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*Cannot put Ganges in jeopardy*

## Stop order for sewers fails as Valcourt finds no support

Motion to call a halt to the Ganges sewer project was unsuccessful at last week's meeting of the Capital Regional Board.

Salt Spring Island Director Yvette Valcourt referred to the recent Supreme court findings when Mr. Justice John Gould found that the original order for sewers was invalid.

Prepared resolution stated, "Whereas supplementary letters patent do not constitute the authority for the Capital Regional District to install a sewer system in Ganges without the assent of the owner-electors any more than the order of the Pollution control director did; therefore be it resolved that all work and expenditures on the Ganges sewer cease."

The order of the director of pollution control has been set aside, Valcourt told the board, and the supplementary letters patent are questionable.

She also distributed copies of a letter from the municipal affairs minister to Dr. Norman Merkeley. The minister stated in his letter that his ministry intended looking into the position of the sewer project in light of the court's ruling.

**WHAT IF MONEY SPENT?**  
"What happens to the money already spent?" asked W.J. McElroy. "Right now you have a hospital system and a school system that don't work properly. What's going to happen to that mess over there?"

Jim Campbell expressed concern on two counts.

This board was well aware of the possibility that the Venables order might be found to be faulty, he recalled in reference to the court findings.

"Twice, since the Venables order was issued, the Cabinet has made orders on the sewer," he recalled.

"The Cabinet has the power, clearly and unequivocally, under the municipal act. The Cabinet does not have to give reasons and cannot be challenged for making orders for the wrong reasons."

If the project doesn't go through there will be \$2 million of federal funds lost, he continued.

### IN JEOPARDY

"There is a significant number of property owners in the sewer area who will be taxed. We have the power authority to proceed and if

we don't we jeopardize their investment."

Such an action would put the

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## Sails set for Toronto club

**A first for Salt Spring Island!**  
The good ship Hellibelle IV was built on Salt Spring Island by Michael Betts and will sail out of Mississauga in Ontario. She is believed to be the first vessel ever

built on the island for use on the Great Lakes. Picture shows the big sailer as she sails out of the Ganges yard aboard a massive trailer on Monday Morning.

## Little League registration on Saturday at Ganges

It's time to register for Little League.

Boys and girls, from six to 13, last January 1, can register at the Activity Room in Salt Spring Elementary School on Saturday, April 18.

Parents and coaches will meet on Tuesday evening, Apr. 21, at 7.30 pm in the elementary school library. Students who can't make the

Saturday meeting may register at the Tuesday evening assembly.

Fee for registration is \$10 per player with a maximum of \$25 for a family.

In addition to the Little League, there will be a boys' off-island softball team for 13-14-year olds. Registration for this group will cost \$15.

Source of information is Jack Speed.

## Brief to protest

Islanders are planning to make known their disgust at being required to pay school taxes for all the province, as well as their own community.

On Wednesday evening last week the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce agreed to prepare a brief for submission to the ministry of education regarding the education equalization levy imposed on the islands.

## Fire hall sold for \$46,100 as new station is planned

Fulford Fire Hall has been purchased by Pat Akerman, of Fulford, for \$46,100.

The sale of the hall is subject to the completion of the new building on Fulford-Ganges Road.

There were six tenders altogether. The unsuccessful bids were received from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, \$25,000; Ron. Puhky, \$37,150; Roy Lee, \$32,500; Charles Hingston, \$27,630; L. Drummond, \$25,550.

## Government grant

## Building permits twice as much in the islands

Building permit fees in the electoral areas of the Capital Regional District are the highest in the province, Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce was told last week. Only incorporated municipalities are higher.

Regional Director Yvette Valcourt told directors of the chamber on Wednesday evening last week that the rate for permits was established in 1978. It is based on an arbitrary valuation of building costs at \$33 per square foot.

The region collects a grant from the province as well as the fees paid by the applicant for a building permit. The government pays \$300 in respect of each housing start.

The amount of the permit, coupled with the government grant and augmented by a series of very expensive projects in the electoral areas has resulted in the present

surplus in funds amounting to \$394,000, explained the director. This sum will be paid back to the electoral areas but details have not been worked out yet.

Until 1979 the housing start grant stood at \$100. It is now \$300.

In the electoral areas of the Cowichan Valley Regional District fees are approximately half.

### FROM \$390 TO \$180

A permit which would cost \$389 for a 1,200 square foot house in the islands would cost a Cowichan District owner about \$180, explained the director.

The district will not reduce the permit fee in case the government reduces the grant, she continued. She would welcome the decision to reduce the fees locally until such time as the province might reassess the question of fees and assistance.

The director was thanked by Chairman Bert Elford.

## Geoff Cue is census man for islands to Gabriola

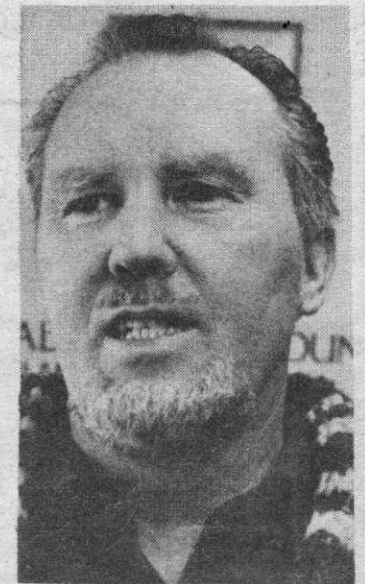
All Canadians will stand up to be counted on June 3, of this year.

It is the census year and the system to be adopted in the islands on June 3 is that which was used a decade ago. Residents will be invited to "Count Yourself In".

In the islands and extending as far north as Gabriola the census commissioner will be Geoff Cue, of 480 Vesuvius Bay Road, Ganges.

There is a full census taken every 10 years and a mini-census each five. Last full census was taken in 1971. The partial census of 1976 will be left a long way behind. The June census is expected to indicate an increase of six per cent across the country, bringing the total to well over 24 million.

"The census figures are widely used for both public and private planning of services," Cue told *Driftwood* on Monday. "They determine our representation in parliament and the transfer of federal funds to the provinces as well as from provincial governments to municipalities."



GEOFF CUE

By May 1 the census commissioner will have a staff of 15.

Any further information on the census is available from Geoff Cue at his home or 537-9237.

## Players already setting up next show for Mahon Hall

Before the "Fiddler on the Roof" set had been fully struck, both Yente, the matchmaker (Marilyn Taylor) and Grandma Tzeitel (Dawn Luker) were at work on the Salt Spring Players' next production.

They join Gwen Hind-Smith, Roz Truelove, Annie Shuttle-

worth, Elma Rubright, Jennifer Wiebe, and Ernie Rubright who have been working on it for some time. The eight, together are the cast for the three one-act plays to be presented April 23 and 24 in Mahon Hall and at the Theatre B.C. South Island Zone Drama Festival at the Cowichan Theatre in Duncan on April 25.

"Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn," featuring Marilyn Taylor and Gwen Hind-Smith, and directed by the cast, concerns two elderly ladies, friends for many years, whose usual and regular luncheon conversation one day takes a different turn. This is the day.

### CHEKHOV STORY

In Neil Simon's "The Audition", from a story by Anton Chekhov, David Fitchew directs Dawn Luker, the aspiring actress, and Ernie Rubright, the author, in a brief and amusing episode.

"Joy As it Flies", a new play by Salt Spring Player Roz Truelove will have its premier performance in Mahon Hall on opening night.

Directed by Ian Thomson and with the authoress, Annie Shuttleworth, Elma Rubright, and Jennifer Wiebe playing the parts, the story deals with a modern young woman's visit to a nursing home to establish contact with her grandmother, a patient in the home.

It happens, but not the way she planned.

Tickets for the two performances in Mahon Hall are limited and are available at et cetera Book and Stationery.

## Library gets boost for art section

Jack Lawrence has presented the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library with 69 back copies of *Arts Canada*, 34 copies of the British publication *The Artist*, and 18 copies of *Craft Horizons*.

There are the Art sections of Time Magazine for many years, divided into categories and fastened into five binders.

Lawrence also donated numerous books on the arts, now included amongst the more than 600 volumes already in circulation in the Library and Crafts section of the library.

The magazines and binders are not to be taken out but are in the reading room at the rear of the new wing for reference and easy browsing.

The library will be closed Good Friday, April 17, but will be open, as usual, on Saturday, April 18, from 10 am to 1 pm.

## Anacortes sailor rescued

# Small boat sinks after ordeal

A Washington man put in 16 harrowing hours overnight last Thursday when engine failure caused his 19-foot pleasure craft to end up on the rocky coast of Mayne Island.

