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Newspaper report

Regional board supports Young against charge of wrongdoing

Capital Regional Board has authorized Executive Director Dennis Young to gain legal advice to defend himself against charges of wrongdoing levelled by Salt Spring Island Director Yvette Valcourt.

At Wednesday's meeting last week Chairman Jim Campbell drew attention of members to the report on an RCMP investigation in the day's Vancouver Province. The report stated that an investigation was being conducted into the certification of the Ganges sewer petition by Dennis Young.

The chairman expressed "strong regret" that Valcourt had made that charge of wrongdoing again. It has been investigated and found groundless, he told his colleagues. The board approved a motion to provide all legal advice necessary for the executive director to protect himself against the charges.

The RCMP has been asked, by the ministry of the Attorney-General, to investigate, a second time, the charges that names on the initiating petition were forged.

In 1978 a similar investigation was carried out by Cpl. Wayne Dew, of the federal police force's fraud squad. It was carried out at the prompting of Yvette Valcourt.

A separate investigation of the certification of the petition had been undertaken by the superintendent of municipalities, who had vindicated the actions of the senior officer of the regional district.

NOT HIS FUNCTION

Dennis Young had no way of verifying the names on a petition and was not required to do so, noted the chairman. His certification consisted of an assurance that the requisite majority had been reached. His only obligation was arithmetical, stated Campbell.

Valcourt was very well aware of the circumstances when she made

her statement to the Vancouver Province, he added.

Harold Parrott, of North Saanich asked whether there was not some action the board could take when a director persists in making such charges.

The chairman explained that the solicitor would be asked for legal advice on actions the board might take "to stop this sort of thing."

Staff members have no way of defending themselves unless the board does it for them, commented Parrott.

Will Director Valcourt enjoy the same support, enquired Bill Tindall.

In reply to a question from Sabara Humes, of Salt Spring Island, Campbell explained that there had been every justification in investigating forgery.

But what is at issue is the certification of the petition.

The certification was never rescinded, pressed Humes.

It is still not at issue, said Campbell.

Motion was approved.



Fence should discourage cars

Cathy Anderson of Salt Spring Island knows how to build a solid fence, one that will keep cars off playing fields like this one at

Fernwood School. She and Jim Hull have been engaged by school district to erect fencing.

Procedure disputed by Salt Spring alternate

Procedural dispute broke out at the Capital Regional Board meeting last week when alternate Director Sabara Humes protested the failure of documents to show up at the board table.

The recommendations of the Salt Spring Island Transit Committee and of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce had been brought to the office that morning, reported the island representative. But they had not reached directors.

He had deemed them more properly directed to the transit committee, explained Chairman Jim Campbell.

"I am here at 8.30 the morning of a board meeting, said Saturna Island's Campbell, "I'm here to see all directors who have a problem."

"A gentleman told me you decided what came before the board," protested Humes, "there should not be any interference."
NO INTERFERENCE

There is no interference, replied Campbell. Some papers are distributed; others are recorded and matters such as the recommendations for transit are sent to the transit committee.

There are two ways to get something to all members in a hurry, explained Norma Sealey, chairman of the transit committee.

"We can send it to individual members at our own expense. Or it can be addressed to the chairman and directors, when it follows a due process."

Matter was left at that until the

close of the meeting when a sharp altercation broke out between Chairman Campbell and A.F. Humes, of Salt Spring Island, husband of the alternate director over proper procedures. Humes challenged the chairman's handling of the meeting, while Campbell recommended he read up the Municipal act.

Dock legal Supreme Court rules

The Mayne Inn's 200-foot wharf at Bennett Bay, Mayne Island, has been ruled legal by the B.C. Supreme Court.

In a written judgment handed down after a one-day trial last week, Mr. Justice F.C. Munroe overturned an interim injunction against the dock and dismissed action by the Islands Trust against the hotel. The injunction was obtained August 31, 1979.

The Trust's argument that the dock was not private but designed for commercial activity was rejected by Munroe.

"It is not a dock to which vessels and the public can resort at will," he said. He decided that it was a private dock for providing access to property immediately abutting the foreshore.

Crime growing with population, say RCMP as offences increase

BY BRIAN SOBER

Police statistics made public last week show a drastic increase in breaking and entering offences on Salt Spring and Galiano Islands.

A comparison using the months January to April inclusive indicates that the crime against property in 1980 is up 166% from 1979.

The only explanation RCMP could offer this week was that crime is growing along with the population. But Const. Glenn Hanna said the number of breaking and entering offences is still low in the islands.

The 166% figure, if applied to a town like Nanaimo, he said, would mean an extraordinary number of offences. But on the islands the number of reports does not warrant special action.

Hanna also said that many incidents pass by unreported by people who believe their report will not recover their stolen property. This hampers police who say they have a better chance of apprehending a suspect if one specific locality is struck more than once.

TOO MANY

He said that there are too many property offences on the islands and he hopes that the Neighbourhood Watch program will bring the numbers down. Thefts over \$200 were also up: 50% from 1979.

As an example of the effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Watch program, Hanna cited a case of

four break-ins which occurred in one weekend on Salt Spring Island.

In three of the cases, he said, property was stolen from the houses not involved in the crime prevention program. In the fourth residence the owner had engraved his social security number on most of his valuables and had displayed the Neighbourhood Watch sticker on his major appliances. The home was broken into but nothing was stolen.

The effectiveness of the engraving tool cannot be overstated. The numbers are recognized by police officers across the country as a social security number.

No candidate?

The by-election to fill the vacancy on the Gulf Islands School Board may not take place next month.

Returning officer Amy McLeod said Tuesday that no nomination paper for trusteeship had been filed. Deadline was noon Wednesday.

According to the Public Schools Act, the board may choose someone to fill the seat if the public doesn't respond with a candidate.

However, McLeod said she wasn't sure if the board would take that route or simply wait until the general election scheduled for next November.

The number should be engraved on valuables both as a deterrent to thieves and as assistance to yourself if you have to appear in court to claim your stolen property.

HOW TO PROVE IT

You may be absolutely certain that the article marked as "exhibit A" is yours, but when the defense counsel asks you to prove it, how can you unless you have recorded its serial number or marked it with your social security number.

This brings up another important point. What about articles such as crystal ornaments that you don't want to mark with the hardened steel pen?

That is when the camera becomes an essential tool. Hanna says it should take most homeowners about a day to engrave their engraveables and photograph what is left.

Many victims of theft remain unaware of everything they've lost. Later, they suddenly miss some small item which they would have remembered immediately if a photograph had been used to refresh their minds when listing the stolen items to the police.

Take photos of drawer contents, shelves, insides of cupboards and rooms, then lock the pictures away in a safety deposit box.

The police will also go to your home and do a security survey for you at no cost. They offer advice on

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Four appear on liquor charges

Four minors appeared in provincial court at Ganges last week on liquor-related charges.

Two Victoria minors pleaded guilty to possession of alcohol after police searched their vehicle when it was parked in a gravel pit off the Fulford-Ganges Road.

The two youths, Scott Edward Cooper and Dale A. Sakaluk, appeared before Judge D. K. McAdam. A case of beer and numerous bottles of wine were found in the vehicle, the court was told.

Judge McAdam remarked that there had to be a better place to drink liquor and fined them \$30 each.

Drinking beer in Mouat Park cost a Sidney youth \$35. Christopher Eldridge, 17, was seen throwing a beer bottle into the bush by police who were on routine patrol of the park, the court was told.

Crown counsel Christopher Kehler told Judge McAdam that the police officers recovered the bottle and found that it contained a quantity of beer.

Eldridge, who is a mechanic, pleaded guilty to the charge.

A police check of a vehicle in Centennial Park in Ganges resulted in charges against 17-year-old Mark O. Rasmussen of Ganges. He was fined \$35.

A full case of beer had been discovered in the trunk of his car, police said. Rasmussen told the court that he was employed as a labourer for Howard Byron of Salt Spring.



Emptying these bottles of brew could be a sad sight for some, but it's all part of officer's duty. RCMP Const. Ace Mainwaring disposes of confiscated beer using the board designed for the job by Const. Frank Ryttersgaard.

Driver convicted despite conflicting testimony in provincial court here

When the results of a breathalyzer test cannot be admitted as evidence in court it is up to the judge to weigh the opposing testimony of the accuser and the accused.

This was the case last week in provincial court when the crown accused Jesse M. Byron of Ganges of impaired driving.

Byron's attorney argued that the testimony of RCMP Constable Glenn Hanna indicated that the

officer was not sure of what happened on the day of June 10, 1979, when Byron was stopped.

Hanna stopped Byron on Ganges Hill after following him for one mile, but under cross-examination Hanna claimed a mile equalled 800 yards.

"Hanna," Lane said, "is unsure of everything except for Byron's state of impairment." Lane had questioned Hanna on the events that took place after the arrest, but

the officer could not answer with certainty.

Lane tried to prove that Byron's testimony appeared more certain than the testimony of the police. "Hanna has no sufficient recollection of the events and, I believe, he simply got his cases mixed up."

The evidence of the crown stated that Hanna had moved Byron's vehicle off the road. Byron's account indicated that Hanna did not move the vehicle.

However, Judge D.K. McAdam said he did not approve of certain cross-examination techniques used by Lane. After considering the contradicting reports of the two parties involved, McAdam found Byron guilty and fined him \$400.

