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Liberals win majority

Manly takes islands seat

New Democrat Jim Manly is the new MP-elect for Cowichan, Malahat and the Islands.

On Monday voters in the new riding rejected Tory Don Taylor and sent Manly to Ottawa. The decision made the Vancouver Island United Church minister one of the two additional New Democrat seats in the province.

After an uneventful campaign, the counting of ballots on Monday night showed a New Democrat lead from the first.

The riding was formed last year from the old Nanaimo riding and its first incumbent was the retiring Taylor.

The change follows the earlier pattern of voting in the district. Since the Second World War, the Nanaimo riding has elected NDP or Conservative members. In latter years it has been steadily NDP. Last Nanaimo Conservative member was Buzz Matthews. Long-time Nanaimo member was former British Columbia lieutenant governor, Maj.-Gen. George Pearkes, V.C.

SOLIDLY NDP

In recent years the seat has been solidly NDP and prior to the splitting up of Vancouver Island ridings it was held by Tommy Douglas.

Manly will join the Conservative-New Democrat opposition as the Liberals form a majority government under Pierre Trudeau.

The election of a New Democrat to the local seat was part of the pattern of British Columbia voting, when the only provincial Liberal, Art Phillips, lost his seat to Tory Pat Carney, herself a well-known Saturna Island figure.

Figures supplied by the returning officer show that 79% of eligible voters on Salt Spring Island marked their ballots. The percentage on the other islands was as follows: South Pender, 78%; North Pender, 78%; Saturna, 81%; Mayne and Prevost, 73%; and Galiano-Valdez had a 70% turn-out.

Survey is approved by board

Recreation referendum came a stage closer to Salt Spring Island with the decision last week by the Capital Regional Board to expend the sum of \$16,600 to prepare plans for an island facility.

Projected recreation centre in Mouat Park will likely be the subject of a referendum during the coming year.

Directors were told that Architect John A. Di Castri and Terry Farmer Construction Company have been engaged for the design and estimates for a centre.

Impaired charges number 50 in 1979

Drinking and driving resulted in 50 impaired charges in 1979, Sgt. Mitch Hanks of the local RCMP reported this week. Of those charged, 47 were men and three were women.

So far this year, he said, nine persons have been charged; and two of those charges were laid last weekend.

"I would like to see people who have been drinking let the non-drinker drive the car, or else find some other means of getting home," said Hanks.

A check through the books showed that the number of impaired charges during January and the first part of February 1980 was exactly the same as the number of charges during the same period in 1979.

Sergeant Hanks said: "Hopefully the attorney-general's counter-attack program will bring the yearly total of impaired drivers down."

"If people are interested, there are a number of pamphlets on drinking and driving available at the RCMP office."

The Royal Family



King of the Lanes Stan Wakelyn with Lucy Moore (centre) and Queen of the Lanes Olive Tregear. Wakelyn bowled 120 pins over average and Tregear bowled 102 at Leisure Lanes in Ganges recently.

	NDP	P.C.	Lib.	Comm.	Rhino	Eligible Voters
Salt Spring Island						3,454
Fulford Hall	213	127	40	1	23	
Ganges	415	505	125	1	20	
Central Hall	510	621	139	1	16	
S. Pender Is.	22	27	7	0	2	74
N. Pender Is.	152	309	58	0	17	688
Saturna Is.	45	50	19	0	2	144
Mayne & Prevost	160	120	25	0	11	432
Galiano & Valdez	173	153	45	2	2	532
Total all polls	1690	1912	458	5	90	5,597

Realtors foresee listings shortage; sales rise 57%

Gold rush psychology blamed for price surge

BY BRIAN SOBER

It's a sellers' market, say local real estate agents, and there's no rhyme or reason to it.

Despite high interest rates and unstable political and economic situations, people are rapidly buying up property on Salt Spring Island.

Sales of improved properties in 1979 went up 57% over 1978. In comparison: 1978 sales were only 17.6% better than 1977, and the number of sales in that year equalled the number in 1976.

The demand is outweighing supply and some realtors foresee a shortage of listings this summer. That state of affairs they attribute to panic buying and to the influx of retirement dollars from Alberta.

According to one agent the price of good view lots has jumped between 10 and 20% in the last three months. The assessor's office reported that waterfront property has gone up 8% in four months and is still climbing.

SAME PSYCHOLOGY

Tony Holmes of Jeff's Realty said he thinks the same psychology that caused the rush for gold is to blame for the shortage of land and for increasing prices. And he places some of the blame on rich Albertans retiring out west.

"Unfortunately," said Holmes, "someone from Calgary who's used to paying \$150,000 for a home will pay \$95,000 for a house here that's not worth more than \$55,000."

"This affects the thinking of other people who have their houses on the market, and the thinking of the assessor as well."

Holmes said that when the market pays a "ridiculous" price for a property, it creates a spiral effect. "And there'll be very little to choose from this summer," he predicted.

SCARED

A spokesman for Salt Spring Lands said that people are a "little scared of losing

the money they have saved. Land is more stable and is also more usable."

Dick Trory told *Driftwood* that the new level of prices will stop some people from buying. Lots that are coming on the market now, he said, are at a higher price than the old lots. The lots that were overpriced two years ago, he added, now represent a bargain.

Trory said there will be "absolutely fewer" lots in the \$16,000 to \$20,000 range. Lots that sold last year from \$16,000 will be \$18,000 or \$19,000 this year, he said. The agent's commission is a factor in the inflation of land prices, he concluded.

Gary Garras of the Ganges assessor's office recommended waterfront property as the best investment for your money. Low-bank waterfront, if you can find it, he said, has "really taken off". Half an acre on the beach is worth \$80,000, Garras said.

Good view lots in a prestige area are

another good investment, he explained, and subdivisions with a restricting covenant are getting "pretty good" money.

Malaview is one area where property prices are not going up much, Garras said. "We've noticed that land prices don't change much in areas where there are a lot of mobile homes and trailers," Garras said.

"Something else we've noticed is that houses in the \$100,000 range, unless they are on the waterfront, don't go up in value nearly as much as the homes in the \$30,000 and \$40,000 range."

Garras pointed his finger at two sources which he thinks are causing the spiralling prices: general inflation and rich Albertans.

ABOUT 34 AGENTS

Dick Toynbee of Miller and Toynbee Realty estimates there are approximately 34 licensed real estate agents working on Salt Spring Island.

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Region supports revision

Capital Regional Board is supporting the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District in asking for a review of the Agricultural Land Commission.

The mainland region emphasizes that it is wholly in sympathy with the principles of land preservation. The call for a review commission is to straighten out the administration and to permit the whole province to benefit from the experience of those districts which have been engaged in administering the act.

Stock depleted, says co-ordinator

Herring closed in local waters again

Local herring fishermen will be heading north next month. For the second consecutive year the Gulf Islands area of the Strait of Georgia will be closed to herring fishing.

Bob Humphreys, regional herring co-ordinator, said his department has had a close look at the spawn records for this area which,

he added, have not improved in the last three years.

Humphreys said this area has never had a large stock of fish in recent history and the stock that has been here has been depleted by the fishermen.

The depletion, he said, is caused when the herring lay their spawn on the gill nets being used by the fishermen. The nets are then washed free of spawn with high-pressure hoses and the spawn washed off sinks to the bottom and is wasted, he said.

Local herring processor John Christianson of Salt Spring Island Sea Products said the closure of this area will cause his company minimal hardship only. "But the herring picture as a whole may be harder to live with," he predicted.

Christianson said he wouldn't like to pay more than \$1,000 per ton for herring this year. "The fishermen may not accept that price from the companies, which could result in a strike," he said. Last year prices reached \$5,000 per ton.

"But the Japanese are only offering us 1978 prices for herring roe."

Christianson said he believes that his boats should be allowed to fish during a strike as they are non-union. "We fished during a strike in 1975 and will likely do the same this year if we have to," he said.

"It's possible, though, that the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union will picket us and influence other unions who handle our finished product. If that happened then we'd have to lay off about 30 employees."

Christianson said he will need approximately 40 people to help with the 300 tons of herring he expects to process this season.

Christianson predicted that this year's price could drop as low as \$800. "Last year," he said, "the Japanese themselves pushed prices to the hilt. Fishermen spent money like water, thinking there was more around the corner. Some didn't pay taxes last year thinking they'd make the money on this year's sales."

Driver charged

Charges of impaired driving and taking an automobile without the owner's consent are being laid against Craig Shaughnessy of Ganges. RCMP said this week.

Police said that Shaughnessy was involved in a motor-vehicle accident Thursday on Walker Hook Road.

Extensive damages resulted when the 1974 Vega Hatchback he was driving hit a power pole, said police. There were no other vehicles involved in the accident.

Enquiry is no bar to project, says minister

Minister of municipal affairs has assured the chairman of the Capital Regional District, Jim Campbell, that there is no reason for the provincial government to modify the order requiring installation of a sanitary sewer in Ganges.

Campbell related to the regional board on Wednesday last week the outline of his discussion with the minister, Bill Van Der Zalm. He explained that he had called on the minister, accompanied by Sidney Mayor Norma Sealey, chairman of the regional transit committee. They had discussed transit and sewers.

Introducing the subject, the chairman took a look at the past history of the problem in Ganges.

Director Yvette Valcourt has expressed concern over alleged irregularities in the sewer petition several years ago, he recalled.

It was a time when the regional medical officer of health had been very concerned by the health problem, he continued. The medical officer had reported that the situation in Ganges could only be corrected by the installation of a sanitary sewer. At that time the regional board was having difficulty in getting a satisfactory result from the petition for a sewer.

SPECIFIED AREA

"The Pollution Control Board ordered the installation of sewers in a specified part of Ganges," he recalled.

