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Venables order void, rules judge

Sewer alternatives committee wins case

Members of the Salt Spring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee were jubilant last week when the British Columbia Supreme Court upheld the committee's appeal against the 1978 order to install a Ganges sewer system.

Mr. Justice John Gould threw out the order on the grounds that the Pollution Control Act does not empower the director to make such an order.

The sewer alternatives group had appealed the order under the judicial review procedure act.

Regional director Yvette Valcourt termed it "a great victory for the people of Salt Spring Island".

Pat Tiernan, whose home stands on the shore of Ganges Harbour, summarized his concerns in a television interview.

He explained that he opposes the discharge of any treated effluent into the harbour because he cannot accept any assurances that it will be harmless.

HISTORY

The action looked back over the history of the Ganges sewer project.

The petition was taken up in 1977, asking property owners to support a \$2 million scheme to serve "Phase I and Phase II" of the area. Phase I is that area lying between the bakery at the foot of Ganges Hill and the Lady Minto Hospital-Greenwoods complex. Phase II is the area south of the bakery and up to Charlesworth Road.

Shortly after the taking up of the petition there was criticism expressed. Charges were sounded that the petition included forged signatures. It was subsequently alleged that the petition also lacked the requisite two-thirds majority. It had already been accepted as adequate after examination by CRD executive director Dennis Young.

In January, 1978, a writ was issued in the British Columbia Supreme Court asking for a declaration that the petition was invalid. It was not pursued when the sewer order was issued.

VENABLES ORDER

The same month saw the director of pollution control issue an order requiring the installation of the sewer system without the assent of the ratepayers.

The director had advised the Capital Regional Board that he could do so and the board approved a resolution asking the director to take such action.

The order did not consider the "Phase II" area. It called for a sanitary sewer system in the area from

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Fiddler tickets sold out 10 days before opening

All 1,400 tickets for the presentation of *Fiddler on the Roof* were sold out last Wednesday, 10 days before opening night.

Salt Spring Players spokesman Ernie Rubright told *Driftwood* Tuesday that nobody had expected such a response.

"We really need a theatre," he added.

He said there was a waiting list of over 200 people who want tickets and that they're asking for anywhere from two to 10 tickets apiece.

The show will open Saturday and run until Friday the 10th at the Ganges activity centre.

The Players are also in the midst of preparing for the staging of three one-act plays on April 23 and 24 at Mahon Hall.

Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn, *The Audition* and *Joy as it Flies* are to be the Players' entries this year in the Theatre B.C. South Island Zone Drama Festival. The latter play was written by Salt Spring Island resident Rosamund Truelove.

The festival is being held this year at the Cowichan Theatre on April 23, 24 and 25. The Players

will present their plays on the festival's closing night, Saturday the 25th.

One entry will be selected to represent the South Island Zone at the provincial finals in Nelson.

Another victory for Slugs

Mad Dog (Pat) Gaines scores for the Salt Spring Slugs at Sunday's game against Duncan Old-Timers. Slugs won 12-3. Story, pictures—Pages Sixteen, Seventeen.

Region to examine ruling Wednesday

Effects of the Supreme Court decision regarding the Ganges sewer project will not be clear until the Capital Regional Board sits on Wednesday next week.

Mr. Justice John Gould ruled that the sewer order of William Venables, three years ago, was void.

Spokesmen for the Capital Regional District explained that the court's findings will be applied to the present installation project undertaken by the board, when directors meet next week.

Chairman Norma Sealey and executive director Dennis Young both explained that the project in Ganges was undertaken on the authority of a cabinet order amending the region's letters patent to include this particular works.

They referred to the supplementary letters patent of March 30, 1978, which state, in part, "The Capital Regional District may without the assent of the electors, design, install, operate, maintain, renew and administer sewage collection and disposal facilities in a part or portions of the electoral area of Salt Spring Island that may

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Contest winners are announced

Winner of *Driftwood's* Night on the Town contest is Lorna Clark of Duke Road, Salt Spring Island. Her name was drawn Tuesday after the 3 pm entry deadline for the first prize of two free tickets to *Fiddler on the Roof* and dinner for two at the restaurant of her choice.

Second prize winner of two free *Fiddler* tickets is Laverne Selbee of North End Road. Although she already had two tickets to the Monday evening show, she had been hoping to obtain two more for some friends. The tickets she won, however, are for Wednesday so anyone who wishes to make a trade may call her at 537-9249.

Draw was made by Anne Jukes, first *Driftwood* customer to enter the office after the contest closed.



LORNA CLARK



LAVERNE SELBEE

Forest industry slowdown felt by Burgoyne Bay company

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

Employees of Salt Spring Log Sorting are back on the job, at least temporarily, following a two-week shutdown of operations early last month.

With contracts for members of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) up for renegotiation, however, there is no guarantee that either the company or its eight employees will be working 2½ months from now.

Most of the 47,000 B.C. members of the powerful union will be without a contract as of June 15.

Pat Corneille, major owner of the Burgoyne Bay log sorting company, said they were forced to cease operations on account of a general slowdown in the forest industry.

SLOW START

He explained that the company got off to a slow start in 1981 with business lagging behind the same period last year.

Corneille said that even now that workers are back on the job, the company is only running at about 50% capacity.

At full capacity, the company would employ a work force of up to 12 and handle about 10,000,000 board feet of logs per month. At present, the company employs eight workers and is handling slightly more than 5,000,000 board feet of logs per month.

During the two-week shutdown, a few workers were kept on doing maintenance work on the company's nine boats and its dock facilities.

Corneille said that Salt Spring Log Sorting's poor performance this year is indicative of the woes that the entire industry is experiencing.

WEATHER RESPONSIBLE

He noted that an unseasonable amount of rainfall this past winter was partly responsible for the slow start since it prevented logging camps from getting started as early as in previous years.

The forestry industry in general took a turn for the worse last year and forecasters expect slumping sales to continue through to early 1982, according to Corneille.

He said that the industry's fortunes are expected to improve during the first quarter of next year.

Salt Spring Log Sorting's payroll pumped approximately \$270,000 into the local economy last year, plus the company paid out an additional \$30,000 in benefits to its employees, volunteered Corneille.

He owns 75% of Salt Spring Log Sorting with the remaining 25% in the hands of Texada Logging, a German-owned company.

Corneille said that Texada owns large pieces of land at Burgoyne Bay and in the Fulford valley.

Most of the company's business is with Doman Industries.

A spokesman for the IWA said that the union will present a list of 31 demands when its representatives sit down at the bargaining table with officials from Forest Industrial Relations, the negotiating agent for the forest industry.

Bob Mingay, media and public relations director for the union, said that he expects negotiations to get under way shortly.

He said that the major bargaining issue will be that of wages. The union has already decided that it will ask for an across-the-board increase of \$2.50 per hour for all union employees.

A general slowdown in construction all over North America has reduced the demand for B.C. lumber, resulting in an industry that is plagued by layoffs, he said.

LAST THING THEY WANT
While refusing to rule out the possibility of a walkout, Mingay said that a strike is the last thing that either side wants.

"Anybody can negotiate a strike and it is not our intention to go into negotiations to negotiate a strike. We want to negotiate a settlement," he said.

Mingay suggested that the union would call a strike only as a last resort.

The last province-wide IWA walkout was in 1959 although employees in the interior walked off their jobs in 1967.

Some officials of the IWA have pointed a finger at what they claim are excessive exports of uncut timber to Japan for some of the layoffs in the industry.

They say that the IWA membership isn't going to stand for large-scale exports of uncut logs to Japan because every log that leaves the country results in a loss of work for millworkers in the province.

FORCED TO CLOSE

Murray Drew, first vice-president of Local 118 in Victoria, told *Driftwood* that several smaller mills in recent years have been forced out of business and that increasing exports of logs to Japan are partly to blame.

"They're shipping logs out of the province, plain and simple," said Drew.

"Every log you send out of the country for processing causes jobs to be sent out."

He and other IWA officials have said that the provincial government should legislate against exporting wood to Japan unless it's first milled here in the province.

Drew said that Japanese mills can afford to outbid B.C. mills and have therefore assumed top priority when it comes to the sale of logs.

LAID OFF

Drew cites as an example the layoff of 34 employees at Doman's Chemainus mill for several weeks around Christmas time because of a shortage of logs.

Mingay shares these concerns and so do a group of Nanaimo area IWA union workers who several

weeks ago set up an unauthorized picket line at a Nanaimo dock to protest the loading of logs aboard a Japanese ship.

Though not organized by the IWA, the union did lend its support to the picketers.

Statistics provided by Mingay would seem to indicate, however, that the IWA has over-reacted to the situation.

ONLY 1.05%
Between 1976 and 1979 an average of only about 1.05% of all logs cut in the province were exported.

While statistics for last year are not available, Mingay estimated that the figure today would have climbed to no more than 1.5%, a figure that by his own admission is "relatively minimal".

Mingay further said that most of the logs that are exported are yellow cedar, a species that is abundantly available and in little demand here in the province.

"At the moment it's a minimal problem and the concern is to keep it a minimal problem," said Mingay.

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by richards

Of course we live with history. It came very sharply on Monday when Women's Lib called the office and reported that the United States president had been shot. It is not quite 20 years since she rang me at another office and from a different home to tell me that President John Kennedy had been shot. The course of violence and the curse of violence has not changed in two decades.

At least one patron of the Ganges Post Office was indignant this week over the new restrictions on parking. She explained that, for the elderly patrons, the highways ministry restriction on parking is offensive. The ministry signs prohibit such patrons as herself from parking near the door when collecting a heavy parcel. The parking restriction might well have been imposed on the opposite side of the narrow road where employees' cars stand most of the day, she asserted. Truth is that the measure has helped nobody, not even the ministry. I figure it's the ministry getting his own back. He can't get mail in a hurry in the northern interior and no way is he going to let us get ours quickly!

It thundered and the brave little mutt around the office was a jelly of terror. I'm not the fond master of doggy pets and I know little about the beasts, but I had been under the impression that a natural function was unlikely to scare animals. Shows how wrong you can be!

Charlie Horel was in the office the other day when I was. And I remembered the days of long ago when a man could be in favour of a sewer scheme without being labelled a social outcast.