Lane requested that McAdam not suspend Byron's driver's license as he intended to file an appeal against the decision.

The suspension of a license is lifted the moment an appeal is launched, McAdam said. "When you file your appeal your request will be granted."

Crime growing

From Page One

weak points in your house's security system and can demonstrate various types of locks that are most difficult for thieves to break. Some locks, Hanna said, are not worth the metal they are made of.

When your house and its contents have been made secure it is important to remember that they can never be absolutely safe against crime in your absence. So if you are going away on holidays, the police urge you to contact your neighbours and police, filling them in on the details of your whereabouts in case they need to contact you.

If someone you know passes by your house each day, ask them to check in on it. Even if your nearest neighbour is a half a mile away you should still ask him to look in on

your residence every day until you return. There is always the chance that the favour can be returned.

Hanna said that many neighbourhoods on the islands get together for a social evening and invite him to talk on the program.

He takes a film, engraving tools, stickers and relevant literature to such meetings. This is the best way, he said of ensuring that crime against property does not increase in the community.

Steel bar, saw chain used in attack

A Victoria man was beaten with a 15-inch by one inch diameter steel bar and a power saw chain on Galiano last Sunday.

Charges of assault causing bodily harm are being contemplated against Willy and Alfred Crocker and Alex James, RCMP reported Tuesday.

The Victoria man's companion fled the scene in search of help, police said, after his car was smashed by the assailants.

The victim of the beating suffered undetermined injuries and was unable to find a medical doctor on the island, police said.

Both the man and his companion returned to Victoria the same day, it was reported.



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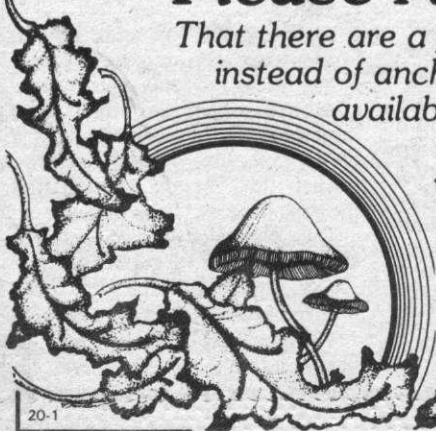
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To Be Frank by richards



There's a naked woman, said the wife of an upstanding island citizen. He lazily raised an eyebrow as he grabbed for the telescope. The glass showed him the familiar shell beach and the unfamiliar sight of bare flesh among the rocks. The nudists were in full view from the mountains so conveniently placed. Only major problem is that the outstanding citizen insists on carrying his spyglass with him all the time, now.

It was Saturday night and the firemen had their annual dance in the school auditorium. Now that I am more or less retired I have to eke out my living by moonlighting. So I was barman. And the pay was terrific. That's when a patron, whose name shall be withheld, explained to me about dancing in Saskatchewan a half-century ago. It was wicked to drink in those days and a paternal government set up beer and wine outlets at strategic points. Each customer was required to buy his wares and run home. You see, it was also wicked to carry liquor home. The law said you must drink it all at home. That, of course, was the Saskatchewan law. The British Columbia law, even at that period, was easier. The result of all this paternalism was that when a fellow went to a dance he couldn't get a drink, legally. There were two ways out of it, explained my informant. He could get really steamed up before he set out. But there was an even chance that if he was really working under a big head of steam, he might never get out at all and that meant that the evening, the steam and the booze had all been wasted. Incidentally, we were now talking about home-brew; potent and oh, so wicked! The alternative was to bush the beer in the bushes. You reached the dance hall, unharnessed the horse, rubbed him down and either stabled him or covered him with a blanket. Then you crept around the bushes, stuffing an illegal bottle of home brew where you might expect to find it pretty easily afterwards, and hoped nobody else could. As he told me all this, he happily sipped at the mixed drink a more modern law permits him to enjoy. All I know for sure is that he never got steamed up ahead of time last Saturday. He didn't have to. Besides, he is a bit older than me and I reckon his safety valves might blow off a bit ahead of time if he really was steaming.

Gerard Bonar was on Salt Spring Island at the week end. He found it changed after an absence of 13 years. He's living in Vancouver and came camping for the week end.

I noticed an announcement that there was an auto show last fall in Carman, Manitoba. I can't think of a better place to have an auto show.

I don't know who Granny Smith is, but she sure has some delicious apples!

We're haunted. By Keith Veltman. It all started when we couldn't get away from the liquor store. For the first many months I was at Ganges there stood a press under the indicator on the wall showing the location of Slinger's wine. The windows were heavily barred to keep out marauders. The office had been the liquor store. Then we moved. The office went to the end of the yellow dirt road behind the new liquor store and Keith's Upholstery moved into the Driftwood building to share it with the bookstore. Five years or so later we have moved again: into the premises occupied two years ago by Keith's Upholstery. And where is that business now? Right behind the liquor store, where we were industriously producing newspapers until a week or so ago.

It was half right. Last week I recalled the coincidence of two guests at Park Drive Rest Home whose granddaughters had newcomers to their families coincidentally. They were little girls. And I said Boys! I'm almost scared to admit it!

There's something fishy about Driftwood. On Friday I parked my car in front of the office and found a small (six-inch) fish on the sandy ground. It looked like the jettisoned cargo of an overloaded seagull and it was, at that moment, still alive. Odd thing is that it had gone a half-hour later. Either it was a flying fish or some chance customer had some chips and was looking for some fish or a hungry crow found it or someone threw it in the sea. We'll probably never know.

The spring is here, I told him. He is five years old and knows almost everything. You can see it's spring because the firs have their new fingers, I explained. He looked at the firs in contempt. Those aren't fingers, he protested. I couldn't argue. I could only reflect that it must be 12 months since I was admiring the spring green of the trees and it seems like it was yesterday.



Delighted with results of their efforts are organizers of Quilt Show held at Mahon Hall in Ganges May 10. Pictured left to right are Mary Poyntz, Lynn Earwaker, Margaret Howell, Lillian Shore, Donna Jenkins, Jocelyn Holmes and Kay Magee.

Quilters stage exhibition

When the Salt Spring Island Quilters' Guild decided to hold a quilting exhibition recently, they were not expecting the response they got.

Some of the quilts on display were as old as 150 years while another was finished the night before the exhibition. Included in the display of over 100 items was a number of appliqued red poppies on a white background made by an 82-year-old lady, while a 16-year-old exhibitor provided a wall hanging.

According to a report from the eight-member group this week, word of the show spread quickly around Ganges, resulting in a good attendance. Door prize of a quilt in fall colours made by one of the members was won by Miss Stephanie Pound of Burnaby.

The guild has indicated its appreciation to those who helped to

make the first exhibition a success, particularly Jocelyn Holmes who, Driftwood was told, brought quilting back to the island.

Members of the guild are Mary Poyntz, Lynne Earwaker, Lillian Shore, Margaret Howell, Kay Magee, Donna Jenkins, Alice Brabandt and Jocelyn Holmes.

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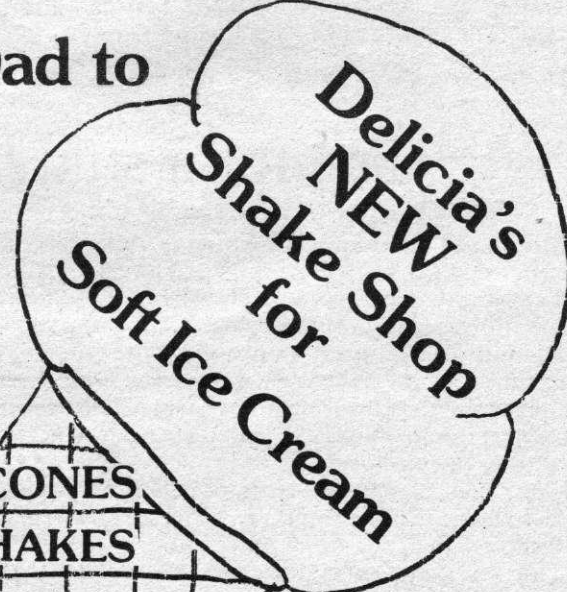
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Two faces of incorporation

Salt Spring Island Planning Association is taking a close look at incorporation. Preliminary reports have indicated that the association, as well as the ministry of municipal affairs, is looking only at the entire island and not at any proposal for a limited municipality to embrace part of the area.

In other communities, partial incorporation, where a small, populous section becomes a village, has proved very divisive.

The unhappy reality of incorporation is that it costs more. There may be many communities in the province where the taxes exerted on an incorporated municipality are lower than those collected from rural areas. We know of none. Certainly, in the majority of cases, taxes take a sharp rise when a municipality takes over.

The unorganized areas enjoy a ceiling on general taxes. Municipalities do not. The unorganized areas are limited in the extent to which they may introduce new services. Municipalities are not as severely restricted. Unorganized areas are dependent on the approval of a new money-costing project by a body in Victoria, regional or provincial. Municipalities are not.

Where there is neither mayor nor alderman there is no egotistical determination to gain recognition at the expense of the taxpayer.

A municipality on the island would settle all the disputes at home without the islanders being the constant butt of city jokes. It would provide islanders with a full and proper administration here on the island. Many aspects of zoning and planning would be settled by such a municipality. To what extent an island council would be responsible for planning has not been clear in the past because there are no incorporated municipalities within the area covered by the Islands Trust.