Duane Breckinridge of Anacortes was picked up Friday morning by the crew of the Canadian Coast Guard station at Ganges after they were alerted that a boat was in some kind of difficulty in that area. A Pender Island man had informed the Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria that he had spotted a boat crashing up against the rocks on Mayne Island.

An earlier report had wrongly indicated that it was the Saturna water taxi that was involved.

Breckinridge was returning home from Nanaimo and had stopped for dinner at a restaurant on Mayne before setting out on the last leg of his trip.

Hoping to reach Anacortes that night, he started out only to run into fuel line problems at about 5:30 pm.

### ADRIFT AT SEA

Adrift at sea, the 19-foot fibreglass Bellbuoy eventually drifted to a spot about a mile west of St. John Point where it came to rest against the rocks.

Breckinridge spent a long sleepless night aboard the boat, sheltered from the elements by a couple of sleeping bags that happened to be on board.

He was greeted the following morning by gusting winds and three-foot swells that were tossing the craft up against the rocks.

With a hole punched in its stern and the boat taking on water,



DUANE BRECKINRIDGE

Breckinridge decided to make for shore, where he scaled a rugged bluff and found protection from the wintry cold.

That is where the crew of Coast Guard cutter 122 found him Friday morning at about 9:15.

### SINKS IN BAY

Hoping to save the boat before it slipped under, the cutter took it in tow only to have it sink just offshore in a small bay midway between where it had run ashore the previous night and St. John Point.

Breckinridge returned to Ganges, aboard the Coast Guard cutter, where he made arrangements with relatives back home to send him money so that he might find transportation to Anacortes.

That morning he admitted to being more than a little tired and maybe just a little worried.

While in Ganges he also planned to purchase a pair of used boots to replace the ones he lost during his ordeal on Mayne Island.

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## Honour roll at Gulf Islands Secondary

The following students of Gulf Islands Secondary School are on the Easter Honour Roll: Grade 8; Barbara Broughton, Nadine Byron, Suzanne Cottrell, Kara Cruikshank, Denise Harrison, Alex Hochsmann.

Grade 9; Lyle Brown, Paul Cottrell, Sandra Desbottes, Robert Hitchcock, Monik Nordine, Julie TenHeggeler, Michelle Thomas, Sarah Wiebe.

Grade 10; Caroline Andress, Dan Fraser, Gordon Hitchcock, Linda Kyle, Ken Marr, Dennis Simard, Ingrid Temmel, Marnie Dammell.

Grade 11; Elaine Davies, Maya Hoffman, Lisa Hughes, Robin Sacker, Penny Wright.

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# To Be Frank



by richards

Heard from Walter Hunt-Sowrey that he's in the Royal Jubilee Hospital and continuing the same kind of tests he used to have in the army. If they give him the same cure he used to have in the army, he'll likely come home thoroughly clean inside and out.

Driftwood had an interesting instruction last week. Josephine and Howard Mallek sent a card asking if he could have a copy of Driftwood. So we refused. And until he discloses his address, he'll have to go without.

Take a look at the Northern Lights, ordered my daughter, so I did. That was on Sunday, when the sky was striped with them. It's rare enough to be worth a mention.

Saturday was Tony's bad day. He was starting to move and the start was slow. It took him all day to do half a day's work when his trailer stuck in the mud. But he got his own back. On Monday he decided he had to stay with it and left the office. It was not my day. An hour later the main electronic typesetting machine stopped. It's already two years old and appears to be on the way out. This is the second stop in two weeks. But why, when I'm on my own? So I turned to the dark room. The photo-processor wouldn't start. I found the motor was jammed. Then I found why. The plastic tray had sprung a leak and the very corrosive chemicals had penetrated the motor. There was acid fixer everywhere. After working for 10 minutes, without the machine, I was dazzled by the lights coming on. So was the photo paper. The chemicals had found a switch and I could hear the liquid boiling inside the switch as the lights flickered. I went home.

Pat McClean has seen the birds. I nearly wrote "Canada geese", but I remember getting my knuckles rapped by Bruce Campbell for suggesting they are Canada geese. They are international geese and they were flying north on Monday.

The Langley Advance, which is published, oddly enough, in Langley, announced recently that at the Little Rock Raceway in Aldergrove, on Sunday, March 1, an islander was successful. It was the first race of the season, attended by over 500 spectators and 152 motorcycle riders. Winner of the "over the hill gang" was Norman Twa. And I never knew! I never knew Norman was over the hill. Remind me, someone, to drink to the hill, sometime.

I had this flyer asking me to buy some things and save a lot of money. So I counted all the electronic gadgets I could buy and save money. If I'd bought the lot I'd have saved \$2,230. That's as close as doesn't matter. But I went one better. I bought nothing and saved \$18,257.33.

Chop them down, said Women's Lib. She was looking at four spindly looking fruit trees. I said nothing; it's safer that way. But the trees are still there. And three of them are big with blossom and promise. Keep them, said Women's Lib.

Great joke, this murder business! There's Bryan Smith running round in a bullet-proof vest since he had a chain letter. He must send the letter on to 20 others, he was instructed, and receive a surprise. Failure has already resulted in violent death for listed victims. Bryan is so frightened his finger quivers on the trigger; but his heart beats best under a bullet-proof vest!

I don't give a plugged nickle for the chances of survival of conventional English. More and more publications are adopting the spelling of nickel as nickle. If I had a thin dim I'd back 'em to win! In this age of mediocrity the illiterate usually takes precedence. Perhaps we should be looking at kupfernickle to justify the changed spelling.

I was responsible for filing an appeal against an unfair tax levy. And I made a mistake which resulted in my appeal being rejected. I filed it late. And the sad thought came to me that we administer our own affairs by this scrupulous observance of the rules whereby the spirit of the law can go hang as long as we observe the letter. I have no kick coming. I failed to meet the rules. But the rules are drawn for the convenience of the administrator without a thought to fairness or justice. Those commodities are not real. And if I were wrong, I have the happy certainty that I shall be guilty until I can prove otherwise.

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## Institute works for blind

# Speaker has dual link with Lions

He asked for no money. He simply wanted eyes.

That was the plea of the guest speaker at Salt Spring Island Lions Club dinner on Thursday evening last week. Dan Jones was filling a dual role. He is not only the spokesman for the Canadian Institute for the Blind, but the president of the Victoria Empress Lions Club.

The plea for eyes was addressed to all club members, and others, to leave their eyes to medicine to be donated to a victim of blindness.

In the case of certain defective vision, the cornea can be grafted from one eye to another. This operation must be completed within a brief period after death.

Club members were handed eye donor cards for the Eye Bank of Canada. The card is a simple direction to donate eyes to that bank. When signed, it is carried by the

donor. In the event of death, it is sufficient authority for a doctor to proceed with the operation.

The speaker also referred to the work undertaken by the Canadian Institute for the Blind. He spoke of the accomplishments of the talking book and its wide application. Magazines and books can be obtained on tape and the institute provides a special tape machine for playing them. A tape runs for eight hours at normal speed. The player has a speed control to accelerate or decelerate the speed according to the receptivity of the user.

Also taking part in the evening's program was Jack Hartman, Salt Spring Island French teacher and a familiar figure to islanders, with his white cane and German shepherd.

Hartman spoke of the equipment available to blind people and the advances in technique. He

demonstrated a talking calculator. The operator uses the marked buttons to put in the figures and the machine gives the answer in a mechanically simulated voice.

He demonstrated its use with the square root of two. Surely enough, the machine replied "two-point-four-one-four..." and so on.

Jack Hartman was also carrying an Opticon, which reads the printed page. It is equipped with a lens which the user places on the page. As the lens reads a letter it relays the shape of that letter to a reader. This reader impresses the shape of the letter on the finger of the user. For example, said Hartman, the letter "E" comes through as a vertical line with three horizontal bars and this is felt by the finger.

The program came to an end when the Victoria guests left for the last ferry to Swartz Bay.

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## No communication?

When a report was received on Thursday afternoon last week that an airplane had crashed in the vicinity of the Third Sister Island, an investigation was immediately launched.

In due course it proved that a visiting aircraft had landed on the water in the lee of that island and that the occupants were unharmed and the machine undamaged. There was no need of assistance.

The incident was of no great significance. But it points up an inadequacy in the supervision of coastal flying.

The pilot of the plane knew where he was and where he was going. But there was no ready information in the area. The islands in Ganges Harbour lie in the track of any plane seeking to land at Ganges. An observer watching a plane come in sees it drop down on the water and there is no further sign of activity. So he, very properly, sounds an alarm.

There might well be a ready communication with air traffic supervisors whereby it would be immediately learned that a plane is expected to put down at that particular point.

