's on the whole of the island.

The committee hears a report from the chairman of the islands hospital. There is a leaking, stinking pile of ordure surrounding the hospital, says the chairman. It is leaking on to other people's land. It

is costing the people of the region thousands of dollars a week to hold it back. There is no stemming the flood. There is no land on which it might be dissipated. The island is loaded with a particularly attractive type of fecal waste because it comes from the wards of the hospital.

A director scratches to make his seat the more comfortable and the wisest of them all is still trying to spell the word referendum to make sure that this masterful motion he plans to spring will carry the weight of wit as well as the mark of an erudite man.

**READ IT BEFORE**

The rest are hoping the lady will finish her report before the next committee meeting is scheduled to open. After all, they've read the script too many times already!

Delay has been costly, observes the cautionary Campbell. The delay occasioned by the recent public hearing was worth \$400,000 in potential regional money. That is the amount that costs have risen since the permit to discharge into Ganges Harbour was challenged.

So the committee members who live in the conurbation of Greater Victoria, or the western approaches or the back of beyond and who probably hope they never see Salt Spring Island or smell the quality of its dirty material again cannot be expected to jump. It's not their backyard.

They look to the delightful prospect of an appeal to cabinet and a referendum. With any luck that should set the thing aside until someone else has been named to the board. No play serves forever on these boards.

**NO REALITY**

That another year's delay will add another million or so has no reality. But, by this time, the islands sewage has no reality. Let it stream down to the sea in a rippling brook of filth, making its light music over the solid wastes in the stream bottom!

The islands member is one of the stars. She has rehearsed the part

for a long time and deserves her fling before the cameras. She sings a gay song of democracy and the sewage builds up behind the backdrop.

It is likely that everyone, in fact, cares. It is possible that every deliberator has a genuine sympathy with the people of the islands, but the pattern of deliberation hides it well. It's pantomime in a psyche-thriller setting. All ends in a public hanging with beer and sideshows and clowns in the mid-way.

But don't for one minute imagine that this is the end of it all.

We still have the health hazard. We still have the medical officer's concern. We still have the hospital floating on great gobs of goo, and nowhere else to go.

But the next factor in this entertainment is the school joke. Maybe you didn't hear the one about the unplugged toilet? Don't bother to listen. Walk along the beach at Ganges and it will inflict itself on you. That pipe drooling filth is connected to the island schools. A good conservationist can pretend it ain't there and not even smell a thing. But it's there, alright!

**A DIFFERENT JOKE**

Of course, that's a joke of a different colour. There is no way the school can dispose of its effluent on land. The school doesn't have enough land of a quality to permit of the installation of a ground disposal system. Which, at least, matches the hospital.

To the north is needed a Hadrian's wall of massive proportions to stem the flow of ordure down to the sea in chips. A second wall to the west will hold back the challenge of school droppings.

The Friend-of-the-Committee will explain, from the depths of his wisdom, that the school and the hospital be left to look after their own problems while the rest of Ganges digs little septic tanks to suddenly work as no tank has done in the past.

And there lies the solution to the whole thing.

If the regional director and the regional committees and the friends of the director and the friends of the committee are all satisfied that the people of Ganges should be denied any relief, the joke, maybe, is on them.

**ACUTE DIARRHOEA**

Because the hospital is not unlike a man suffering from acute diarrhoea. There must come the time when he is no longer physically capable of holding himself. When the hospital suffers that experience there will be a flood of unclean water down the hill to Ganges as has never been smelled in many a year.

And there are former students of the halls of learning of Ganges who have looked longingly at the outlet from the schools' sewers on the Ganges beach. They have been armed with visions of sledge hammer and bung and the expectancy of problems as the flow suddenly ceases.

It must be borne in mind that the joke about the hospital and the school is that they don't have the same problems as the residences or businesshouses. Hospital and school serve all of the Gulf Islands.

**THEIR OWN SYSTEMS**

If there is to be no help from the community in establishing a sewer system, then both school and hospital will be required to install their own systems. But, wait! It is written into the script that no discharge may be permitted into the waters of Ganges Harbour unless it reaches a point east of an imaginary line drawn due south of Welbury Point.

When the trustees of the hospital install their own system, it must, inevitably, discharge into the sea. It must, says the author of the script, discharge about 4,000 metres out. At a cost, of course, of about \$3 million. It is a burden, but applied to all the Capital Region, as a partial expense of hospital operation, the burden will be felt by few.

The greatest joke of all is that the school faces the same problem. The sewage must be treated and it must run away. Into the sea, of course. But, as every player in the farce is well aware, there must be no discharge less than five miles out. So the school builds its own \$3 million outfall. It's expensive, but the cost is distributed over all the islands, through the financing of schools. And, although annoyed, few property owners are hurt.

It is possible that some member might open one eye one afternoon and suggest that the two projects, school and hospital, be combined. It would save a lot of money and one might logically expect twice as much opposition to two outfalls as to one. That is, of course, if one is led to expect any rational approach to the distribution of human wastes.

**A BEAUTIFUL PLAYLET**

And there is the rational answer to sewers, all in the form of a beautiful playlet at the People's Theatre, on Yates St., in the heart of Olde Victoria!

It is launched as a mystery, played out as a farce, based on pantomime and ends up as a comedy.

Ganges would enjoy its healthful septic tanks with a man carrying a red flag to warn visitors that peril lay ahead. The harbours would be cleaned of the evil discharges of the schools, the hospital and Greenwoods and continue to serve the people of the islands and everybody would be happy.

That is to say that everybody would be happy as long as some darned fool didn't suggest that a perfectly good treatment plant and outfall could usefully serve the people of Ganges as well. That would unquestionably be the signal for some bright, aspiring wit in public office to offer a bright, new plan for sewage disposal: a referendum!

And how's that for a curtain line?

**SUCCINCT SUMMARY**

By

**The Anarchist**

["Rules without Rulers"]

**Acronym II**

Verily, Our Sewage Is Extremely Overwrought.

**The Unrepresented**

To Joe Clark

- M.P.'s and members of the Conservative Party
- Ditto the N.D.P.
- Members of the four Western Legislative Assemblies
- Sad Sack Western Separatists
- Assorted Rednecks
- Gentlemen of the Press

Will some, one, or any of you please explain to each or all of you that under a parliamentary system of government those Persons, Parties or Constituencies not forming the majority or Government Party are supposed to constitute the

LOYAL Opposition, and on past occasions they have even been proud of it.

Then please go and wipe your noses.

**Self Determination**

The Ganges and District Insurance Casualty and Mutual Benefit Corporation announced this week that due to the recent unfortunate events in Iran and Colombia it was applying a 500% increase surcharge on the insurance policy on the local embassy of the Capital Regional District. The written notice went on to explain that in deleting third party liability from the policy, every effort was being made to determine whether, by definition, this category referred to either Mr. Campbell or Mrs. Valcourt, or both.

**Quotes I**

Law is the imitation of violence.  
Giovanni Vico. 1668-1744.

**And Now for the Good News**

It's been a bad week for Anarchists.

We are normally a cheerful, optimistic lot; cheerful because the zanies, in all seriousness, pursue Law 'n Order to exhaustion, and optimistic that their gingerbread house of contradictions will collapse of its own weight.

But this has been a bad week for Anarchists.

The key word in our analysis of that other world is "seriousness"; the zanies live and breathe and die for it. Since the development of the mass media this "seriousness" has come to be a synonym for "The Image" - facts become Truth through the lens of the Image - and they use every device from propaganda to piety to make sure the public gets their undiluted dose of allegiance to the Leaders. And it works most of the time because they manage the news, which is merely to say they keep things believable most of the time.

But not this week.

Item: Ian Smith, the Rhodesian "not for 100 years" man, nominates himself for a white cabinet post in the terrorist Marxist, black,

godless government of Robert Mugabe.