It is true that the petition was used as part of the argument advanced towards reaching the ministerial order for the installation of a sewer. And director Valcourt challenged that aspect.

This had been the subject of some questions put to the municipal affairs minister, reported Campbell.

"He still believes a sewer is necessary and director Valcourt agreed with him."

"He does not believe that the matters raised by the Salt Spring director are particularly relevant to the discussion as to whether Ganges should have a sewer."

NO REASON

The chairman expressly asked the minister could he see any reason to change or alter the order and was told that the minister could see no reason to stop the project or to change the order.

"It is fair to assume," stated Campbell, "that the pursuit of the matter of the petition is no longer relevant."

The chairman also referred to the decision of the Pollution Control Board over the discharge of treated effluent into Ganges Harbour. Public hearing was heard in Ganges in November, when five appellants expressed objections to the permit to discharge at a point nearly 2,000 metres out from Ganges.

The appeal has been upheld, he told the board and the board has ruled that the outfall must extend beyond a line due south of Welbury Point. The outfall must terminate at a point the board sees as "outside Ganges Harbour", re-

ported Campbell.
AMEND PERMIT

The permit will have to be amended, he explained. He did not anticipate an appeal against such an amendment.

"The regional board will make no decision at this time," he stated.

It will await a report from district engineers. This is expected at the next committee meeting or the board meeting on February 27.

In reply to a question from John Mika, Campbell stated that other methods might be examined, but he did not anticipate any other recommendation.

There would be objectors to another proposal, he warned the board.

"One objector would object to pure water being discharged, if it came from a sewage plant," he commented.

Director Valcourt observed that she was making a notice of motion the current day and on February 27.

STOP WORK

The board continued its agenda and examined other aspects of regional administration. When the question of sewers rose again, Valcourt asked for a motion prohibiting any work on Ganges sewers until it was established in what areas a sewer was needed.

The Pollution Control Board's ruling had referred to the need in "some parts of the community." She asked that no further work be done until those areas were delineated. The regional staff would have to answer the question.

Chairman Campbell would not permit the motion.

The chairman of the Pollution Control Board had been "sympathetic", suggested Valcourt.

The matter was outside his jurisdiction, countered the chairman, and the remark had no bearing on the decision.

The motion was withdrawn.

Had the earlier Valcourt motion to stop work expired, checked Norma Sealey. It had, she was told. She merely wanted to be sure that there remained no reason why the project could not go ahead, explained Sealey.

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Although almost entirely illiterate, I like the ornamental effect of books in the living room. I have books in almost every colour and combination of colours. Some match the carpet and some match the walls. Nothing could match the furniture. To keep this artistic taste rolling, I joined a book club. Unless someone can give me a good reason to stay with it, I think I shall quit. The first selection I accepted cost me \$2 more than I would have paid for it in Ganges, and I had to pay for postage as well. I'm not looking for terrific bargains, but I still feel a book club should be able to make some inroads into the cost of selections. Against this, when I get a book the dinner gets to me either a few days before the selection or a few days after. Everything is run from the eastern United States, where they probably don't know that British Columbia is on the same side of the Atlantic. In fact, the service and the price structure led me to forget additional choices last week. I read the catalogue and found a few that tickled my fancy. But if I were to buy them and then find that I had paid \$10 or better over the local price tag I would be biting the bedclothes. So I didn't send for anything. Am I odd? I mean in this respect.

John Bjorklund was sorting out some papers in the post office at St. Norbert, in Manitoba. As the papers moved rapidly from his mail box to the garbage can, he saw the name, *Driftwood*. It was a copy of this newspaper. The copy had been sent to him in token of the story on the destruction by fire of the X-Kalay restaurant at Vesuvius. John was on Salt Spring Island recently, revisiting old landmarks. He used to be with X-Kalay in British Columbia and remembers the old hotel with great affection. The fire was heart-breaking, he recalls. And John should know. He was in X-Kalay when the movement acquired the old hotel. And today, four years after the B.C. operation closed down, John Bjorklund is a director of X-Kalay in Manitoba. And he still keeps in touch with the island: he now reads *Driftwood* every week.

I was never meant to drink in Lent!

I enjoy elections. I like the fervour and the excitement. I like the whole works, of candidates' appearances, speeches and policies. Elections are the great national gamble. Invented long before the lotteries, they offer such different rewards. The big thing about lotteries is that only one or two win. But in elections everyone loses. The winners never do what their supporters hoped or what their opponents feared. But I like to hear what's going on as well as opinions on what someone figures is going on. If I listen to radio news, it is usually to a CBC station. I'm not a slave of nationalization, I happen to prefer the quiet approach of CBC to the more flamboyant presentation of some of the others. But after the excitement of two elections I am getting just a bit teed off with the encroachment of opinion into straight news. I would rather learn exactly what took place. I don't want the reporter's opinion on why it took place or what the ultimate effects might be. This opinion masquerading as fact is a disease of the United States system, I fear. I hope it is not spreading across the line!

Tuesday morning was pitiful. All those swollen, red eyes! I still don't know whether it was from weeping or drinking away their sorrows. But think of the celebrations on Monday night! It was worth every minute of it!

The Capital Regional District looks after its own. Last month Esquimalt director W. McElroy reported that he was away for 10 days. When he got back home, he found 10 envelopes awaiting him. They all came from the CRD. So he asked why they had been mailed every day, instead of once a week, or less. The directors had complained at one time that they didn't get material in time for meetings, so a daily mail schedule was introduced. There are 18 directors. There are 260 working days in the year. And it costs a minimum of 17 cents to mail an envelope. According to my rusty mathematics, that works out to \$795.60 a year in postage, if nothing costs more than 17 cents. And how many are over the minimum fee? But importance can only be accomplished at a price! And thinking of prices, think of the cost of 4,680 large envelopes!

In less than a year 20 oil tankers have sunk in various parts of the world. If there had been a war last year, the populace would have been gratified that losses had been kept at such a low level. But there was no war; the loss is due to indifference. The Tanker Advisory Centre said that the industry is continuously striving to improve its performance. How does it strive? The evidence is well-hidden. "It is obvious from the record that the industry had failed badly," quoted the report in a *Ladysmith Chronicle* editorial. The *Chronicle* made its own contribution to the sad record of errors. Loss represents a total of \$1,698,000 tons, stated the Vancouver Island newspaper.

Fences are checked

Salt Spring is tops in claims

Sheep losses on Salt Spring Island are higher than anywhere else in the Capital Regional District.

This observation was made last week when the regional board was examining claims from farmers whose flocks had been victimized by roaming dogs.

The board was not told that the sheep population on Salt Spring Island is possibly higher than in any other part of the region.

Regional treasurer K. R. Ball reported that the largest sheep claims come from Salt Spring Island. The patrol has been stepped up on the island, he told the board.

In one case, a farmer seeking compensation for destroyed sheep had already lost two sheep to dogs within the past six months or so, he remarked.

Prompt question from the board asked whether the fences were adequate in those cases where claims were being made.

Animal control officer Bill Leach replied that the fences were the first item to be checked whenever reports were received of sheep-killing. The patrol on Salt Spring Island is maintained by Gavin Reynolds, a former sheep farmer, said Leach.

COMMENDATION

Leach added a commendation of his "very active" officer on Salt Spring Island.

The discussion at the local works and services committee table arose from the claims of three sheep breeders. Miles Acheson of Stark Road was awarded reimbursement of \$187.50 in respect of two unregistered, one-year-old ewes. Incident occurred on January 2.

Henry Caldwell lost two Suffolk yearlings to marauding dogs. Incident took place on January 16 and, again, the identity of the dogs responsible was not discovered. Caldwell also received compensation amounting to \$187.50.

R. Dammel of LePage Road was

awarded damages amounting to \$161.25 in respect of three animals destroyed on December 19 and 21.

INCREASING

The treasurer reported that another reason for an increase in claims for compensation could be the fact that the dog control function is now visible.

If a dog is caught worrying sheep, is he offered for sale to some other person, enquired a director.

All killer dogs and all vicious dogs are put down, replied Leach.

"Only well-behaved dogs are sold by the pound," he assured the committee.

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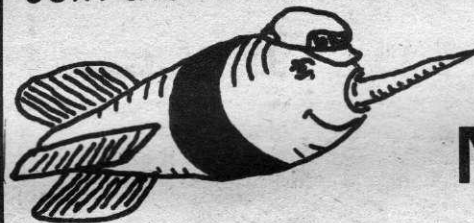
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The local chapter was formed in September, 1914 and has undertaken many projects on the island.

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Disharmony in the west

To many western cynics the election on Monday was the inevitable sequel to generations of national domination by the two ancient and honorable provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Unfortunately, cynical laughter will help nobody. Canada is a nation long-accustomed to the debate on unity. For decades the eastern linguistic dispute has split the nation. Never more than in the past 10 years have we heard the anxiety of French and English for the friction engendered by language.

The political disharmony is not confined to the east. The rising consciousness of the west is finding eastern domination an unacceptable ingredient of national unity. The great population of the sparsely-populated land is to be found in the east. The voting strength is inevitably located in the east. But the west, and particularly the west coast, is a massive dog to be wagged by an eastern tail.

The voting pattern on Monday reveals the disparity of party favour in proportion to party fervour. The Liberals have formed a majority government on a minority vote. The popular Liberal vote was 45%. The Conservatives polled 32% of the nation's ballots and won slightly more than 32% of the seats in Ottawa. The NDP swept almost 20% of the popular vote and gained somewhat better than 10% of the seats.

This disparity has long been a sore point with the parties out and a matter of self-congratulation to the parties in. When it results in a 100% Liberal Quebec, with a Zero % Liberal west, it is less exciting. When the allocation of seats is geographical, then the parties, all the parties must take a close look at what is happening before the nation falls apart for lack of that consideration.