A Salt Spring Island municipality would enable us to make our own mistakes and fight our own fights. But we would pay for the privilege.

The final details of autonomy in planning and likely costs of operating will be clarified by Fred Tessman and the planning society. The report will be read with interest.

Time for a study

Minister of highways Alex Fraser is looking at the reservation system for other ferries.

The minister announced that he was impressed with the way the reservations procedure has worked on the jetfoil service to Seattle.

Islanders have been impressed with the way it works, sometimes, on the Tsawwassen service. To be effective over the entire ferry system the telephone system would need modification. Passengers are required to wait long periods to get through to the very busy reservations office.

Once booked the passenger then decides whether or not to show. There are more empty spaces on the *Queen of Sidney* due to "no shows" than from any other cause.

The reservations system has many advantages. This is particularly so when the vessel serves a series of competing ports as does the islands ferry. It avoids long queues seeking passage aboard a vessel which will carry but a fraction of the potential load. It would be an interesting experiment. Students of human behaviour will particularly enjoy it.

Perhaps the minister will extend it to the minor vessels when he says his study will look at all ferries. There is little doubt that the islands ferries alone could rate a complete telephone keyboard to themselves.

But it is about time some government ministry started another study of the islands. We haven't had one for weeks.

RIVERSIDE Driftwood.



Letters to the Editor

Sewers, transit levy and incorporation are examined

They are for benefit of all

Sir,

This letter refers to three different topics, so I am numbering them as follows:

1. Sewers. There appears no doubt that some sort of sewer system is needed, and I therefore suggest that all bickering cease forthwith, and the project be started. I live too far from Ganges to be connected to a sewer system, but I do use the hospital and patronize the local businesses and pay taxes towards the school. Therefore I feel I should pay some tax towards a system although only a percentage of what the actual users should pay. I note an item (15 years ago) in *Driftwood* which stated a sewer committee was to be formed. A good example of how ridiculous the whole thing is, I would advise that my wife and I went to the states and the U.S. Immigration official asked where I was from. I told him Ganges and then said on Salt Spring Island and he said, "Do you fight with your neighbours?"

I asked him what he meant and he said he had heard about Salt Spring down in Washington, where friend fought with friend, and neighbour against neighbour etc. over a sewer system. This statement from a foreign official was rather embarrassing and I call on all persons, (both pro and con) to get together and have a vote on the system and then abide by the majority.

2. Transit. When I retired here (13 years ago) there was no Capital Regional District, and I have yet to see one valid reason for its formation and continued existence. The director of the CRD says there are some people on the other islands who favour a transit tax on our Hydro bills. This may be true, but I have yet to meet anyone on Salt Spring who favours this tax or the proposed three cent tax on gasoline for transit. The director appears to be only concerned with a bus from Swartz Bay to Victoria, but does not state how I could get from my home to Fulford in order to cross to Swartz Bay. If there was a bus system on Salt Spring, I admit I would not use it, but would not feel

so strongly opposed to this tax as I am now.

It would appear that we no longer have democracy and the wishes of Salt Spring Islanders are ignored.

3. Organized territory. I have lived and worked in seven unorganized areas and in five organized in B.C. and would state that the tax in organized areas is three times that of unorganized. If organized we pay for all policing, fire department, Highways department, including a works yard and all machinery plus a municipal hall including office staff, a mayor and alderman.

Certainly the minister of municipal affairs would be in favour of organization and thus save the B.C. government a lot of money. I could name many other items we would pay for but close by saying that a relative of mine who has a similar home to mine in Vancouver on a 33-foot lot pays exactly three times as much as I do on 3/4 of an acre.

A.J. DILLABOUGH,
R.R.2 Ganges,
May 16, 1980.

Honour is appreciated

Sir,

I would like to thank those responsible for sending me a copy of the paper so regularly. I enjoy reading it and picking out the names of those I knew when living on the Island.

I also see that I have been honoured by having a football cup named after me. I very much appreciate it.

Please thank the club and wish them every success in the coming years.

ERIC SPRINGFORD,
5931 Lincoln St.,
Vancouver.
May 8, 1980.

Sir,

During the summer months, 99 per cent of all waterworks in British Columbia impose restrictions on the use of the water they supply.

This is done in the hope that all users will get an equal share of the water available.

Most systems are so designed that normal needs can always be met, but when summer comes, the situation alters. More people want more water, and this over and above the normal everyday usage.

It is then that problems of delivery arise, taps no longer gush and in some cases, cease to deliver any water at all.

Sometimes this is caused by a shortage at the source of supply, but usually it is the result of too many users wanting water for extra purposes at the same time. Gardens are being watered, lawns sprinkled, cars washed and dozens of other needs are being filled, with the result that while there is enough water to fill all needs, it just cannot get through the pipes quickly enough, pressure is lost and noises come out of taps instead of water.

Your waterworks imposes restrictions upon use in an effort to alter these situations. They do not benefit the waterworks, but they do make it easier for everyone to get their fair share.

BEVIS WALTERS,
Ganges,
May 17, 1980.

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

Concerned at opposition

Sir,
I am surprised and bothered that there is such opposition to the public transit and even more surprised that some would try to organize resistance and bring unusual pressure upon elected representatives to get them to change their minds.

From my own point of view I can only see what they are trying to bring into being as a great benefit to the population as a whole and some relief from the congestion brought about by the automobile as a means of travel. I have got into the habit of leaving the car behind if there is some other means of transportation available.

If I go to Vancouver, for instance, I can save \$20 in a day by travelling on the buses. If I go to Victoria and travel by bus I can save \$6 or \$7.

When more people use the buses, then the better service the buses are able to provide, as the service can be extended wherever

there is a need. It is nice that the government is willing to undertake this project.

The ones that are complaining should realize that there are others, who are not complaining and who would benefit from the economy of the bus system.

Then there are others who have health problems that make it unwise for them to drive to the city. The healthy person today may not be healthy tomorrow. People can be stricken down with illness overnight or meet with an accident which will render them incapable of driving a car.

Someone who is dead set against the bus system might find he had to change his mind if his eyesight suddenly got bad. Nobody has a guarantee of good health for the rest of his life.

Most people will need and use the bus system eventually.

It is a necessity!
GEOFF HOWLAND,
Ganges,
May 19, 1980.

Deduction of levy is urged

Sir,
I was very pleased to see your second editorial in *Driftwood*, May 7, re the B.C. Hydro Bus service Tax charge and we, on Pender, who are very strongly against the tax, as we have no use for the buses, certainly support the efforts of Salt Spring residents.

Further, we were very glad to see the letter from Mr. Gordon Wallace on page five of the same issue.

Enclosed for you is a copy of a letter to the *Pender Post* which we anticipate will appear in the June issue, appealing to all Pender residents.

Copies of these letters will be sent to Mr. Hugh Curtis.

Hoping that you will find room to publish this letter.

"In view of the very high per cent of Pender Islands residents that have very clearly indicated

that they see no reason to pay a tax (thru B.C. Hydro) for bus service they do not need and do not want, I would like to refer to the second editorial of the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* of May 7/80 on this subject.

"Many Gulf Islanders, it states will NOT be paying the tax and B.C. Hydro cannot levy any interest charges under \$30, we therefore can all add our protest by deducting this tax off every bill we receive for over two years and hopefully by that time Mr. Campbell will get the message.

"Let's stand up and be counted. I have just made the deduction from our first billing. Come on the Penders! We can and will overcome!

"Read also the open letter from our trustee Gordon Wallace, page five of the same issue."

CLIFF M. HARRISON,
Pender Island.
May 15, 1980.

The Anarchist

Last week's absence was occasioned by the need to repay the generosity of a friend, a circumstance which took me away from isolated problems of sewage confusion and transportation squabbles into the helter skelter of suburbia where, on the stroke of five o'clock every fine evening for a period of two hours, peace is suspended as householders attack the landscape with every motorized toy known to man.

The din is appalling, but apparently considered of a higher moral status than the tuned exhausts and high-pitched whines of the cars and bikes of the children of the Weed-slayers.

I also wish to take this opportunity to deny, categorically, that I retreated in the face of an impending Mother's Day: the fact is simply that I reject tyranny in any form.

REFERENDUMS
This is written Monday even-

ing, before the voting in Quebec, and with only doubts and unease about tomorrow. Those feelings vividly recall a fairly recent experience, when a dear friend faced an operation for cancer. The overriding sensation was of being no help to him, and powerless to intervene in the course of the disease.

For my friend the outcome was, at least for the time being, fortunate, but he, and we who love him now, live with the cancer and its aftermath.

In Quebec, tomorrow's exploratory operation will be less successful. It will not remove, even for the time being, the cancer of nationalism; it will simply enlarge the wound, and give the disease fresh impetus. Both sides in the debate know there is no clear victory to be won; a massive resistance will remain after the ballots are counted, and so, with certain inevitability, the zealots on one side or the other will, sooner or

later, resort to violence.

We shall have our season of Irish madness, and it will probably make the events of 1970 seem very small indeed.

On a personal note, one of the most disquieting aspects of the Quebec debate has been to find oneself in such unwelcome company.

For instance, my hackles rise every time I hear Bill Bennett talking about "we in British Columbia", or he or Lougheed talking about "the good of the country".

I know, perfectly well, that on a list of 100 items they and I would come up with not less than 90 differences as to what those statements should mean, and yet we each profess to be in favour of maintaining the integrity of something called Canada. For what it is worth, I have found an acceptable solution to this dilemma.