Item: Jimmy Carter's UN ambassador votes in the assembly to condemn Israeli settlements in the occupied lands, then Jimmy tells the Israelis he didn't mean it and the ambassador doesn't resign; Vance, the secretary of state, says it was a mistake in communication and he doesn't resign, and Jimmy, having proved conclusively that he doesn't know what he is doing, fails to fire either or both or better still, resign himself.

Item: The Bennetts and the Barretts share in the latest production of Spring Follies in the halls of the legislature. The new version is complete with coarse language, obscenities and extensive intellectual nudity.

Item: The Syrians remove their troops from Lebanon because their boys were becoming decadent drug peddlars, and the Lebanese go back to playing the old Irish game of Fratricide and Guns for God and Allah on the shores of the sunny Mediterranean.

Item: The dictator of Pakistan tells the U.S. indignantly that \$400 million is peanuts, and that the going rate is about \$2 billion to buy

yourself a dictator prepared to fight those other dictators from the USSR. Whether or not he intends not to fight them otherwise was not explained.

Item: The U.S. media enlightens us with the news that Gerry Ford, ex-president, hates Ronald Reagan so much he's even prepared to run for the presidency of the U.S. to get even for the last time they both ran for the presidency of the U.S.

Item: The president of the Medical Mechanics Union tells the Hall Commission on National Medicare that what the system needs is "a transfusion of money". Perhaps if you are a patient it works something like a gold filling in a tooth, or then again, maybe it is just plain old blood money.

Item: There must be an oversupply of refugees, because there doesn't seem to be any news value in them recently.

There is more - much more - but I imagine by now you are getting the point; we Anarchists are in trouble. When Their world turns totally unbelievable, then, in all seriousness, They are going to say it's our fault, put David Rockefeller on trial as a crypto-anarchist, and execute the rest of us for laughing.

# More letters to the editor

## New society greeted with favourable response

Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of the community that responded so favourably to your article in the February 27 issue of *Driftwood* on the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society (I.P.A.C.S.) I am particularly grateful to those who have attended our meetings. The wide cross-section of people there re-affirmed my conviction that our community needs and wants this organization. Very soon, the results of our efforts will be visible (and audible!) We are presently planning our first fund-raising performance, to be staged here on Salt Spring on Saturday April 5, and judging by the diversity of talent offered so far, it certainly promises to be a gala event.

We have already enlisted the services and talents of Gulfwind Sound, Ray and Virginia Newman, Jeff and Nicolette Murray and several other local performing artists who will help us stage the "Super Salt Spring Sampler Jam-boree". Further details will be available at a later date. Meanwhile, anyone wishing to be part of the Society, or donate time, ideas, supplies (all will be most welcome), don't hesitate to call us (537-9525) or drop by the office in the Valcourt Centre. A representative will be there from 1 till 4 weekdays.

I would like to stress at this point, a fact that wasn't mentioned in the previous article. Membership is open to the general public. Anyone wishing to be involved who is not connected with the performing arts will be welcomed as a non-active member. This will entitle them to regular newsletters, discounts at I.P.A.C.S. events and a vote. We would urge all our supporters in the community to register for membership now, as we are presently dependant on these small incoming funds to continue our operation.

I would also like to thank *Driftwood* for its invaluable support, and Bevis Walters for his generous donation.

MARIANNE GRITANI,  
Box 444, Ganges.  
March 10, 1980.

Feeling tired?  
Rundown?  
Take a walk.

Participation  
Walk a Block Today.

## Rival groups must work together to solve problem

From Page Four

Jim Campbell has advocated an appeal of the decision. His justification for appeal is that the decision was finally made by only three members of the board, and he questioned their professional competence. This is utter nonsense. The Pollution Control Board hearing was one of the most thorough and longest investigation on record. The majority of the board heard most of the evidence, and their expertise and opinions would be available to the three board members who finally made the decision.

From the reports in the newspaper and from people who attended the solid waste sewage committee, and the Capital Regional District directors' meetings, it would appear that the Capital Regional District directors are utterly confused. Mr. Campbell is accustomed to dealing with confused sheep and has expertly herded the directors to support an appeal which is an insult to the Pollution Control Board and reveals his determination to do it Campbell's way in spite of overwhelming public opposition.

The directors are floundering and because of this we should not leave the decision on Ganges sewer requirements to the Capital Regional District, or worse still for Mr. Campbell to bull through his proposal.

At the Pollution Control Board hearing there was a very evident schism between those supporting the sewer and those opposed on environmental grounds. However, it was suggested that if the appeal were to be upheld and the permit rescinded, we would then have to work together in the community to seek an acceptable alternative. On this there was common agreement indicated by universal rather than partisan applause.

I do not endorse party politics in municipal affairs and so have misgivings about director John Mika's intervention, particularly when he presents the views of Mr. John Davies described by *Driftwood* as the Vancouver sewer philosopher. Mr. Davies is quixotically tilting at so many windmills, imputes nefarious motivation to those he views as the establishment, and is so mentally confused

by the plethora of information from his indiscriminate research that his continued involvement would be a detriment to the resolution of our community problem, even though he may be well-intentioned. On the other hand Mr. Mika's suggestion of involving the Islands Trust is sensible.

Dr. Kreissl and Dr. Lott have proven themselves to be vitally interested in all aspects of com-

munity improvement and they react sensitively and fairly to the various interest groups in our community.

Some people might think it is naive to suggest that the two rival commercial groups along with the environmentalists could work together. If they do not, then we may have imposed upon us a system which is excessively costly or continue with the confrontation which could involve further years of delay in resolving our sewage problem. I would like to see Dr. Lott and Dr. Kreissl bring these groups together.

A local committee such as this could not possibly do worse than the Capital Regional District who for the past 10 years has made little progress in resolving the sewage problem in a manner not offensive to major segments of the population.

Labour and management are invariably poles apart but both concede that it is immeasurably better to resolve their dispute by negotiation rather than by government-imposed arbitration. Similarly those opposed and those supporting the sewer should undertake a negotiated settlement here within the community rather than imposition of a settlement from outside.

Prompted by environmental concerns I have my prejudices. Firstly, no discharge into Ganges Harbour. Land disposal is preferable, either with a collector system, treatment plant and disposal field or individual tertiary treatment package plants for particular sources such as the school, hospital or new commercial developments, with satisfactorily operating septic systems left intact. But my views are negotiable. If all of the representatives of the conflicting interest groups in the community would come together with their prejudices but with a view to negotiate, then we might resolve our sewage problem in days rather than wait another 10 years.

PATRICK A. TIERNAN,  
Old Scott Road,  
Ganges.  
March 8, 1980.

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

## Native Arctic dogs can be dangerous, uncontrollable

Sir,

I read with keen interest your article on loose dogs in Inuvik.

Many readers of your paper are unaware of the characteristics of the dogs one finds in Canada's High Arctic. Dogs in the north are used as beasts of burden and seldom as pets. The dogs have a great instinct to kill, the reason being, they are always hungry.

Records from Telegraph Creek reveal an incident where an Indian woman was walking along the trail in winter and found herself caught between two dog teams; the old woman couldn't get out of reach of the dogs and the dog team drivers could not control the animals. The result, the old woman was attacked and killed before anything could be done.

Another incident in Port Harrison in Northern Quebec; a mother put her four-year-old child out of doors while she dressed her other child. In a matter of seconds, a Husky dog had appeared, attacked and killed the child before the helpless mother's eyes.

While I was on patrol to Beechy Island, the last known campsite of Sir John Franklin, from Resolute Bay, I had stopped with my Eskimo guide to make tea. It was springtime and the reflection of the sun was unbearable on my face. I huddled up and hid my face for protection while the Eskimo made the tea. As I sat curled up, I was suddenly attacked by a Husky dog who tore the back from my cariboo parka. In an instant the 12 dogs of the team were at me. I rolled as fast as I could from their reach while the Eskimo threw the primus stove at the growling mass.

Further, one must realize the Eskimos have skin boats, tents and clothing. The dogs, if allowed to roam at large, would destroy those articles necessary for survival in the Arctic.

I realize Inuvik is quite settled, but the native Arctic dog is a dangerous, uncontrollable animal when allowed to run at large.