There is a second aspect to the election.

The national newspapers have been solid in their opposition to a Liberal victory. How could it happen? Not even the frog-voiced oracles of the national firmament could arrest the trend! This utter failure on the part of national media to recognize the developing pattern of Canadian thinking is a close, and dangerous, parallel to the failure of politicians to meet the political needs of the day.

Many Canadians, even some western Canadians, have welcomed the return to command of Pierre Elliot Trudeau. But the future of Canada is not merely that of the new administration. The future of Canada as a nation, a united multilingual nation, from sea to sea, will not rest with Pierre Trudeau, nor with his Liberals.

It rests with all of us; Canadians from every part of Canada, from every political persuasion. It is the ordinary man, the voter, the man who calls the pattern, who must be involved.

United we may stand; divided, we are facing the end of the nation.

'Meaningless legal whitewashing'

Sir,

It has been publicly stated by the B.C. attorney-general, Mr. Williams, that no charges will be laid re the "dirty tricks affair".

Of course, this was a foregone conclusion.

Time was allowed to go by, simply to make the "decision" look good.

We have the dubious situation where attorneys-general are strong members of the party in power, in all our provinces. This creates meaningless legal whitewashing, re any suspected official wrongdoing.

It is absolutely morally wrong; and should be legally wrong.

It is obvious that if the attorney-general had no political axe to grind, - or fear of his fellow party members, - then we would have

less pay-offs, bribes, and people feeling perfectly free to write false letters using others' names.

How come they reach into the U.S.A., and pick out a "foreigner" to lead our car insurance? And why?

Isn't the "neutral" aspect much more important in an attorney-general?

It should be.

There have been many past events where the attorneys-general of provinces, (including B.C.), have shown that situations would have been more properly handled if these people had been free of political-party ties.

CHARLES CROSBY

Box 675,
Ganges.

February 14, 1980.

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Letters to the Editor

Opportunity provided to choose wiser solution

Sir,

The carefully considered words of the Pollution Control Board deserve a prudent response: the board gives to the community the opportunity to choose a wiser solution than the Big Sewer plan.

Perhaps, like other communities, Salt Spring Island can take a hard look at tremendous cost of the Big Sewer, and see that more economically rational and politically satisfying solutions are available.

By stipulating an outfall pipe more than three times as long as the Capital Regional District's proposal, the board adds another \$1 million to the already wasteful Big Sewer.

By suggesting that only "in some parts of Ganges" are "municipal sewer works" necessary, the board declines to endorse the Big Sewer plan.

A community collection system, central treatment plant and 14,000-foot outfall are unnecessary. When Big Sewer problems are broken up into their parts, the specific on-site sewer works are easily managed, and are within the financial means of the municipal authority.

The Capital Regional District is already designing and constructing on-site sewer works at the hospital, to correct the consequences of eight years of mismanagement.

Editor is accused of spreading rumour

Sir,

The only person that is spreading rumour is you Sir, the editor of this paper who suggests there is a controversy and a major issue: the debate over Pender School. There is no major issue or controversy because there is no threat to the school or staff. The letter in *Driftwood* January 30 from the teachers confirms this. Remember it only takes a phone call to check the facts.

TED DEVER

Pender Island.

February 14, 1980.

The school applied for a Pollution Control Branch permit years ago. Now that there's no excuse for holding it up in favour of the Big Sewer plan, Capital Regional District staff might also contribute to the design of excellent on-site sewer works for the school.

Also within the jurisdiction of the Pollution Control Board is the disposal grounds for holding tank

and septic tank wastes. Perhaps the Capital Regional District will provide a composting facility, as they are in another area of the district, so that this means of disposal may be continued on a permanent basis.

The remaining private systems in Ganges, being less than 5,000 gallons per day on an individual basis, remain the jurisdiction of the regional health officer. No evidence of pollution by any of these systems was presented to the Pollution Control Board, and it is the duty of the health officer to oversee the design, construction and management of these on-site land disposal systems so that pollution does not occur in the future.

The Chamber of Commerce may think "municipal sewer works" are necessary to build the city of Ganges, but the Pollution Control Board's role is not to serve old businesses on the Gulf Islands with Big Sewer systems.

The proposed commercial money machine in Ganges would increase pollution and destroy the natural potential of the Ganges creek and harbour shoreline area.

The work necessary in "some parts" of Ganges could have been performed for the money the Capital Regional District has already spent promoting the multi-million dollar Big Sewer.

If Hugh Curtis, as finance minister, still thinks it's appropriate to indebt federal and provincial taxpayers to promote high density development at the head of Ganges Harbour, then we need to resolve to enquire why that is so.

JOHN ALLAN DAVIES,

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Vancouver, B.C.

February 17, 1980.

Majority don't have clear picture

Sir,

Re the CRD proposed transit taxation to be imposed on the outer Gulf Islands.

I firmly believe that the majority of residents do not have either a clear picture and/or fully understand what these proposed taxes will amount to.

Most may have heard of a figure of 3 cents per gallon on gasoline and a similar equal amount to be charged on the B.C. Hydro bills, but this is only part of the story. Here is my understanding.

First, the gasoline tax: this in multiples of 3 cents, can go to 6, 9, 12 cents, etc.

Second, whatever the gas tax yields will be charged to the nearest dollar on all hydro bills in addition.

Third, property taxes: if the above two taxes do not cover any transportation losses - then without any limit - there will be an extra tax added to all property tax bills as a "local charge or levy".

Note: should the homeowner grant cover your general taxes then with the \$1 that is paid all would pay this extra tax, further this includes all farm property as well as residential.

I sincerely hope that not only will the Outer Gulf Islanders realize the magnitude of what these taxes could mean but also those on Salt Spring and other areas in similar positions on account of distance, etc.

CLIFF. M. HARRISON

Port Washington.

February 16, 1980

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of Commerce.

There is no health hazard from 'island point of view'

Sir,
Please allow me to reply to your editorial concerning the sewer.
1. There is not a serious health hazard at present.
2. It would appear that political pressure was brought to bear to proclaim a "health hazard" even though no hard evidence in this regard has been produced. The proclamation of a "health hazard" occurred when the sewer petition was being challenged because of a forgery and other irregularities.
3. The quarter-million-dollar Capital Regional District studies were the subject of the hearing. As the Pollution Control Board upheld those appealing the sewer proposal, it was proven that the Capital Regional District sewer would have polluted the harbour, in spite of a quarter-million spent to show that it wouldn't. Since the Capital Regional District lost, one assumes that the Capital Regional District is responsible for this money spent, not Salt Spring Island taxpayers.
4. Annual maintenance costs of the proposed system would raise taxes. Costs of the sewer itself would be partly born by all taxpayers through school and hospital assessments. Development always causes taxes to rise (for additional roads, ferries, hospital beds, etc.) Islanders were not given the opportunity to vote on the issue (except through electing Mrs. Valcourt) although they will pay the costs ... surely this is not democracy?

5. The school and hospital problems could be solved for less than the Capital Regional District has already spent. Sensibly we should ask why spend close to four million dollars to deal with a limited problem in the Ganges core, which could be solved by using small sewage disposal units. The Pollution Control Board said only part of Ganges requires a sewer. Let us determine exactly which part.
6. The editorial speaks of Mrs. Valcourt's self-interest. Her position was well-known before the last election, when islanders chose to elect her. The editorial does not mention the self-interest which prompted some of our citizens to compromise their integrity in the matter of the petition.
7. No groundwater studies exist, but those of us suffering water shortage must question the advisability of dumping 90,000 gallons per day into the sea. The Capital Regional District has said it would cost a million dollars more for landfill for land disposal. The proposed extension of outfall is supposed to cost a million. Land disposal would return a valuable resource to the ground from which our gardens grow.
Thank you for this opportunity to express an island point of view.
BETH HILL
R.R.3
Ganges.
February 17, 1980.
P.S. Anyone wishing details re alleged "Health Hazard", please call.

Teacher is a specialized parent

Sir,
I doubt much can be gained by continuing the controversy re parents in the classroom but I do want to thank you for publishing the letter written by Mrs. H. Crosby. You could not have found a better example of how an opinion on a simple matter of school administration can generate an unstable response amounting to a bitter personal attack upon myself, the writer.
I appreciate your publishing my letter in the February 6 edition of *Driftwood* - the fact I have been misquoted both in fact and in essence is obvious to anyone interested in reading what was actually written. However, imagine the extent to which I could have been misquoted had the subject been treated orally - as a lesson in a school classroom!
The teacher is just a specialized parent with a family of some 30 children instead of two or three. He or she works very hard and tries very hard and what is needed above all else is parental support. The teacher does not teach disrespect for parents but I am afraid some parents teach disrespect for teachers. Personally, I would be ashamed to blame a teacher or a school because children were lacking in the area of social and moral values, respect, etc. These values are generated in the home and family and the school can only reinforce them. There is another value we should be teaching our children by example - it is respect for the opinions of others, dealing with them honestly, whether we agree with them or not.
D. W. DAVIDSON,
Port Washington,
February 15, 1980.