Failure to establish some such service could result in a blase public and failure to report the descent of a plane at a time of urgent need.

There is, also, the matter of costs involved in making a search for something that is not lost.

## Those business licenses!

The announcement last week by Finance Minister Hugh Curtis straightened out the problems of licensing and policing artists and craftsmen. The minister, who is the member of the legislature for Saanich and the Islands, explained that where the article is not passed to a retailer for sale to the public, no license is needed.

It is a logical extension of this presentation that the gardener will be similarly treated and that he will require a license only if he is selling through a retailer.

There are gardeners everywhere eager to have this aspect of the Business License Act settled.

## Give with the eyes

The Salt Spring Island Lions Club heard a plea last week to sign a card donating the eyes to the Eye Bank of Canada. By this means, the eyes are removed after pronouncement of death and they are then used to provide new tissue for victims of disease of the eye.

By this means a person with normal vision can pass his eyesight on to another who cannot see so clearly.

The proposal is a vision. It is a vision of the future, when others may see, who cannot at the present time.

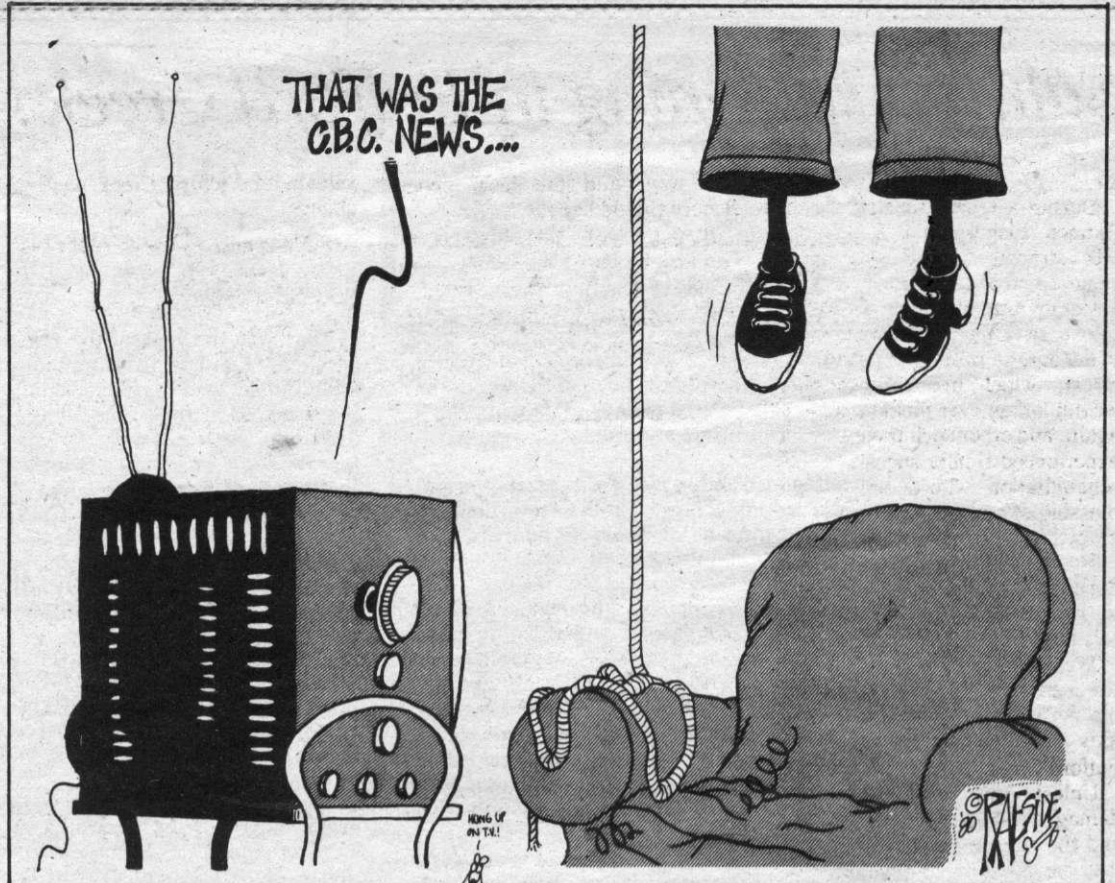
To many people death is distasteful and they tend to overlook such projects. To the few, blindness is distasteful and they need this project.

Every reader should ask for details from an island Lions club and make a legacy which only he and the Almighty can offer, perfect vision.

## The quiet backwater

The change in the traffic pattern in front of Ganges Post Office has converted a busy thoroughfare into a backwater. It has eliminated a number of parking spaces from the area of greatest need and it has thoroughly enraged many patrons who are required to labour with their packages as they struggle to the distant car.

With so many projects on the island that could have benefited the community, why would the ministry of highways work so hard to offer so little benefit to anybody?



## Letters to the Editor

### Thankyou, says director

Sir,  
With the final performance of Fiddler on the Roof just ended I would like to say how much I enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity of working with so many super people on such a fun project. There were so many involved it would be difficult to mention all by name.

I would like to personally thank a very special team for their support and tremendous hard work: Catherine Faulkner, as producer; Jean Knight, as Music Director; Alice Friedman, as Choreographer; Dwaine Prosk, as Choir Master; Sheri Lomas, as Assistant Director; Reg Taylor, as Stage Manager; David Fitchew, Set Design; Joan Angus, Costumes; Dorothy Roberts, Properties; Kevin Aide and Sandy Wright, Lighting; Yvonne Toynbee, Make-up; Angela Funk, as Rehearsal Accompanist; Mary Williamson and Beth Hill, publicity; Hugh Cummings as Front of House.

I would also like to thank the cast for their enthusiasm, energy and excellent performances, the orchestra for their beautiful music and all the dedicated people who worked behind the scenes.

Finally, I would like to thank the Community who came forward with sheets and hats, etc; the School Board, Tom Watson and the teachers in the Salt Spring Elementary School who gave us permission to use the Activity Centre with some inconvenience to themselves; et cetera for the excellent job of juggling the tickets; the pharmacy for the use of their roof and the Driftwood for their publicity. One member of the Community deserves a special thank you for giving us a loan without which we could not have got started. Thank you for your confidence in us.

Finally to all the marvellous audiences that made "Fiddler on the Roof" the success it was. I am only sorry that some people were unable to get tickets. Thank you.

**PAT DESBOTTES,**  
Director,  
Box 108, Ganges.  
April 12, 1981.

### They took something away for ever!

Sir,  
Whilst it is difficult to do other than commiserate with people in trouble, I did feel some satisfaction when I read of the severe sentence recently imposed upon the individuals charged with robberies from homes and stores on this island.

The great wrong these people did was not the taking of other people's possessions, but the destruction of that wonderful feeling that we always had here - the knowledge that one could go away for a day, or a week, or a month, and return with a certainty that things would be just the way you left them.

Locks and bolts were considered not necessary, and keys rusted on the hook for want of use.

All that is gone now, never to come back again, and this is the wicked thing these people did. Merchandise can be replaced, but this other thing, never. They deserve their sentences.

**BEVIS WALTERS,**  
Box 484,  
Ganges.  
April 10, 1981.

### We should be thankful!

Sir,  
We hear so much negative criticism of our government these days perhaps it's time we took a look on the positive side.

We, the people of British Columbia, can and should be proud of our Social Credit Government and its achievements; B.C.'s economy is booming, employment is well ahead of the national average. British Columbians are producing competitive goods and selling them at an ever-increasing rate in the Pacific Rim market place, our residents enjoy the highest personal incomes in Canada, the B.C. Registrar of Companies is recording new business incorporations at an all time high rate - 21,000 in 1980 - which are needed to serve our expanding economy and population. And the list goes on and on...

Residents of B.C. enjoy some of the best health care services in the world, through Pharmacare, Denticare, Long Term Care

Programs and Emergency Health Services, etc., and our government has launched the largest hospital construction program in the Provinces' history, including major projects such as the new Victoria General (\$44 million), Royal Inland (\$11 million), major redevelopment at Royal Columbia (\$43.2 million), major renovation at Vancouver General (\$65 million), improvements to the Vernon Hospital (\$24 million), and the list goes on and on...

In Victoria alone, during 1980, Royal Jubilee got \$400,000 in government funding for renovations and short stay surgery, Victoria General \$4,700,000 for Annex renovations and new Acupuncture Clinic, Royal Jubilee \$177,000 for the Geriatric Treatment Centre, Queen Alexandra Children's Hospital \$381,000 for building improvements, \$1 million for CAT body scanner, and \$5 million for long term care and that list also

goes on and on...  
Yes, our Social Credit Government has given us a lot of positive accomplishments to be proud of and thankful for - and on a balanced budget too!