F. ROSS GIBSON,  
Desmond Crescent,  
Ganges.  
March 9, 1980.

## Invitation to join club

Sir,

Please allow me space in your paper to present the following information to readers who might be interested.

A club has been formed in Victoria to bring together those who have served in the Canadian Arctic in any capacity, at any time. This is a loosely-knit organization with no bylaws, no dues and no officers (except an unpaid secretary). I was invited to, and attended, their second meeting, last fall, and it was most interesting. It

begins with a social hour, followed by an excellent dinner, after which each person was asked to identify himself or herself, and briefly state what he or she did in the north.

The next meeting is planned for late next month; if you qualify, and wish to attend, call the undersigned at 537-2819.

IVER GILLEN,  
R.R. 3,  
Ganges.  
March, 1980.

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# More letters to the editor

## Director urged to act

### 'Answer must be found without delay'

An open letter to Mrs. Y. Valcourt, Director for Salt Spring Island, Capital Regional Board.

Director Valcourt,

This letter is to remind you, as director for Salt Spring Island, that your duty and responsibility is to look after the interests of all residents of the island, not to serve a limited group.

Insofar as your authority as director permits, it is squarely up to you to look after the needs of all citizens of the island, including residents, school children, hospital patients, senior citizens, businesses and islanders as a whole.

You must totally forget that you have business interests or personal opinions that precede your term of office. To do your job as director honestly and fairly, you must work positively to improve the conditions of the island, and alleviate any problems that exist.

One of the most serious of these is sewage disposal, a condition that has existed for more than 12 years, and it is imperative that a permanent answer be found without delay. The school is in trouble, as are the hospital, Greenwoods,

Pioneer Village, much of the business community and others.

It is not important what method is used to dispose of the final effluent, as long as it meets the full approval of the Pollution Branch and Board, the engineers of the Capital Regional Board, the health department, and represents the most economical solution. It is well-proven that costs escalate rapidly with time, so it is your duty to see that all in your power is done to prevent delays of any sort. Hindsight is easy, but it is interesting to note how much less it would cost the taxpayers if action had been taken five years ago - it is up to you to see that there is no further escalation.

So that you may be fully aware of the needs of the community, the following breakdown of the present need for a sewer system is listed:

Approximate number of toilets and urinals: stores and businesses, 55 in core, about nine outside the core; hotels and motels, 36; government offices and public, 12; apartments 14; senior citizens' residences, 28; intermediate and personal care, 56; hospital, 35; school, 58. Sub-total, 303; private homes, 140; total, 443.

## Small-scale treatment plants could be feasible solution

Sir, After listening to Ganges sewer arguments for a full week the Pollution Control Board made two recommendations in its letter to the appellants. The board found that parts of Ganges needed sewers and that it could only approve an outfall located outside the harbour.

The board's letter contained both good news and bad news. The bad news was that a centralized sewer for Ganges would be even more expensive than the 3.09-million-dollar price tag the original proposal now carries. The good news was that if only parts of Ganges need sewers we may be able to solve our present problems at more reasonable cost and without loss of planning control.

A detailed investigation of soils and septic fields in Ganges would likely point to the school, the hospital and a small area of the Ganges core as the areas needing better sewage disposal. The community could then consider installing separate small collection and disposal schemes for these areas.

I don't pretend this solution would be simple. Purchase of additional land, package plant pretreatment of effluent, careful maintenance and use and water conservation measures might all be necessary. However, despite the added complications of localized treatment, this approach would

very likely be cheaper per person served than the centralized plant because the enormous expense of lengthy collection and outfall pipes could be minimized.

Of course this small-scale option does limit higher density growth to the small sewered area. It does not automatically provide publicly financed sewage disposal for higher density housing development throughout Ganges. This option does not create economic pressure to alter Ganges' planned population limits in order to reduce per capita sewer costs.

Small-scale treatment solutions can be economically and technically feasible. They do not, however, provide for the relatively unlimited growth possible with the central sewer. The question we must answer is political. Do we want to pay the price in tax dollars and loss of planning control in order to create the conditions for larger-scale growth?

GAIL SECOR,  
Box 23,  
Fulford Harbour.  
March 9, 1980.

**Barbara Fallot, R.M.T.**  
MASSAGE PRACTITIONER  
For appointment  
phone 537-5642

In view of the above, you can surely see that any solution to the sewer problem that fails to give full representation to all the above categories is totally undemocratic and would represent a dereliction of duty on the part of the director.

F. B. BROOKBANKS,  
R.R. 2, Ganges.  
March 10, 1980.

## Further delays could only increase costs and hazards

Sir, The delays in the sewer system for Ganges are most distressing. The sewers are long overdue.

The health officials have determined that Ganges must have a sewer system.

At the time of the initial planning of Greenwoods there was a permit to provide a sewer system for the Ganges area and to discharge the treated waste waters into the harbour. This was cancelled and the system was redesigned. Again, by the time Greenwoods was under construction, a permit for the upgraded treatment and discharge system had been issued.

In order to operate Greenwoods as soon as the building was completed, the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society installed a septic tank and disposal field system as an interim measure until the expected community sewer system was in operation. I stress the word "interim."

There has been an inordinate amount of care and research gone into the design of the proposed

## Viewpoint misrepresented, contends sewer opponent

Sir, Like my image in an amusement park mirror, the blurred distortion of a "noncapitalist sewage philosopher" depicted in your pages makes me smile.

But your readers may perhaps take it too seriously, so please allow me to focus their attention on a few realities.

treatment system and a great deal of research and consideration into the selection of an outfall site.

As a graduate in agriculture from U.B.C., having obtained a masters degree in the field of plant nutrition, I feel my interpretation of the sewage situation in Ganges should have at least as much weight as that of a language specialist. From available studies and from personal observation, I would suggest the proposed biologically innocuous discharge could at the most only enhance the plant and animal life of the harbour, not endanger it.

Further delays in the sewer project will only increase costs and the changes of health hazards. It is time the planned treatment and disposal system was put into operation.

J. LORRAINE CAMPBELL, MSA,  
President,  
Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society.  
March 9, 1980.

1. This year I am engaged in graduate research in resource management sciences, and I have

access to the latest practical experience in the area of rural water supply and waste disposal.

I have stated in clear practical terms that there is no proof of a health hazard in Ganges. The representative of the community health service who spoke to the Capital Regional District committee meeting last Wednesday verified that there has been no testing to confirm or deny the health officer's diagnosis.

Contrary to your editorial position, Dr. Arneil himself is aware that the "subjective opinion" of a health officer "could be challenged in court". In adjudicating the need for coercive corrective measures, the courts consider the real, rather than the imagined, degree of health hazard evident in a particular case.

The use of land disposal sites, administered by the institution of a locally directed on-site waste management district is an alternate method of preventing both health hazards and the eventual necessity for costly sewers.

The health officer's concern is that his duties are "very difficult". While he prefers the Big Sewer, because it solves his problem by flushing it into the harbour, it only passes the problem to others.

Neither harbour residents, nor the Canada Environmental Protection Service, would have effective control over the ability of the Capital Regional District to design, maintain and operate their experimental sewage treatment plant in this relatively remote area.

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## Important Notice to Gulf Islands Dog Owners

# Why pay a penalty?

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# His view was misrepresented

From Page Seven

If Chairman Campbell had anything to say about nutrient input or bacteriological water quality impacts, why didn't he say it to the Pollution Control Board?

2. Last year, I was engaged as a planning consultant in the preparation of "Official Community Plans" for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs and other communities.

The Harrison plan is a village plan, the Ganges plan is an urban plan. The new McPhillips Avenue building is a zero-lot-line urban use of land. In our planning of Harrison, we were directed to preserve their village atmosphere and to design regulations to prevent urban land use.

McPhillips doesn't look so bad now, but the massiveness of zero-lot-line development is more apparent the taller the building. A Chamber of Commerce president has predicted four storey buildings on that block within four years. And already, developers in Ganges claim the regulated density of 15 units per acre isn't enough to make a profit.