I had two Mayne Island visitors this week. They brought a surge of enthusiasm for the island poetess, Cathy Ford. Cathy is on tour at the present time and they wanted people to know it. They brought the following message:

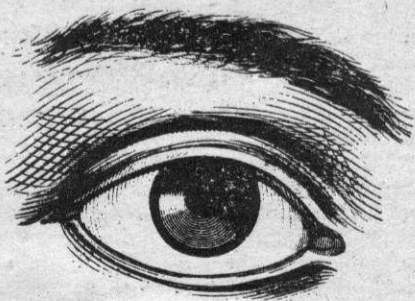
Laurels to our Mayne Island Poetess: Mayne Island can be proud of our local poet, Cathy Ford, who has been recognized and sponsored by the Canada Arts Council and is now on a poetry reading tour with her fellow literary, Mona Fertig, from Vancouver. This country-wide five-week tour started March 5 with a champagne kick-off party in Vancouver, and includes 16 Canadian cities from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean. As news reaches us her five published books and poetry readings are being well received. Cathy arrives home to Mayne Island in April.

Contratulations Cathy!
The young writer has lived for the past four years on Mayne Island. Her husband is Duane Ruckles, an island fisherman.

There is always one easy argument out of gunpowder. If the Lord hadn't intended us to kill each other he'd never have given us guns!

And then there was the islander who nearly killed a car. She told me she'd deny it if I ever wrote it, so I won't mention names. It's enough that she bought a used car. It was a good used car but not good enough. She took it back and tried another. That was fine but it still lacked what she wanted of it. So she tried a third. This was the Baby Bear's car. It was soft and comfortable and purred like a kitten. I didn't say, she also did some farming. So one darkening evening she was feeding the stock and hauling things around with the tractor. Until it jammed. She couldn't get it to run backwards. After urging it several times to reverse like any decent piece of equipment, the awful truth dawned on her. It was right about here that she'd parked her new power buggy! And she was so right. All it needed, mind you, was a new hood and a bit of work and it was as good as new. I think she's still crying. Just a bit. And I haven't said a name!

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Residents get support from Curtis

A proposal to have expiry dates removed from B.C. Ferry Corporation commuter tickets has met with support from islands MLA Hugh Curtis.

Three Salt Spring Island residents met with Curtis in Victoria last week to seek his support for their proposal. At present, a book of commuter tickets sold by the ferry corporation must be used within one month of the date of purchase.

Bev Unger, who was accompanied to Curtis' office by Hugh Borsman and Norman Best, told *Driftwood* that Curtis had agreed to take the idea to the B.C. Ferries board of directors.

In addition, the group discussed the possibility of transferring the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry run to the jurisdiction of the ministry of highways.

According to Unger, the islands MLA said he would give the commuter tickets top priority and the Vesuvius ferry matter would be second on the list of priorities.

Gravel, asphalt contract awarded

A Victoria firm has been awarded a \$372,051 contract to supply and deliver 21,200 tonnes of crushed gravel and 4,100 tonnes of asphalt patchmix to the Gulf Islands.

Work has already started and will be finished by mid-April, including delivery by barge, providing employment for up to 20 workers.

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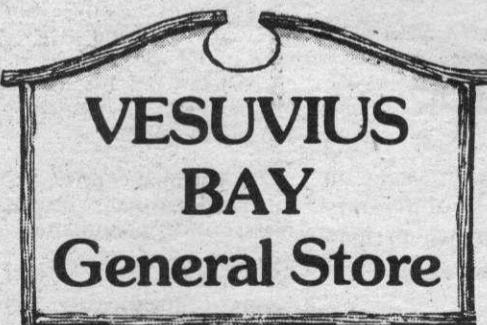


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It must be settled

For the past quarter-century visitors from the United States have been impressed with the British Columbia sales tax.

Many a visitor would protest the need for tax on a purchase and then climb down sharply when he was told the levy was to meet the cost of hospitals.

There are two expenditures which will cripple a family in any jurisdiction where no insurance scheme is operating. They are the cost of medical bills and hospital expenses. Sicknes strikes at the pocketbook through the body.

There is no dispute which cannot be settled by debate. The dispute over medical costs must be settled and it must be settled in such a manner as to ensure that British Columbians will never be denied medical treatment because of the fear of a doctor's bill.

The province and the medical profession must find a solution which avoids that danger. If the medical insurance program were to come to an end, so would the lives of many of the province's poorer people.

Well done

Week by week the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club entertains its own members and a small number of guests. This style of social activity is part of its function.

When the lieutenant-governor was on Salt Spring Island the service club went beyond its ordinary social activities and entertained a dining room full of guests. The club invited representatives of many community projects to share lunch with the representative of the queen.

The same guests then went to the Lady Minto Hospital to take part in the handing over of the emergency helicopter pad to the community.

The program was delightfully presented and handled.

Salt Spring Island Rotarians and particularly the club president, Garry Garras, proved themselves very courteous hosts to a wide representation of visitors.

They share the blame

The Wednesday evening meeting called by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is a warning to all businessmen on any of the islands. While there can be no justification of burglary or other depreations, the owners of buildings which lend themselves to ready entry by wicked men are in part to blame if such an invitation to burglary is taken up.

The islander who leaves a large bag of gold in a padlocked sack knows full well that it is likely to disappear.

But the man who leaves his valuables behind an unlocked door is scarcely less responsible for any resultant losses.

The chamber of commerce invited all businesshouses to learn how to lock the stable door before the horse has bolted.

Weis tops reader survey

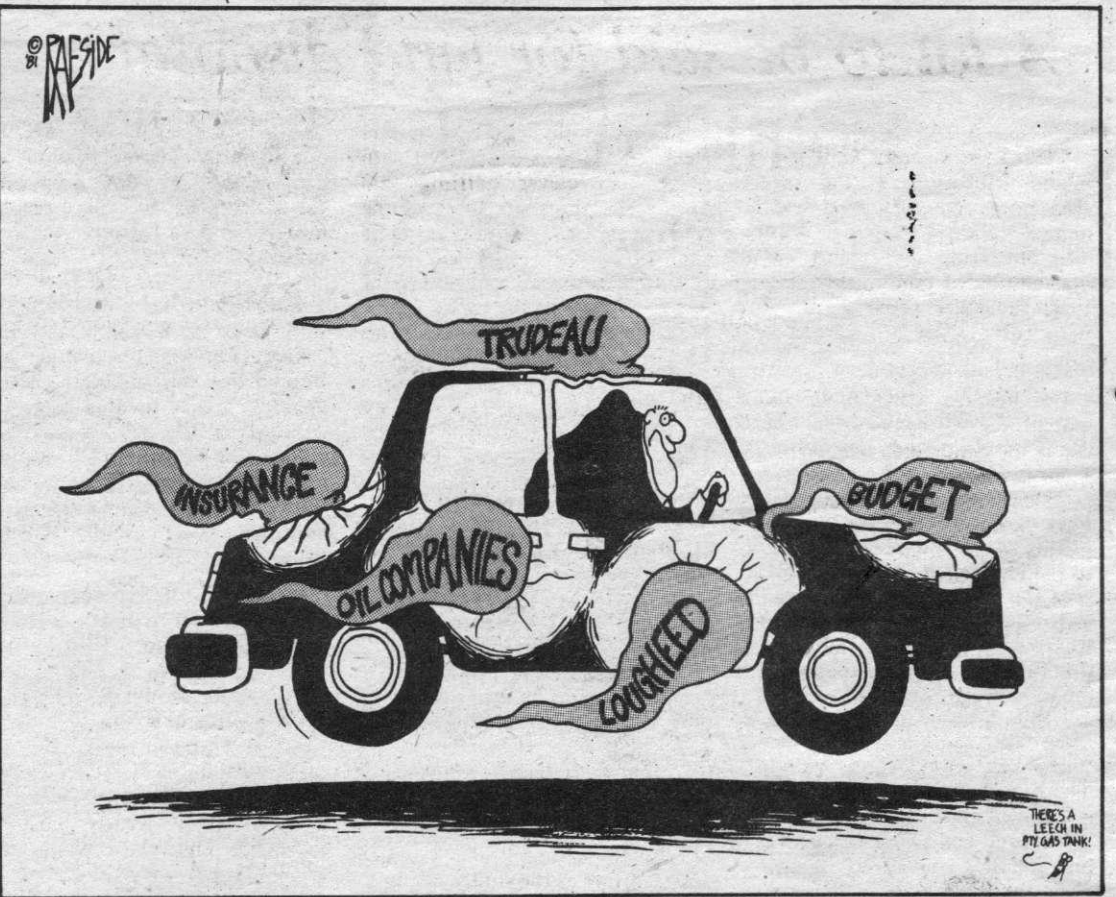
Gardening columnist Peter Weis took the top place in the reader survey conducted by *Driftwood* earlier this year.

Out of 10 possible points, Weis' column scored eight.

The survey, however, drew only 64 responses, about 1.3% of the total circulation. That figure was up from the last reader survey, conducted about two years ago, when only 25 readers completed and returned the survey.

Other responses, out of a score of 10, were as follows: letters to the editor, eight; layout, eight; news content, seven; editorials, six; advertising, six; Adrian Raeside's cartoons, six; Down Through the Years, five; sports, five; and the children's pages, four.

Driftwood's regular columnists all placed between three and five on the scale. As a result, serious consideration is being given to replacing the lot.



Letters to the Editor

NDP 'advertisements' hold misleading information

Sir,
Your NDP advertisements, which you apparently print free of charge for Messrs. Manly and Barber are replete with misleading statements and misinformation which nobody seems prepared to question.

With Hitler it was the Jews who were to blame for Germany's troubles; the Christians blamed the Devil and his works; President Reagan says the Communists will get us "if we don't watch out!"; and our Socialist friends blame the multi-national oil companies for eliminating "neighbourhood gas stations and small independent home heating dealers," and a myriad of other effects of inflation.

They don't tell us who risked billions of dollars developing our petroleum-producing capability.

They conveniently ignore the fact that our gas and oil prices have been about the same as those in effect in the U.S. for decades, despite our less concentrated markets and higher costs.

My personal experience, covering many years in the trucking business, buying millions of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel per year, was that the oil companies were highly competitive. (Maybe we were lucky in B.C. to have Standard Oil of B.C., Union Oil and Husky, to smarten Imperial and Shell to be competitive).

John Porter, managing director of the Independent Petroleum Association of Canada, claims that "Canada is spending \$160 million a day buying imported oil when that money should be spent developing domestic oil and gas reserves."