**P.M. CAREY,**  
3161 Campion Rd., R.R.3  
Victoria, B.C.  
April 8, 1981.

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this week,  
says the Salt Spring  
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# Salmon spawning in Fulford Creek!

Sir,  
During a recent meeting of the Ganges Fishermen's Association talk strayed to the success of clean-up projects on small creeks.

Community efforts in the Gorge Inlet area of Victoria have managed to encourage salmon to return to a stream which had all but been written off as ever yielding salmon again, and other such projects have experienced similar success. Creek rehabilitation, with or without the blessing of government funding, is a worthwhile community project.

How does this relate to Salt Spring Island residents? We need to ride a ferry to pitch in and salvage a salmon run, right?

Wrong! One of the fishermen at the meeting recalled a time during his not so distant childhood when kids caught salmon in a neighbor's Fulford Creek!

Unless the creek has been damaged by nearby septic fields and the salmon are nonexistent, it may be possible to revitalize the creek and nurse the run back to some degree of health. Obviously this proposal requires some study and the approval of Fulford residents, but if even a slim chance exists we should attempt this commendable project.

Salt Spring would receive a fair return for the effort. Besides adding to our scaled-down geographic sense of wholeness it might lure a few more tourist bucks

this way, and the local sports fishery should benefit.

It seems likely that the Rod and Gun Club would have access to people and information needed to check out the feasibility of the idea, and I hope enough interest can be drummed up to give the lost

salmon of Fulford Creek another chance.

Salmon enhancement, in the true sense, feels good.

**ROSS COULTER,**  
Baker Road,  
Ganges.  
April 10, 1981.

## Sea lions and ling cod

Sir,  
Sea lions are hard on the ling cod.

In the late fall the male fish move into the shallow reefs and along rocky shores. Here they establish territory. Later on, the females spawn in these spots.

The male fish guards the egg mass which may have as many as 10,000 eggs.

Fisheries have done studies of the nesting behaviour of the ling cod. They have observed that when the nest is unguarded then the eggs are quickly destroyed.

Sea perch, sculpins and kelp greenling are attracted to the eggs as a source of food, unless the nest is being guarded by a male fish. The ling cod at this time are quite aggressive and even if driven away, they will return to guard the nest.

Ordinarily the fish are quite wary and will swim straight away when a diver approaches.

Every time a sea lion or seal catches a ling cod it means that the nest is also destroyed.

In the shallower water the ling cod are easier for the sea lions to get, especially when the cod returns to the same spot.

The ling cod are protected from fishing, both sport and commercial, during the period November 15 to April 15.

Meanwhile, sea lions in large

herds are cleaning them up. No wonder the fish are disappearing fast!

**GEOFF HOWLAND,**  
Ganges.  
April 13, 1981.

## Confusion reigns in Ottawa as pack ice closes Bedwell

Sir,  
Would you please enter my contribution to the confusing information that comes from Ottawa re fishing regulations and closures as they affect the depletion of chinook salmon by sports fishermen.

I have fished here, in BC waters for 14 years, having come from Nova Scotia and I have not caught a chinook salmon as yet. I have caught an average of two salmon per year.

So would you, please, insert this article from the March, 1981 issue of Pacific Yachting. According to this I would be inclined to believe that "they" in Ottawa may think that a chinook is a seal, which is in the news now.

Please let the kill of seals go on; that's where the salmon are being depleted. Each seal must require at least eight to 10 pounds of fish per day: salmon, that is!

**THOMAS O'DEA,**  
13 Pirates Road,  
North Pender Island,  
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*The Canada Customs office at Bedwell Harbour on South Pender Island is closed during winter months due to "pack ice," according to a supposedly knowledgeable Ottawa civil servant. This was the response to a readers's enquiry regarding the lack of Canada Customs reporting offices for Canadian yachtsmen returning from U.S. waters during the winter months. It seems that B. C. yachtsmen who keep their boats at Point Roberts marina, for example, must report to Canada Customs when heading north into B.C. from their home base. But the only easily-available office - at Bedwell Harbour - is closed during the winter. So they must ignore the law or make the lengthy and inconvenient trip to Victoria, White Rock, or Sidney. One such yachtsman wrote to Ottawa, suggesting a phone-in reporting system similar to that now in use in the U.S. The*

## Thieves rob car of radio

Ganges RCMP report that a car stereo valued at about \$900 was taken from an auto belonging to Penny Christie of Reynolds Road.

The theft occurred April 3 while the car was parked on Beaver Point Road. It was not reported until April 9.

Police are still investigating.

## Ganges well-patrolled

# No need for additional policing says Williams

There are no policing problems on Salt Spring Island.

The incidence of crime and protection on the island is so low that increased policing is not needed, says the attorney-general of British Columbia, Allan Williams.

In a letter to Tom Gosset, who initiated a plea for 24-hour patrolling on the island, Williams quoted from an investigation by Deputy RCMP Commissioner G.W. Reed.

Both officials expressed complete confidence that the island is

settling into the new era of crimelessness.

Gossett asked for increased patrolling after the wave of burglaries and thefts which occurred at the beginning of the year and resulted in a score of arrests.

The attorney-general asked for a report from the RCMP before making his decision. The police officer is the commanding officer of "E" Division.

Deputy Commissioner Reed conducted a thorough evaluation of shift scheduling crime statistics and patrol coverage and advised the attorney-general that the Ganges area is well-policed, Gosset was assured.

"Recent series of break-ins that occurred have almost all been solved, with those individuals that were apprehended presently before the courts," wrote Williams.

### CRIME WAVE

The flurry of local crime is not indicative of the island's overall crime rate, he noted.

There are men on duty during the peak activity periods, the island merchant was assured. Gosset is proprietor of the Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply.

In conclusion, the attorney-general assured him that the RCMP will continue "to monitor your policing needs and if your situation should change a re-evaluation of your policing needs will be in order."

## Another feeder at trough

Sir,  
Joining the CBC, Canada Post and Canada Council, at the Federal trough, is our new big-appetite feeder, Petrocan.

The *Financial Times*, of April 2, reports:

(1) Total spending by the Ottawa tax-gatherers' wonder-child will amount to \$900 million this year, \$500 million of which will be generated internally. A further \$56 million will come from an increase in debt, and the balance will come from you and me, through taxation.

(2) About \$25 million will be spent drilling offshore in China, Spain and Norway. (Does this make Petrocan an international, or a multinational?)

(3) \$125 million will go for drilling in Western Canada, and \$350 million in the Hibernia Block (off Newfoundland), in partnership with those horrible multinationals, Mobil, Gulf, Chevron and Columbia Gas.

(4) In four years, Petrocan will spend \$3 billion on exploration. The amount to be taken from you and me, if the present "mix" of sources of funds is maintained, will be about a cool billion.

If they win, of course we will all be very happy.

On the other hand, if they lose, we won't even have some worthless stock certificates to paper the bathroom.

For myself, I'd rather take the risk of buying stock in the venture than be forced to pay into the treasury of the company through expropriation of my hard-earned savings.

**KEITH JACKSON,**  
Mayne Island.  
April, 1981.

## That's not the way on this Island!

Sir,  
I note with interest Raeside's recent harpooning of the medical profession entitled "The New Surgery Guide" (last week's *Driftwood*).

Those of us who have been subjected to the care of some "fat cat" city physicians would not quarrel with the depiction of the human body as a revenue source for indulgent medicos.

In all fairness though, Raeside couldn't be referring to my family physician. My island doctor calls me up days after an office visit just to inquire how I'm doing. Contrary to Raeside's depiction he drives a battered mini not a Porsche or a Mercedes! Raeside talks about trips to Florida, Reno, Hawaii and the Caribbean. My doctor hasn't had a real holiday in years, unless you count pouring the kids into the van and driving all the way to Naramata!

So please, Raeside, try to differentiate between a profession practised in the city and on our fair island.

**DOUG HENDERSON,**  
Box 277,  
Ganges.  
April, 1981.

## Support farmers

(Sidney Review)

If there's anything crazier than people working overtime to get more and more of good farm land out of the Agricultural Land Reserve, it's the sight of farmers ploughing their produce back into the ground because they can't sell it.

It happened here last week. And it's enough to make one weep.

Preserve the farmland, people scream. And the bitter battles go on as those who would make a fortune by selling farmland to developers fight to get it released from the ALR. Meanwhile, those who see the necessity to preserve what little farmland we have left tell everyone how much we need it to grow food.

And then it's destroyed. Two Central Saanich farmers say they face losses of up to \$40,000 or \$50,000 this year because they must dump half their crop.