SUCCINCT SUMMARY

By
The Anarchist
["Rules without Rulers"]

DRANO
A concerned, but confused visitor to Ganges wanted to know if it is really true that you can cure a sewage problem by starting a second Credit Union. I told him that it depends on who joins it.
BLOWING IN THE WIND
Most people have been waiting, eagerly or otherwise, for the Monday election. Not me, I'm waiting for the expiry of Clark's ultimatum to the USSR on Wednesday. I've installed every kind of delicate testing equipment to try to detect any signs of its passing. My guess is for a reading of minus 10 on the sphincter scale.
LOSER'S AWARD
To the Israeli scientist who has just reported the discovery of a method to make food protein from diesel fuel.
FUNNY FRANCHISE
Now that we have voted on all the important questions, the price of gas, nonexistent draft-dodgers from a not-yet draft, is Pierre Trudeau really dead? the price of gas, is Joe Clark alive or merely sick? the price of gas, is minority government OK without socialists? such details as foreign ownership, provincial rights, separation, the

constitution, the assault on Medicare by the Medical Mechanics Union, and all the other minutiae of government can now be left to the current crop of inmates on Parliament Hill.
MISTAKEN INTEREST
You told me he said "conflict of interest". I thought I heard him say "affliction of the intellect".
FREE ENTERPRISE
If Bill Bennett is looking for something else to "privatize", (he probably likes the word) he might consider the election process; perhaps a crown corporation or public company with partial free share distribution and some equity offering, launch it just before the current legislature expires:
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AFTERMATH
One good thing about being an anarchist at election time is never having to say you're sorry, except to those who will remain victim to needless poverty, disease and abuse.

Discomfort caused by locked washrooms

Sir,
My letter comes to you in the form of a question. As a daily traveller on the ferry between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay, a practice performed by the crew has drawn my curiosity.
There are signs on the washroom doors informing the public that "these facilities are closed five minutes before arrival at terminals and are not re-opened until five minutes after departure." From what I have seen, this ritual is rarely performed. It was, however, undertaken with great efficiency on the 8 am sailing on Wednesday, February 13 from Fulford to Swartz Bay. It was performed so admirably, in fact, that the person who had possession of the key to the men's washroom could not be found until the ship was at least 15 minutes out of port. This caused considerable discomfort to some of the male members of our species who, in their hour of need, had to go upstairs to use the crew's washroom.
Is there some biological reason why the public must be inconvenienced in this manner? If so, is it too much to ask of the ferry personnel to perform this duty in a regular and competent manner?
KEVIN DAVIES
R.R.1,
Fulford Harbour,
February 13, 1980.

They have no use for buses

Sir,
With reference to the triple transit taxes proposed by the Capital Regional District.
As residents of the Outer Gulf Islands we lack many facilities and professional services for which we have to visit Victoria once or twice a month usually involving a number of calls plus the necessity of obtaining many household items which could not be physically carried.
Time is the essence to catch ferries and most residents are senior citizens, there is a minority with no autos and there are always good friends to give them a lift.
Therefore we have no use for buses from Swartz Bay to Victoria no matter how frequent, it is therefore ludicrous to expect us to contribute in any way to the Vancouver Island-Victoria bus system.
Bear in mind also we are paying premium prices for our autos, the gasoline, maintenance, taxes, etc. etc.
Considering what we contribute to the economy of Vancouver Island

we should not be asked to pay for a service that we have no use for under any circumstances.
Finally even allowing for increases in ferry fares and gasoline costs we will continue using our autos.
GEORGE AND ADDIE LOGAN
Port Washington,
February 17, 1980.

Some changes in next concert

Next concert in the winter series at Ganges will feature the Delta Youth Orchestra. There will be a few changes in the format of this particular presentation.
It will be held at the Salt Spring Elementary Activity Centre on Saturday, Mar. 1 at 8 pm. There will be an admission charge of \$3; \$2 for students and old-age pensioners.

Vote urged on health centre

Sir,
Regarding the Pender Island Health Care Clinic and farm land, I think that the Pender Farmers' Institute acted quite logically in its efforts to save some farm land even though it may not be actively farmed at this moment. The property under dispute had precious trees on it which would have had to come down, and some of us 'Cranks' value trees, as providers of oxygen, beauty and accommodation for birds.
We have seen farm land all over the continent rapidly dwindling in favour of concrete, industry, housing, etc. Saanich Peninsula is a tragedy of lost land.
There are several little villages already developed - Hope Bay, Port Washington, Cash and Carry and the garage, that is, perhaps the most centrally located; has a store and cafe - adequate water, is already cleared and is near a marina for water taxis or air sea rescue, and an air strip.
Why open up another area for

the Health Care Clinic?
The clinic is to be a public health centre, paid for from our taxes and our personal donations, and some of us believe that it would be more democratic if an election were held, to elect a committee, chosen from the Penders to handle the whole affair.
As things are now, the Lions Club has made it clear that it will consider other sites and make a decision - for us the citizens!
Why not allow the citizens to make their decision?
Why not make clear all the available sites and let us, the public, vote - either by referendum, or well advertised public meeting, or any other method that allows us to come to some sort of democratic decision?
But perhaps it's only old-fashioned "crack-pots" like me who like to preserve a modicum of democracy?
EVE SMITH,
R.R. 1 South Pender Island,
February 9, 1980.

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Board decision termed 'victory' for appellants

One of the appellants of the Capital Region's Ganges sewer scheme told *Driftwood* Tuesday that the Pollution Control Board decision is a "victory for the appellants, as the board acknowledges that the proposed outfall could have created problems in the harbour".

Don Watmough of Vancouver said he was also happy that the board suggested to the Capital Regional District that the size of the area to be severed "needed to be reduced". "But," he said, "it would still be a mistake if any sewage were dumped into Ganges Harbour."

Watmough said he didn't think that the people of Ganges cared where their sewage went as long as the environmentalists were satisfied that the ecology was not endangered.

"Now that \$1 million has been added to the price tag," he said, "it is economically viable to consider shipping the sewage to Trincomali, or Sansum Narrows, or even a disposal system on dry land."

Watmough termed the Pollution Control Board's decision as a compromise, "where both sides were shown to be both right and wrong. The cost of the outfall now puts it back into the political realm. "It's once again a decision that the people of Salt Spring Island have to make, not the Pollution Control Board."

I would like to see the people of Salt Spring get together with the Capital Regional District and take a look at all the alternatives and find one which is environmentally acceptable to all sides concerned," he concluded.

Watmough, who works for the Greater Vancouver Regional District as a planning analyst, became involved as an appellant in 1974 during the pollution control board hearing when he represented SPEC.

Regional director Yvette Valcourt had only a brief comment to make on Tuesday. She said the Pollution Control Board's decision "could be interpreted many ways".

"Where we go from here," she

UFO sighted over St. Mary Lake on Saturday night

A Salt Spring Island man told *Driftwood* this week that he has changed his mind about UFO's.

The Upper Ganges Road resident, who wished to remain anonymous, described on Monday having seen a bright red ball of fire in the sky over St. Mary Lake.

"I've never believed in UFO's before," he said, "but I think I'm going to start to now."

He saw the object shortly after midnight on Saturday after going to bed. He saw a light shining on the wall and got up to investigate, thinking it was the reflection of lights of a car. He said he heard a noise such as a curtain being drawn just before he saw the object.

It was moving north when he saw it and before long it disappeared below the tree-tops near the lake.

The following day, he explained, he called a friend who lives at St. Mary Highlands and asked him if he had seen anything. His friend hadn't seen anything on Saturday but on Friday night he had seen something above the lake. He described it as a bright, stationary object, high above the lake and said it was changing colour as he watched.

The caller, who said he didn't drink or smoke, observed that he was no longer a skeptic about unidentified flying objects.

Ganges RCMP said Tuesday they had heard no reports of UFO sightings.

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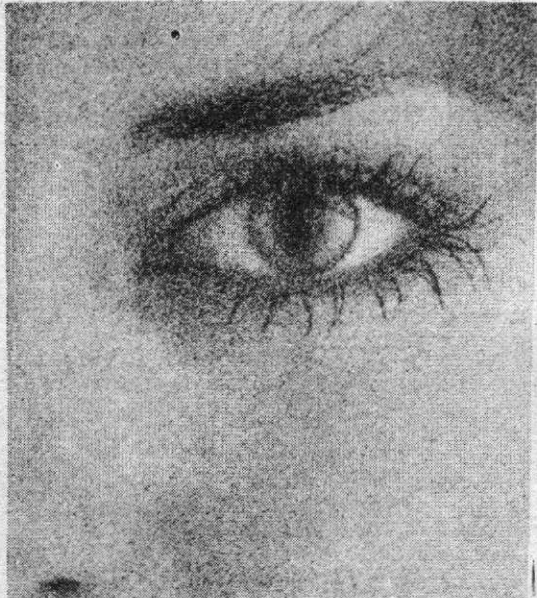
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Trust 'will consider' rezoning

The Islands Trust has not approved the rezoning of lots in Mouat Park at Ganges as was reported last week.

In a story on the proposed recreation centre in Ganges it was stated that the Trust had "approved the rezoning of the subdividable lots adjacent to the campground".

said, "we do not know. But I'll tell you one thing. We know that the appeal has been upheld."

She refused to make any further comment saying she believed her comments had been misinterpreted too many times in the past.

Trustee Dave Lott told *Driftwood* late last week that the Trust had merely indicated that consideration would be given to rezoning. A public hearing is necessary before any rezoning can take place.

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Bruce Eason performing here



Well-known musician Bruce Eason, formerly of Salt Spring Island, will be making an appearance here this weekend.

Eason, who has been living in Calgary, will perform Friday night at the Inn at Vesuvius. Scheduled to perform with Eason are Arno Bangert and Tom Bowler of Salt Spring Island.

One of Eason's plans is to lay down a filmed background in the Vesuvius pub for the song *Bar-room Claws*, one of his original pieces.

Along with Bangert and Bowler, Eason has been writing songs and brainstorming a script for the taping of a television show February 23 at CHEK T.V. in Victoria.

The project was dreamed up by Eason who became involved in the Calgary music scene as a result of *Daybreak*, a T.V. show two years ago which featured his band, Bogwater.

Eason said he believes the law which demands a high percentage of Canadian content on Canada's airwaves has encouraged many musicians and writers to have their material seen and heard on television and radio.