He also points out that Petro-Can's purchase of Petrofina represents an export of \$1.46 billion of Canadian funds at a time when the dollar is near an all-time low. Moreover, he adds that money must be raised by higher prices at the pump, resulting in higher cost of living and inflation.

As for Mr. Barber's criticism of the budget announced by Mr. Curtis, the fact that the Sales Tax is still one percent lower than it was when the NDP was in power, is

conveniently left unsaid. Also the fact that the new B.C. budget is substantially lower, per capita, than Rene Levesque's, that Eastern Canadian equivalent of the NDP of B.C.

KEITH JACKSON,
Mayne Island.
March 23, 1981.

Urgent need for school

Minister of Education,
Victoria, B.C.
Board of School Trustees,
School District 64,
Ganges, B.C.

We parents and residents of Fulford Harbour and area are concerned about the lack of educational facilities at the south end of Salt Spring Island.

In order to establish positive attitudes, a child's initial experience with school should be as free from stress as possible. We do not find the present system of busing small children to be satisfactory. We are therefore requesting that you give priority to kindergarten and primary level instruction in our vicinity.

Although there have been rumours of a school to be built here, we do not see any progress being made in this direction. Many of us have children who would make use of such a facility immediately and we feel that the need is urgent.

We are looking for positive action from our elected representatives in this regard.

BLY KAYE,
CHARLES HINGSTON,
CAROLE EYLES,
GALE HINGSTON,
DAVID EYLES,
GARY KAYE,
Fulford Harbour.
March 23, 1981.

Deceptive policies still get support

Sir,
Canadians seem to prefer deception.

As time passes, only then do we see the true direction of the Federal Government. Years ago, Mr. Stanfield campaigned with a platform to bring in Wage and Price controls. Prime Minister Trudeau campaigned opposing them, and when successful in the election, Mr. Trudeau brought in controls one year later.

Finance Minister John Crosbie proposed to raise gasoline prices by 18¢ per gallon. The Liberals (with help) brought about an election on that issue. During the campaign the Liberals stated that if elected, they would not raise the price of gas that high. Today, gas price increases exceed that 18¢ per gallon rise proposed by Mr. Crosbie.

With no energy policy with the west, the Federal Government is now purchasing oil on the world market at a higher price than Alberta wants for its oil. All this happening, when, we as a nation, are being subjected to a "Buy Canadian" ad campaign sponsored by the Federal Government.

Yet the Canadian public continue to support these deceptive policies.

I begin to tremble when I think of the present constitutional debate in Ottawa.

PATRICK SLINGSBY,
R.R.1 Ganges.
March, 1981.

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Island Chamber
of Commerce.

A lot to be said for land disposal

Sir,
Clear Lake County, Calif., is an inland fruit-growing and resort area north of the famed Sacramento Valley. I realize it is very different from an island or a marine-related community. However, there are some similarities with Salt Spring that excited my interest.

For instance there is no toxic industrial waste to consider. Tourism is the major industry. There is a large retired and semi-retired populace. Apart from this, Clear Lake again demonstrates the practicality of land disposal as opposed to the ecological suicide of marine disposal as it is being proposed for Salt Spring. It also shows what happens when a big sewer project moves into a small community.

Clear Lake itself was named years ago though if you saw it today you would surely wonder. The water is murky with clouds of suspended algae that drift with the wind. One has to pick one's time and place if one wants to swim. Even though the sewer system has been in effect for 10 years the effect of previous abuse remains.

There are three treatment plants now in the vicinity of the lake. I visited one, talked to the superintendent of another and had no contact with the third. All three use the activated sludge/land disposal method of treatment and disposal. A brief description of that method is as follows.

The raw sewage is fed first through a rotary blade comminutor (grinder) into an oxidation ditch. Here the sludge is circulated by two 20-foot magna rotors. These look like huge horizontal cylinders covered with short paddles that stir lots of oxygen into the sludge, activating the aerobic bacteria that digest the suspended solids. From here the activated sludge is directed into a clarifier.

This is simply a 50 ft. diameter steel tub, 11 feet deep lined with some very clever baffling that allows the three products of the plant to separate themselves from each other: the suspended solids, or sludge; the scum that rises to the surface; and then the water, which amazingly emerges from all of this looking as clear as what comes from your tap. It is run off into a collection tank where upon an automatic command it is chlorinated and transferred into the reservoir for eventual irrigation of plant operated fields.

The Brionnes treatment plant, that I reported on last time, after five years of operation had no accumulation of sludge. Hence no need for disposal system. Here, however, the South Clear Lake plant, after two years of operation had a heavy accumulation giving rise to the need for a sound disposal system.

When the sister plant was constructed in the north community a drying bed system was designed into it. Here as the sludge accumulates it is fed into the drying beds where any extra water can drain and the sludge can dry in the sun. Once dry it is stockpiled until, season permitting, it is tilled into the fields around the plant.

The superintendent of the north plant told me that the drying bed method is very effective and requires no specialized equipment.

The two plants, north and south, serve near the same number of people. They have approximately 3,300 connections. Some of these are resorts with multiple dwellings and trailer parks, motels, apartments; 10,000 folks, approximately, altogether.

The daily volume of either plant alone ranges from 250,000 gallons per day to 2,000,000 gallons per day depending on the season. They suffer apparently as all plants do from infiltration during wet

weather increasing the volume considerably. The north plant has a more resident population while the south plant has more resorts, motels and a strong seasonal influx.

Each plant has cost from \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million to construct. That does not include land purchase. I was unable to get an accurate figure on this cost. The south plant has 500 acres, 250 of these being spray fields. It employs three full-time operators and shares four extra maintenance men with the other plants. It costs \$150,000 per year to operate. As yet they have not leased any of the fields but plan to do so this year.

The north plant occupies a little over 1,000 acres. It irrigates 540 acres and has leased the 1,000 acres for cattle grazing. The lease is for five years and brings in for the plant \$90,000 per five years. They employ four full-time workers and operate at a yearly cost of \$250,000. This plant has a fully equipped lab for conducting its numerous tests.

The cost to the taxpayer? An important question. Hook-up within the service area is compulsory. All contributors pay \$5 per month hook up at their own expense.

I only visited the south plant. The oxidation ditch, though seemingly efficient, stank.

There is a lot to be said for land disposal of treated sewage. In an age of expanding demands potable water will become a scarce commodity and property with a water shortage problem will soon lose its value. It is a wise community that reclaims the resource from its sewers.

LES BRADEN,
Box 1074,
Ganges.
March 17, 1981.

Man committing murder, mayhem, suicide

Sir,
"I heard the song of the world's last whale

As I rocked in the moonlight
And reefed in the sail.

It'll happen to you
Also without jail
If it happens to me
Sang the world's last whale."

Pete Seeger put the ecological picture into that sad song.

Replace whale with seal, or dolphin, or polar bear, or any other creature and the result is the same: the end of us!

The human creature is only a part of the whole. The most destructive - the only creature that ruins its own environment and that of other living things.

I wonder what the seals and sea lions were eating 40 or 50 years ago when fish were plentiful? Why were they not depleting the "excess fish population" then?

Human beings have depleted fish stocks in many ways. Polluting salmon spawning streams; polluting shallow coastal areas with industry, pleasure boats, marinas, etc. Estuaries, the nurseries of

much marine life, have been destroyed. Over-fishing by commercial and fun fishing; destruction of bottom feeding areas, all add up to a sizeable amount of damage.

Perhaps seals and sea lions have been forced into smaller areas because their supply of food has been taken away from them in other places? I don't know - but I do know that a long lifetime in this province, on this coast and on these islands, has taught me that humans are busy committing murder, mayhem and suicide, by ignoring ecological matters.

So seals and sea lions are "marauders and killers." What are humans?

"And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land and made mine heritage an abomination."

(Jeremiah 2:7)

EVE SMITH,
(non Christian),
Pender Island.
March 18, 1981.

Good Shepherd Shelter

Sir,
Having spent a day two weeks ago over at the Good Shepherd Shelter and talking with Sister Mary Julia, I learned a lot about the wonderful work they are doing for abandoned animals.

These dogs, cats, chickens, horses, (you name it, they have them) are having better care than some animals I've seen in private homes. Also better care than some children.

These animals are fed by donations made to the Shelter. A veterinarian is out there every two weeks to check on all the animals. All female dogs are spayed and male dogs neutered, paid for by the donations.

The biggest donations come from the United States from people who have heard of the Good Shepherd Shelter. What is the matter with the Canadians? Can't they help out their own people too, who are doing such a wonderful job?

There are 58½ acres owned by the Shelter. It's a very good location and they should be able to stay where they are. They are not even being allowed to patch up some of the kennels that need it, let alone build new ones which they want to do.

Sister Mary Julia said they don't see anyone for weeks on end, unless they come to dump off an animal and then the people don't even leave a donation.

You may want to leave your pet there someday, who knows, so how about digging in your pocket now and sending a donation to Good Shepherd Shelter, Sister Mary Julia, R.R. 1, Mill Bay, B.C. V0R 2P0.

Take a trip over some day and see for yourselves. Don't just go by word of mouth. The Good Shepherd Shelter needs everyone's support.

MARY FOX,
R.R. 1,
Ganges, B.C.
March, 1981.



Tony Richards

OUT OF CURIOSITY I picked up a copy of a handbook on electrical wiring last week, and after perusing it for half an hour, felt somewhat alarmed at all the seemingly petty rules and regulations that go with wiring a house.

For instance, electrical outlets in a living or dining room must be spaced no more than 70-odd inches apart. And on a kitchen counter, the spacing must not exceed about 36 inches.

The rules on wiring a bathroom seemed much more logical: the light switch must be at least 47 inches from the tub.

(My figures are approximate, but close).

So it was an interesting coincidence, when, a few days later, I was talking with world traveller Derek Sowden about Mexico. And by the sound of it, I think perhaps it's preferable to have a very strict electrical code rather than no code at all.

Derek told me of one place in which he stayed where hot water for the shower was not heated by a conventional method such as a hot water tank.

Inside the pipe, immediately before the shower head, was an electric heating element. Power was supplied to it by means of a couple of wires taped to the connections. The wires led back to an outlet in the wall behind the toilet.