When does a village become a city in your view, Mr. Editor? At what density do you take a stand against further development, even though that position may not be profitable?

The ex-regional director held the view that green spaces in Ganges would be better used as parking spaces. It's a fact that surface run-off from urban areas can cause greater deterioration in harbour water quality than a sewer outfall.

Contrary to your editorial opinion, village planning regulations do not exist in Ganges. It's a fact that I

have suggested the present density of development in Ganges could be maintained without sewers, and that sewers are necessary only to promote urban land uses.

The evident glut of commercial space in Ganges suggests that the proposed 250 apartment units are necessary to provide a new market population to provide new commercial space with new business tenants.

Many islanders I've met would prefer to do their shopping for irregular purchases off-island, rather than see the promotion of commercial development of the island. The Chamber of Commerce members will always be at a disadvantage compared to the adjacent urban shopping centres with their much greater range of goods.

You have misrepresented my point of view: I am not attacking the present providers or essential services, but the proposed commercial development planning strategy.

Is it possible that your editorial point of view is affected by your recent purchase of land within the development area?

Despite urgent warnings, surface water and groundwater studies are neglected, while wasteful marine sewer outfall studies are extravagantly promoted.

Despite the results of the recent Islands Trust survey that confirm 200 Vesuvius residents are unanimously against apartment development, some still imagine that nearby Ganges residents might feel differently.

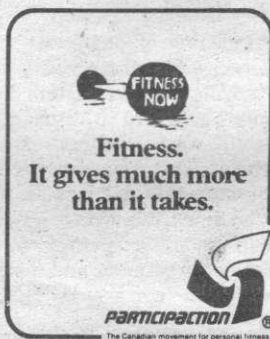
Mr. Editor, I distinguish between business operating profits and the publicly subsidized profits

from land transactions. I distinguish between the present Village Centre density and the foreseeable results of urban development planning strategy.

Perhaps in future you might assist your weary letter writers in the task of representing other legitimate points of view, as eloquently as you translate the thoughts of Chairman Campbell and the Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps community consensus and mutual understanding could become possible.

**JOHN ALLAN DAVIES,**  
2252 Allison Road,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
March 8, 1980.

**Editor's Note—The insinuation that the policy of this newspaper is affected in any way by land purchases or other business dealings by Driftwood Publishing Ltd. is typical of the contemptible campaign that has been fought against the sewer project. The half-truths and innuendo in the foregoing letter only serve to destroy its credibility and leave the reader wondering why it was written in the first place.**



# She began writing 30 years ago for the Sidney Review

BY FRANK RICHARDS

It is nearly 30 years since Mary Harding came to my office at the Sidney Review and said that she would like to write for the newspaper.

For many years the correspondent on Galiano had been Mrs. Nancy Hume. She had relinquished her pen and Mary, who was Mary Backlund then, was eager to fill the gap.

She filled the gap for three decades.

In the mid-60's Jean Lockwood was writing a regular column from Galiano. As the time went on she found her alter ego more demanding. She was already engaged in real estate and she relinquished her function of island information service.

Others took on the chore for a time. Finally, Mary Harding intimated that she was happy to take up her pen again and she started writing on a regular basis.

She has been writing ever since. Sometimes she would want to quit but after a few weeks she would be lost without her typewriter and back she would come.

During her time as a stringer, she looked further afield. In addition to her concerns with writing, she became an active member of the Canadian Women's Press Club. She served as director for B.C. on the national executive and travelled extensively across the country.

For many years she also wrote for the *Daily Colonist* in Victoria and the *Vancouver Sun*.

A correspondent is known as a stringer for the fact that she takes clippings of all her writings and sticks them together in a "string" at the end of each pay period. Most correspondents were paid for the amount they wrote in inches. Thus, the length of the string decided the value of the month's work.

Mary Harding hasn't put her typewriter away in wraps. It's still around, reminding her of what she still plans to write. And write she will. But without that pestiferous Tuesday deadline.

Besides, as a freelancer, she can write what she chooses and not what somebody else wants.

It's been a long time!

## Society can help

"Feels like a crisis? Help is available..."

So says a pamphlet being mailed this week to Salt Spring Island residents by the island's Community Society.

Community worker Marg Simons urges residents to keep the pamphlet handy for future reference. It lists emergency, government, information and counselling services' phone numbers, as well as those of local churches.

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## For Fernwood School

# French immersion examined

Information which could lead to a French immersion program at Fernwood Elementary School is being requested from the ministry of education by the Gulf Islands School Board.

The program, designed by Fernwood principal Alan Marsh and supervisor of instruction Larry Holbrook, would give grade six and seven students at Fernwood the option to take half their classes completely in French.

Larry Holbrook told the board

that out of a possible 28 students, parents of 26 gave their verbal approval for the program.

Holbrook said he met with the funding co-ordinator for French programs for the federal government, who said that there were special grants that could be used to purchase materials needed for the program.

Holbrook added that another grant exists that would offset any cost incurred by the board for such a project. "The major cost," he said, "would be for a 0.5 teacher

who would be needed next September."

### NO SPACE PROBLEM

"The school staff," Holbrook continued, "believes that there is no problem of space as there is only half a kindergarten program presently functioning at the school."

Some board members expressed reservations concerning the program. Chairman Ivan Mouat asked Holbrook how the program could be successful if it began with only 28 students and then lost a few along the way.

"There is a certain attrition rate to be considered," replied Holbrook, "although in other places where the program is taught the number of drop-outs is small. The staff at Fernwood is so excited about teaching the program that I doubt many students will lose interest."

Saturna Island trustee Tom Davidson also was concerned with the fairness of the program if it were only to be adopted for one group of students and not for every student in the district.

"If we approve it for Fernwood then we are going to be asked by another school for the same thing," Davidson said.

### SHOULDN'T HOLD BACK

Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island trustee, suggested that the board shouldn't hold back educational programs on Salt Spring just because it can't be offered on the other islands.

John Zacharias from Pender said he thought there was just as much demand for a French immersion program on the Outer Islands and as much expertise to teach the program as there is on Salt Spring.

Concerned over what the pilot project at Fernwood would cost the public, trustee Charles Baltzer suggested that the board's education committee "should have a good look at what it's going to cost us in September."

Holbrook pointed out to the board that there was an important time factor in getting approval for the program and in getting the grant applications processed in time for next September.

## Ministry invited to meet costs of city bus passes

Recent Capital Region debate on transit resulted in considerable publicity to a suggestion that bus passes, at present available to the elderly and those on supplementary income, be abolished.

Sidney's Mayor Norma Sealey subsequently expressed indignation that the story had only been half-told.

She expressed regret that the transit committee, which she heads, had been shown in a poor light when there was no intention of imposing hardship on anyone.

When the committee was considering the fare structure and tariff of the Greater Victoria bus service, now the responsibility of the region, there was some reference to the passes which cost \$5 for six months.

It was among all aspects of the fare structure under consideration, explained the Sidney mayor.

### FOR MINISTRY

It was reported, she recalled, that the bus passes, issued by the ministry of human resources, constitute a deficit of \$250,000. The committee felt that the ministry should pick up the tab on the passes, rather than having the people of the region responsible. Members learned later that the question was already under discussion by the Urban Transit Authority.

The alternative to having the ministry pay would be to charge it against the regional municipalities and electoral areas in the controversial gas tax and land tax program.

Mayor Sealey also reminded the

board that the beneficiaries of the bus passes are in the Victoria core area. The passes are only available for use on B.C. Hydro buses which serve the inner core of the region.

The committee approved the Campbell-Drummond motion that the passes be honoured, she recalled.

The transit committee was trying to put the responsibility where it belongs, she reminded board members.

The passes, said the transit chairman, are issued by the ministry as an adjunct to supplementary income assistance.

### FREE TRANSIT

While the responsibility of the islands relative to the transit levy has not been clarified, island residents have not taken kindly to the suggestion that the cost of Victoria free transit be the responsibility of the islands in terms of gasoline tax or any other levy.