Bennett and Lougheed represent the continuity of all those aspects of a Canada which many Quebecois reject, and which, incidentally, so do I.

HUGHIE WHO

I note that the Salt Spring Sewer Alternatives Committee, with true economy of effort, has not included the local Member in the suggested mailing list to which we should direct protests about the proposed sewer plan; after all, why waste the stamp?

Local member's opening speech more Bank Act than bunkum

Ottawa report

By JIM MANLY, MP

Most new members of parliament work a fair amount of "bunkum" into their opening speeches. They extoll the beauties of their home riding and talk about some of the people who elected them. I had a fairly good speech along these lines all worked out in my head, but I never got to make it.

REVIEW POSTPONED

Instead, my first speech was on the Bank Act. This act, which regulates the activities of our banks and other financial institutions, must be reviewed every 10 years. Because of elections, this review has been twice postponed.

The present extension of the Bank Act expires early in July. The Liberals and Conservatives agree with each other in wanting to rush the act through its various stages in parliament. New Democrats see too many shortcomings and faults in the proposed revisions; consequently we are speaking at length to bring these faults before the public.

In my first House of Commons speech I said that NDP members of parliament "oppose it (the Bank Act) for some of the things it does and also for some of the things it fails to do."

"The new Bank Act allows the cabinet to issue letters patent for a new bank rather than requiring that charters be issued only by an act of parliament. This undermines the role of elected representatives. This undercuts the need for full, public, and open discussion of any new bank proposal."

NEED FOR DISCLOSURE

The revised Bank Act will not "offer any substantial improvements in public disclosure regulations. The public needs to know how interest payments are calculated. There is a need for disclosure regarding the policies,

practices and operations of the banks and their international subsidiaries."

The act "does not control the spread between the rate of interest the banks pay to depositors for their savings and a much higher rate that borrowers must pay to the banks when they borrow money.

"The new act takes no action against interlocking directorates - directors of large commercial and industrial corporations sit on the board of directors of one or other of the major chartered banks.

"Large corporations have the inside track in raising capital." The NDP objects to revising the Bank Act to allow foreign banks a greater role in the Canadian market. Foreign banks will emphasize large scale commercial and industrial accounts with the subsidiaries of the multi-nationals to the detriment of Canadian banks.

WON'T CHANGE

Increasing the powers of large foreign banks will not change the traditional "staples economy" emphasis of the Canadian banks' policies. Areas of Canada, such as the maritimes and the west, are underdeveloped industrially, in part because of the policies of our banks to date.

Instead, the federal government should be encouraging the use of credit unions which will be responsible to the community they are a part of rather than only concerning themselves with making large profits.

I invite your comments on this or any other issue you feel is important. Copies of my May 7, 1980 speech in the House of Commons are available by writing to me in Ottawa.

Opening June 14

The official opening of Fernwood School will take place next month with Education Minister Brian Smith in attendance.

The minister will officiate at the ceremony, to take place June 14 at 9.30 am.



Tony Richards

A VISIT TO A Victoria cabaret last weekend left me with my ears ringing, but according to everyone I talked to about the volume at Harpo's, it was quite normal.

But I wonder if the music was also normal, because Shari Ulrich (of Salt Spring) and the Clare Lawrence Band were terrific. The jazz-rock style, by a group of high-calibre musicians, was simply great.

And if you want to find out for yourself what kind of band this is, you can catch them at the free Sea Capers concert Friday evening, June 6 at Centennial Park.

Not only was I impressed by the music, but the number of Salt Spring Island people there was surprising. Glenn and Rosalee Miles and Sue Douglass were some of the familiar faces and, of course, soundman Greg Pawker, who apparently has been busy providing his services for a number of bands recently.

Another act to catch will be that of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, of whom I have heard nothing except that they include on their set list music by Jelly Roll Morton and Fats Waller. That's enough to make me look forward to their visit May 31. And surprisingly, the concert is free.

IF YOU EVER HAVE the opportunity to go to a dinner prepared by the Trincomali Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, don't miss it.

Last week's Power Squadron banquet at Salt Spring was superb.

There were platters upon platters of gourmet delights to choose from, and each one was perfect.

I HEARD AN interesting story the other day about an allergy. I was interested to hear it because I am one of the unfortunate victims of the annual ailment, hay fever.

This fellow sufferer was often afflicted by allergy attacks and even tried a different climate in her search for relief.

And one day a dinner consisting of Chinese food was accompanied by a bad bout of sneezing and coughing.

It didn't take her long to discover that monosodium glutamate, or MSG, was the culprit. Obviously, she stays away from Chinese food now.

WHENEVER I TRAVEL on a ferry these days, I find it difficult to avoid feeling a certain measure of distaste. It's not the food (which I try to avoid anyway) but a rather sleazy piece of newsprint known as *Passage*.

Perhaps critics will accuse me of being jealous of its content, but such a criticism would be unwarranted because it contains little.

One of the bothersome aspects of this three-colour publication of ferry corporation propaganda is that the announced, denied and sort of re-announced increase in ferry fares might be sufficient to help pay for it.

I hope, for the sake of the corporation's operating deficit, that it is sufficient. I also hope that some day the government will take some action to prevent unnecessary and wasteful spending by the province's crown corporations.

Art works are displayed in two locations

BY FRANK RICHARDS

It was a creative weekend: a weekend in deference to the arts.

At Kenton House Gallery, an exhibition of various art forms paid tribute to two Calgary artists, Yone Young and Pat Strakowski.

Both artists are pursuing their own paths. The prints and drawings exhibited by Yone Young are all related to lithography and you can almost see an offset printer's shadow over many of the exhibits. Allegory and oiled

stone seem to make good neighbours.

The more striking of the two exhibits was the soft sculpture

display by Strakowski. A pair of figures were an immobile-mobile guarding the gallery.

Soft sculptures are too soft to stand free, without aid. The supporting wires gave the impression of puppetry, although the soft sculptures are not intended for that purpose. The process is used for

hand puppets and the artist showed a number of those as well.

The featured pieces were elfin, from their stature and white faces against black arms and legs. The sewn face, painted a livid white, has an odd effect and produces a cross between an elderly individual and Li'l Abner's mother in the long-lived cartoon. I am not suggesting that all soft sculptures are so. That was merely the effect I gained from two examples.

The figures guarding the palace

and the Dodo Factory, the Bottomless Pit and other stories certainly held the attention.

There were other, less striking sculptures in various materials, offered as wall hangings.

Five kilometres distant, or probably less, was the Mahon Hall exhibition by the Painters' Guild.

There were no sculptures, soft or otherwise. The effect of a display restricted to paintings gave the hall a clinically clean appearance, almost stark, but it made for a much easier examination of the paintings.

Nothing was priced, said the inscription on the wall, because it was purely an exhibition.

There can be no island art exhibition without paintings of the islands and the waters and the trees. They are the inspiration for many island painters.

The islands in sunshine; the islands in snow; the islands in storm; you see them all. Oddly enough, you never get bored, even

living on the islands. Each new work shows something you never knew was there.

The soft tones, of a forest and the sea, hung side-by-side with the brilliant demanding hues of an artist's impression of brilliant, demanding hues.

The effect was interesting. The after-effect was more so.

I found myself thinking of a cabin and detail: of a Doukhobor lady with her shoes on; a slightly worried princess telling a tale in a strange tongue; boats and trees and bays and islands. It was a weekend of art.

Among the visitors to the show in Mahon Hall was Ursula Crofton, from Ireland. She is the niece of Edward Mahon, in whose memory the hall was named. Her name was Mahon prior to her marriage. She came with Pat Crofton, Ann, Denise and Cameron.

Mrs. Crofton was among the 319 visitors who attended the exhibition.



These pictures are a pot pourri of art exhibits from the two showings at Ganges during the holiday weekend. The soft sculptures were part of the display at Kenton House Gallery. Paintings were exhibited by island artists at Mahon Hall.

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C. A. Ainslie, President.

May 21, 1980.

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Show opens June 28

Artcraft reflects vitality and creativity within community

Contributed
BY ELMA RUBRIGHT

The Community Arts Council is gearing up for the 13th annual Artcraft Show and Sale, and nobody feels a bit unlucky.

Begun in 1968 with Nita Brown as the driving force, Artcraft has been growing steadily since its inception when a small group of volunteers, armed with an equally small government grant and tables borrowed from the school, opened Salt Spring's unique summer marketplace for arts and crafts.

A reflection of the vitality and creativity within the community, Artcraft displays have changed constantly, offering a wide variety of locally produced items including pottery, painting, weaving, sculpture, batik, photography, jewellery, furniture, stained glass, toys, clocks, musical instruments, quilts, wall hangings, lamps and knitwear, among others.

And there have been other changes, as the tables gave way to more sophisticated methods of display and the volunteer "clerks" were relieved by paid employees.

Yet much has remained the same. Artcraft has always made its home in Mahon Hall, appropriately nestled in the centre of Ganges, the hub of the Gulf Islands. It has always been held during the summer months when Salt Spring plays host to visitors from far and wide.

OUTLET FOR CREATIVITY

And, although the individual workers may change, it has always been a function of the C.A.C. It was conceived as a focus and an outlet for the creativity that is so abundant in the islands, and it remains so.

But Artcraft is more than a showcase for the work of local artisans. It provides some 80 per cent of the funds distributed by the Arts Council for cultural activities throughout the year - an unusual situation where everyone seems to benefit.