When the wiring was done, the outlet was unscrewed from the wall and the wires were taped to the connections. Apparently the electrician was in such a hurry to take a hot shower he never got around to screwing the outlet back into the wall, and left it hanging by the wires.

As far as the temperature was concerned, Derek

discovered that the shower really was hot. Every time you wanted to turn the tap on or off, it was necessary to slap it as prolonged contact with it worsened the electrical jolt.

Another example of Mexican electrical ingenuity was in a campground where a water faucet was mounted near an electrical outlet.

If the tap was opened too far, the stream of water shot directly at the outlet.

The writer of my electrical handbook would certainly be shocked.

IF ANYONE WAS SLUGGISH on Sunday it was me, not Salt Spring Island's own ice hockey team, the Slugs.

I answered last week's plea for fans from the Slugs' public relations director and went with my family to Fuller Lake.

I was impressed.

Not only can they skate, but they can even play hockey.

After reading about the Slugs for the past few months, I was left with the impression that they really were a group of bungling misfits, and that their only claim to fame was that they had been able to outdrink every opposing team between here and Summerland.

So on Sunday I was expecting to see the ice littered with bottle caps and cases of beer stashed in the nets.

What really happened was that the Slugs were outdrunk by the fans, 15-0. Now that their season is virtually over, it is expected that they will be devoting more of their time to the latter sport.

Superb collection effort

Sir,
I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of a letter to Mrs. L. A. Yellowlees of Ganges, B.C.

I hope you will have the space to publish the letter which shows our appreciation of the efforts this lady - and the residents of Salt Spring Island - have put forth for Goodwill Enterprises for the Handicapped.

As you know, 1981 is the International Year of Disabled Persons. We at Goodwill aim to make it a special year in helping those who are not as fortunate as most of us. We cannot do this without the help of a caring public as 90% of our income is derived from the sale of "recycled" donated goods.

Our sincere thanks to all - and keep the Goodwill coming!

BETTY CAMPBELL,
Community Relations,
Goodwill Enterprises, Victoria.
March 23, 1981.

Dear Mrs. Yellowlees,
May I, on behalf of all at Goodwill Enterprises for the Handicapped, thank you for your superb collection efforts.

This must take a lot of your time, not to say your organiza-

tional skills! Needless to say that every item donated by the citizens of Salt Spring Island is greatly appreciated. Over 90% of Goodwill's income depends on the generosity of the public through such items that our employees "recycle" and which are then sold in our five stores on Vancouver Island.

This is a special Year of Disabled Persons and to help more people with handicaps - through our job training and placement programs - Goodwill is having a major drive for goods. With your continued splendid support, and that of the generous residents of Salt Spring Island, this will indeed be a special year.

We have started public tours of our Bay Street plant for those interested in seeing just what *does* happen to goods which are donated to us. There is a tour every Wednesday at 2 pm for a small group and by reservation. Please give me a call and I will be happy to welcome you and every visiting group.

Thank you all again,
BETTY CAMPBELL,
Community Relations,
Goodwill Enterprises, Victoria.

Forest industry must recognize its responsibility for environment

The Canadian Labour Congress recently issued a series of six posters made from Canadian paintings, called *Reflections of Our Labour*. Each of the paintings shows Canadian men and women at work in different settings such as a hospital, a coal mine and a World War II parachute factory.

The one I like best, which I have had framed for my office, is by E.J. Hughes, entitled *Logs: Ladysmith Harbour/1949*. It shows a couple of small tug boats moving good-sized fir logs around behind one of the small islands in Ladysmith Harbour. Incidentally, the logs look much bigger and cleaner than most of the logs we see in the harbour today. The water is grey and choppy while dark, swiftly moving storm clouds gather in the background.

For me, this 1949 painting symbolizes the most important issue facing people of our area. We all know that logging, lumber and pulp form the backbone of our economy. When these industries suffer our whole economy suffers; when these industries prosper, our economy prospers.

DIDN'T THINK TWICE
In the last few years we have also come to recognize that some of the practices of the forest industry destroy the environment and harm other sectors of the economy. Log dumping, sorting and storage in estuaries and harbours is a case in point. Back in 1949 we didn't think twice about such practices.

Today we know that leachates from bark can change a once-living environment for a wide variety of life into a dead wasteland. People from all parts of the constituency have expressed concern about the destruction of their environment and in many places they have organized to protect it. Bureaucratic insensitivity to their concerns has created anger, frustration and resulted in a loss of faith in the democratic process.

In the early 70's, people from the Ladysmith area wanted to have local control over their own harbour. They thought that they could come up with a reasonable plan to take account of the different needs of the forest industry, oyster farming, the tourist industry and recreation.

ANOTHER IDEA
The provincial government had another idea and appointed an advisory committee which included a non-resident representative of the forest industry. Following the inevitable deadlock, the provincial department of lands, parks and housing tried to impose its own plan.

The people of Ladysmith have said in no uncertain manner that they reject the plan. In effect, it does nothing more than allocate the use of crown foreshore leases with no consideration for the environment. This became painfully obvious at a public meeting on March 12. Government offi-

Ottawa report

BY JIM MANLY, MP

Officials had to admit that they had not given adequate consideration to such questions as water quality, which affects Ladysmith's oyster industry.

The Cowichan Valley Regional District has been asked to administer the plan but has indicated fundamental disagreements with its restricted point of view.

In a concise brief, the regional district makes a number of important suggestions for improving the plan.

WITHOUT HARDSHIP

The brief urges greater use of bundle booms, faster through put of logs through water lease lots, increased log sorting at the source, industry co-ordination of coastal log traffic and dry-land storage. These practices would improve the environmental quality of the harbour without causing any significant hardship for local mills.

The forest industry is necessary to British Columbia's economy and we must work to ensure its continuing health. But the forest industry must recognize its growing responsibility to safeguard the environment.

The Ladysmith Harbour Foreshore Management Plan indicates that the provincial government does not recognize this responsibility. The storm clouds continue to gather.

Taxpayers' money wasted

Sir,
In August 1980, the Salt Spring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee asked the Supreme Court of British Columbia for a Judicial Review of Pollution Control Director Venables' order, January 1978, to the Capital Regional District to install a sewer system in Ganges, without the Assent of the ratepayers.

This Judicial Review was held on two full days at the beginning of March, and a half-day last Thursday. As you were absent from any of these hearings, it seems desirable to fill you in on the essential fact:

Not one of the arguments advanced by the Director of Pollution Control and the Capital Regional District stood up under judicial scrutiny. The first of these was the contention that the case should be thrown out of court. (Were you yourself not one of those who were busy spreading the rumour over the Island that the case would not even be heard in court, not to speak of having a

chance to win? And did you not conduct, these past months, an unrelenting campaign for the Big Sewer, at a time when we, the Committee, had to keep silent because our case was before the courts?)

The judgement came down on the side of the Alternatives Committee without any reservation. Once more, the Government of British Columbia - which had provided legal counsel for the Pollution Control Director - and the Capital Regional District had wasted taxpayers' money on a case that had no chance.

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Detailed bylaw to rule all procedures of regional board

Capital Regional Board will have a new procedural bylaw as soon as the final draft is approved.

One of the main movers towards the new bylaw was Salt Spring Director Yvette Valcourt.

Valcourt complained that the original was not adequate and the board agreed. The new bylaw has been prepared by I. Izard, who has

success in court have a right to be pleased with the verdict. They and all the Island people who want nothing but their right to have a say in their own affairs now trust that the Capital Regional District will pay due regard to the Supreme Court's ruling, cease wasting money on the ill-conceived Big Sewer scheme, and let the Salt Spring Islanders arrange their own affairs: replace this scheme with environmentally sound alternatives.

HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,
R. R. 3, Ganges.
March 31, 1981.

enjoyed long familiarity with provincial procedures.

The new bylaw provides that Bourinot's Rules of Order shall be the ultimate authority.

The bylaw has some legislative flavour in the clause 6.8. "No director shall speak disrespectfully of Her Majesty the Queen, nor of the Governor-General, Lieutenant-Governor or persons administering the government of Canada or of this province, nor shall he or she use offensive words in or against any member thereof nor speak beside the question in debate."

Section of the proposed procedural rules was challenged and a ruling sought from the board solicitor. Under 10.6, the directors who represent municipalities having no share in the cost of the function under debate would be disqualified from voting.

Would this clause leave director Valcourt the only director entitled to vote on the Ganges sewer, enquired Bob Wright.

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A Court of Revision as required by Section 484 of the Municipal Act will be held at 10:00 am on April 23, 1981 in the Board Room of the Capital Regional District at 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. to review the 1981 Parcel Tax Assessment Roll for the Outer Gulf Islands Magic Lake Estates Sewer System Specified Area.

The Court of Revision will hear only those appeals filed in writing with the undersigned 48 hours in advance of its first sitting.

A copy of the complete roll will be available for inspection at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, holidays excepted, commencing April 6, 1981.

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Contract talks to continue next week

Contract negotiations between the Gulf Islands School Board and the local branch of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) have yet to produce an agreement, but CUPE president Don Gilman is optimistic that a settlement can be reached.

"At the moment I am hopeful," said Gilman late last week.

He said that the provincially appointed mediator will return for two more days of talks late next week.

Mediation officer R.J. Phillips was here for two days of talks beginning March 18 but returned to Victoria after the first day when it was learned that the chief negotiator for the school board had another commitment.

Gilman said that secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck informed negotiators that he would be attending a secretary-treasurers' conference in Kamloops on March 19.

Gilman indicated displeasure at Peck's sudden departure and said that everyone involved in the negotiations was aware that the mediator would be here for two days of talks.

Reached at the school board office this week, Peck said that he had previously informed Phillips that he had a prior commitment and that Phillips had decided to come to the district anyway.

The main stumbling block to reaching a settlement is over wages. CUPE employees are standing firm on their demand that wages be brought into line with CUPE employees in other school districts of a similar size.

"We're trying to get equal pay for equal work," said Gilman.

He wouldn't disclose what kind

Day in sight when controls will be strict

The day might well come when the keeping of dogs will be a tightly controlled procedure restricted to responsible persons, suggested the Capital Regional District animal protection officer Bill Leach, when he spoke to the Salt Spring Lions Club last week.

There is no such thing as a bad dog, said Leach, it is a bad owner. The owners are responsible for the damage inflicted by their pets.

He spoke briefly at Thursday evening's dinner meeting, in anticipation of showing a film on the subject. The projector could not be used and the film was cancelled.