The earlier discussion of transit revealed that the free downtown transportation service has been borne partly by the downtown beneficiaries, the Victoria Chamber of Commerce and partly by the transit administration.

This revelation was not warmly received by island residents, fearful that the burden could become theirs.

## Art seminar on island in summer

Mrs. Gladys Perrin of Ganges has invited the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce to take part in a workshop planned on the island for June.

Federation of Canadian Artists will come to the island to operate a week-long seminar by well-known artists.

She explained that it will mostly concern itself with landscapes and that modern forms of art will not be included.

Members of the Chamber expressed interest in the project and made suggestions for sponsoring island students.

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## EARLY DAYS AT PENDER ISLAND

# Pioneer farmer studied at Ontario Agricultural College

This instalment of Neptune Grimmer's account of early days on Pender Island briefly describes the time he spent at the Ontario Agricultural College.

### BY NEPTUNE GRIMMER

Ontario Agricultural College in 1909 had a wonderful gymnasium; we had to go down there once a week for drill. In the basement was a large heated swimming pool. However, I never liked the fresh-water swimming as well as B.C.'s good old salt chuck.

We didn't have a skating rink at the college, so we got permission from the "higher-ups" to make a rink on a flat piece of ground. Inside a week or so we had a nice sheet of ice. This was all new to me; I had never owned a pair of skates. Inside a few weeks I was skating around with the rest of them. I must say that it is a marvellous pastime.

It was now a few days before Christmas and most of the students had gone home for about a week's holiday. It was my first Christmas away from home and naturally I felt a little homesick.

I received a nice box from home a few days before Christmas, including a large fruit cake. This I put away for a party that we had already planned for New Year's Eve.

### UNCOMMONLY QUIET

Christmas Day passed very quietly. We had a very wonderful dinner: turkey, plum pudding, etc. But it seemed a bit of a let-down as things were so uncommonly quiet.

On New Year's Eve we went down to our new rink and skated for a couple of hours. It was well-lighted and we had a lot of fun. We went to the gymnasium and had a good swim and then retired to the college lounge and there we had a stag dance.

One of the boys played a mandolin by ear and that was all we needed. It was now time to eat. We had buns, fruit cake and a bucket of fried chicken.

When I say bucket, I mean bucket. It wasn't Colonel Sander's Kentucky Fried Chicken, I don't know if the old codger was even born then or not; however, the chicken was "finger-licking good".

It was the end of a perfect day and a perfect year. We went outside and listened to the blowing of whistles and ringing of bells ushering in the new year, 1909.

The spring term was moving along like a house on fire, and if we wanted to come back to Ontario Agricultural College for our second year, we would have to do a lot of studying. Our exams started in the second week of April.

### SWELL AFFAIR

The evening when our exams were over, the freshmen held a marvellous banquet in a large downtown restaurant; it was a really swell affair. In the way of entertainment 10 boys were picked out to tell a short story. I remember that I was one of the 10 but what I spoke about I don't really remember.

The following morning I was off for home on the train. I saw a lot of mountain scenery that I had missed on my way to Guelph. Was I ever pleased to get home and talk with people that I really knew.

While away from home I had put on considerable weight. However, I soon lost that during the summer. At that time we were milking about 20

cows. During the winter they consumed a lot of hay and mangolds. The young stock and horses had to be fed, too, so I had quite a busy summer.

About the first of May I heard that I had passed my exams, so I would return to Guelph for my second year. Before leaving we had been told that if we came back we would be required to collect as many weeds as possible. These had to be pressed, mounted and named. This was required by our professor of botany.

### INSECTS

Our professor of entomology also wanted a collection of insects, moths and butterflies; these also had to be mounted in a small box. The insects we killed by putting them in a bottle containing cyanide. I can't remember how I killed the moths and butterflies but I do remember catching the elusive creatures in a net.

The college opened its fall term on September 15, so I left home about the 10th of the month. I registered at the bursar's office and this time, fortunately, our grant of \$100 was there waiting for us.

My roommate this year was named Tipper. He was a very nice chap and we got along splendidly together. Funny! His head had a distinct lean downward and a little to port. Later it came out in the *O.A.C. Review* (our college newspaper) that someone had asked Tipper why his head had this lean.

He replied, "Did you ever notice in a field of oats where the heads hung down? They were the heads with something in them." Still I never thought that Tipper was very brainy.

In the second year we took up organic chemistry instead of inorganic and I found the change welcome. Also, we tried our hands at blacksmithing, but never got so far as making horseshoes. We also took up surveying for tile draining, but the price of tiles in B.C. was practically prohibitive.

### TOOK SICK

Our final exams were to start in mid-April. However, I took sick a few days before. The college physician was called in and he diagnosed my trouble as an attack of appendicitis. I was kept in the college infirmary for a few days and then was transferred to Guelph General, where they prepared me for the operation.

The day arrived but Dr. Stewart said that my condition had improved so much that he had decided not to operate. Accordingly, I was discharged from the hospital. On the way back to the college I met a chum to whom I told the whole story. "Good thing for you", he said. "Poor old Dr. Stewart has never been known to pull a patient through a major operation." How lucky can one get?

Back at the college, I went to the bursar's office to ask about the exams I had missed. The bursar picked up the telephone and called President Creelman, who told him to send me straight over. President Creelman assured me that in the circumstances I would be given my "associated diploma". We had a nice chat together and he asked numerous questions about B.C. I left for home next morning.

## Saturna Scene

BY FLORA RATZLAFF

Saturna is upset with *Driftwood!* Why? It seems that in their article on the *Cy Peck* last week they forgot to mention that the *Cy Peck* came into Saturna Island for many years. We may be a small island but we are here!

At the last meeting of the Senior Citizens O.A.P.O. members enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the march group. Afterwards there was a contest in which members guessed the persons represented by photos and snapshots of themselves as school-age children and adolescents. There are too many to describe here but some are worthy of mention.

The most beautiful was a teen-aged Leah Howarth.

Running a close second was Tracey Pillsbury in a blue serge bloomer outfit.

A very handsome young man surrounded by a group of beautiful young women was Walter Ratzlaff.

Frank Copeland was a beautiful young boy still young enough to wear dresses.

The evening ended with bridge and cribbage.

Also playing games this week ... On the occasion of Terry Siemens' birthday on March 6 a party was held in her honour at the Saturna Point Marina Pub. In attendance were a goodly number of island ladies who played darts, at which they are very good, until the wee hours.

And, if you hadn't noticed, the pub has some new signs on the seaward side of the building. Gordie spent all last week manoeuvring them into place.

Betty and Gordie received a postcard from Parker Joudrey saying he is having a wonderful time in the Maritime provinces. Also a card came from the Shulars. They are stranded in the Baja because of a road wash-out and can't get back. I guess they'll have to tough it out in all that lovely sunshine.

And finally and most importantly, the Saturna Island Community Club annual meeting will be held on Monday, March 31 at 8 pm.

## Water utility aided

Sewers are not the only utility that enjoys government help.

The 1980 budget of the Capital Regional District shows a total cost of \$86,130 for water for the Lyall Harbour-Boot Cove water system on Saturna Island.

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There is no charge for the workshop, which is designed for homemakers, nurses, aides and

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# SPORTS

## Winning gets tougher for Salt Spring teams

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Cup play continued on all fronts, complete with upsets, surprises and a lot of very close games. With the finals looming ever-closer Salt Spring's excellent crop of teams are finding the winning tougher each time out.

**INTRA-ISLAND - COERS CUP**  
**Fernwood Fury, 2; Whitecaps, 2**  
**Panthers, 1; Kanaka Tuffies, 0**  
**Panthers, 4; Fernwood Fury, 3**

It was a week of shock for the Fury as they were initially held to a 2-2 saw-off with the Whitecaps, followed by a close but convincing loss to the ever-improving Panthers. The Cup standings to date are: Panthers, 14 points; Fury, 14 points; Whitecaps, 11 points; Tuffies, 0 points.