The artisans are provided a marketplace at a modest 15 per cent commission, and the profits

are channelled to local organizations who contribute so much to the culture and livability of the area. Much of it goes back to the guilds, such as the potters, painters and weavers, whose members made the whole thing possible in the first place.

But the community benefits in other ways as well. Funds have been granted to the Players, the Salt Spring Singers, the Concert Society and other groups. C.A.C. money has been spent for refurbishing Mahon Hall and for sponsoring movies, lectures, exhibits and special events. In fact the whole concept might be summed up with a couple of catch phrases like "one hand washes the other" or "recycling the arts."

INTEGRAL PART

However it is described, Artcraft is an integral part of an island summer, and for local craftsmen now is the time for selecting and finishing their contributions to Artcraft '80.

With the growing popularity of the show has come an increasing shortage of space, and for the first time exhibitors are being asked to pre-register so that the conveners can plan the space and display arrangements to maximum advantage. Registration forms are already in the mail to all of last year's participants.

Fledgling artisans and new contributors are welcome, and additional copies are available at the Community Centre, through the various guilds or in town at et cetera and the Loom Room in Mouat's Mall. The due date for return of the forms has been set for June 10, which will give the planning committee just about two weeks to make arrangements.

Policy for the 1980 show has been clearly stated on the forms and is essentially the same as it has been in the past. However items priced under a dollar will not be accepted this year as the book-keeping chore has become horrendous. Those wishing to contribute inexpensive items are advised to

package them in pairs or sets and price them accordingly.

Artcraft '80 will open at 10 o'clock in the morning on Saturday, June 28. All contributors are asked to watch future issues of *Driftwood* for dates and times for submitting their work.

Mistake to remain in pub

Circumstances which prompted a minor to enter a licensed premise did not prove to be extenuating in provincial court last week.

Bruce A. Aleksich told Judge D.K. McAdam that he went into the Harbour House pub only to use the telephone.

However, evidence provided by local police was that Aleksich had been sitting at a table with a beer glass in front of him.

Aleksich, who pleaded guilty to the charge, told the court that the beer glass was empty and that it belonged to another person who was sitting at the table. He added that he had sat down at the table only to wait for a taxi which he had summoned by telephone.

McAdam pointed out to Aleksich that it was a mistake to remain in the pub after using the phone. The seventeen-year-old youth was fined the minimum amount of \$100.

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He was pulled over by police as he drove his vehicle down Rainbow Road, the same day that he settled the outstanding account with I.C.B.C., he said.

Thomas J. Little was charged by police for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. His license had been suspended by the insurance corporation because of \$684 that he owed, Little told the court.

He told Judge D.K. McAdam that the bill was for points on his license for speeding.

"So the incident with the police brought the outstanding bill to your mind, did it?" asked McAdam. Little, who did not answer the judge's query, was fined \$75.

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A Modest Sewage Proposal

(with apologies to J. Swift)

Sir,

Submitted humbly by the Alternative Committee to the Salt Spring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee (to be known henceforward as ACT-T-S-SAC).

This latest Salt Spring committee blithely joins other non-residents of the sewered area in telling those who live, work and own the sewered area what it is they must do or not do with their sewage. The ACT-T-S-SAC committee has two concrete and related proposals to lay before all and sundry, with copies to absolutely everybody and before it is too late.

After several minutes of hard work, countless seconds of in depth research, and a casual consultation with several learned experts, ACT-T-S-SAC is ready to reveal its two-stage proposal: The Alternative Plan; A Land Mark in Sewage Disposal.

ACT-T-S-SAC proposals will, we feel, satisfy all of the objectives proclaimed by our sister committee (S-SAC) in their recent mailing.

ACT-T-S-SAC's is a two-pronged approach for island sewage treatment. The first prong presupposes a secondary treatment plant tastefully set in Centennial Park coupled to a standard collection system. But here the similarity to other systems must end. Only on Salt Spring could each served building have fine-meshed screens installed over each of its plumbing fixtures, ensuring that no solids (and little liquid either) can pass into the system. Therefore, only liquids can enter the treatment plant. After treatment, this certified pure effluent, instead of being pumped through miles of expensive pipe to appear clear and clean in the polluted water of Captain Passage, to the enduring amazement of the resident ocean life, will instead be pumped directly into a nearby village water main. The advantages of this proposal are obvious, therefore, we will enumerate them.

1. No disposal in the ocean; no pollution of the harbour or beaches with clean, pure treated effluent.
2. No cost of disposal pipe or pipe laying.
3. Help to the North Salt Spring Water District by increasing pressure in the village mains, thus saving the cost of installing larger mains, and perhaps refilling Maxwell Lake.
4. Fewer and fewer people will remain in the area to be served either by water or by sewer.

The second prong of ACT-T-S-SAC's Proposal will have a tremendous impact upon the health and welfare of the Island. The committee proposes that a concrete structure be built beside the fire hall in the Village. Not more than 100 feet in height nor more than eight feet in diameter, this structure would take up very little precious land area and it wouldn't be wide enough to block the view.

Designated The Salt Spring Island Giant Community Clivus Multrum Composting Toilet by its expert local designers, and dubbed The Ganges Tower for short, this monument, thrusting 100 feet into the air, is surmounted one on top of the other by two small square rooms set at an angle to one another (for esthetic and practical reasons). Up the side of this graceful structure wind two stairways -

one for up and one for down.

Visualize if you can, the following scenario: Householder A or business person B puts out on his stoop (one required; building permit mandatory) for \$50 his or her unique, personalized, crow-proof, local-artisan-designed and constructed, hermetically sealed, tastefully decorated honey-bucket (hereafter referred to as H-B.)

The members of the Salt Spring Sewer Alternatives Committee, who, because of their abiding concern and action-orientation, have won the privilege of an H-B collection route; swing into action and soon can be seen marching proudly up and around the graceful outside staircase of the Ganges Tower, H-B's in hand.

Tourists gather to watch this morning spectacle, marvelling at the everlasting flame atop the decomposing pile, or joining the exhilarated throng of sightseers on the top. Seated up there in the Ganges Tower Coffee Hut (Salt Spring's smallest, highest and most stationary fast-food outlet - with three sinks) tourists and residents alike gasp at the view of the pristine harbour (H-B's at pierside have solved the problem of waste from boats); while ignoring their undrinkable coffee. (It's the Water).

A floor above them, yet still beneath the everlasting (marsh-gas) flame, the S.S.I. Early Warning Community Disaster Centre Headquarters functions smoothly, directing air and water traffic on the harbour.

Opened by Premier Bennett at Sea Capers 1981, The Ganges Tower was saluted by a sail past and a fly-by.

A monument to the island's ingenuity, visible for miles around by day and a shining beacon by night, the Tower has at one stroke solved the problem of public washrooms in the village, and with the addition of raised numerals in the parking lot pavement will function as the Island's largest sundial, the envy of all.

For those unknowing transients seeking relief, a large half-moon motif is painted on the sides of the Ganges Tower, over the enlarged signature of the presiding Premier.

In 30 years time, when the product of the Ganges Tower's fulminations appears at street level, the few remaining property owners will be forced in strict rotation to remove their huge allotment of this precious product.

Consider this alternate proposal. It has the beauty of simplicity, a certain uniqueness, is a natural conserving approach and could be handled within the present budget. In addition, rather than allowing for uncontrolled growth of the village, it would instead tend to reduce the population it is designed to serve.

ACT-T-S-SAC entreats other concerned citizens to embrace this alternative to ocean disposal. It is offered to the community in the hope that a new sense of direction may be imparted to the Sewage Debate.

for the Committee,
H. T. ELFORD,
Box 558, Ganges,
May 19, 1980.

Successful bazaar at Mayne

Sir,

Thank you from the Village Bay Preservation Society, the non-profit society formed by concerned citizens of Village Bay in opposition to a proposed airfield in the valley of Village Bay.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended the very successful Bargain Bazaar on Victoria Day and all who have donated to the Village Bay Preservation Society. We raised \$1,600 in four busy hours and are grateful for this strong show of support for our aims.

We will be holding another fund-raising event in the near future. It will most likely be a bake sale as the homebaked goodies

were all gone in the first 20 minutes!

For the information of all interested parties: updating and copies of current correspondence are available from the secretary, at the address given below. Also, the society's financial statement is available upon request from the treasurer, address as given.

Donations for legal expenses should be sent to the treasurer, and receipts will be sent upon request.

Winner of the draw for the Texas Mickey was Mrs. M. Duerksen, of Port Coquitlam, B.C.

Thank you all again.
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Sir,

I have written the following letter to Premier W.R.Bennett:

Dear Sir,

It is an incredible fact that the B.C. Social Credit Government espouses men like Pat McGeer and Jack Davis whose values are so completely devoid of any but economic considerations.

The mere suggestion of a "fixed link" between the lower mainland and Vancouver Island which could involve the use of any of the Gulf Islands as a stepping stone is a monstrous and immoral offence against nature, the environment and thinking people. Surely mankind has evolved further than this, or are there truly no bounds to his avarice?

It is a shameful fact that the residents of the Gulf Islands must be continuously alert and defensive against the onslaught of pinheaded politicians, bureaucrats, regional districts, trusts, self-appointed planners, commercial interests and

the like. It must be observed that the Gulf Islands are populated mainly by retired people who came because these are islands, to live a quiet life in a pastoral setting. These people form a quiet majority who are reluctant to become involved in controversy.