He urged, particularly, that all animals be neutered. This applied equally to dogs and cats, said Leach, although there is no control over cats at present.

There is no evidence that a neutered male shows any ill-effects from the operation, said the dog man. A cat is no less affectionate after being neutered, he added.

The lack of a brief movie shortened his address.

of wage increases the union is looking for.

School board chairman Strick Aust said that the board acknowledges that wages for CUPE employees in this district are low in relation to CUPE workers in other comparable districts.

"Do you try to make it all up in one year or spread it over several years? That's the question being negotiated."

TO IRON OUT WORDING

He added that the two sides still have to iron out the wording in a few areas of the contract dealing with working conditions. He doesn't expect that final phrasing of the contract will prove a difficult obstacle to overcome, however.

Phillips is scheduled to return to the district for another round of talks on April 9 and 10. He was appointed by the ministry of labour on February 23 to try to bring the two sides to agreement.

He was appointed at the union's request.

Aust said that following talks on March 18, Phillips instructed both sides to draw up a new set of proposals before returning to the bargaining table.

SINCE NOVEMBER 11

Negotiations between CUPE and the school board have been under way since November 11 and non-teaching union members have been without a contract since December 31.

Peck and a three-member negotiating committee composed of trustees from the school board are representing the district. Sitting on the committee are its chairman, Mary Williamson, Vivian Pinteau and Charles Baltzer.

A business agent from Victoria and four members of a local negotiating committee are presenting the union's position at the bargaining table.

There are a total of 42 CUPE members here, including custodians, bus drivers and clerical workers.

In May and June

Soil survey project at Pender

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

A soil survey project will be conducted at Pender Island during May and June.

Keith Valentine and Laurens van Vliet of Agriculture Canada spoke to the Farmers' Institute on March 24, to outline the project. About 30 people attended the meeting.

Valentine explained how the soil survey unit does its work. Four years is being spent surveying the southern Gulf Islands.

Following completion of the survey, black and white folio maps will be produced and will be available from the ministry of environment in Victoria. There will also be coloured maps published by Agriculture Canada.

This particular soil survey unit is now in its third year. For Pender the intention this year is to do geology and vegetation and possibly soils. Obviously it will be necessary to go on to private property. Wherever possible permission will be requested.

In the final map produced, every area of the islands will be described.

"Regarding soils", said Valentine, "the attempt is to get 80% reliability. For example, a soil which is described as sandy, well drained actually means it is 80% sandy and well drained."

Laurens van Vliet said there are five major soil parameters the crew look at while in the field. They dig a pit one metre square and look at the different horizons in the soil. Secondly, they look at the texture and thirdly the drainage.

Then they look at the parent material from which the soil developed and finally the depth to bedrock.

Van Vliet continued by saying that the colour of the soil is important as by the oxidation they can tell how high the water table is in the winter and thus determine the rooting depth. They also look at the steepness of the slope and the direction the slope faces.

Slides were shown which illustrated two types of soil, Cowichan and Saturna, which exist on the Gulf Islands. There are 15 different types of soil, and some types are divided into two or three sub-types.

Keith Valentine explained that clay soil is of some value for agriculture. It tends to be in flat areas and is cold in spring.

To put buildings on this soil it should be properly drained. That describes Cowichan soil.

On the other hand, Saturna soil is found from extreme slopes to nearly level ground, is gravelly, sandy loam and is strongly acid.

On the basis of the information

gathered, Valentine said, decisions can be made whether soils are suitable for agriculture or houses.

Frank Jones inquired about the Canada Land Inventory. Valentine replied that all the agriculture land in Canada, plus the surrounding forest land, has been done, with the exception of Newfoundland and parts of B.C. The McKenzie Valley has been done in great detail, he said.

There is very little class 1 land on the Gulf Islands and quite a lot of it comes under class 2. Much of the Cowichan land is class 4, which can be brought up to class 2 with special management.

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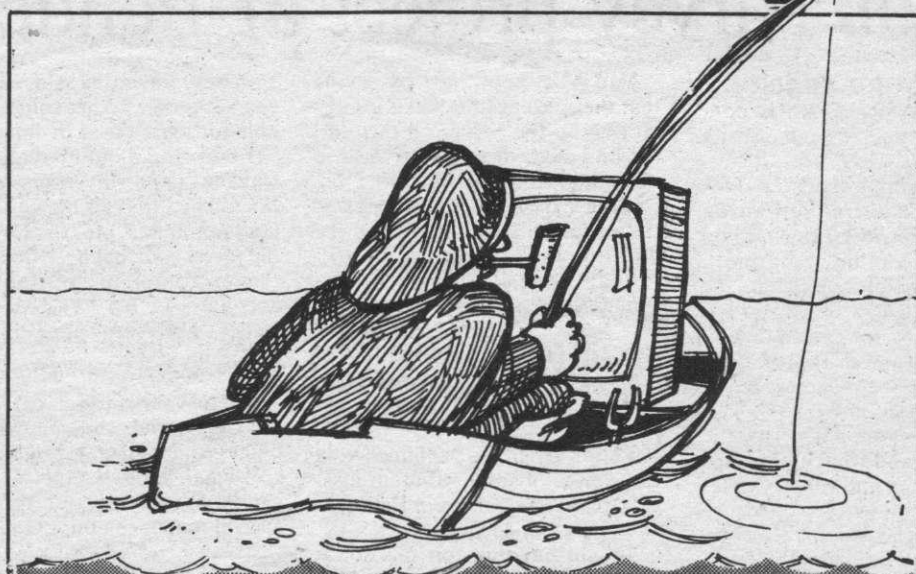


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Reports of busy year heard at council meet

BY ELMA RUBRIGHT

More than 60 members of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council turned out for the annual general meeting last Monday in Mahon Hall. Before settling down to the business at hand, all enjoyed hearing the piano, a recent CAC acquisition for the hall and the community. Sarah Wiebe and Wendy Severn pleased everyone with their piano selections.

The agenda for the evening included a review of the past year's activities by president Jose Clement, followed by reports from the participating guilds - the Potters, Painters, Weavers, Concert Society, Singers, Quilters and the Players.

Echoes of an extremely busy year abounded as, one after another, the guilds ticked off increased membership and a long list of accomplishments and projects under way. Those listening had no doubt that the arts are, indeed, flourishing on Salt Spring and the Outer Islands.

A lively discussion ensued over the finances of the summer Artcraft show which seems to grow year after year in attendance, in the number of artisans displaying, in the quality and variety of the items offered and in resultant sales. Craftspeople selling through the yearly show were assured that it was not necessary for each of them to acquire a business license since all Artcraft sales are covered by the council's business license.

Last on the evening's agenda was the election of officers and directors for the coming year. Continuing on the board are Jose Clement, president; Olive Clayton, immediate past president; Lavender Hyde, treasurer; and directors Dorothy Cummings, Bunty Gonzalez, Joan Hoadley and Marg Simons.

Elected to two-year terms were Gerry Layard, vice-president; Roz Truelove, secretary; and directors Bas Cobanli, Merle Box, Suzanne Gagnon, Muriel Hale, Ilse Leader, Wyn MacLachlan, Lawrie Neish and Ann Leigh Spencer.

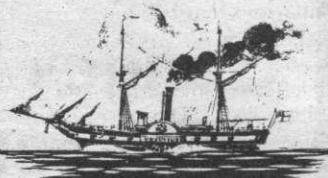
Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month in Mahon Hall, and all members are welcome to attend.

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A Ganges man narrowly escaped injury when his pickup truck was forced from the road and into a ditch over the weekend.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of Ganges RCMP reports that Danny Reynolds was alone in his 1977 Ford pickup when it was cut off by an unidentified vehicle near the intersection of Lower and Upper Ganges Roads.

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Last concert features opera

BY JEAN KNIGHT

On Sunday afternoon we held our last concert of the season, in the form of an opera concert.

Bernard Turgeon, the well known opera singer who is now teaching opera at the University of Victoria, brought over 12 of his students.

First they performed Vaughan Williams' one-act opera *Riders to the Sea*. In this they captured the atmosphere of the "waiting" wives

and mothers, while their men were at sea.

Next came the gay one-act opera, *The Impresario*, by Mozart. This, in complete contrast to the previous one, was gay, witty and humorous.

These singers are to be congratulated and will, I am sure, rise well into the field of opera singers.


They were very ably accompanied on the piano by Teresa Turgeon, and stage direction was by

Glynis Leyshon.

Anyone who missed these performances certainly missed a great treat.

In closing this season, I would like to thank you all for your support, and wish you a happy summer - we hope to see you all next September.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in St. George's Hall at 7:30 on Thursday, Apr. 23.



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Bad Luck Blackie may be funniest movie ever made

Cartoon fans are being urged to make their reservations soon for the showing at Island Cinema April 15 of a 90-minute cartoon special, including *Bad Luck Blackie*.

In a recent review in the Vancouver *Province*, Michael Walsh described the 1949 cartoon as the funniest thing he'd ever seen.

"The first time I heard the phrase 'die laughing'," Walsh wrote, "I thought the idea a little far-fetched. The first time I saw *Bad Luck Blackie* I damn near died. Laughing.

"The symptoms were unmistakable. Here was a cartoon that was

so hilarious that I couldn't breathe for laughing. Tears rolled down my cheeks and, suddenly, I know why effective jokes are called gags.

"I was lucky. The tale of a kitten-hating dog that gets what he deserves, *Bad Luck Blackie* runs standard theatrical cartoon length. It was over before my delight became terminal.

"It is the funniest thing I'd ever seen. Animation director Tex Avery's masterpiece, it may be the funniest movie ever made."

Dan Evanishen of Island Cinema said Monday that 30 reservations had already been made for the show.

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Minister defends Sunday shopping regulations

In a letter to the Capital Regional Board last week the minister of municipal affairs, Bill Vander Zalm, explained that the holiday shopping legislation had been misunderstood. The minister referred to a "substantial misunderstanding or misconception" of certain provisions of the legislation.

The Holiday Shopping Regulation Act requires that all stores should be closed on holidays, including Sundays, explained the minister. There is a provision for exemptions.

This aspect of the regulation has been supported substantially, he told the board, by unions, labour groups and church organizations.

The same regulation provides for the introduction of a bylaw by municipalities extending the range of merchandising activities to be allowed.