### DISTRICT CUP

**Salt Spring Kicks, 0;**  
**Bays United, 1**

**Salt Spring Selects, 0;**  
**Juan de Fuca, 1**

**Salt Spring Strikers, 1; Gorge, 1**

Not too good a weekend for our juvenile teams but considering some of the conditions they fared well.

An undermanned Kicks team dropped a close 1-0 decision but the game was insignificant as they have already won a berth in the final.

The Selects' loss technically dropped them from Cup play but pending a protest could find themselves back in the thick of things next weekend.

The Strikers, missing six regulars, played to a 1-1 tie in regulation play, overtime and through two series of penalty kicks. Gorge stole the win on single penalty shots but the Strikers are still in the running as they dropped into the losers' bracket.

### CHALLENGE CUP

**Salt Spring Sockeyes, 4;**  
**Rebels II, 0**

**Salt Spring Sockeyes, 2;**  
**Gorge, 0**

Read more about their super double victory in a separate article.

### CONSOLATION CUP

**Salt Spring Savages, 1;**  
**Chez Pierre, 2**

Another close game, a Savages tradition for sure, and yet another close loss. The only question remaining is did the Savages really lose or will they re-appear next weekend due to a message from the gods.

The gods are the executive of the Vancouver Island Soccer League who decide whether the protest by the Savages will be upheld.

As for their game, it could have gone either way as both squads had numerous opportunities and the winner came in the last minute of play.

A scoreless first half was followed by a quick goal from Chez Pierre in the second half. The Savages rallied and Malcolm Legg converted an Alan Webb cross to even the score.

Once again defences tightened until the dying seconds when a penalty shot was called against the Savages and Chez Pierre made no mistake to convert it for the win.

The local team put up a good fight once again in a losing cause. Their first season as a team has seen them drop a lot of close games but very rarely are they out-classed. Hopefully, the lads have gained a lot of experience and a better understanding of playing together over the season.

With this gained experience and a little help from lady-luck this team will be a contender next season. But then is this season really over? Only the gods in Victoria can really say.

The Savages: D. Walker, J. Speed, A. Hengstler, P. Adams, A. Webb, T. Tamboline, R. Moger, J. Taylor, J. Valcourt, M. Legg, W. Taylor, L. Cornwall, D. Toynbee, M. Testart.

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## Short-handed Strikers tie with Gorge team

BY STRICK AUST

**Salt Spring, 1; Gorge, 1.**

Last weekend the two undefeated teams in Division 6 played off to determine one of the finalists for the Lower Vancouver Island District Cup. The score was tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time. After two periods of overtime, the score was still tied. A series of five penalty kicks was taken, and when they were completed, each team had scored twice, after nearly two hours of soccer.

Gorge kicked one more penalty shot and scored, Salt Spring kicked one more and missed. On the basis of that one kick, Gorge was awarded the game and the finalists' spot. A defeat for Salt Spring? Hardly, when you consider the facts.

### SCHOOL OUTING

Due to a commitment to a school outing to Vancouver, the Strikers found themselves short the whole left side of their offensive team.

Missing were the left forward, left winger, left halfback and striker. Although an attempt was made to reschedule the game to Sunday to ensure that both teams would be at full strength, Gorge's coach insisted that it be played on Saturday, confident that he could easily beat our weakened team, but the Strikers are not an 11-man team like many that we play, we are an 18-man team, and every player on our roster is both capable and willing to fulfil the job assigned to him. Never was this fact clearer than in Saturday's game.

The first 15 minutes was quite scrubby as the Strikers adjusted to their new areas of responsibility. It was during this period that Gorge scored their goal. Then, slowly but surely, the Strikers' halfbacks began to take control of the mid-field.

Todd Chase, brought in as centre half-back, worked ceaselessly, and it is due in no small part to his aggressive play that the tide began to turn in the Strikers' favour.

### UNBEATABLE

To his left, Mike Kruger, playing left halfback, was unbeatable and initiated many of the Strikers' offensive plays. The result of his hard work was a well-placed chip shot that got behind the goalie to tie the score at 1-1.

The Strikers still have their route plotted to the district cup finals. Next weekend we will play two games, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. When we win these, we will have eliminated the other two remaining teams in the play-offs, and we alone will be left to face-off against Gorge in the district cup play-offs.

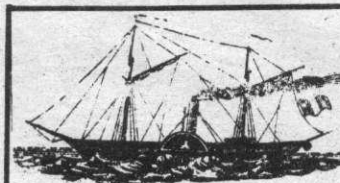
If we can play them to a draw with a third of our team missing, think what we'll do to them with a full team.

## Duplicate Bridge

Winners of the Gulf Islands bridge club on March 3 are listed here.

North-south: first, Audrey Campbell and Fred Melhuish; second, Audrey Allan and Helen Shandro; third, Lois Popkin-Clurman and Norm McConnell.

East-west: first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; second, Shirley Love and Phyllis Henderson; third, Lorna and Peter Pentz.



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Girls: (1) S.S. Sockeyes vs. Juan de Fuca Saturday March 15 at 2:15 pm in Victoria.

(2) S.S. Sockeyes vs. Nanaimo Sunday March 16 at 11:00 am at Bullen Park (Sunday game only if Sockeyes win Saturday)

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**SPORTS**

# Reaching Cup final no longer looks so bleak for Sockeyes

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**  
**Salt Spring Sockeyes, 4;**  
**Rebels II, 0.**  
**Salt Spring Sockeyes, 2;**  
**Gorge, 0.**

The new and improved Sockeyes are back and they have brought with them a special bag of tricks.

After last weekend's overtime loss to Nanaimo the Sockeyes' chances of reaching the cup final looked bleak. Not only did the girls have to play three games in seven days but all the games were away from home.

But the Sockeyes rose to the challenge as they won their opening two games in convincing fashion.

The team has had a slow start this season but gradually has taken shape to a point now where they appear to be heading for a peak in the cup final.

One of the steadying factors during the season came when Ruth Smith, also known as "Ralph", joined the team as goalie. Ruth really showed her stuff on the weekend with several excellent stops to record a pair of shut-outs.

**LOOKED STRONG**  
 The defence once again looked very strong as it has for most of the year. Theresa and Sunday Byron have been playing some of their most inspired play in recent weeks and last weekend was no exception as they controlled the mid-field as possessed demons.

Behind them lay the mighty Sue and the two Karens, Bird and Hale, waiting to pounce on unsuspecting forwards who wanted to get too close to the Sockeye goal. Sue Spencer has been the team's vocal leader all season long and her spirited play keeps the opposition at bay.

The biggest surprise last weekend came from the forwards. Leanne Greenhough, known to her many friends, admirers and lovers as Greenie, came out of defence to move into the centre spot. Leanne quickly caught on, as her three goals in two games indicate, and re-kindled the fire under the Sockeyes' attack. Her inspired play brought new life to the inside forwards Becky Hagan, Brenda Akerman and Shauneen Spence. The threesome hustled, ran, fought and scrambled to feed balls to Leanne and the wings, and Becky and Brenda even found time to

score.  
**INSPIRATIONAL**  
 On the wings Geraldine "little Goona" Hagan was the inspirational force as she revolutionized the word hustle with some outstanding play. She was justly rewarded with a great goal from a header. Both Vicki Byron and Denise de la Franiere picked up on her cue and followed tout-suite with some heads-up play of their own.

The key to the win was not individual play but teamwork, something that soccer is all about. The girls moved the ball well and showed a very creative attack while

retaining a very stable defence. Next Saturday they continue the battle as they travel to Juan de Fuca for a big semi-final match with the winner advancing to the final on Sunday against Nanaimo.

The Sockeyes are prepared, their spirits are high and their game is hot, hopefully hot enough to burn both Juan de Fuca and Nanaimo next weekend.

Why not join Ralph, Greenie, Little Goona and all the Sockeyes as we go for the finals. See girls' soccer at its very best and see the best team at soccer - the Sockeyes. Call me for information about the games.