Take notice, however, that they will in the final analysis, not tolerate the implementation of your Government's latest mindless proposal.

ELIZABETH M. POOLE,
Box 569, Ganges.
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Graduation Banquet is seventh for Salt Spring Power Squadron

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That was what about 60 members of the Salt Spring Island Power Squadron were told last Wednesday evening by District Lieutenant-Commander John Wood of Victoria.



District Lieutenant-Commander John Wood addresses new members of the Salt Spring Power Squadron at the Graduation and Change of Watch Banquet held last week.

Wood was a guest at the local squadron's seventh annual Graduation and Change of Watch Banquet at the Rod and Gun Club's clubhouse on Scott Road.

District training officer of the Canadian Power Squadrons Vancouver Island District, Wood told those present that Peter Bingham, training officer of the local squadron, had trained 206 students in the boating course. Of that total, 200 had passed.

NO OTHER LIKE HIM

"I have a feeling that there is no other training officer in Canada like him," said Wood.

The speaker went on to point out the need for using nautical charts. He recalled being on a trip to Nanaimo when he and his wife were running from Departure Bay, through the passage between Newcastle and Vancouver Island, toward Nanaimo harbour.

They were approaching a red buoy which, his training had taught him for this particular instance they had to keep on their starboard side. But as they prepared to steer between the bouy and Newcastle Island, they made a quick check of the chart just to make sure.

The check revealed that there was solid rock between the island and the bouy.

"It pays to check your chart," Wood concluded.

PLEDGING OF MEMBERS

The evening's activities also included pledging of new members, installation of officers and awards presentations.

Serving his second term as squadron commander is Jim Napper. Other officers include Edward Coombes, executive officer; Peter Bingham, training officer; Joe Stewart, secretary; Frank Cunningham, treasurer; Don Clarkson, public relations officer; Dick Anderson, supply officer; Morton Stratton, Marep and cruise officer; Dave Hoskin, assistant training officer; and assistant training officers for Mayne and Pender Islands, Ian Waterlow and J. Howell, respectively.

Wednesday's dinner was prepared by members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Young cyclist injured

A seven-year-old Langley boy suffered a ruptured spleen and three broken ribs after he was struck by a motor vehicle near the intersection of Robinson Road and Churchill Road at midnight Friday.

Billy Dingwall was riding his bicycle with a Scout troop from the mainland when he was hit. The riders had arrived on the late ferry from Tsawwassen and were proceeding to Mouat Park in Ganges.

Police reported Tuesday that charges of impaired driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident are being contemplated against Richard Sturgess of Ganges. Sturgess was identified as the operator of the motor vehicle, police said.

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Gary and Beth Cherneff

Their creative talents enable them to earn living

BY BRIAN SOBER

The first intrusion of morning light through the tall, second growth firs near the Cherneffs' house reveals the dim shape of their brick pottery kiln.

Situated several metres from the house, the gas-fired kiln bustles and strains from the labours of each of its contracting parts. Energy in the form of lost heat flows through the dampers and out of the door where a few small openings appear.

Through the embrasures the glazed porcelain objets d'art arranged on shelves appear like the glowing faces of drinkers in a smoky, dark tavern.

During the lapse of an evening a startling transformation of the pottery within has occurred. Ordinary clay pieces coated with various dull glazes and heated to temperatures over 1,300 degrees celsius have been transmuted into works of art.

For the second time this morning, Gary Cherneff ties a woven silk poncho around his waist and pads sandal-footed along the damp path between his house and the kiln.

MORE BRICKS REMOVED

Slowly, evenly and with some trepidation he begins removing more bricks from the shrinking kiln, revealing an ever-increasing series of points of light reflecting off parabolic surfaces.

Where many such firings end in ruin due to delicate fluctuations in the kiln condition, Cherneff knows this firing is perfect. Wrinkles of concern on his face are abruptly forced aside by a broad smile. Finishing the task of opening the door he leaves the kiln to cool again before touching the pots.

Finishing his breakfast, Cherneff resumes his work at the kiln, gently inspecting and placing each piece on sections of plywood lying at random on the ground.

Seconds, or pieces with small flaws which he sells at reduced prices, are few in this lot. Clean and simple in design, some of the exquisite bowls surprise even their maker, who insists that the glazes often take their own course during the firing. However, though he laughs at the results, Cherneff is obviously pleased with himself on this Friday morning.

JOY OF SUCCESS

Soon, his wife Beth and their daughter Lisa arrive at the kiln to inspect the latest wares and share in the joy of success; a joy more refined due to innovation rather than mere production.

Only a few items such as soup bowls and soap dishes are regularly produced by Cherneff. His nature demands an ever-changing style encompassing the shape, colour and texture of his pots.

Some of the pieces are too good to sell, he says laughing, as Beth ecstatically chooses what she wants for her kitchen. Three-year-old Lisa picks out a small vase and sets off in search of a flower to fill it with.

The scene is reminiscent of Christmas presents scattered beneath the tree. But the occasion is more serious than that, for the Cherneffs' livelihood depends on the outcome of each firing.

They live the lives of artisans secluded in the middle of 10 acres of land off Scott Road. A small sign near the driveway catches the eye of the visitor to Salt Spring, and

information supplied through the Chamber of Commerce information booth in Ganges invites sightseers to the Cherneffs' show-room locat-

ed on their property.

WEAVING, SEWING

Beth also generates revenue by

weaving and sewing clothes for local markets. Upstairs in their small studio-style house a loom and

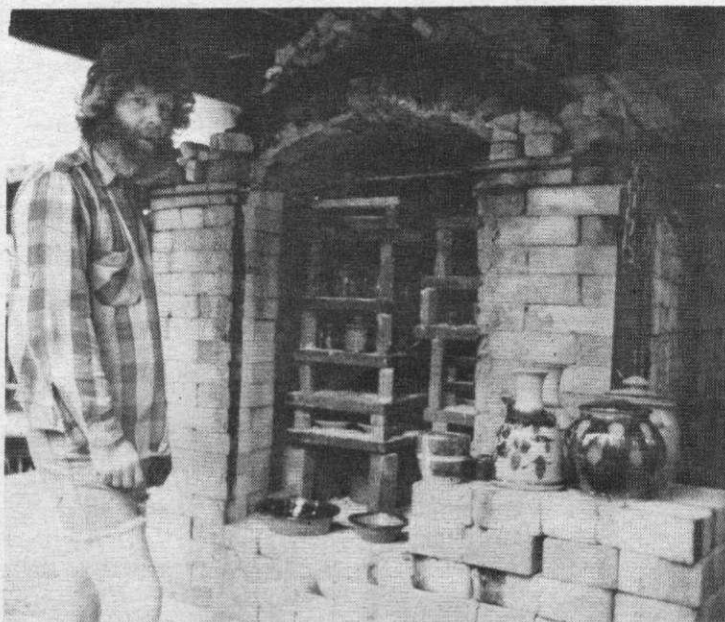
sewing machine stand among racks of hand-made clothing and numerous shelves of wools and silks for weaving.

Graduates of an art school in Vancouver, the Cherneffs moved to Salt Spring six years ago. Intending to make a living using their creative talents they purchased land, built a house and then began to produce what they hoped would sell.

The venture has been successful and their resourcefulness continues to pay off.

If the appreciation of the island community towards its cottage industries continues to grow, then the lifestyle of the Cherneffs and others like them, will flourish.

Residents who purchase goods locally produced are, in a way, contributing to a self-sufficiency that this community could find itself relying on in the future.



Brick kiln that Cherneff built himself has played an integral part in his life for last six years. Pots

require two firings: one to dry them out and another to melt glaze which is applied between firings.



Something for everyone: this finished pottery includes proto-

types such as squat Japanese-style teapot on left and standard

production pieces like some of the bowls and dishes.



Lisa and Beth Cherneff at home where Beth works on her weaving. She and her husband

Gary share conviction that it is better to work for themselves than it is to work for others.

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Local entertainment

She no longer feels guilty about going to Victoria

I have been unfairly chastized. And so have a lot of other people.

I didn't go to the Sirocco show recently held at Mahon Hall because I had other things to do. It was totally my decision to go to the school carnival and then on to a baseball game. But from reading M. Grittani's letter of last week I got the impression that I was obligated to go to the Sirocco show.

It made me wonder if she was describing a non-profit organization putting on a benefit, but the truth of the matter is, entertainment is a business like any other. Granted, a very nice business. One that is pleasant to partake of and, I imagine, participate in. But let's face it, it's a matter of choice not obligation.

Beyond that, I discovered I am also one of the people that puzzle her.

I am guilty of going to Victoria this weekend and taking in Shari Ulrich and the Claire Lawrence band at Harpo's club. I have to excuse myself and say that I was in Victoria on business so the ferry, gas, accomodation and meals were a part of my plan already and a night at Harpo's was a little bonus. **DELIGHTFUL**

It was a delightful bonus. Although Shari Ulrich lives on Salt Spring, I've never seen her perform here. She's an excellent entertainer. Very vital on stage, she actually sparkles. And Claire Lawrence on saxophone was terrific. It's a very together act that is well worth seeing and I am completely over my guilt. Incidentally, there were several familiar Salt Spring Island faces there, too.