Eason has been a member and leader of six different bands and has written scores for theatre, television and government training films.

Saturna Scene

BY FLORA RATZLAFF

Somewhere in all the cold, wet foggy weather we have been graced with, spring began. The snowdrops are blooming, pussy-willows are out and the first lambs are arriving.

A meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch B.C. Historical Association was held on February 3 in the community hall. Members from Mayne, Galiano and Saturna enjoyed a tape-recorded talk by the late Willard Ireland on Sir James

Douglas.

The senior citizens' dinner and annual meeting was held on February 11 at the hall.

Other events have been the special Valentine's Day dance and box social on, you guessed it, February 14.

There was a good turnout at the political meeting on February 9, with a lively question period.

Lately returned from their travels abroad are Polly and Graham Howarth, back from Hawaii, and

Bill and Kathy Sheffield, back from Florida. Kathy is right back to work at the school with her music classes.

Kathy Sheffield played the organ for the church service held on Sunday at St. Christopher's Anglican Church.

Bill Lawson says he got a 29 hand while playing crib against Ian McNeil the other day and wants everyone to know.

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Turbidity, algae blamed for reduced water clarity

Increased turbidity and a heavy growth of microscopic algae have been blamed for reduced water clarity in St. Mary Lake.

North Salt Spring Waterworks District secretary Mike Larmour said last week that increased turbidity in the lake has been noted for the past two months. This, he said, was due to silt being carried into the lake by heavy run-off.

The algae in the lake has been identified as *Oscillatoria Rubescens*, a filamentous, blue-green algae that grows well in cold water and with reduced sunlight. Due to light refraction, this algae appears brownish in colour when seen in the water. Only when the water is heated can the bright green colour

be seen. The reason for that, said Larmour, is that the cell structure breaks down under heat.

Sand filtration cannot completely remove the algae so it has been getting into the water system.

Larmour said it presents no health problem but clogs filters and "is aesthetically unpleasant" in domestic water.

Ultimately, he said, one of the best solutions to this type of problem is a reduction in nutrient input to the lake.

"The Water Investigations Branch is currently studying the nutrient balance of this lake, an important step in the process of protecting water quality," he said.

Heart fund contest winners



Winners of the Heart Fund poster contest are flanked by George McEwen, secretary of the Rotary Club on the left, and Fred Tessman, publicity director of the heart fund, on the right. Left to right, the winners are Karen Hale, Lisa White, Wendy Pattison and David Barnes. Standing behind David is art teacher Caroline Hamilton.

Planning Association

Constitution revised, new directors elected

Salt Spring Planning Association elected new members to the board of directors and adopted a revised constitution at the annual general meeting held February 11.

Elected were Dorothy Black, Mike Clement, Geoff Gay, Sabra Humes, Jean King, Sam Lightman and Barry Pinchin. Officers for the year are Ray Hill, chairman; Fred Tessman, vice-chairman; Sabra Humes, corresponding secretary; Ray Newman, recording secretary; Dorothy Black, treasurer. Other members are Ruby Alton, Nick Gilbert, Ray Popkin-Clurman and Charles Sutcliffe.

Revised constitution will allow more flexibility in certain procedures and clarify wording in other areas, a spokesman for the association explained.

Nick Gilbert, representative to the Advisory Planning Commission, reported on several items dealt with by the commission

during the past year: Welbury log dump lease renewal, marina operations and the Mouat Park buildings proposals.

Ray Hill reviewed the association's discussions, meetings and letters on topics including the proposed gas pipeline across Salt Spring Island, mineral rights on private property, sale of crown lands on the island, cycle paths and walkways, design review panel for Ganges and incorporation for all or part of the island.

The group agreed that a committee should be formed to further investigate the advisability of incorporation. Also agreed upon was the formation of a committee to consider the construction of a sea-walk from Centennial Park to Harbour's End Marina.

Association meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 8 pm in the school board office and the public is invited to attend. Next meeting is March 10.

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What's happening at Salt Spring Elementary School?

BY IAN JUKES

Figaro! Figaro! Figaro, figaro, figaro! What's this, the name of a new candy bar? The lyrics to a new hit single by the "Repulsives"? A cheap attempt to add class to this column? No, just your humble writer in an inspired mood after viewing the Vancouver Opera Guild and their abbreviated version of *Rigoletto*. Some 400 of us (Fernwood too) sat there as they showed us what powerful singing is all about (no microphones either). Pretty impressive stuff!

Then Thursday, I decided there was no life like it (sounds like a song) - like the Coast Guard. They spent an hour convincing us that it's not too wise to boat or frolic near or on the water carelessly. Two very convincing films - about the role of the Coast Guard and "How to Drown in Three Easy Lessons". Again, very heady stuff. **IN FRENCH**

Future visitors include the Rain-coast Puppet Theatre on March 18. This visit is particularly noteworthy as their play to the intermediates will be in French, while the primary's will be in English. Among other things this is a pretty fair comment on the prowess of our French teacher, Mike Hayes. Now

if only they'd speak in Spanish, I'd understand what they're saying.

What's going on right now? I'm glad you asked - just the usual. In particular, as you read this, the spell-a-thon tests will have been concluded; and that little tap, tap you hear could be one of our students collecting pledge money (or it could be a rogue elephant asking for a glass of water).

Many thanks to all of you who contributed - be assured that the money will be put to good use. Rumour has it that some will be put toward an adventure playground. **HE MIGHT**

Elsewhere, I see our chess tourney has just about concluded (at least that's what a desperate voice over the P.A. pleaded for). I'll try to publish a full list of winners next week if the editor doesn't checkmate me.

Meanwhile, in the laboratory, the mad scientists are busily engaged in readying their projects for the Science Fair. Some pretty neat ideas, although I wonder about the one to rocket the school, intact, to Pasadena for the weekend. Entries must be completed by the third week in March.

Testing you ask? Lots of that too. Both body and mind. All the

classes have finished Canadian Test of Basic Skills (language and math) - testing that is done each year to each student. At the same time, down in the gym, the teachers have been putting their charges through the New Canada Fitness Tests. Definitely much tougher than the old C.F.T.

FLYING COLOURS

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Can't finish without a word about gym activities. House games are in full swing, with basketball and bucketball. We're also fielding four girls' and boys' basketball teams - a little "short" on experience, but long on enthusiasm (we have over 55 students participating).

At the same time our hockey league has reached midway point. Brad Graham's fearsome Rangers lead followed by Flyers, Bruins and Canadians. It's good fun for all.

Coming up? Well, as you're probably already aware, school will be closed a week Friday (February 29) for Teacher's Professional Day. It'll be a good day for work for the Science Fair.

There's lots more coming up, but I see my young son has woken up and is busily engaged in eating this column. Obviously he has good taste. Next time I'll tell you about upcoming field trips and future plans.

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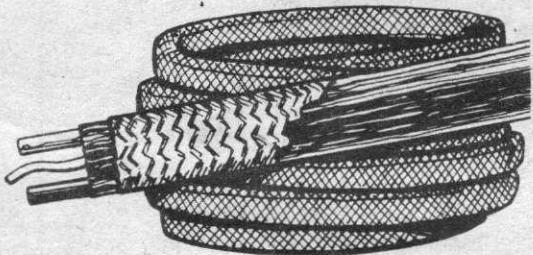
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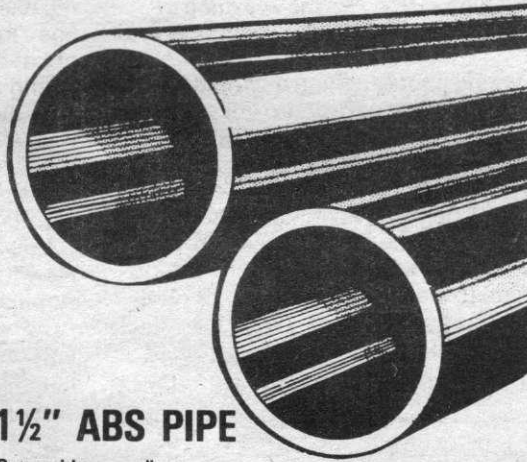


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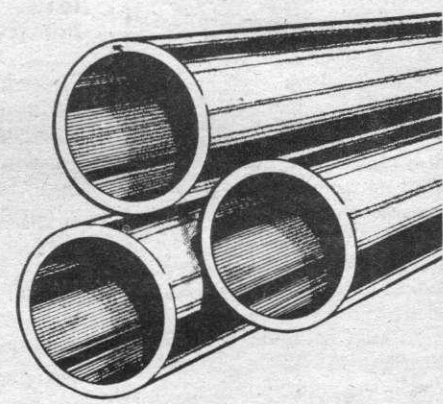


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BY JEZRAH HEARNE

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What this evidence indicates is that indeed there are serious risks associated with uranium mining. The local environment is the first to experience threats to its viability...

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Mining releases various radioactive particles which can travel, either through the air or through water, to implant themselves in plants, wild animals, birds and fish...

Heavily mined areas around the world have become radioactive and sterile. This occurred in Elliott Lake. The Okanagan is of prime consideration here, firstly because it is a densely populated area...

Dr. John Cherry, an expert in contaminant hydrogeology from Waterloo University, was one such witness brought before the Bates Inquiry. His field is the contamination of the biosphere through underground water...

NO TECHNOLOGY

He stated that, to the best of his knowledge, there is no technology existent truly capable of preventing the migration of radio-nuclides out of their tailing ponds into underground water currents...

The implications of this for human settlements are profound. These tailing ponds remain active for a million years. The radio-nuclides are moving in all that time, burrowing down through the surface, out through the surface and generally in any direction they can spread.

Most of the geological formations associated with B.C.'s uranium deposits, and certainly those in the Okanagan, are porous and contain extensive water systems.