# Selects lose close one to Juan de Fuca squad

**BY STRICK AUST**  
**Selects, 0; Juan de Fuca, 1.**

Sunday saw the possible elimination of the Salt Spring Selects from district cup competition. An offside call resulted in an early goal by Salt Spring being disallowed and although the game is now under protest because of this call, the chances are slim that a referee's call will be overruled by the Lower Island soccer executive.

If the protest is upheld, this game will be replayed next weekend. If not, the Selects will have to accept this defeat and concentrate on the upcoming Salt Spring Island invitational tournament.

Juan de Fuca is a hard-driving soccer team who use their wings well, and because of this they were able to keep the Selects hemmed in their own end for most of the first half. Although they enjoyed many drives on our goal, it is to the credit of our defense and goalie that they were held to only one goal.

**SELECTS RALLY**  
 The Selects came out in the second half with renewed vigor. Gone was the sting of the disallowed goal that had dampened their spirits for most of the first half. The team went total offense in an attempt to live up to their reputation as a second-half team.

Their inactivity over the past three months was evident in their inability to link more than two or three passes together at a time.

But on individual drive alone, they were able to keep the pressure on Juan de Fuca throughout most of the second half. Many chances were missed by narrow margins but when the final whistle blew, the score was still 1-0 for Juan de Fuca.

Next Saturday, the Selects are scheduled at Lockside Park to play an exhibition game against Cordova Bay. But if we have a game against Juan de Fuca, we will play it instead.

In either case, strong parental support, as shown in last week's game, will be needed if the Selects are to regain their reputation as the high-flying front-runners in Division 5.

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# Down the Gutter with Ken Collins

The golden-agers held a five-game bowlathon on March 2 and 28 bowlers took part. Dave McRoberts came out on top, bowling 194 over his average. Second was Edith Chalmers (153 over), third was Nellie Miller (141 over) and fourth was Stan Glazier with 137 over. The booby prize went to Nellie Hyslop with a 135.

During the past week a party of our golden-agers spent a few days in Reno. I saw them on the ferry on the way back and they told me everyone had a good time.

What's happened to all the high scorers of late? Last week only three bowlers out of the regular leagues managed 700 or better. They were myself with 887-789; Dave Calver, 712; and Terry Jenkins with 714. We also had some good scores from the Y.B.C.'ers: Steve Marleau had a 760; Marvin Forrester, 786; and Steve Martens had a 706.

Three-hundred games came

from myself with 318-304-300; Walter Huser, 329; Steve Marleau, 308; Marvin Forrester, 305; and Cindy Corcoran, 330.

The bowlers of the week were this writer and Cindy Corcoran.

Nice to see Denis Corcoran back bowling again. Denis has not been in the best of health of late, having had a bad bout of pleurisy. He said he had lost over 10 lbs. and suggested that I might try a dose of it myself and get the benefit of a weight loss. Thanks, Denis, but I'll pass on that one.

Bumped into someone the other day who introduced me to someone as Ken Collins from "In the Gutter". Next year I'll have to do something about my article heading or learn to suffer more embarrassing moments like that.

**Tip of the Week**  
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# Trustees vote down motion to purchase full spectrum lighting

Full spectrum lighting was the subject of a debate at last week's meeting of Gulf Islands School Board.

Trustee Strick Aust threatened to assign his \$200-a-month board salary to cover the cost of the lighting, "if cost is the issue".

A \$600 experiment using the lights in certain unspecified classrooms in the Ganges elementary school had been requested by principal Tom Watson. The board was told by Aust that Watson and some of his teachers believed the softer lights would reduce the tension in elementary students.

"The psychological benefits had not been scientifically proved," Aust said. However, he thought the elementary school teachers should be allowed to experiment for three months with the lights to see if there was any noticeable improvement in the behaviour of the students.

## IN THREE ROOMS

Aust said that Watson planned on using three rooms for the experimental lighting and that no one except the teachers would know which rooms contained the lights.

Chairman Ivan Mouat said that the benefits of the lights could be psychological only. He suggested that the board tell Watson that the lights would be installed throughout the entire school. "Then we won't put them in," he added, "and we'll see if anyone notices."

Aust had been asked to present the idea to the board by the educational advisory committee, comprised of Watson, alternate class teacher Tim Stafford and behavioural modification teacher Ralph Miller.

Aust said the three staff members would monitor the stress factor and the hyperactivity of their

students in and out of the soft lighting for a period of three months and then report back to the board with their findings. The experiment would mean replacing all the existing tubes at a cost of approximately \$700.

Trustee Dave Stacey said: "What frightens me is that the three monitors may not be objective in their findings because they are already prejudiced in favour of the lighting."

"Psychologically, it will make a difference no matter what you do if everybody notices what rooms are lit," remarked Charles Baltzer.

## REPLACE OLD TUBES

Trustee Jeanine Dodds from Mayne Island said she thought it would be a good idea to replace old tubes, as they burned out, with the full spectrum lights.

"I am making a motion to authorize the secretary-treasurer to spend the necessary money to supply Tom Watson with the lights he needs for the experiment," said Aust.

"Why don't you get the B.C. Research Council to do the research for you?" asked Wilf Peck.

After the motion was defeated Aust tried a second motion putting his salary at the disposal of Watson and the teachers. However, chairman Mouat would not accept the motion and trustee Stacey remarked that he would oppose it if it ever came to the table.

It had been mentioned during the course of the debate that the Victoria School District had been experimenting with full spectrum lights in some of their schools.

"I want to see full spectrum lighting in our schools also," said trustee Dodds. She made a motion to write the Victoria School District for information on their experiment with the lights. The motion was passed.

# No permits for little properties

There have been a number of applications recently for permits to build on minimal lots in the Walker Hook area, Salt Spring Island Trust Committee was told at a recent meeting.

It was explained that the lots in question are those of a quarter-acre which were condemned by the superintendent of insurance several years ago.

The lots were established around the turn of the century and do not conform with current subdivision regulations.

There is a potential health hazard in issuing building permits in respect of small lots, trustees agreed. In some instances an excessive slope is another problem.

No permits are being issued until the lots are consolidated, trustees were told.

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# 'Gratifying year' for Community arts group

The annual general meeting of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council will take place on Wednesday, March 26 at 8 pm in Mahon Hall. Moving the meeting from May to March has been done to give the new executive more time to plan the summer arts and crafts show.

Last year amendments to the bylaws were voted on at the annual meeting and this year, further amendments will be made. Copies of the proposed bylaws will be available for perusal at the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library, Mahon Hall, et cetera and immediately prior to the general meeting.

Council spokesman Olive Clayton said the past year had been a "gratifying" one for the group.

The summer Art-Craft show was "a huge success", she said.

"This winter the cultural affiliates of the CAC, the Players and arts and crafts guilds, have enjoyed permanent space in Mahon Hall, and daytime access to large working areas which they have never had before.

"The Concert Society, which is co-sponsored by the CAC, has held more performances than ever before," she observed.

The island's first showing of sculpture was staged by the council in November, she recalled.

"Anyone interested in the cultural life of the island is cordially invited to attend the annual meeting," she said.

# Science Fair exhibits

## BY TRACY MILTON Grade Nine, Pender School

The Pender Islands School Science Fair was held on February 29, from 1.30 to 3 pm.

There were 23 exhibits presented by the pupils in grades four through nine. It took a great deal of time to prepare the projects, with a lot of running around and confusion the day of the Science Fair, but we were finally ready when the judging started.

The projects were judged by the staff members of the school.

The awards in the senior group were presented to: first, Phillip Sabbagh for Resistance; second, David Anderson for Solar Shower; and third, Marion Lucas and Colleen Ridley for Jupiter.

The awards in the intermediate group were presented to: first, Freddy Sabbagh and Teresa Hanson for Stroboscope; second, Michelle McDonald and Rhiannon Roach for crystals. In third place there was a three-way tie, which went to Jennifer Lucas and Zia Sutherland for Saltwater, Steven Neil and Julian Brooks for Refraction and Jay Freemantle for Colours. Some of the better projects will be going to the Regional Science Fair in Victoria, after making some adjustments to their projects.