Vander Zalm recalled the pressures exerted by the Union of

B.C. Municipalities in 1979 towards a new legislation in this area of Sunday shopping. That concern was partly responsible for the re-writing of the act, he told the board.

The union asked for legislation to permit municipalities and regional districts to regulate shop closing hours within their bounda-

ries. Sundays were included in the plea.

The province is not one homogeneous unit and there is no reason for one regulation to cover all of B. C., wrote the minister.

Those areas which want Sunday shopping may opt for it under this legislation. Those which are satisfied to see stores close on

Sundays have no reason for a local vote on the matter.

The ministry will help municipalities to pose the necessary question, said Vander Zalm. It will also act as a liaison in the blending of regulations of adjoining jurisdictions.

Salt Spring Island voters turned

down Sunday shopping at the November elections and on the Outer Islands they called for stores to be open. Only stores affected would be the larger outlets on Salt Spring Island.

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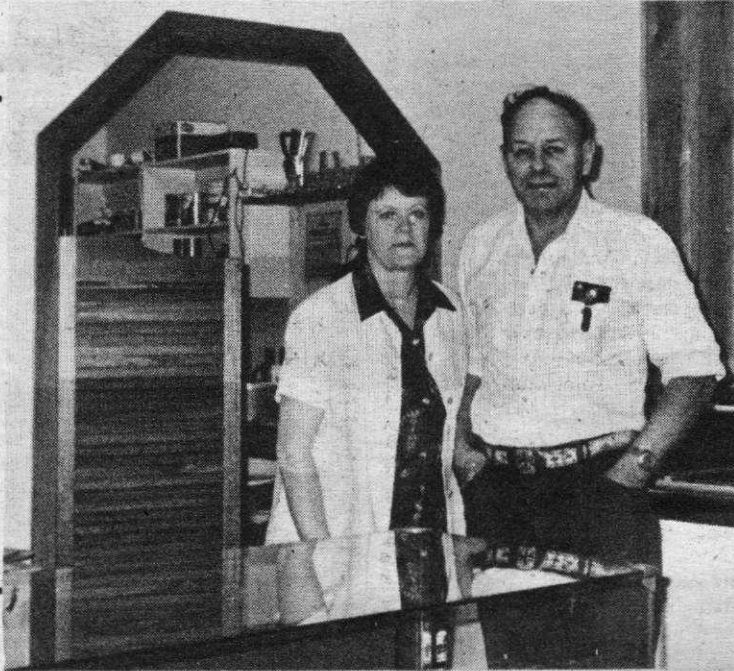
Christopher, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vujnovich of West Vancouver, was born of Canadian parents in Geneva, Switzerland, and previously attended schools in Athens, Kuala Lumpur and Ottawa. An excellent student, Chris is fluently bilingual and contemplates a career in External Affairs. At St. Michaels University School, he is an active participant in soccer, swimming, racquet sports and sailing.

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Restaurateurs new to Pender

Marg and Smoky Malidier recently moved to Pender Island from Engen, B.C., near Vanderhoof. Smoky is a builder and heavy-duty mechanic. Marg has taken over the operation of the Drift Inn Restaurant. Opening day was March 1.



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Saturna students enter paintings in competition

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN Peanut Butter/Jam Session

Lynn Scott entered 18 of the school children's paintings in the "B.C. Young Artists" 1981 competition.

All children in B.C. from grades 1-12 may enter. Two hundred works will be chosen for display and the artists will get certificates. In September a display of these paintings will travel throughout B.C.

Last Wednesday, instead of skating, the young kids visited Dr. Dahl, her veterinary office and patients, and the older kids visited the *Sidney Review*. At both places, the children divided up into two groups so they could get close personal attention. The visits were fascinating for the kids. You can tell because when you ask "Did you have a good day?" you hear, "Yeah!!" and a long enthusiastic tumble of words!

Us

Along the reproductive lines: Flora Ratzlaff definitely has a pregnant skunk. Lorraine Campbell says her farm has over 50 lambs and 12 calves.

And Arlen, the creamiest "for animal consumption only" producer, has a calf.

On March 19 the Friday afternoon bridge group took the *Ann Elizabeth* over to Saturna Beach, rode the tractor up to Lorraine Campbell's and had a feast for lunch, played bridge and inspected the results of spring.

Laurie Cunningham is taking her first year in geology at U.B.C. She has a summer job on the B.C.-Yukon border working for DuPont. Her occupation will be "dirt bagger" in the common tongue or "geology assistant" in the technical tongue, collecting and analyzing samples.

Those gorgeous, incomparable Saturna Island cookbooks that are so easily attainable at both stores are half sold! Juanita Hutton-Potts, project pusher, figures the parents' group has made \$876!

Credit where credit is due: Elaine Andrews did much typing of recipes for the book.

Leslie Grekul is feeling much better, and being a sensible woman, taking good care of herself. Between her mother, Joan Graham, and Zoe and Nicole they have home well in hand.

Our post office is under close scrutiny this week: step in the door and you're counted. Mickey Michaux and Flora, our postmistress, are doing a "unit of work survey", noting the number of pieces of ingoing and outgoing mail and all revenue transactions.

This process will go on for two weeks - this week Flora will do it on her own. Every second year the post office likes to do a count. Currently we're in group II, on a scale from one to six.

The different scales are represented by differences in salary and hours worked. Grade two = 35

hours a week open, grade one = 30 hours open. Fifty to 100 pieces of mail leave our post office every day and the amount arriving varies drastically. Mr. Michaux's job in Victoria is training, safety and relief.

He has found Debbie and Michael Graham at the Lodge to be very hospitable and enjoys talking to islanders. Mickey has worked in enough rural post offices to know how to handle slack time; he brought a fat book along!

Elizabeth Bray's dancing children will dance in Victoria at a competition and display on April 24. Many children and many kinds of dance will be present and presented. Our children and Elizabeth are creating a dance using the sea for inspiration.

At the parents meeting Monday night, a parents advisory group was nominated. The new school board has asked for more direct contact from the parents. So we decided to be somewhat more structured but still keep our accustomed procedural informality.

E. Bray is chairman; D. Graham, vice-chairman; L. Grekul, money; P. Janszen, secretary. In order to utilize people's styles, skills and freshness to their utmost we will change every six months. If you like baseball or jump-rope come by at any noon hour and play with the kids.

At the Community Club meeting new officers were elected. Ray Daily is president; this writer, vice-president; Flora Ratzlaff, secretary; Jacques Campbell, treasurer. Directors are Juanita Hutton-Potts, Ann Bavis, Jim Money, Don Piper (if he pays his dues), Don Hogg and Bill Lawson.

A topic at the meeting was a request for better inter-island ferry service. Concerning the park we reaffirmed our stance that it be a marine park and no upland development. We are disappointed that the parks board has not placed a "no camping" sign in an obvious place, and that they have proceeded with land development of the park without consulting the island as they had specifically agreed.

A letter will be sent to *Driftwood* and Lands Minister Jim Chabot and anyone else to whom it is applicable.

We have less money than last year due to our extensive contribution to the Community Hall renovations.

Surprise! We will have the Saturna Island Lamb Barbeque on July 1!

Tom and Marjorie Davidson, who have three grandsons (Clint and Kevin make up two), now have a granddaughter, Jessica May. Young Mrs. Davidson had Jessica May March 25; young John Davidson is the father. The new family lives in northern Alberta.

Of note

Fire department meetings will be held Thursdays at 7 pm in the

community hall. Lots of participation is necessary to set up a good constitution. Bruce Hall of the justice department is mailing over a copy of a constitution from another fire department for use as an example.

Twenty to twenty-five regular volunteers are needed to fill the jobs that go with fire fighting. Inform yourself for your own

security and serve your community by giving of your time, skills and enthusiasm. This is a real chance for your input.

Bruce Hall is a humorous, dynamic, knowledgeable speaker who last Sunday gave a lively lecture suited to Saturna's particular fire emergency situation (What luck for us!) He is investigating, on our behalf, fire

fighting equipment in Vancouver and has already mailed over pamphlets on smoke detectors.

Choir practice is changed again! Wednesday night at 7 pm at the main house at the Payne farm and Tuesday morning at 9 am at Debbie Graham's.

April 18 will see the women's club bake sale at 3 pm.

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Planting in beds is well suited to home garden

There are two common ways of growing your veggies in the garden. One is the row system, with rows roughly 12 inches apart, just wide enough to walk between them.

This system has developed from large-scale farming with machinery, to allow tractors of horse-drawn equipment between the rows. My great-grandparents grew sugar beets this way and I remember thinning acres of beets with them as a five-year-old.

This method then is applicable to large-scale growing, requires a great deal of land, cultivation, irrigation, weed and pest control. If you are growing a couple of acres of cabbages, it makes sense to follow this system.

However, if you are just growing a few cabbages for you and yours, it does not make sense. In this case one should follow the second method of growing veggies in "beds."

MANY ADVANTAGES

Basically, a bed consists of about four very close rows of veggies followed by a walk, and then another bed. This method is sometimes called the "French" system, or lately, the "intensive" system. It is beautifully suited to the home garden and has many distinct advantages.

Modern proponents of this ancient system claim double or quadruple yields as compared to

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

the row system. And it is true, you can grow up to four times as many veggies in the same area.

Take cabbages, for instance. In the row system, cabbages are planted in rows about three to 3½ feet apart. This allows at least a foot of space between rows of mature cabbages with their large bottom leaves. For four rows of cabbages you would need a total width of 12 to 14 feet. This is a lot of space which needs to be weeded and irrigated.

The same four rows of cabbages can be grown in a total width of five feet with the bed method. You plant your cabbage rows one foot apart, with the plants staggered in the rows. Cabbages are planted about 18 inches apart in the rows with the cabbages in the next row centred in the spaces between those of the first row.

CUT IN HALF

It is simply a "staggered" system. Weeding, watering and cultivating is cut in half and so is the requirement of total soil area. Also, plants

rapidly cover the exposed area, further reducing the living space for weeds. You save yourself half a season of weeding.

Another important aspect is that of soil compaction. By limiting walking on the soil to the walks between beds, soil compaction between the plants is avoided completely. This allows free root development and aeration of your soil. Your soil stays looser, longer.

Another important aspect is that you can concentrate your soil improvement efforts to a much smaller area, resulting in double the soil improvement with the same effort. Also, it seems, plants grow better under these conditions.