There are other routes also available to isotopes bitten by the wanderlust. They can be spread by wind, soil erosion and often by man himself. The construction of homes and schools with radioactive tailings has happened and continues to happen in far too many cases throughout the world.

According to Dr. M. W. Greene in his publication, Public Health and Uranium Mining, presented to the Radiation Protection Service of the B.C. ministry of health: NOT ENCOURAGING

"The history of uranium mine tailings management has not been encouraging. In many places, wind erosion has spread radioactive materials over a wide region. In other places, leached materials from tailing ponds have entered the water table ... And finally, tailings just seemed to disappear because they have other uses, such as landfill and construction-related projects."

We recall the tragedy of Elliot Lake and Port Hope, Ontario.

It is not very difficult to foresee social disruption to affected communities. The pressures brought on by economic losses incurred from contaminated food-stocks, livelihood of many people in the Interior and the Cariboo, as well as by deterioration in health, would very easily undermine a social structure fragile at the best of times.

One can see, moreover, as is already happening, a polarization of society between those people who do not see the mining as a problem and those who do. Someone working in an office in the city is not going to see things the same way as a person who has just had to slaughter a contaminated cow.

In the end, of course, we all suffer together. The office worker who finds milk supplies diminishing due to a lack of clean sources will lose out as surely as the farmer, though the farmer will carry the brunt of it. It is no accident that the most vociferous opponents of uranium mining in the province are growers and farmers.

ECONOMICS

Then there is the question of economics. Would B.C. really make any money out of this uranium deal, or would we end up in the red, all things included? Who is to pay for whatever clean-up operations are possible after the mining operations leave? Certainly they haven't indicated a sense of responsibility for their tailings

ponds once they are out of the business.

After all, this is just a business and when the job is over, the job is over. Who will pay for medical expenses, for loss in revenue due to radioactive contamination of farmland and livestock? Who will finance reconstruction of a broken tailings dam, 60 years after the companies have gone?

The country surrounding the tailing ponds will have to be continuously monitored for excessive radiation levels, to see if radionuclides are leaching out and infiltrating human supplies. This will have to be done for the next half a million years.

Can we really, in all honesty, expect our governments to attend to this for even fifty years? The

history of government duplicity concerning nuclear energy is well documented.

There is also a problem in guarding the tailings ponds against possible agents who would like to scrounge a little radioactive material for the purposes of political or personal blackmail.

The recent events in Iran indicate that political sabotage is taking on new forms, and certainly the radioactive form will be most appealing to certain people. The present Elliot Lake tailings ponds have only a wooden fence around them, with a sign urging people to "Keep Out!"

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It's getting close to renewal time for Autoplan insurance. The deadline is February 29th for the majority of B.C. motorists. Although rates are up by 10% because of increased costs, individual premiums may increase or decrease because of changes in ICBC's rating structure and the introduction of Phase I of the F.A.I.R. program. Your Autoplan insurance for 1980 also features some new built-in benefits for everyone and some new options you should consider for your personal protection when you renew.

CHANGED COVERAGES

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A major change in the discount program came into effect last September. It waives the earlier requirement that drivers in British Columbia had to be insured under Autoplan for six months

1. INCREASED LIABILITY COVERAGE

before they became eligible for a Safe Driving Vehicle Discount. Now, the discount can be applied without the waiting period and it is based on the owner's previous claim record. A one-year claim-free record earns a 15% discount; two years earns 25%; three qualifies for 32½%. This change principally benefits people buying an additional vehicle and new residents to the province.

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- The first step will be taken towards removing geographical location as a rating factor. As a result, premiums will increase in some territories and decrease in others.
- The Safe Driving Incentive Grant will be discontinued because the young, single, male drivers who received this grant will benefit more from the new lower premiums
- An additional premium is no longer required for an occasional operator under 25 years of age.

If you have any questions, consult your independent Autoplan agent, or your Motor Licence Office. Be sure to pick up your Motorist Kit when renewing your insurance. It contains a handy pocket to protect your insurance and registration documents, useful information if you have an accident and details of Autoplan insurance for 1980.

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Selects and Butlers play short-handed Saturday

BY ALEX HOECHSMANN
 Selects, 4; Butlers, 1.
 It was a cold slushy day Saturday

at Portlock Park. Seven Duncan Butlers showed up for the game and nine Selects came. At an earlier meeting in Duncan, we beat them with a score of 8-0, but both teams had 11 players.

At the beginning of the game most of the pressure was on the Butlers' side, but on occasion they got down to attack at the defense and goalie. After one of the Butler attacks I kicked it to half-back Steve Westman who dribbled and kicked it in the goal to make it 1-0.

Then the Butlers put the pressure on. Their strategy was to get break-aways and make the defense run. On one of these break-aways their left-winger passed it to the centre-man who passed it back, the winger then kicked in to make the score 1-1: the Butlers' only goal.

Minutes later the Selects' top scorer, Brian Kay, knocked a goal in to make the score 2-1 Selects.

The pressure floated back and forth until the half ended.

The only two other goals were for the Selects, scored by Brian Kay. The first was assisted by Steven Wertman and the second was unassisted.

The players at the game were: goalie, Michael Cue; left-defense, Alex Hoechsmann; right-defense, Darren Garner; half-back, Steve Wertman; half-back, Alan Stacey; forward, Mike Lee, Glen Speed, Brian Kay and Kurt Irwin.

Good game, guys!



Down the Gutter with Ken Collins

This week saw some of the bowlers who do not normally make the top rollers come through with some very good scores. Two of our Y.B.C.'ers, Kevin Noble with 825 and Steve Corcoran with 812, were the more notable standouts. The others were Carol Kaye with 764; Nellie Miller, 739; Frank Keoppel, 700; Bill Simpkin, 710; Bob Akerman, 768; Barry Pinchin, 727; Nellie Herbert, 739; and lastly myself with 899.

We had 300 games come from myself with 309-311; Carol Kaye, 308; Frank Keoppel, 308; Kevin Noble, 340; Bob Akerman, 768; and Steve Corcoran, 348.

The bowlers of the week were Carol Kaye and this writer.

Congratulations to Linda Schwagly who bowled 137 pins over her average to become the Queen of the Lanes. Once again, many thanks to all the various people who sponsored this event.

Last week Walter and Jean Blatter bowled almost identical games while bowling in the league. They were no more than three pins different in any of their games. Jean bowled 205-176-295 and Walter, 203-173-205.

It just goes to prove how a person can really improve his game with a little help from a certified coach. Steve Corcoran was bowling in the Thursday league when I offered him some advice to improve his game. His biggest mistake was that he did not release his ball till after he had completed his slide. He corrected this in his next game and bowled his highest ever game with a 348. Way to go, Steve. Just keep it up next week in the men's league when you bowl with me.

In a tournament that was bowled over the weekend especially for the lower-average bowler, the winners were, from six to nine, Vonnie Butler (247 over average) followed by Lois Little (141 over), and third

was Bob West (84 over). And at the nine till midnight session it was Dave Calver (174 over) followed by Frank Keoppel (126 over) and Bill Simpkin (81 over) placed third.

Tip of the Week

Practice at least once a week. You can't bowl just once a week and expect to improve your game.

Queen of the Lanes

Linda Schwagly is this year's winner of the Queen of the Lanes tournament at Leisure Lanes in Ganges.

She had the highest pins-over-average going into the tournament and coming out.

Linda, whose average is 168, bowled 643 in her three winning tournament games. That gave her 139 pins over her average.

As a prize for her victory, Linda won close to \$400 worth of merchandise donated by local merchants.

The Queen of the Lanes tournament is held every Valentine's Day and this year the competition involved 62 women. One lady from each team in all the leagues took part in the tournament.

Duplicate Bridge

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on February 11 are as follows.

North-South: first, Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon; second, Dorie and Gordon Best; third, Robin Copeland and Gordon Hutton; fourth, Phyllis Henderson and Shirley Love.

East-West: first, Anne McConnell and Hilda Orchard; second, Frank and Ferne Sharp; third, Marion Ashmore and Vivian Storr; fourth, Lorna and Peter Pentz.

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SPORTS

Weekend cup play

Four local teams see action

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Cup play began on all levels last weekend although only four of our teams actually saw action. In reality the lack of action was fortunate as bitterly cold weather hampered the games that were played.

A brief look at all levels of cup play will give a good indication of how Salt Spring's teams should fare.

INTRA-ISLAND-COERS CUP

**Fernwood Fury, 2;
Kanaka Tuffies, 0.**

The opening game of Coers Cup play saw a strong team effort from the Fury, paced by a two-goal performance from Mike Brown, overwhelm the weakened Tuffies squad. The Tuffies had several key players missing but managed to put on a strong defensive display against the league champs.

The cup play follows a format of winners playing winners, losers versus losers for about a month and a half. The team with the most points (based on five for a win, three for a tie and one for a loss) will be declared the winner.

There are four teams involved in the play-offs and they will play 11 a side so they can prepare for several exhibition games against Victoria opponents and their tournament in April.

L.I.Y.S.A. - DISTRICT CUP

Cup play at the juvenile level was limited to Division 5C where the Selects demolished Cowichan Butler LaFarge by a 4-1 count. The Kicks were scheduled to play but Gorge forfeited the game to them and the Strikers drew a first-round bye.

All three teams are in double knockout play-offs and all three have an excellent chance to make the finals on March 22 and 23.

CHALLENGE CUP

The Sockeyes drew a bye in the opening round of girls' cup play and have drawn a home game for this weekend against Gorge.

The girls are also in a double knock-out tourney and if their improved play of recent weeks continues they will have a good chance for the finals on March 15 and 16.