I very much want to mention another group that never ceases to amaze me. Playing two weekends ago at the Vesuvius Inn, were B, B, B and D and friends. They are very versatile performers who always put on a great show. The B, B, B and D stands for Bowler (Tom), Bowler (Sue), Bangert (Arno) and David (Roland).

On this particular night they performed with Huckle and Steely John (alias John Steele) with the band named Riddled Liver Band. John Steele is an "overnight star". They also played with Ray and Virginia Newman, a real treat, and Marianne Grittani and Jerome Jarvis, whom everyone knows and enjoys. The a capella song *Barrett's Privateers*, previously recorded by Stan Rogers, was sung by Tom, Sue, Marianne and Jerome and was just a joy to hear. The harmony was first class. Jerome Jarvis has a very rich, smooth voice in addition to his being a fine drummer.

ALREADY A SERVICE

On my way to Victoria I travelled with Sue Bowler, whose famous mother, Virginia Newman, was picking her up at Swartz Bay. We met Virginia next to a transit bus and she informed me in her energetic way that she had been talking to the driver and was delighted to find that a bus service is already available to ferry travellers.

During the week a bus runs to Victoria every hour from 6.36 am until 10.20 pm. For \$1.25 you can make the 1 hr., 10 min. trip from Swartz Bay to downtown Victoria. The service is not as versatile during the weekend. The schedule is shorter and the Sundays and holidays schedule consists of only a few runs.

Saturday the first bus is at 7 am and they run until 7.20 pm but I

One woman's viewpoint

BY ALICE RICHARDS

don't know their frequency so you could call the terminal if you're interested. Sundays and holidays the first bus runs from 9.45 am to 8.25 pm and again, anything in between you would have to check out by phone.

It seems like a viable service and I can't help wondering during all this talk of transit levies why no one has informed us that this service is available. Now all we need to do is find a way for our old-age pensioners and disabled people to get from the ferry dock to the terminal office, a very long walk for any of us.

I'm not a television fan. I enjoy a good movie, especially if it's dated before 1960. But my opinion of television is that it's the number one cause of the degeneration of our society. It's no mystery to me why people are so violent and fearful these days.

REAL-LIFE EVENTS

You've only to turn on your television to see crime and violence portrayed as real-life events. And when I think of young children with unrestricted access to the programs available, it makes me tremble. So I wonder whether it's even worth a good movie occasionally to keep our "boob toob" around.

It was just the other night; I was preparing to have a quiet evening, reading and talking with my husband. A rare and special time around our house is after the children are sound asleep and the few hours left us are our own. And Tony wanted to watch a movie.

When I complained that we'd hardly had a chance to talk all day, he informed me that there are 17½ minutes of commercial time during a two-hour movie and I could talk then! As if that wasn't wounding enough, as soon as the first commercial came on he picked up his ever-present newspaper and cut my talking time down by three minutes, at which point I gave up.

I didn't really have much to say anyway. I just wanted to mention that I'd planted some petunias in the garden. Now I'll never know if he's fond of them or not. So, I crept slowly to bed and I'm not sure when he noticed I was gone. I wonder how long it will take him to notice that the T.V. is gone.

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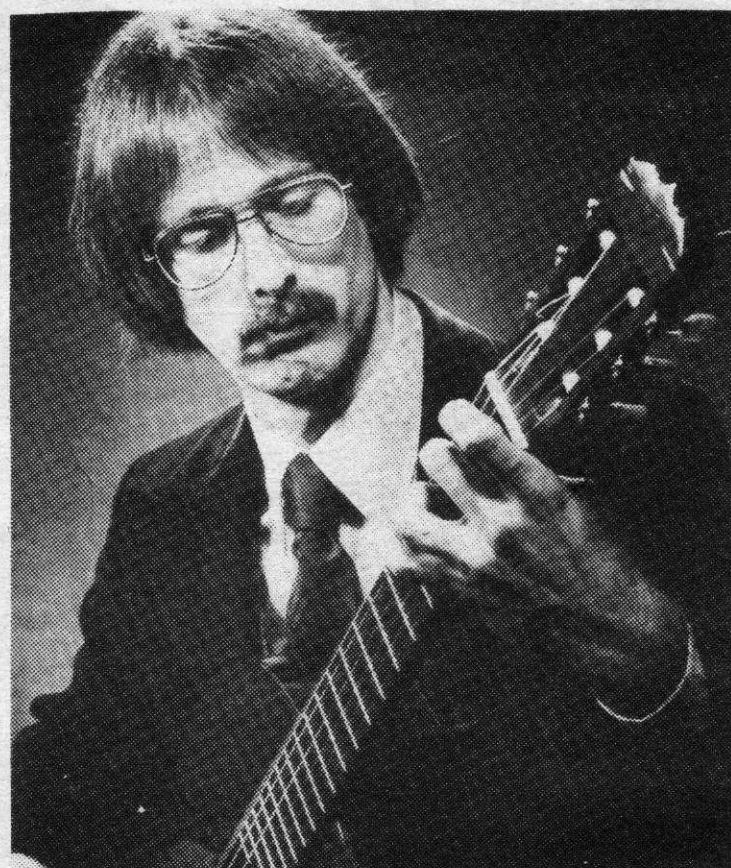
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Gulf Islanders are in for a rare treat, on the weekend of May 23. Philip Rosheger, above, generally considered as one of the finest guitarists in America, is playing two concerts on the Gulf Islands.



Rosheger enjoys the distinction of being the only American to win the International Guitar Competition at Santiago de Compostela in Spain. This competition was created by Andres Segovia and is considered the most important in the guitar world.

Rosheger began playing the guitar at the age of twelve and studied with some of the world's finest teachers, such as Jose Tomas, and Alirio Diaz.

He has made frequent appearances on Canadian television as well as on radio. His New York debut at Carnegie Hall was a tremendous success and received excellent reviews.

Rosheger is giving two concerts Friday, May 23, at 8 pm at Mahon Hall, Ganges, presented by Annie's Music Box, and Saturday, May 24, at 8 pm at Pender Lodge, Pender Island.

Charged

Allan Michael Warren of Fer De Lance Road on Salt Spring Island was charged by RCMP this week with breaking and entering a summer cottage on Maliview Drive and with attempted break-in of another residence on the same street.

Food and a pair of binoculars were taken from the summer home. Later the same evening police received a call from the owner of the cottage, who had just arrived from Burnaby with his family for the weekend.

Police said Warren was apprehended in Ganges with the stolen property in his possession.

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On Tuesday, May 13 in the nine-hole ladies' section there were five teams of three setting off to see who could get closest to the pin on #2, and eventually the longest drive on #6. The winners were, on #2, Mollie Hardie, and on #6, Gwen Ruckle.

On the same day, in the ladies' 18-hole division, 24 ladies played the qualifying round for the Rose Bowl. Low gross for the day was Irene Hawksworth with an 88. In the pin day medal round the sandbagger award went to Jean Hopkins who turned in a net 66. Right on her heels were Marjorie Russell and Dorothy Sneddon with net 67's.

A big thank you to Edith Owens who has donated a lovely plaque for the ladies who are lucky enough to have a hole-in-one. If you look closely you will see that Edith had two holes-in-one in the same year.

In the two-ball mixer played on Saturday, May 17, 44 members turned out for an enjoyable afternoon of golf. They played the popular four-ball scramble sometimes mistakenly called a Scotch Foursome, and a wonderful time was had by all.

The winners were as follows. Low net - Janet Rudd, Alice Fraser, Jack Godwin and Oz Cooper. Nearest to pin #2, Ada Woodley, Diana Royce, Gord Parsons and Bob Welliver. Longest drive on #7, Kay Javorski, Ann Monro, Buzz Brown and Jack Mitchell. Unluckiest group, Shirley Parsons, Joy Tuckey, Jean Hopkins and Al Woodley.

MOUNT BRENTON

In the men's section the visitors from Mount Brenton came over, and our boys upheld our honour by a score of 39½ to 14½. However, the return match, which is to be played at Mount Brenton on May 21, promises to be a much tougher task and we will probably need the cushion we have now to stay even or hopefully come out ahead.

Anyway, everyone had a most enjoyable day of it on Salt Spring and after all, this is what it is all about. It is not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.

In the match at Salt Spring the following were the declared winners. Closest to pin #2, Eric Bracher. Closest to pin #11, Duke McNeil. Low gross, Ken Anderson; low net, Tom Butt. Runner-up low gross, Gordon Hutton; runner-up low net, T. Balden. Low gross first nine, Gordon Parsons; low gross second nine, Mac Mouat. Low net by club, S.S.I. Buzz Brown; Mt. Brenton, Meleric.

Play is moving along smoothly in the Matson Cup playoffs, and there have been a couple of upsets which are all for the good of the game.

(Just as the Montreal Canadiens not being in the final of the Stanley Cup makes it more interesting for the majority of fans).

Someone must make a move soon to try and get the once popular #1 matches off the ground this year.

PROFITS TO GREENWOODS

The Aage Villadsen Classic goes off on Saturday May 24. All profits from this tournament are being donated to Greenwood's, and a good turnout is expected. All the top golfers have promised to show: Tom, Arnie and Jack. That's not of course Watson, Palmer and Nicklaus, but Butt, Ryles and Noble.

Rule 17. Improving lie or stance and influencing ball prohibited.

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Program prepared

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club program for June, 1980:

June 3: There will be a trip to Prevost Island by water taxi. The cost will be \$4 a head. Reservations and money are required in advance. Meeting place, Mouat's dock at 10 am.