Why? Because, farmers say, local retailers have brought in imports from Texas and California while our local farmers still have hundreds of tons of cabbage — a move that forced peninsula cabbage growers to sell at low prices and others, like Vern and Wilmer Mitchell, to dump their crop.

It's one of those issues that doesn't seem to make sense. Surely it's reasonable for stores to buy fresh local produce rather than pay the expense of trucking it in from California. It must be. It has to be fresher, prices must be comparative, and stores are pleasing customers who prefer to buy from our farmers.

Seems simple, but it doesn't work out that way. And it hasn't

for years. The cabbage-dumping mourned here is just one in a long list of foods grown on the peninsula that have suffered a similar fate.

What to do? How can we help the farmer — and ourselves? Because we lost out, as well as the farmer.

First, farmers should be well organized and stick together. They should maintain a strong voice within the marketing co-op. No one can force retailers to buy peninsula fruit and vegetables but if farmers use outlets in local markets and if people supported them by refusing to buy anything but local produce — when it is available — perhaps retailers would get the message.

California produce is fine — when we don't have it here. It's superfluous when our farmers are toiling to bring that produce up out of the ground right here on the peninsula.

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# Galiano development to be threshed out next

BY BASIL AND  
KATHLYN BENDER

## Parents' meeting

Last week's *Driftwood* gave front page coverage to the fact that the Ministry of Education had deleted an activity room from the School Board's capital budget requests for 1981.

On Wednesday evening, Apr. 8, Strick Aust, chairman of the Gulf Islands School Board and John Zacharias, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, came to Galiano to meet a crowded room-full of Galiano parents and hear their expressions as to future action. Those present voted unanimously to continue to press for an activity room.

They endorsed John Zacharias' decision to obtain an appointment with Brian Smith, the minister of education, through the courtesy of our M.L.A., Hugh Curtis, whose ministry, Finance, might also be expected to have some say in the matter. The following evening Curtis's administrative assistant, Jim Guthrie, met with the principal, school board and parent representatives at the school, so that he might present a comprehensive case for a new activity room to Hugh Curtis.

It is hoped that the next step, a meeting between the Minister of Education and a delegation of parents and school board, will take place before the end of April.

## Activity room

In *Down the Years*, *Driftwood*, April 8, reports on a survey taken twenty years ago in which residents of Salt Spring "advocate construction of an auditorium but there is little agreement over how such a facility should be funded or when it should be built."

Galiano residents are now in a similar state of indecision. It is easy for newcomers to blame the community, the school board, the Galiano Club or other targets of their choice for the lack of an auditorium but this is hardly the best way to develop the wide support which is necessary if a project of this magnitude is to be successful in a small community.

Few people would deny that an activity room can be a great asset, not only to a school, but also to the community at large. The present community hall must be nearing the end of its useful life. Would a joint-use enlarged activity room provide a substitute for the community hall, and would community support for such a project expressed through a referendum persuade the minister to release the necessary funds, most of which would, in any case, be raised through property tax?

If a substantial number of people think the answer is yes, then some local group must take the initiative and request the Capital Regional District to refer a money bylaw to the electors for their approval.

However, if a majority want Galiano to go its own route and renovate or rebuild the community hall, then the Galiano Club must take the lead and explore ways and means.

Such a project could also be funded, in part, through a referendum and probably at an approximately similar cost to a joint-use community-school auditorium. An

annual property tax increase in the range 4 to 6 mills is being mooted.

A third alternative is for another group on the island, such as the Senior Citizens, to attempt to obtain sufficient funds to build a complex which would provide accommodation for most of the activities that now use the community hall or might use a joint-use facility.

Whichever alternative is eventually chosen, if any, there seems to be no reason why the community should not support the Parent's Association, who are determined to exert whatever pressure they can to persuade the minister of education to reverse the decision made by his ministry regarding the activity room at Galiano School.

## Lodge development

A standing-room only crowd gathered in the community hall to hear a proposition for the development of Galiano Lodge. One of the principals, Werner Aellen, introduced the project and his partner in the enterprise, Gary Laframboise, who showed plans to illustrate the proposed additions and alterations.

Development is envisaged in three stages. The first phase would see the construction of 20 additional hotel rooms and 13 suites. Included in this phase would be the installation of a desalinization plant drawing seawater from Sturdies Bay and supplying 10,000 gallons of fresh water a day, and a tertiary sewage treatment plant. The combined cost of the two plants would exceed a quarter of a million dollars.

The present dining room would be expanded to seat 75 and two new private dining rooms added, each to seat 10 people. The main building would be expanded by adding another storey and conference and meeting rooms.

Suites would be sold as strata-ti-

tle units with a restrictive covenant limiting occupancy to between 28 and 56 days a year. For the balance of the year the suites would be available to the Lodge management as rental accommodation. Estimated selling price of suites would be in the \$80 to \$100 thousand range.

An important advantage to investors would be the tax shelter provided by purchase of a suite.

The second phase is slated to add 18 more rooms and 12 more suites.

### EXPANSION

Although the present zoning bylaw would permit expansion without local or Island Trust approval, the principals had requested a development permit so that by negotiating with the Trust Committee, residents' wishes might be considered and local support obtained.

Advantages to island residents listed included a promised discount on Lodge services, employment opportunities, and improved restaurant service with Swiss chefs from La Raclette Restaurant. Conference rooms, sauna and massage, and a coin laundry would also be available to islanders.

The public's reaction to the proposal was an interesting illustration of island psychology and might also be divided into three stages.

The first phase, beginning with occasional long-shots during the presentation, was hostile and emotional. The opening salvo was fired by devil's advocate Dan who asked the proponents to itemize all of the possible harmful effects of the development.

He was followed by the Peter Pan-ners who want to keep the island just as it is or was when they arrived on Galiano. Some people seem unaware that every group (week-enders, retirees, entrepreneurs) which has invaded Galiano has made changes to the physical and social environment to a greater or lesser extent.

This preliminary exchange led to


a second type of response by the courteous, fair-play types. They pointed out that various aspects of the proposed development would be welcomed by many islanders.

This phase merged into a third one when reasoned and calm objections to specific items in the proposal were voiced. Veterans of the planning wars, Hart Scarrow, Woody Coward and Norm Russell had reservations about the size of the project although the latter was bubbling over with enthusiasm for the tertiary sewage treatment.

Jean Mozley, Sandy Riley and others were concerned about what they considered was inadequate provision for parking. Other speakers raised their concerns but the mood of the meeting slowly changed to one of mildly benevolent neutrality.

The Island Trust Committee position was lucidly explained by Ron Thompson. The Development Permit Area concept and its advantages to the Trust, the developer and island residents was expoun-

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# Strike! But drivers are not out yet!

ded. The suggestion that a 'straw vote' to sample public opinion be taken was rejected.

The public hearing set for April 24 at 1 p.m. will give residents a further opportunity to air their views on both the Development Permit Area bylaw and the application for such a permit for Galiano Lodge.

The decision to recommend to the Island Trust that the bylaw be enacted will be made after the public hearing by the Galiano Island Trust Committee. The committee will then be in a position to decide whether the application regarding the Lodge is to receive approval.

## Garden Club

If the membership of Galiano's popular Garden Club continues to expand, members will develop extra muscles carrying not only their monthly offerings for the show table but also their own chairs.

Last Wednesday 37 people assembled in the North-end community hall to have Mrs. Pat Pierrt of Salt Spring extend their knowledge of pelargoniums with special reference to the sub-class, geraniums.

Mrs. Pierrt has tended plants from the age of five, right across Canada from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Bamfield, British Columbia. She introduced her audience to many different types of pelargoniums with attractive variations in size, leaf and flower, and then gave concise directions for starting cuttings and looking after them.

President Aini Haksi outlined garden jobs to be done in April and then judged the show bench table. A full roster of outside speakers has been booked by program director Elspeth King for the monthly meetings, that will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month in the North-end Community Hall beginning at 2 p.m. Garden Club members are busy organizing a Plant Sale with a home-baking stall to be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at the North-end hall.

## BRIDGE

Winners at duplicate bridge this week were Bea Thompson and Marney Brine. Marney has just returned from a two-week training session in California so her victory was no surprise, especially as she was teamed with the formidable Mrs. Thompsom, a bridge character fit for Blackwood. Second were Pat Weaver and Harvey Armitage. Pat is a ferocious rubber bridge player who declares that, to him, duplicate is an incomprehensible mystery. If Pat should ever begin to

Salt Spring Island insurance agents and body shops report few problems as a result of the two and a half week old strike by 2,200 ICBC members of the Office and Technical Employees Union.

The two Autoplan agents on the island told a reporter that it is business as usual. Three body repair shops contacted by *Driftwood* say that business "has never been better."

solve the mystery, the Italian Blue team and the Aces had better look to their laurels.