CONSOLATION CUP

**Castaways, 5;
Salt Spring Savages, 0.**

It was a sad day for the local men's squad, not because of the play of the Savages at the game, but more due to the attitude of the players who failed to show.

Being a cup match one would expect a good turnout but not so for the Savages, who had to travel to Victoria with only 10 players.

Actually, the team had only nine healthy players as assistant coach Mike Testart was forced into playing, although his knee injury was not fully recovered.

The Savages did not let these problems deter them as they carried play for the first 25 minutes and could have led but for missed chances by Mike and Dave Toynbee. The local team had the game well in control when Mike re-injured his knee and with only nine players the Castaways soon took control.

The players gave it their best under adverse conditions and never gave up showing respect for their team and teammates. Too bad the missing cast lacked the same respect.

Fortunately, their cup play is a double knock-out affair also and with a better turnout the Savages can average their opening round loss.

We hope to see you out cheering on our teams to cup victories this weekend. (This week in sports will list games).

All in all a large slate of good competitive soccer is on tap for all our teams and the spectators who come out to watch. This season, more so than any other, we have a good chance for several of our teams to reach several cup finals.

Why not be a part of our road to the finals and come out and support our local teams and see some good competitive soccer at the same time.

Under our coming events section these are dates to note:

April 5 and 6, Sockeyes Tournament; April 12 and 13, Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association tournament; April 26 and 27, Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association Banquet.

Nature Club to visit museum

During the past decade tusks and bones of a woolly mammoth and other prehistoric animals have been found in the gravel deposits of the Saanich Peninsula, east of Elk Lake. Ice tongues of glaciers and their melt water rivers deposited gravel, sand and the remains of the long extinct mammals, radio-carbon-dated to be approximately 17,000 years old.

On February 26, the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club visits the new natural history gallery of the B.C. Provincial Museum. The exhibit recreates the scene of the last ice age and the tremendous changes in its wake.

"The confrontation with the 11-foot-high hulk of the woolly mammoth and the icy crevasse of a mile-high glacier sends shivers down your spine but makes you appreciate a new way of exhibiting," says a member of the club.

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This Week in Sports

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Div. 4B: S.S. Kicks vs. Bays United Sat. Feb. 23 in Victoria, 1:00 pm.

Div. 5C: S.S. Selects vs. Juan de Fuca, Sat. Feb. 23 at Portlock Park, 1:00 pm.

Div. 6C: S.S. Strikers vs. Juan de Fuca, Sat. Feb. 23 at Portlock Park, 11:00 am.

Senior Women: S.S. Sockeyes vs. Gorge, Sun. Feb. 24 at Portlock Park, 11:00 am.

Men's: S.S. Savages - to be announced.

Intra-Island Soccer:

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Copies of this paper are available from the following Ministry of Forests Regional Offices or any Vancouver Region District Offices:

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BY BRIAN SOBER

Nobody likes to fail grades continuously, but some students do.

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appeal to him as it does to other people.

Behavioural problems may arise. And a spiral of trouble might be the frightening result. This reality can be overcome, but only when the powers-that-be try to seek a better way, or an alternative way, to provide young people with an education.

An important change occurred in

the Gulf Islands School District in 1977 when the school board established a rehabilitation program for students experiencing difficulty coping with the regular system.

The program began in November 1977 with funding supplied by the municipal school board by the Ministry of Education.

With little equipment in a windowless classroom in the school, teacher Mel Coates took his role as educator, social worker and father figure to "rehab" students.

Before long, enrolment rose to 10 and the class moved out of the high school.

"Why did we separate ourselves from the main school building? It's very simple," explains Coates. "Those students who were at that time were in a state of conflict with the school system."

Away from the high school, the program's staff did not have the extra burden of coping with the conflicts, and were able to create a situation which encouraged students to change some of their failing behaviour patterns.

After five months in the school's Church basement, the class spent over a year in a house on the corner of Hereford and Ganges Avenues in Ganges. In October 1979 they moved to their present location, the former garage behind the Community School. But that's not all that's changed.

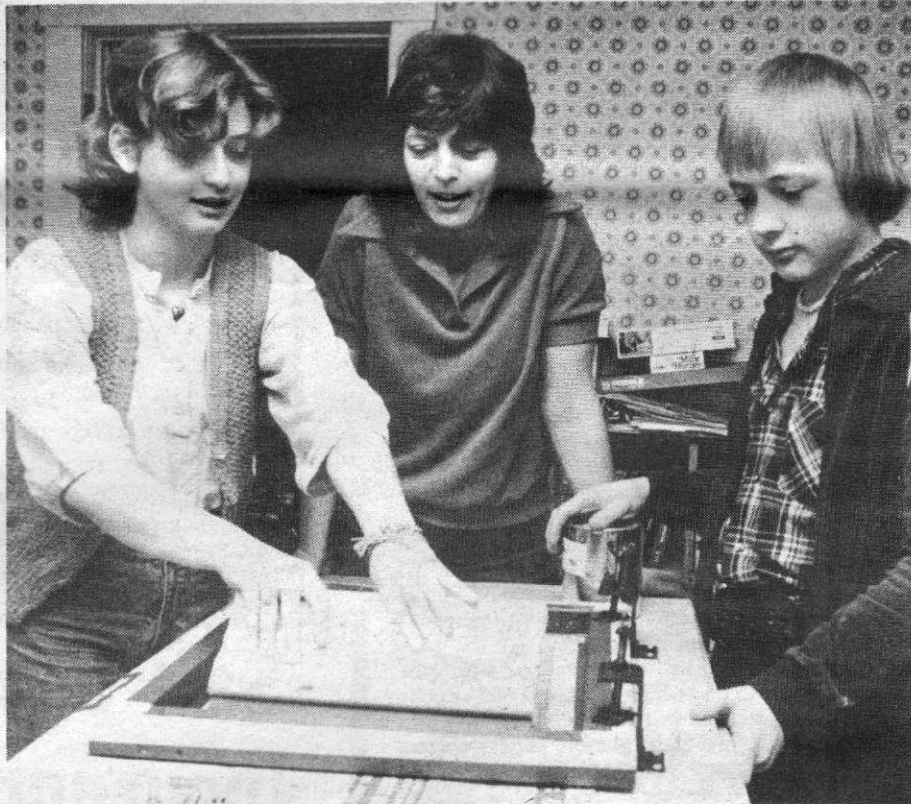
NAME PLATE
One day a piece of plywood with the name "Gipsy" painted on it was found near the school. It had probably been intended as a name plate for a boat.

It was brought to school by the students. They liked the idea of having a sign for the class. The board began to play around with the idea that would fit G.I.P.S.Y. Finally the right acronym was found: Gulf Islands Program for Secondary Youth. And they had a name.

G.I.P.S.Y. is responsible for the Gulf Islands Secondary Youth Program through principal Bob McLeod who acts as a director and works with the school board and the community.

School District #64 provides funding for the school's utilities, basic academic materials and salaries for a teacher and teacher aide. Mel Coates is responsible for designing and implementing individual academic programs for each student in accordance with the student's own goals.

The teacher aide, Sue Douglass, is responsible for office administration.



Above, teacher's aide Sue Douglass watches as the students demonstrate the silk-screening process they use to print T-shirts. The class hopes to generate much-

needed money for field trips through sales of the shirts. Below, G.I.P.S.Y.'s program director and teacher Mel Coates gives individual instruction when needed.

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North Pender Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the North Pender Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning North Pender Island at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on February 28, 1980, in the Community School Building, North Pender Island.

M. LEE,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER 6-2

ISLANDS TRUST North Pender Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the Community School Building, North Pender Island, on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1980, commencing at 8:00 p.m.

Proposed North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 11, (being Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1, 1980) is a By-law to amend North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5 cited as "Zoning By-law, North Pender Island, 1978" as follows:

- i) By changing the zoning classification of Parcel "C", DD 698641, Section 18, North Pender Island, Cowichan District, from the Rural 1 Zone to the Industrial Zone, as shown on Plan No. 1 attached to and forming part of the By-law.
- ii) By changing the zoning classification of a portion of Lot 4, Plan 1377, Section 23, North Pender Island, Cowichan District, from the Industrial Zone to the Settlement 2 Zone as shown shaded on Plan No. 2 which forms part of the By-law.
- iii) By designating Parcel "C", DD 698641, Section 18, North Pender Island, Cowichan District as a Development Permit Area pursuant to Section 702AA (2a) of the Municipal Act. The boundaries of the Development Permit Area are shown on Plan No. 3 which forms part of the By-law.

Location: Port Washington Road, North Pender Island

The proposed By-law may be reviewed at the General Store, Port Washington, B.C. between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., every weekday. A copy of the proposed By-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust Office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

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The ministry of human resources has given a grant to the Salt Spring Community Society to hire a child-care worker, Eric Donnelly, who is presently developing a G.I.P.S.Y. work experience program that is intended to provide an awareness of good work habits and basic skills in several work areas.

In addition, the work exploration/experience program provides access to a variety of experiences in the real work world so that each student becomes familiar with employer expectations and career possibilities. A sense of commitment, responsibility, participation and an awareness of individual capabilities is fostered.

By rotating crews, G.I.P.S.Y. has completed a contract for putting siding on a barn and the constructing of a chicken coop.

The academic side of G.I.P.S.Y.'s timetable is designed with two goals in mind; keeping the student on a task and performing tasks at a high success rate, then fitting the student into an instructional and organizational structure as needed.

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

This, it is believed, must be done on an individual level with sensitivity and patience not possible in a large classroom.

Giving it "another shot" is an important step for a teenager who, for a lack of self confidence, has quit the regular school system.

Giving the student lots of "little bits of successes" will develop his capacity and interest, says Coates.