June 10: Betty Kirk will lead a new walk from Arnell Park to Bryant's Hill. John Lloyd will lead a hikers' choice. Meeting place for both is Centennial Park at 10 am.

June 17: The semi-annual meeting of the club at Ruckle Park. Doris Anderson will lead a walk and Bob Ball will lead a hike. Meeting place, Centennial Park at 10 am, Drummond at 10.15 am.

June 24: No outings are planned in view of the Manning Park trip.

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Close battle

North defeats South 101 - 93

North Salt Spring reigns supreme! At least that is what tennis players are saying after Saturday's tournament when North Salt Spring defeated South Salt Spring by 101 games to 93. It took most of the day to complete the tournament with a total of 23 sets being played.

The battle between North and South was close, with the lead swinging from one to the other all day. With only three matches to play the score was 85-85. According to the players, the tournament was a great success, and most of the credit must go to Mollie Houston, the tournament organizer who did a fine job of pairing and matching so that there were many close matches, eight of which were determined by tie-breakers. South Salt Spring has already issued a challenge for a return match.

For an hour before the tournament, three players were put through their paces in the first session of Canadian Tennis Performance Awards tests. Successful at the Novice II level were Jenny Walsh and Michael Kolesar, and at the Intermediate I level, Ken Marr. Congratulations.

Centre sends team

The Salt Spring Achievement Centre, with bowling manager Donna Ford, sent a team to the 14th annual VIRA Bowling Tournament held this year in Nanaimo.

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Anyone for tennis

BY IAN THOMSON

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Hit on the run, trying for down the line or a short crosscourt. Keep moving. Don't try to stop your momentum; hit the ball on the run.



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It is also an excellent opportunity to show off those lovely pieces of driftwood or an especially attractive rock brought home from some beach and then forgotten.

Altogether it is a lovely, gentle hobby which combines miniature mountain vistas with stone, wood and living, growing plants in a most creative way. Other than those requirements all you need are succulents.

Succulents are plants which store water in their leaves. The best known are sempervivums and sedums; and then there are agaves, aloes, saxifrages and the well known cacti, among others.

SO WORTHWHILE

The sedums, or stonecrops, encompass about 300 different kinds, of which about 50 are worthwhile. Sempervivums, also known as "hen and chicks", houseleek or rockrose, are almost as numerous, although individuals are difficult to identify with assurance. Sempervivums vary under ordinary conditions. Light, soil and moisture variations will cause drastically different appearance, complicated by their almost promiscuous habit of cross-breeding which is only exceeded by their fecundity.

All are ridiculously easy to grow, some sempervivums having a habit of making miniature copies of themselves which, when ready, will detach and roll down to come to rest in some crevice and there to take root, thrive and repeat the process.

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ALMOST MIRACULOUS

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top of rock out-croppings and on rock walls.

The best way to grow these succulents is in soil consisting of half loam and half sharp grit. They look best in cracks and valleys between rocks, on driftwood, in cracks of stone walks, in or on rockwalls, in small or large containers, against a background of fine gravel in a rock and gravel arrangement or with moss, stone and pieces of wood.

A large container on a sunny deck can afford endless opportunities to create a charming and carefree miniature mountain range.

The only pleasure left then is to collect sedums and sempervivums and other members of the succulent family. Look for them on outings, walks and picnics, in friends' and acquaintances' gardens, in nurseries small and large, on trips near or far, in horticultural publications and in garden clubs.

INEXPENSIVE

It is an inexpensive hobby. You can count costs in pennies, but it provides a very satisfying appreciation of a tenacious beauty far in excess of its cost.

Succulents also make excellent groundcovers in large numbers when their cultural conditions can be met. The most important aspect is excellent drainage, as waterlogged soil during our winter rains can harm them more than anything else.

As far as the difficulty of correctly identifying some sempervivums (there is even a sedum sempervivum) don't worry about names. Just grow and enjoy them.

Nine get speeding tickets

Police handed out nine speeding tickets to motorists on Salt Spring Island during the holiday week end.

Routine radar checks were conducted on most main roads on the island, a police spokesman said.

New radar equipment they have in their possession enables them to clock the speed of motorists while operating their own cars. If the officer, while on patrol, notices a vehicle approaching him at a high rate of speed he can push the "oncoming" button on the set and the computerized box will give a digital readout of the offender's speed.

At the press of another button the new device will compute the speed of a vehicle moving away from the police car.

He added that many motorists who were caught exceeding the posted limits last weekend were given warnings. Certain leeway is granted to speeding motorists at the discretion of the officer involved.

He said there are no regulations governing leeway, but rather it is totally up to the officer's own discretion.

As much as 15 or 20 kph over the speed limit may be allowed before a ticket is issued, he added.

Hockey player is visitor

Visitor at Salt Spring Island last weekend was National Hockey League player Bobby Hull.

He was here on a fishing trip with a friend from the Duncan area. Hull's interest in cattle led him to the Gossett farm on Mount Maxwell where he checked out the herd of polled herefords and met with the Gossett family.

Tom Gossett said this week that Hull has raised polled herefords for 20 years, tending his farm when he's not playing hockey.

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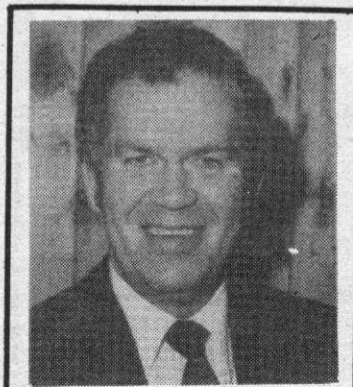
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Director's report

Correspondence is 'intercepted' by board chairman

BY SABARA HUMES
Alternate Director

Prior to attending the May 14 meeting of the regional board, the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee and the Chamber of Commerce had given me (in trust) correspondence opposing the proposed transit tax. This correspondence was addressed to Mr. Campbell and the directors. I had been instructed to make copies for all the directors so they would be sure to see it.

I made the copies and intended to distribute them myself but Mr. McRadu (a staff member) assured me he would see that the directors got them. In fact, he came back three times while I was getting the copies ready. I made it clear that I wanted the directors to receive the copies as soon as possible and that was why I felt I should give them out. They were to go into the file folder that the directors get at each meeting. Finally, with all these assurances (which were witnessed) I gave the copies to him.

WOULD NOT BE GIVEN OUT

I was at a committee meeting when he approached me to say that the copies would not be given out. Mr. Campbell had decided they should go to the transportation committee. I was very annoyed that he would give Mr. Campbell correspondence that was intended for the directors but was told that Mr. Campbell decided what the directors got at the board meeting.

I brought the matter up at the board meeting under "New Business" and Mr. Campbell indicated that he did not know the copies had been made. He also stated that some things in the correspondence were not correct but did not elaborate. The best that I could do was get an agreement that the copies would be mailed to the directors right away.

NO RIGHT

In my opinion, Mr. Campbell is intercepting correspondence that is intended for the directors and I firmly believe that he has no right to do this. Surely the directors are mature enough that they do not require him censoring items intended for them. I know the petition against the transit tax which was sent in from Pender Island did not reach the board meeting nor did Mr. Wallace's letter on the same subject. If copies were given to the directors, I certainly did not receive one.

I would like to see a motion at the

next meeting censuring Mr. Campbell and preventing him from further interference with mail intended for the directors.

HE DISAPPROVED

Mr. Campbell had a newspaper item at the meeting in which he said that director Valcourt had accused Mr. Young of illegally certifying the petition concerning the Ganges sewer. He disapproved of director Valcourt's action and at his request the board approved funds for Mr. Young to consult a lawyer.

I pointed out that I had personally seen a letter wherein the writer charged that his name had been forged on the petition and I asked if Mr. Young had been aware of irregularities on the petition before he had certified it. He said that he had not. I replied that if he became aware of irregularities after he had certified it then the certification should have been rescinded.



To give free concert May 31

Saint Valentine's Day Massacre, classic jazz band from Vancouver, will appear on stage at the Activity Centre in Ganges at 8:30 Saturday, May 31, in a free concert.

The group specializes in music of Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Mor-

ton, King Oliver, Sidney Bechet and Fats Waller. Female vocalist is Holly Arntzen providing Bessie Smith-style blues. Other vocals are by leader Lloyd Arntzen, who plays clarinet and soprano sax, and

trumpeter Peter Clark. Herb Beson, trombone, completes the "front line". Rhythm section men are Casey Tolhurst, Charlie Brown and Dick Lazenby on bass, drums and banjo, respectively.

Travellers fill ferries

Hundreds of persons trying to get home by ferry last weekend were forced to wait several hours Monday night as ships, crowded to capacity, avoided their scheduled stops.

The late Monday night ferry from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour arrived three hours late and an unconfirmed report stated that 150 foot-passengers had to be left on the mainland Friday night.

Long Harbour terminal agent Bob Anderson told *Driftwood* that 600 passengers boarded the 8:30 Monday night departure from Village Bay. As a result, 36 vehicles and 150 foot-passengers watched as the *Queen of Sidney*, scheduled to pick them up, sailed past instead.

After unloading, ferry and crew returned to Sturdies Bay for the stranded visitors. Otter Bay and Long Harbour-bound passengers arriving for the 10:15 sailing never left Tsawwassen until 1 a.m., Anderson said.

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