Ron Thompson has been heard muttering of late that he intends to stop playing bridge. On Monday at the Golf Club he won first prize with the highest score ever recorded there, 7200 in twenty-four hands. When a player who averages 300 points per hand for an evening of bridge threatens to give up the game, his motives have to be questioned. Is it his altruistic intention to spare his opponents the frustration of playing against him, or is he intending to retire at the peak of his power with no further worlds worth conquering?

## COMING EVENTS

Although the cold, wintry weather of the past week may not tempt people to wear their Easter bonnets, the many events of next week-end will encourage them, rain or shine, to be out and about.

The promenade might begin along Burrill Road to the Church Thrift Shop which is open every Saturday between 2 and 4 p.m. and then continue to the South Galiano Fire Hall where the Women's Auxiliary will be holding their monthly book sale. The ladies will also be selling baked goods, plants and 'pieces de resistance', Partington seconds - but not before 2 p.m. An onward drive to the North End will be rewarded by a hall full of White Elephants, specially corralled by the Community Club for lovers of contemporary antiques. A water-colour by Alistair Ross will be raffled, coffee will be available and for the young in heart there will be an Easter cookie game.

On Easter Saturday evening dancers should converge on the South End Community Hall by 9 p.m. where live music of fiddle, pedal steel, guitar, bass, drums and harmonical will be played by Hot Air, Salt Spring's newest band. Sponsored by the Galiano Club, tickets at \$4.50 are available at Burrill Brothers Store.

The Easter Sunday service at St. Margaret's Church is one of the high-lights of the year. The Rev. John Dyer will conduct communion service at 9 a.m. in a church decorated with flowers by the Ladies of the Altar Guild.

The general consensus seems to be that the strike has had little overall effect on Salt Spring Island.

Bruce Hardie, proprietor of Salt Spring Insurance, and Len Larson, proprietor of Gulf Islands Insurance, both agree that any complications faced by agencies elsewhere have not been encountered here.

The two agents share the opinion that it is their responsibility to advise motorists who have had an accident. Once they have done so, however, it is the motorist's responsibility to contact a body shop and to inquire about having repairs completed.

Hardie is not using ICBC claims forms for completing accident reports on the grounds that doing so might invite picketing by striking union members.

## PICKETS

He said that his office received a letter from the B.C. Insurance Agents Association warning him that using ICBC forms could result in pickets being placed outside his door.

"If we were to use ICBC forms it could be construed that we were trying to break the strike," said Hardie.

He said that for the duration of the strike he will be using the accident information forms contained in the 1981 Autoplan Motorists Kit.

"My position is that if somebody gets into an accident, I will do everything possible to help him out," said Hardie.

He concedes, however, that this amounts to really nothing more than advising people on the steps to take in settling their own claim.

Hardie said that for most people the strike is really nothing more than an inconvenience.

## SUFFERS MOST

He said that the person who will suffer the most as a result of the strike is the motorist without either collision or comprehensive coverage and who is involved in an accident that is not his fault.

In that situation, the motorist would either have to wait for the strike to end to file an insurance claim or pay the entire repair bill

and be reimbursed by ICBC following the strike.

Hardie also cautions motorists, particularly the owners of older vehicles, to be careful when proceeding with repairs that the cost of the work doesn't exceed the value of the vehicle.

"It's very important that they don't get carried away and have work done that ICBC won't pay for because it exceeds the vehicle's

worth," he said.

Larson said that neither Auto-plan agency on Salt Spring Island is involved in adjusting and that the ICBC claims offices in Victoria and Duncan normally handle all accident claims.

He said that normally he refers motorists who have had accidents to those claims offices.

With the strike in effect and the two claims offices closed, Larson is

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# Did you know?

BY OLIVE MOUAT

Over 20 years ago, Archdeacon Holmes, then priest in charge of the Anglican Parish on Salt Spring Island, appealed for money to be sent to the Primate's Fund, an account from which financial help could be given quickly in case of emergency.

In response to this appeal, one member of the congregation gave \$5. At the end of the year, the sum forwarded to the Primate's fund was \$5. Both the Archdeacon and the one lady who had responded felt sad that so little had been raised.

Others had, however, heard and thought about the need and had decided to act, but in a different way. They planned the first of the Primate's Teas, which became important annual events on Salt Spring Island.

Each year the tea was held in some beautiful or unusual home. Many of those generous people who opened their property for this event still live on Salt Spring Island and will remember all about the work, frustrations and successes involved.

Of course, people attended the Primate Teas because they wanted to help the underprivileged, but they also enjoyed seeing the homes and meeting all their friends. The work was organized and inspired by St. Mark's Altar Guild, helped

## Bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners at the Legion Hall in Ganges on April 6 were: north-south, first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; second, Anne McConnell and Gordon Hutton; third, Dorie and Gordon Best.

East-West, first, Vera Fraser and Jeff Christie; second, Ev Coulson and Mary Arneson; third, Mayme Iverson and Phyllis Henderson.

Winners on Tuesday night were: first, Dorie Best and Anne McConnell; second, Fred Struve and Norm McConnell; third, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; fourth, Alf and Vera Nichols.

and encouraged by men and women of the congregations.

Every succeeding year the tea attracted more guests and brought in more money.

Usually the weather co-operated, but once in a while it did not. Those were unfortunate days for all concerned. The rain poured down; the roads turned to swamps; everyone tried not to carry mud into the houses, but everyone did carry mud in. When the day was over, the proceeds were good; but removing the grime took the Guild workers hours and this was something that they felt that they must do.

Gradually all the Anglican congregations became involved in these teas, and then people who were not Anglicans. Then, perhaps encouraged by ministers, the Altar Guild decided to change the name to World Development and Relief Tea, to encourage other denominations to share the planning and work, and to hold the teas in Fulford Hall.

People still flock to the event and the money raised still increased. Now it was divided into four equal parts among the Anglican, Community Gospel, Roman Catholic and United Church women's groups. Women of all the churches try to support the tea and all the stalls and to do their share of the work. It is this excellent and friendly co-operation, backed by the support of the generous population of the Island that makes these annual teas so successful, socially and financially.

### TWO TABLES

In recent years at least, there have been two tables near the door. On one there is a large bowl into which those who wish put a dollar or five dollars or twenty. At the other sits a lady with a receipt book. Receipts have been made out for amounts varying from five dollars to two hundred or even more. Though the stalls bring in an amazing amount, these two tables are financially the most important parts of the whole affair.

We on the Gulf Islands, even those of us who have least, are wealthy beyond belief when we

## The story of World Development and Relief

compare ourselves with those who live in parts of Africa or Central or South America. The World Development Tea provides an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon while sharing some of our bounty with our less fortunate neighbours.

The tea is to be held this year on Saturday, April 25, from 1:30 to about 3:30, at the United Church. Everyone, man or woman, is invited to come to enjoy and to help.

An added event, this year, is a concert to be held on Sunday, April 26, at 2:30, in St. George's Church. The singers consist of a 50-voice group who are members of the Cadboro Bay and Gordon Head United Church Choirs of Victoria.

This promises to be a treat. A collection will be taken and whatever is raised will be added to Saturday's proceeds, divided among the four denominations, and used to help those who so badly need the help.

This is being written by someone who has never belonged to St. Mark's or to the Altar Guild. She hopes that members will forgive inaccuracies or inadequacies.

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# What does insurance strike mean to average driver?

### From Page Seven

advising motorists to fill out their own accident information forms. He then refers them to Don Irwin Collision Repair.

### MIGHT BE LATER

Larson said that while the strike has had no effect on his business so far, he fears that it might have negative effects later on.

He suggested that there is a possibility that a client who is dissatisfied with a claim made during the course of the strike might come back to him later and complain about the advice that he was given.

"They're going to blame somebody if they're not satisfied," said Larson.

Bob Egby, ICBC's manager of media relations said last Friday that some agents were withholding services by refusing to provide anything more than advice to motorists.

Egby accused many agents of not only refusing to fill out accident forms for motorists who had suffered mishaps, but also of refusing to supply forms so that motorists might fill them out themselves.

Brent Atkinson, president of the Independent Insurance Agents Association of B.C. said that such accusations were false. He also made mention of an ICBC agents' bulletin dated April 3, 1981, which outlines steps that agents should take when a motorist walks through their door requesting assistance.

Atkinson also stated that Auto-plan agents are not withholding any service that they would normally provide.

### HOLD OFF!

ICBC has advertised the fact that it would prefer that motorists hold off completing repairs until the strike is over in instances where damage to the vehicle is slight and it can still be safely driven.

The ICBC agents bulletin referred to by Egby asks that co-operating agents verify the motorist's coverage, complete the accident information form and to refer him to a body shop for repairs.