As for the width of the walks between beds, I like to keep mine to the width of our lawn mower. This allows me to mow the weeds between the beds. This way they do not go to seed, they provide an important moisture retaining groundcover and a constant supply of organic material from the clippings.

BARELY TOUCH

Carrots, onions, leeks and other slender veggies can be planted in rows three inches apart. Basically, with this method, the various veggies are planted so they will just barely touch when mature.

Since the bed method requires one-half or less the space as com-

pared to the row system, further improvements are possible.

There are two. The "deep bed" method for dry, well drained gardens, and the "raised bed" method for wet, poorly drained gardens. The deep bed method is simply a "double dug" bed. The bed is dug to twice the normal digging depth. The "raised bed" is surrounded with a six to eight-inch-high board and then filled to the top of the borders with soil from the walks, compost, organic material or soil from elsewhere.

Raised beds provide excellent drainage and the soil heats up earlier. If you plan on growing your own winter veggies, raised beds are necessary, given our winter rains. Both deep and raised beds are a further improvement over the bed method.

EXTENDS SEASON

The raised bed will extend the normal gardening season at both ends: you can start earlier (February) and finish later (December). This fall, furthermore, we will be getting into winter gardening with winter hardy veggies, for an all-seasons supply of veggies.

Now with a reduced growing area mulching becomes more feasible and will further reduce your time and labour, as well as improve your soil at the same time. Mulch between your veggies after the soil

has warmed up. A depth of six inches of mulch will smother all weeds, keep soil temperature higher at night, very important in our cool night climate, and it will retain moisture, again, a boon in our dry summer climate.

Mulch and raised beds are a necessity for winter veggies. So if you want to grow winter veggies with us, it would be a good idea to grow some buckwheat somewhere during this summer. Grow it in an unused area and save it for early winter.

To retain soil heat in the raised beds it will be necessary to fill the walks between beds with mulch as well. Straw, leaves, sawdust, anything will do. And next spring the decomposed mulch will go into the soil in the raised beds, further improving your soil.

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Down the Gutter

With KEN COLLINS

This week saw some very high scores recorded. Terry Jenkins led the way with a big 912 (342-300); then we had Danny Bedford with 890 (303); Carol Kaye with 888 (301-365); and then this writer at last managed to do something with 828 (313) and 782 (303).

Other good scores came from Bob Akerman, 722; Daryl Little, 749 (309); Denis Corcoran, 703; Anne Harrison, 703 (305); Leo Toutant, 714; Peter Jacquest, 740; Carol Kaye, 752; and finally Lisa Butler-Cole with 714. We had one other 300 game from Bunty McNally with 310.

The bowlers of the week were Carol Kaye and Terry Jenkins, while for the golden-agers they were Helen Herron and Stan Wakelyn.

One of our local bowlers, Vic Dodds, was showing me a picture he had taken in 1960 of himself and the person who invented the game of five-pin bowling, Tommy Ryan.

What a small world we live in. I was talking to Sheila Lucas, one of our local bowlers, and she informed me that she once lived at a place in Shropshire, England, that was just a mere 18 miles from where I was born and lived until 1966.

Tip of the Week

Don't vary your ball's speed. Try

to deliver a consistent one every time.

Y.B.C. NEWS

High scorers for Saturday, Mar. 28 were:

Jets: Aaron Slingsby, 90; Rebecca Stratholt, 93; Shane Eldstrom, 68; Bridgette Underwood, 58.

Pee Wees: Tanya Slingsby, 135; Tammy Sloan, 115; Chelsea Eldstrom, 94; Jeffrey Neilson, 148; Clinton Helfrich, 130; Brett Marshall, 105.

Bantams: Jodie Harrison, 205; Shannon Taylor, 186; Laura Little, 180; Kimberley West, 151; David Jacquest, 136; Justin Williams, 135; Arlys Stratholt, 120.

Juniors: Denise Harrison, 210; Suzanne Cottrell, 206; Van Innes, 180; Kara Cruickshank, 175; Charles Rose, 178; David Cates, 168.

Seniors (Wednesday, Mar. 25): Janet Foerster, 186; Trisha Westcott, 175; Marvin Foerster, 211; Danny Fraser, 200; Steve Marleau, 192.

The following qualified for their "I Beat My Average" badges:

Jets and Pee Wees: Aaron Slingsby, Rebecca Stratholt, Bridgette Underwood, Shane Eldstrom, Tammy Sloan, Tanya Slingsby, Chelsea Eldstrom, Jeffrey Neilson, Clinton Helfrich,

Juan de Fuca tournament

Cyclones take first place

BY BRUCE CASPAR

Last weekend proved to be very busy for the Cyclones, as they played in a tournament and also played their District Cup game.

On Saturday the Cyclones played their first of two tournament games. Salt Spring played the host team, Juan de Fuca, in this game and beat them 3-1. The game was not a very good showing by the Cyclones, although the weather was miserable and the wind was blowing very hard. Scoring for the Cyclones were Nelson Graham with a pair and Paul Cottrell with one.

On Sunday morning the Cyclones played their District Cup game against the "A" division Gor-

don Head team. Again the weather and wind was terrible and this time the field was muddy around the Cyclones' first-half goal mouth. This led up to a disappointing 4-1 loss.

The Cyclones never really got started playing because the wind cancelled out any attack and it also did not allow the defenders to clear the ball. The mud gets credit for two Gordon Head goals and the wind gets credit for one other. The mud was like playing on ice, not allowing the defenders to properly check the Gordon Head forwards. A Gordon Head player would go one way and when the Cyclone defender turned to go with him he slipped and fell. In the second half the wind died a little but it did not matter to the Cyclones because they were shooting with the wind. Nelson Graham scored the lone Cyclone goal on a beautiful passing play which led to a break-away for him. The rest of the play in the game was very even but the Cyclones could not come back and score again.

So with the loss the Cyclones went to go play their tournament final against Duncan. This game was played very well by the Cyclones, who won 5-1.

The Cyclones' goals were scored by Nelson Graham again with two, Paul Cottrell, Bryan Caspar and

Andrew Hoeller. For the win the Cyclones won a huge trophy.

So after all, the weekend didn't turn out all bad. All the Cyclones players should be congratulated for their great play all season long and special thanks to Margot Caspar, the team manager.

Finally the four Kicks players, Lyle Brown, Paul Cottrell, Peter Coates and Andrew Hoeller, should be thanked for playing with the Cyclones in the tournament.

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Bridge winners

Gulf Islands bridge club winners March 23 were:

First, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; tied for second, Alf and Vera Nichols, Phyllis Henderson and Shirley Love; fourth, Helen Shandro and Audrey Allan; fifth, Gordon Hutton and Norm McConnell.

On March 24: first, Lorna and Peter Pentz; second, Gordon and Norman Best; tied for third, Gordon Hutton and Irene Hawksworth, Fred Melhuish and George Ferguson.

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KICK-OFF

Wranglers go to District Cup final on Saturday

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Another week of soccer action saw a few more teams wind down their season but for some the finish came on a high note.

In District Cup play our association's hopes rested with two teams going into semi-final action. In Division 6C the Wranglers, coached by Ed Davis, were pitted against a Gordon Head team at Portlock Park. The Salt Spring team started slowly but after a fine goal by Jason Minvielle, the Wranglers had things their own way.

The result was a 4-0 pasting putting Ed's team into the District Cup final at 11 am this Saturday, Apr. 4, at Lambrick Park in Victoria. Our association hopes a big crowd of supporters will travel with the team and encourage them in their drive for the cup.

In Division 2A cup action the Cyclones, coached by this writer, met a different fate with another

Gordon Head squad. Salt Spring's opponents were a well-oiled machine who finished second in the 2A division and they reflected their strength by taking a 3-0 half-time lead.

LOST 4-1
The Cyclones, a never-say-die team all year, fought back in the second half before losing 4-1. For the Salt Spring boys their showing in the 2A cup will stand them well for their move to Division 1 next season.

But all was not gloom and doom for the Cyclones on the weekend as they were participating in the Juan de Fuca Tournament and the results were very pleasing. The team was bolstered by four players from the Kicks as they had a game on Saturday and two on Sunday (one being their District Cup match).

On Saturday the Cyclones dropped Juan de Fuca 3-1 to advance to Sunday's final. After

losing their District Cup match the team was keyed up for the tournament final and promptly bombed Duncan 5-1 on a fine team performance.

Their reward was a beautiful trophy that, as one boy put it, "is even bigger than Kenny Anderson." Well done, Cyclones.

INTRA-ISLAND

Coers Cup action wrapped up

**COERS CUP
Final standings**

	GP	W	L	T	Total Pts.
Panthers	9	5	0	4	37
Rowdies	9	3	2	4	29
Kanaka Cosmos	9	2	3	4	27
Fernwood Fury	9	1	6	2	17

last week with three games but the early lead the Panthers built up in the standings ensured their winning the trophy.

1. Rowdies 1 (Izak Ondre, Fernwood Fury 0.

2. Rowdies 3 (Izak Ondre 2, Kevin Smith), Cosmos 1 (Suzanne Terrick).

3. Fernwood Fury 3 (Chad Little - 3), Panthers 2 (Andrew Aust - 2).

Last week's action saw two strong performances from the Rowdies to just nip the Cosmos for second place and a strong game

can reflect on a good season of soccer made possible by the hard work of each team's coaches: Marguerita Nordine and Ron Hatch (Fury); Phil Hume (Panthers); Barbara Smith and Colin Bird (Rowdies); this writer (Cosmos); Chuck Nelkin (Green Machine); Cathy Procter (Blazing Eagles); and Alan Hardie (Red Demons).

They all deserve a hearty cheer and a well-deserved rest.

Their rest will be short as April 11 and 12 will see our Fifth Annual Soccer Tournament at Portlock Park, which involves most of our players, teams and officials. I will discuss our season wrap-up next week.

Don't forget, 11 am Saturday, Apr. 4, the Wranglers are in the District Cup final at Lambrick Park. Go and give your support and help bring the silver home.

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Capital Region's building inspection division

They can barely keep up with demand

Twelfth of a series

BY SCOTT WEBSTER

The Capital Regional District is issuing building permits at a record pace and the chief building inspector for the area says that his office can barely keep up with the demand.

Maurice Neal said that the building inspection division has already issued about twice as many permits this year as it did during the same period in 1980.