The English, math and social studies programs the students follow are meant to be studied alone in a quiet setting in the classroom. Each of the units in the books used is relatively short and the material covered from one unit to the next is similar but never repetitive. In this sense the students go on to new things on a very gradual basis with much opportunity to practise and review what they have already learned. In this way the jump from understanding fractions to solving equations is done gradually and is completely understood. The only pressure put on the student is that which he is encouraged to put on himself.

NURTURES IT

Each student has some ability for working on his own and since this is what he must learn to do, Coates looks for each student's ability and nurtures it along when it appears. It is crucial then, that the pupils

show signs of progression in their studies. In fact, progression is almost guaranteed, as Coates is omnipresent during the study periods to assist anyone who becomes frustrated with his work.

Some of the things G.I.P.S.Y. has done this year in addition to regular activities include attending an alternative style Sports Day in Duncan, donating their help in cleaning and organizing the recycle shed, cutting and splitting firewood for the pre-school at Beaver Point and volunteering to help Brian and Jo Logan with work on their house.

In one group discussion session, the students were asked to comment on how they felt about G.I.P.S.Y.:

"I like the way tests are in order for working straight through your grades. I don't like getting into something different every day."

RELAXED

"I like the relaxed atmosphere of this class, and the way it's being run and the Wednesday lunches, and the discussions ..."

"I don't think there are enough people in the class and I don't like not being able to have coffee when I want it."

"What I like is the easy atmosphere ... this program offers me a chance to get my grade 11, very happily. I can't cope in the regular system."

"I like being able to work on any subject as long as I want, and as fast as I want."

"I'm understanding the work I'm doing, completely. I don't like it when people don't show up on time to start off the morning."

The students are recommended through the high school or human resources, or they inquire on their own. Each student then participates in the class for a week, getting acquainted with the program's demands and expectations. A recommendation from the G.I.P.S.Y. staff is then made to an admissions committee consisting of a school board member, the high

school principal, a representative from the Community Society, a community social worker from human resources and the staff of G.I.P.S.Y.

EIGHT STUDENTS

There are presently eight students in attendance at G.I.P.S.Y. The school board has placed a limit of 15 students on the class size.

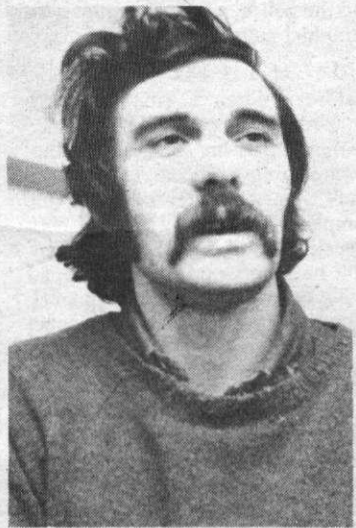
Students whose attendance records were poor in the regular system have been arriving on time every morning. Some who need it have been allowed to create their own work space around themselves.

Reading a magazine during study class doesn't mean a rap on the knuckles, though the student is expected to keep a weekly record of his study hours, marking down how the hours were spent.

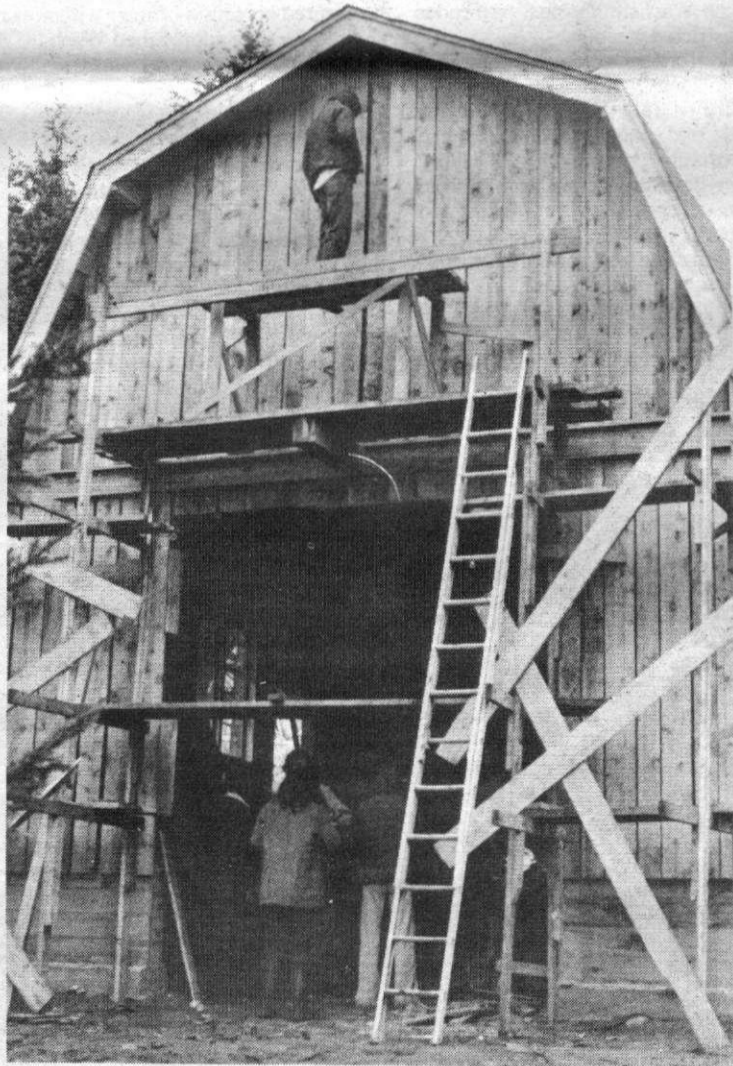
On Wednesdays a student cooks lunch for the others, who pay a small sum of money to cover the costs. In the short time (four months) that these kids have been together they have become close to each other, in and out of class.

What was missing for them in the regular system they have found at G.I.P.S.Y. Its supporters hope

that if, or when G.I.P.S.Y.'s students return to the high school, they will find it as rewarding and challenging as what they have now.



Local contractor Eric Donnelly gave up the construction business for a job as a child-care worker with the G.I.P.S.Y. program. Eric helps the students learn what will be expected of them when they enter the labour force. He takes a couple of the students each day out to a job site in Fulford where they have been building a barn.



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12. PENALTY
13. REPEALING BY-LAW NO. 551
14. SCHEDULE "A" - Notice of Impoundment
15. SCHEDULE "B" - Application for compensation
16. SCHEDULE "C" - Violation Notice

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

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Course of action outlined for police complaints

Over a period of several months a new scheme for handling complaints has been worked out by representatives of both the public and the police, a police commission pamphlet says.

The scheme has three major features. When a citizen has a complaint against a police officer, he may report his complaint to the commanding officer concerned. The CO must attempt to resolve the complaint, informally if possible. The citizen and the officer involved will be interviewed either separately or together, as they choose. All attempts will be made to come to a fair agreement, the pamphlet goes on to say.

Where informal resolution has failed or is clearly inappropriate, a citizen may then make a written complaint to the CO. All written

complaints must be investigated by a member of the police service who had no connection with the incident.

When the investigation is completed, disciplinary action may be taken against the police officer, he may be warned about his future conduct or no further action may result.

In cases involving the RCMP, an additional opportunity to take action is afforded the citizen: he may seek a public review. This is done by giving notice to the police which will be forwarded to the attorney-general for a decision. Complaints will be handled either by a police committee consisting of local residents who are not members of the police service, by the B.C. Police Commission or by a combination of both bodies as the attorney-general may direct.

Old Queen has new look at Fulford Harbour



The long snout of the *Bowen Queen* is nosing out of Fulford dock in this picture. Lengthened ferry now matches the *Mayne Queen*, on the Outer Islands run. The deck, at each end of the superstructure, resembles a football field. The ships will now accommodate about 76 cars. Stretching project cost close to \$5 million.

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Order prohibits possession of firearm by Galiano Island man

Two court orders placing restrictions on a Galiano man were issued by Judge D. K. McAdam in provincial court last week.

The first order restricts Harry Wachsmuth of Montague Harbour from keeping a firearm on board the beached catamaran where he lives, and the second sets a date by which Wachsmuth must surrender a restricted weapon.

Both orders were made following an incident which was reported to police on July 10, 1978. The court was told that Wachsmuth had reportedly fired from his 30 calibre M1 rifle at two young women from Vancouver who were walking on the beach near his boat.

According to a police report, one

bullet struck the beach near the feet of one girl, spraying her with sand.

ATTENDED SCENE

Don Geistlinger of the Ganges RCMP testified that he and two other officers attended the scene after Galiano citizens notified police of the shooting. Geistlinger said he covered his fellow officers with a shotgun as they approached Wachsmuth, who appeared "unstable and very irrational".

Geistlinger told the court that Wachsmuth denied to speak with the officers and refused them access to his boat. Eventually, Geistlinger said, one constable did gain access to the boat, whereupon the loaded rifle was seized.

Geistlinger told the court that although two shots were reported to have been fired, the police officers were able to find only one spent cartridge.

Geistlinger said that although he had been convicted and fined for the offence last July, Wachsmuth still believed he owned the foreshore around his boat and that the two girls had been trespassing.
GOT GUN BACK

"In addition, it seems that Wachsmuth has received his M1 back from the court."

"After his conviction he then applied for and got the rifle back because the government hadn't yet legislated the M1 as a restricted weapon.

"Therefore," he concluded, "I'm requesting a further court

order that Wachsmuth must surrender the rifle to the police."

Wachsmuth, who was not in court, was ordered by McAdam to surrender his rifle to police by March 15.

"With the evidence I've heard," McAdam remarked, "I must also deem it necessary, in the interest of public safety, to order that Mr. Wachsmuth must not keep weapons on board his boat until after the order expires on December 31, 1980."

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