Should agents not wish to accede to that advice, they are asked to advise motorists to fill out the accident information form themselves and to suggest that they should find a body repair shop for themselves.

At the body shop, the motorist is required to pay the amount of the deductible and the body shop may bill ICBC for the rest of the repair bill.

### BILLED NOW

Should the body shop not wish to wait for payment, however, the motorist could be immediately billed for the entire amount and receive a refund from ICBC later on.

In instances where a motorist has neither collision nor comprehensive coverage, he would either have to wait until the strike has ended to file a claim or to pay the full amount of the repair and be reimbursed by ICBC later.

### BILLING ICBC

The three body shops contacted by *Driftwood* said that they were just collecting the amount of the deductible and were then billing ICBC for the rest.

Bill Windsor, proprietor of Bill's Engine Service, said that he has been approached by several motorists who have been in minor collisions and who have decided to hold off with repairs until the strike ends.

He said that the only problem the strike has caused him is in situations where the cost of repairs approaches the value of the vehicle.

"If it's near the line you don't know whether to fix it or wait," said Windsor.

The owner of a low-mileage 1966 truck has decided to proceed with major front end repairs even though the estimate probably exceeds the value of the vehicle.

### END UP HIGHER

"The owner wants it fixed and he may end up paying a couple of hundred dollars more than ICBC will pay," said Windsor.

At another body shop, the owner said that he has turned away 10 or 12 motorists, requesting that minor repair work be done, and asked them to wait until the strike is over.

Don Irwin, proprietor of Don Irwin Collision, said that if he suspects that damage is extensive enough to pose any threat to motorists he will go ahead and repair it right away.

### BORDERLINE FEW PROBLEMS

He said that while the strike has posed few problems so far, motorists might become fed up with having to wait for repairs should it last for any length of time.

"As time goes on we'll just have to wait and see, but obviously people aren't going to wait for ever," said Irwin.

One benefit the strike has brought about, said Irwin, is that ICBC is no longer using computers to settle their accounts with dealers meaning the shops receive payment much quicker than normally.

He said that while his ICBC business is down slightly, his independent business more than makes up for it.

Richard Murakami, proprietor of Murakami Auto Body, said that his business has never been better.

"The strike is not affecting me at all because I have so much backup work," he said.

### BORDERLINE

Murakami explained that with borderline cases where the esti-

mate approaches the value of the vehicle, he is suggesting that the owner hold off with repairs for the duration of the strike.

"If it's going to mean the write-off of that car, we won't touch it," he said.

Murakami said that since the strike started, ICBC is paying him three times faster than before. While it normally takes the insurance outfit about a month to send a cheque out to him, it now takes about a week.

"I was amazed," he exclaimed.

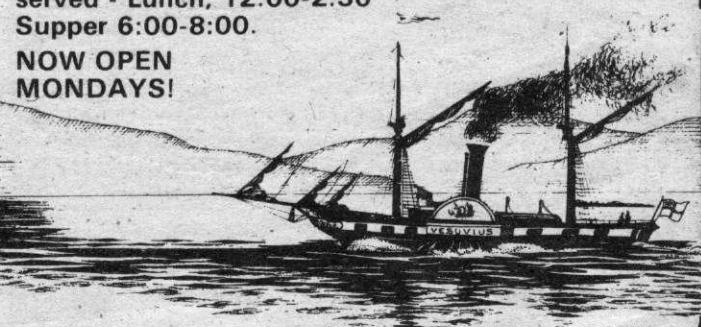
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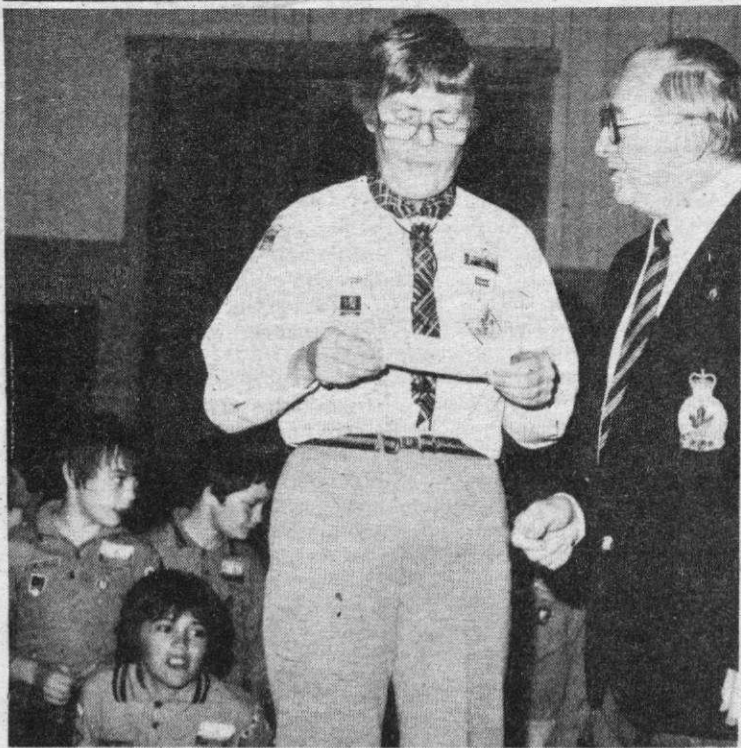
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### Cubs and Scouts raffle side of pork

Jim Mayo, President of the Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is seen presenting a \$200 cheque to Jean Hoskins

(Akela) for equipment for the Ganges Cubs and Scouts. Ganges Cubs' raffle for a side of pork was won by Glenda Kaiser.

Picture shows the club pack while Erin Butler is holding the bucket. He sold the most tickets. Legion president Jim Mayo is the ticket picker.

## Alicia Anderson to head Salt Spring church group

The Salt Spring Island Council of the Catholic Women's League met in the parish hall on Wednesday, April 8, commencing with Mass at 1.30 p.m.

Officers elected at this meeting for the 1981-82 year are president, Alicia Anderson; first vice-president, Ursula McEwen; second vice-president, Jean Anderson;

third vice-president, Joy Johnson; secretary, Marjorie Gordon; treasurer, Julie Godwin.

Installation of the new officers will take place at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 26, the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The ladies were congratulated on the very successful Flea Market held on April 4 and special thanks

went to convener, Jean Robertson and telephone convener, Doris De Long.

Lilian Beauchemin briefed the ladies on preparations underway for the World Relief Tea being held in the United Church Hall on April 25 and listed the volunteers who will work with her for this event sponsored by four churches.

Members discussed aspects of the Human Rights Charter proposed for entrenchment in the constitution and decided they must make their wishes known again to the federal government, that they want the charter to enhance respect for life from conception to death.

Marjorie Gordon undertook to convene the Communion Breakfast on Mother's Day, May 10, for the children making their first communion on that day, and their parents.

There was some discussion about the Diocesan Convention being held in Courtenay on May 12 and 13, and several members stated they were planning to attend.

The May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at the home of Jean McCaffery on Pender Island and will be a pot luck supper.

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# Plants and the moon enjoy greater harmony than appears

Aha! The old wives' tales are right on after all.

Two articles in this month's *Organic Gardening* deal with Folk wisdom. One describes new scientific support for planting by the phases of the moon, another offers scientific proof for companion planting, although it goes at it from the other side of companion planting by detailing how certain plants inhibit each other.

My goodness! What a time to live in.

We are just at the beginning of a new age of understanding the green life. It boggles my mind; we all have the chance to be pioneers in bringing about an age of harmony of all living things, be they rooted, walking or winged. What if we should find that consciousness is part of all life. This may seem rather far-fetched, or is it?

Just consider this. Dr. Jane J. Panzer of Tulane has discovered in her studies of seed response to lunar cycles, that seeds "have some kind of biological control" over their functions. She found that seeds regulate their water intake and germination according to lunar cycles.

### LUNAR GROWTH

In another study it was found that the entire life cycle of plants, including flowering and fruiting, was affected by lunar cycles at time of planting.

Research is being done on a worldwide scale. These and other items mentioned in the *Organic Gardening* article are being studied at universities in India, France, Germany and the United States.

Folk wisdom tells us that we should plant or transplant leafy and fruiting crops during the first two weeks of the waxing moon. Root

crops should be planted during the first week of the waning moon.

Nothing should be planted the last week of the final quarter, but

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BY PETER WEIS

Foxglove Nursery Consultant

do weed, prune and clean up. Avoid planting anything on days of the full moon, new moon and first and last quarters.

I have never considered the phases of the moon in my gardening. If plant performance is affected throughout its life though, according to the lunar cycle it started at, then it is worth trying. So this year I will plant my stuff accordingly and let you know.