During the first two weeks of March alone, he estimates that his office received as many applications for permits as it did for all of March, 1980.

"As a matter of fact, right now it's very hard to keep track of the number of permits we issue because the amount of work we're doing is literally double what it normally would be," said Neal. "There's just a tremendous amount of activity in building."

It would be difficult to say, though this trend is a carry-over from last year when the division issued nearly 55% more permits than it did during 1979.

TOTAL OF 2,301

The building inspection division issued a total of 2,301 building permits for all of the CRD last year compared to 1,495 in 1979.

Total value of the permits it issued nearly tripled, climbing to about \$72,400,000 from about \$24,380,000 during the previous year.

The division's revenue from the permits rose about 125% to approximately \$613,300 from about \$272,700 in 1979.

Neal describes a situation in which contractors are working at a pace already about two months ahead of last year and in which his staff of 19 is doing everything it can to keep up with demand for building permits.

THROUGHOUT REGION

He notes that new construction is evident throughout the regional district and that all areas are experiencing similar increases.

Neal describes the pressure that his staff is under as tremendous and says that the division has had to dispense with some of its routine duties until the work load eases.

"We are coping but it's difficult," he said.

"The point is that right now we don't have any time to spare and some of the lesser important activities will just have to be shelved for a while until we're able to catch up with them later."

As for the reasons behind the sharp increase, Neal suggested that it was a combination of several factors.

Real estate activity major factor

He cites the general increase in activity in the real estate market as a leading contributor.

Mild, unseasonably warm temperatures allowed contractors to work right through the winter, he said.

Neal also suggests that high interest rates appear to be here to stay and that people in general have begun to accept that fact.

THE ADMINISTRATORS

He said that land owners are realizing that there's no guarantee that there will be a reduction in interest rates in the foreseeable future. They're realizing that the longer they wait to begin construction, the further behind the eight ball they'll be.

Material and labour costs are at least keeping pace with inflation, meaning it just doesn't pay to try and outwait the high interest rates, he said.

NO LONGER DETERRENT

"It seems to me that a couple of years ago, the high cost of interest rates on mortgages would have been a very deterring factor but it isn't any more," he said.

"I think that people have just adopted the attitude that the longer they wait the more it's going to cost so if they're going to build, they'd better do it now."

Forecasting future trends is part of his job as chief building inspector and Neal said that he expects to do so this year with all the accuracy of an American auto-maker predicting future car sales.

He said that he has forecast with a reasonable degree of success in the past and that his track record would indicate about 85% accuracy over the last several years.

Return to normal is expected by summer

As for how long this building boom will continue, Neal said that he expects construction, and consequently the demand for building permits, to return to normal by early summer.

Information at his disposal and which he uses for forecasting indicates that activity will return to normal levels, perhaps showing a slight increase.

With years of experience in the construction business behind him, Neal made a smooth transition to his present career as a building inspector when he went to work for the city of Victoria in 1968.

Three years later he tried successfully for an administrative position with a newly created body that was given responsibility for providing essential municipal services.

A decade later, Neal still heads up the CRD's building inspection division.

Born in the south of England 56 years ago, Neal spent his early years in the county of Hampshire.

IN ROYAL MARINES
Neal joined the Royal Marines during the Second World War and after initially being stationed in Europe he was transferred to southeast Asia.

As a member of a tank landing craft flotilla, Neal was involved in the recapture of Burma and Malaya.

With the conclusion of the war, he returned to England for a brief period before striking out for a new life in Canada.

Having located in Edmonton, Neal remained there for an eight-year period during which he worked in construction.

Heading west again, Neal moved to Vancouver in 1955 and joined a large construction company with which he supervised various kinds of heavy construction projects all over the province. He remained there for about seven years.

LIFE-LONG AMBITION

During the next three years that he spent with a Victoria construction company, Neal bided his time, awaiting an opportunity to achieve his life-long ambition of going into business for himself.

He recalls that about that time the local economy began expanding by leaps and bounds, thus prompting him to form his own construction company, which was primarily involved in residential construction.

Then in 1968 he joined the city of Victoria as a building inspector.

Having made a home for themselves in the municipality of Saanich, he and his wife of 24 years, Ena, have two sons and a seven-month-old granddaughter.

Their son Brian is a lawyer and their son Chris is an engineering technologist. Both are married and live in North Saanich.

IN LANGFORD

As the CRD's chief building inspector, Neal works out of the division's spacious Langford office.

On the payroll are a total of nine building inspectors, three of whom are stationed at each of the division's three sub-offices. These are located at Sooke, Sidney and Ganges and are staffed by a clerk in addition to the local inspector.

The building inspector for Salt Spring Island and the Outer Islands is Jack Willoughby.

The building inspection division's purpose is two-fold and in theory its function is clearly defined.

The division is charged with the responsibility of issuing building permits for the construction of residential and commercial buildings and to inspect them at various stages of construction until completed.

Structure must meet building, fire codes

At each stage, the structure must meet specifications laid down by the federal government in either the national building code or the national fire code, depending on whether it's a residential or a commercial building.

If it's determined that either of these codes has been violated it's the contractor's responsibility to see that the necessary alterations are made.

The procedure for issuing permits and conducting inspections is similar for both residential and commercial buildings.

The difference lies in the scrutiny to which plans for commercial structures are subjected and in the frequency with which inspections are conducted.

FEE BASED ON SIZE

The building inspection division



MAURICE NEAL

collects a fee for issuing permits. This is levied when application is made and is based upon the size of the proposed structure.

There is a complicated system for calculating the amount of this fee and without going into specifics, Neal suggested that a building permit for an average size house would run in the neighbourhood of about \$350.

For residential buildings there are essentially about five stages at which inspections must be conducted.

At the time of application, plans for the building must be left with the local building inspector.

After going over them and checking for obvious violations, he forwards the plans to the division's Langford office for processing.

SITE PLAN TO TRUST

Included in the initial request for a permit is an application for a sewage disposal system which is referred to the CRD's health services office. In the case of the Gulf Islands, a site plan showing the exact location of the building is referred to the Islands Trust for approval.

Once it's determined that the plans are not in violation of any restrictions, the permit is issued and the owner is free to begin construction.

At this point he puts in his request to have the local building inspector conduct a series of on-site inspections.

Inspections are required before and after the concrete has been poured but the second inspection must be made before the foundation is back-filled.

AFTER FRAMING COMPLETED

The inspector is called back to the site after the framing has been completed and the plumbing has been roughed in.

An additional inspection is required for construction of a chimney and for installation of drainage tiles but these can usually be combined with one of the other inspections.

The final inspection is conducted after the building has been completed but before it has been occupied.

"Once the building has been completed, our involvement ceases unless there is a major change in the use of the building, then we would be involved," said Neal.

WOULD BE CALLED BACK

He said that the building inspector would also be called back to a site should the owner decide to put an addition on the building.

All newly constructed houses in the province are required to meet the national building code and all commercial buildings are required to meet that code in addition to the national fire code.

If they don't, it's the building inspection division's responsibility to see that the necessary alterations are completed to bring the building into line with regulations.

"You have two codes that are companion documents, the national building code and the national fire code," said Neal.

"The national building code deals with what's necessary to provide a certain level of fire protection, for example, for the building."

Fire department carries out inspections

"The national fire code deals with it from a maintenance point of view so that the fire department, once we're finished with the building, come into the picture. They normally carry out periodic inspections just to make sure that certain things are still functioning as they were when the building was completed," he explained.

The fire marshal's office makes periodic inspections of all commercial and public buildings to

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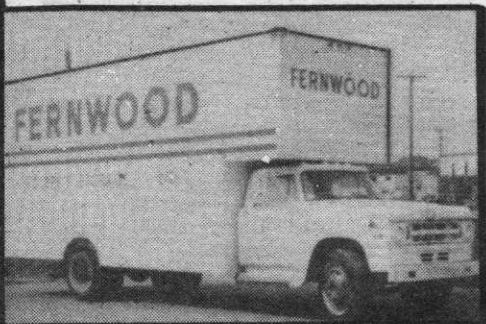
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Wild Bill learns to croch

BY MURRAY MOUTHGUARD AND REJEAN REBOUND

The B. C. Ferry Corporation had been forced to consider extra weekend sailings; Standard Oil and the Liquor Control Board had just declared record earnings; stocks in forest industry and hockey stick companies were at new highs; and Salt Spring Lands had just sold the last available property on the island, an out-house under the Fulford wharf, for a mere \$235,000.

Singlehandedly the Slugs had revitalized B. C.'s sagging economy. Then it happened. Much to the delight of wives, and to the dismay of players, The Slugs' "regular" season ended.

Sure it had been a little long - it did start way back in October, didn't it? Naturally a few home repair jobs had been overlooked - but then you didn't really need running water though, did you?
TRIMMED YEARS, POUNDS

And it was really worth it... wasn't it?
 Take Mel for instance - all that skating had trimmed years and pounds from his ravaged body. And Len - he'd been the epitome of propriety and control all year.

Tom too, had learned the meaning of commitment and reliability. And Pat had finally understood the true meaning of the word sportsmanship.

Obviously the whole thing had been healthy and therapeutic. But as all things must, it did come to an end last Sunday as the Slugs man-handled the Duncan Old-Timers 12 - 3 in front of a capacity Fan Appreciation Day crowd at Fuller Lake.

And what a way to finish! Storming out of the gate, the Slugs camped out in the Old Timers' end - pummeling their goalie with countless shots. It took several minutes to get the first one, but when they did the dam burst.

UP BY FIVE
 By the end of the first period the Slugs were up by five, after two, by 11. Meanwhile, down at the other end Wild Bill was learning to crochet and eating spumoni ice cream - obviously a cheap imitation of last week's antics by the Summerland goalie.

When the final buzzer went, the Slugs poured off the bench to congratulate Bill and console the badly overmatched Old-Timers to a standing ovation by the appreciative crowd - the silence was overwhelming.

A great finish for the Slugs - five goals for the Mad Dog replacing Danny Who? on right wing, three for the Jet, two for Cruiser Scown; and one each for Al "the Conser-



Here's a front view of the Salt Spring Slugs.



Some people think they're really just a bunch of...

vationist" Hardie and Junior Akerman. A good game by the defence too, limiting the Old-Timers to less than 10 shots.

FUTURE IN POLITICS
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