There were about 70 to 80 interested people of all ages at the Science Fair.

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*More Food for Thought*

# Exiled Guatemalan lawyer and labour advocate to speak here

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

Those who believe events in Guatemala are irrelevant to Salt Spring Island should think again.

Enrique Torres, Guatemalan lawyer exiled to Costa Rica, planned to visit us during our Ten Days program. When "security forces" brutally attacked the Spanish embassy in Guatemala, his plans changed.

We will, on March 19, have the pleasure of welcoming not Enrique, but Marta Torres, a lawyer, like her husband. Like him, she is an active labour advocate, fluent in English and a committee Christian. Also, like him, exiled to Costa Rica.

U.S. Congressman Father Robert Drinon returned from Guatemala in January and described a government "in the hands of oligarchic mafias that hide themselves behind a facade of democracy." Capable of indescribable brutality, the "paramilitary forces have assassinated more than 20,000 people" in the last 12 years, 3,252 between January and October last year.

A statement signed by the provincial superior for Central America and Panama, the Guatemalan National Council of Jesuits and all the superiors of the Jesuit communities in the region, says the present level of oppression "is as great as any Guatemala has experienced in its recent history."

**KILLINGS**

It charges: "there are kidnappings, torture and killings committed with the protection of unmarked cars, night-time ambushes and selective terror, at the same time both massive and indiscriminate.... Needless to say, these horrible crimes enjoy absolute impunity. On the other hand, there is already the proverbial saying in Guatemala that there are no political prisoners, only the dead and the disappeared."

Within days of the publication of this document, the Secret Anti-Communist Army (the right-wing death squad which caused Enrique and Marta Torres to flee their country) issued a communique outlining two plans. One warns that all Guatemalan Jesuits will be killed, the other contemplates their expulsion or disappearance. Afraid of the public support enjoyed by the Jesuits, the government has forced the media to refuse to publish any more Jesuit statements, even as paid advertisements!

**A HISTORY**

*Central America Update*, an ecumenical publication, furnishes this capsule history of Guatemala since 1944.

1944-54: Constitutional democracy; unions permitted to organize; President Arbenz tries to nationalize unused lands held by United Fruit Co. He is overthrown by CIA-sponsored coup. (U.S. secretary of state then John Foster Dulles, past lawyer for United Fruit Co. and brother of Allan, head of CIA.)

1954-76: Military government suppresses trade unions. During late 60's wholesale slaughter of peasants in attempt to deal with resistance. INCO prepares for \$225-million investment in nickel mine, while public protests give-away of natural resources. Commission of enquiry established: two of three commissioners assassinated, one a paraplegic congressman, machine-gunned in the back in his wheel chair. INCO granted terms it wants. Now largest single foreign investment in Guatemala.

1977: Protesting miners walk over 200 miles to Guatemala City, joined by over 100,000 people.

**MASSACRED**

1978: Repression escalates. Over 100 peasants massacred by army. President of Association of University Students killed, police refuse to intervene. Leader of Coca Cola Union assassinated. Up to nine political murders some days.

1979: Leader of Socialist Democratic Party killed the day before his party registered. A labour leader seeks refuge in Venezuelan embassy following attempts on his life. Leader of United Revolutionary Party killed five days after his party registered. New general secretary of Coca Cola union assassinated. Secretary-general of Media Workers Union died of injuries caused by torture.

1980: 34 campesinos (farmers) come to Spanish embassy to protest terrorization of their home towns. Ambassador opens negotiations and reaches agreement. 400 police surround embassy, ignore ambassador's instructions and attack embassy. It is set on fire and 39 die. Ambassador and one farmer survive. Government claims that the "terrorists had sacrificed their hostages and themselves" refuted by ambassador. Spain breaks diplomatic relations, and next day surviving farmer is kidnapped from hospital by 15 armed men. Two people in funeral procession shot.

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Encourage your trade union to act. Join the boycott initiated by the International Union of Food and Allied Workers.

Involve your church groups. Write Amnesty International, Box 6033, Station J, Ottawa.

Stay informed. *Central America Update* can be obtained from CIRG, 402 West Pender Street, Suite 306, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 1T6.


Above all, come to the Anglican Parish Hall on March 19 and meet Marta Torres. We're meeting at 6 pm for a potluck supper at 6.30 pm and meeting afterwards.

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**Legion branch at Ganges has busy month**

Salt Spring Legion branch has a new bugle but so far, no one to blow it. Former Salt Spring resident Jack Lamb paid a visit to Ganges last week to present Legionnaires with the horn. He made the donation in memory of his son, Petty Officer R. J. M. Lamb of the

Submarine Service, Royal Navy, who was reported missing in February, 1943. Receiving the bugle from Jack Lamb is Legion president Iver Gillen. Members looking on are, from left, George Dunaway, Jim Mayo and Jake Javorski.

In the lower picture the branch is seen paying tribute to four veteran members. Holding their long-service medals are, left to right, Bruce Campbell, Ivan Mouat, Tom Sharland and Bob Petty.



**Automatic number identification**

Gulf Islands telephone subscribers who cannot dial long distance without an operator cutting in to ask for a phone number will have to wait for at least another year before their service catches up to most other areas in the province.

For residents of North Salt Spring, however, the change began this week, with automatic number identification being introduced. Long distance callers in the 537 exchange may have been surprised this week to hear their party answer on the first ring instead of the operator.

B. C. Tel service representative M. Findlow said that the change will eliminate the problem of subscribers being billed for calls they didn't make.

"In the past," she said, "operators were inclined to make mistakes by punching the wrong digits or else they could have difficulties hearing the customer's number."

She said that the rest of the exchanges in the Gulf Islands will be hooked on to the new system, although the work has not been scheduled yet. "It takes quite a bit of work to change over from one board to a completely different one," she said.

"Areas around Victoria are being scheduled for the change-over this year so the islands will have to wait for the next year."

**Proposals are invited for Youth Employment Program**

The federal government's 1980 Summer Youth Employment Program is now under way and \$10.3 million has been allocated to create about 5,610 summer jobs for students in B.C.

Proposals to create summer jobs may be submitted by any municipal or local government or non-profit organization. Each application for funds must provide for a minimum of three full-time jobs for a minimum of six weeks during the summer. It also must demonstrate that the proposed activities will provide social, environmental, economic or cultural benefit to the community in which it will operate.

Area project officer Holly Weid-

ner of Victoria told *Driftwood* last week that jobs funded can be for a maximum of 18 weeks. The program provides \$180 a week for a supervisor and \$120 a week for project workers. There is an additional eight percent in employee benefits and \$20 a week per person for overhead costs, she said.

The maximum funded is \$50,000 per project.

Last year the program funded five projects on the islands.

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Weidner invited islanders to call her at 388-3136, or Ken Lutes at 388-3383.

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**Mayne hosts match**

BY MEGAN FOSTER AND CLAIRE THOMAS  
Grade Seven

On Tuesday, March 4, Galiano School's grades five, six and seven class went to Mayne Island to play volleyball. The winner would have to win two out of three games. The first game Galiano lost due to nervousness. Even so, Galiano was determined to win the next two games, and they did!

By this time everyone was becoming relaxed and they decided to play another game. Mayne was very discouraged and Galiano won that also.

Galiano had only thought to play the elementary team but the Mayne coach, Mr. Cocker, thought it would be interesting to have Galiano play Mayne's secondary team. The Mayne kids were at a slight disadvantage because their best player was missing. Still, the Galiano kids were quite intimidated. They did not expect to win.

One of the Mayne elementary team kids volunteered to play on

the Galiano side. He did well and served very accurately. Galiano team played hard and won the first game. The Mayne secondary team was quite shocked and vowed to play much harder. They won the second game.

At this stage, Galiano knew they had a chance and were not going to let Mayne win. Galiano did finally beat them.

Afterward, Galiano decided the reason they had won was because Mayne had not been practising recently while Galiano had.

Both teams played very well and good sportsmanship was shown on both sides.

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