The other article deals with the well-known fact that sunflowers and black walnuts do not tolerate anything else near and around them. Black walnuts produce a potent substance called juglone with their roots and leaves. It poisons many crops especially tomatoes, potatoes, blackberries, alfalfa and blueberries.

Sunflowers go after all broad-leaved weeds. An extract of sunflower seeds has been found to suppress the growth of weeds by 50 to 75 percent.

### AFFECTED WEEDS

Among the affected weeds are ragweed, curly dock, purslane, lamb's quarters, johnson grass and mugwort. Persons allergic to ragweed would benefit by planting lots of sunflowers around their place.

Another very interesting item is one which has puzzled and stumped many orchardists. Apparently

all plants, trees and shrubs release some inhibiting agent which, over the years, can have a noticeable effect.

It has been found that almond, apple, apricot and peach trees, also cherries and plums release a substance which stunts their offspring. Ever notice that your plum tree, for example, is not surrounded by dozens of offspring? One should suppose that the odd plum should manage to germinate, right?

Apple trees for instance, will effectively inhibit other apple trees. This is no problem in a new planting, but if you replant a new apple tree in a spot where an old one has thrived for many years, it will not make it.

The new tree will be spindly and sickly throughout its life. You would be better off to plant a plum, cherry, or pear.

Those who are rejuvenating old orchards take note. Change to another kind of fruit tree. If that old pear tree has to come down, replace it with an apple or vice versa.

### IT IS EVIDENT

Again, the beauty and harmony of nature is evident, if we only look and understand. The same plants in any given area are dependent on the same nutrients. To ensure sufficient growing room, the plants exude a substance which inhibits the same kind.

To ensure healthy propagation of its offspring they encase their seeds in fruit which is delicious and healthy for those beings who can move around. In this manner, young ones are not forced to compete for nutrients with their parents, for both would suffer. For it is not the intent of nature

## Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club

## List of winners

Our trophy shoots in the trap, big bore, .22 and pistol competitions are now completed and the winners in each category are:

Men's .22, men's pistol and

men's big bore classes were all taken by Dennis Corcoran.

Ladies' .22, Kathy Cartwright; ladies' pistol, Anne Harrison; ladies' big bore, Kathy Cartwright.

Men's trap singles, Bernie Reynolds; men's trap handicap, Jack Reynolds; men's trap doubles, Danny Reynolds and men's aggregate, Cam Cartwright.

Ladies' trap singles and trap handicap, Sharon Reynolds; ladies trap doubles, Ellen Bennett and ladies' aggregate, Kathy Cartwright.

Sub-junior winners, with some pretty good scores, are .22, Jason Smith; pistol, Jodie Harrison.

Junior winner of both the .22 and pistol this year was a good shooter, Rob Luscombe. Thank you all for turning out and congratulations to the winners.

Dates to note are: April 18 and 19 - Fresh Water Derby; July 11 and 12, Salmon Derby.

that anyone need suffer. On the contrary, in any transaction which follows the grand design, all concerned benefit from it. This holds true for every aspect of life.

"It is also a strong argument for "companion planting" and to take full advantage of combining plants which like to grow together, we would be well advised to alternate these plants. This will also confuse the predators. If you grow your dill among your cabbages, for example, both will benefit, the cabbage moth will be totally confused, and as dill is a favourite haunt of the trichogramma wasp, any larvae that make it have a short life expectancy. Isn't it beautiful?"

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*It was tough for Christine but*

# Belgian student is fluent

Most teenagers wouldn't take to the idea of moving in with a different family every three months or so, but one 19-year-old Belgian girl seems to be enjoying the idea.

Christine Pichet, a foreign exchange student, has already spent time with three different Salt Spring Island families since beginning her one-year stay last August.

At present, she is staying at the home of Rosemary and Doug Foerster on Sunset Drive along with two children of their own. She has been staying with the Foerstes since early January.

Christine's trip is being sponsored by the Rotary Club.

A high school graduate back home in her native Soignies, Christine is attending grade 12 classes at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

**OVERCOME**

Having had no formal training in conversational English and only four years of basic grammatical instruction behind her, Christine has overcome her initial difficulty with the English language.

She feels as though she has made tremendous progress in handling the language barrier since Christmas time, however, and she now has little trouble communicating with other students and the many new friends she has made.

"It was very hard for the first



**CHRISTINE PICHET**

three months and it was very hard to meet people at first," said Christine.

Other Gulf Islands teenagers participating in the exchange program include one student who is spending a year in the Phillipines and another who is on exchange in New Zealand.

Christine explained that students in Belgium are required to be between the ages of 16 and 18 in order to participate in the exchange program and that they must first complete high school.

Her visit to the Gulf Islands has

been a rich and rewarding experience and Christine feels as though she has made a smooth adjustment to life in Canada.

**LOOKING HOMEWARDS**

Though her stay is still several months from ending, Christine looks forward to seeing her family, friends and homeland again, even though it will mean saying farewell to the friends she has made while here.

Christine expects to leave for home in July and she looks forward to attending classes at a translation school in Brussels.

The course will last for four years and Christine expects to concentrate on the English, French and Spanish languages before pursuing a career as an interpreter.

She would eventually like to land a position with a Belgian company that involves travelling to other countries.

*Hummingbirds are here again*

Hummingbirds have arrived on Churchill Road. Peter Bingham reported Tuesday, Apr. 14, that his first hummingbird visitor was feeding on a flower.

# Top Mayne TOPS named

The Mayne Island TOPS Chapter held its Spring Social Event on Wednesday, Apr. 8, at the "Five Roosters."

Preceding the meeting the members enjoyed a seafood luncheon provided by the management. Spring daffodils helped provide a sunny atmosphere.

Leader Maude Smith, in her opening remarks, welcomed the 17 members and former members present. She expressed regret that illness or other circumstances prevented several others from attending.

She reassured all former or inactive members that TOPS stood ready to welcome their return or to help them in any way possible.

The Alumni KOPS were each presented with a rosette and ribbon that showed the number of years since their graduation. Kathy Mundie received a rose and KOPS pin for her first year in KOPS.

Installation of officers was conducted by Edna Medcalf, a former leader.

Officers for this year are: leader, Maude Smith; co-leader, Sophie Betts; secretary, Margaret Twamley; treasurer, Kay Adams; weight recorder, Edna Medcalf; program convenor, Anna DeRoussie.

Each of these was presented with a corsage, and Sophie Betts received a charm. Mabel Johnston received a charm in recognition of duties performed as reporter.

Then Sophie Betts was given a "Dogwood" cup and saucer since she had just completed the 13 weeks As "KOPS in Waiting", and she will be the next graduate.

Maude Smith also officiated at the crowning of the 1981 Chapter Queen; this was Sally Burden who became "KOPS" before Christmas. She wore the Chapter Queen tiara and sash. Maude presented her with her certificate and a red rose.


The Chapter Queen is an honour bestowed on the graduate of each year who has lost the most weight from starting weight to goal weight.

Kathy Mundie was runner-up to the Queen and was given a corsage. Both received a Corona charm. Kathy had graduated at the fall rally.



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Six years ago it was one of the alternatives examined for a Ganges system. Initial proposals of an accompanying coal filter and final hesitation of the province to authorize experimentation with sewage disposal led to its abandonment by the Ganges Planning and Sewer Committee.

Recommendation of the local committee was approved by the Salt Spring Island Planning Association on August 4, 1975 and handed to the Capital Regional Board with the hope "that the Capital Regional District, through the regional director (George Heinekey) may see its way to implement the suggestions made."

During the past several years the inventor of the process has been working at it and no announcement was made of its installation at Sidney.

Dr. Coulthard told *Driftwood*

this week that the system is working very satisfactorily and generates temperatures up to 70 deg. C.

**FED TO CHICKS**

In his original studies the Salt Spring Island scientist was processing animal wastes for use as protein animal food. It was being

fed to day-old chicks with success.

Six years ago he told the Ganges committee of his initial experiments when he investigated the temperatures achieved by spontaneous fermentation and found they rose as high as 80 deg. C. Harmful bacteria and viruses are mostly destroyed by the high temperature,

it was explained. Coulthard expressed the amazement of his colleagues when he accomplished such temperatures not previously experienced.

The designer told *Driftwood* on Monday that he hopes to gain

authority shortly to dispose of the final product as a soil dressing.

The Coulthard process has now been patented in Canada and will shortly be protected in the United States.

Dr. Coulthard has an island home on Douglas Road.

*Floats change hands*

These floats were offered for sale last week in the *Driftwood*. On Thursday this picture was taken showing Don Small and Alf Carter taking them up ready for use with the Pender Queen.



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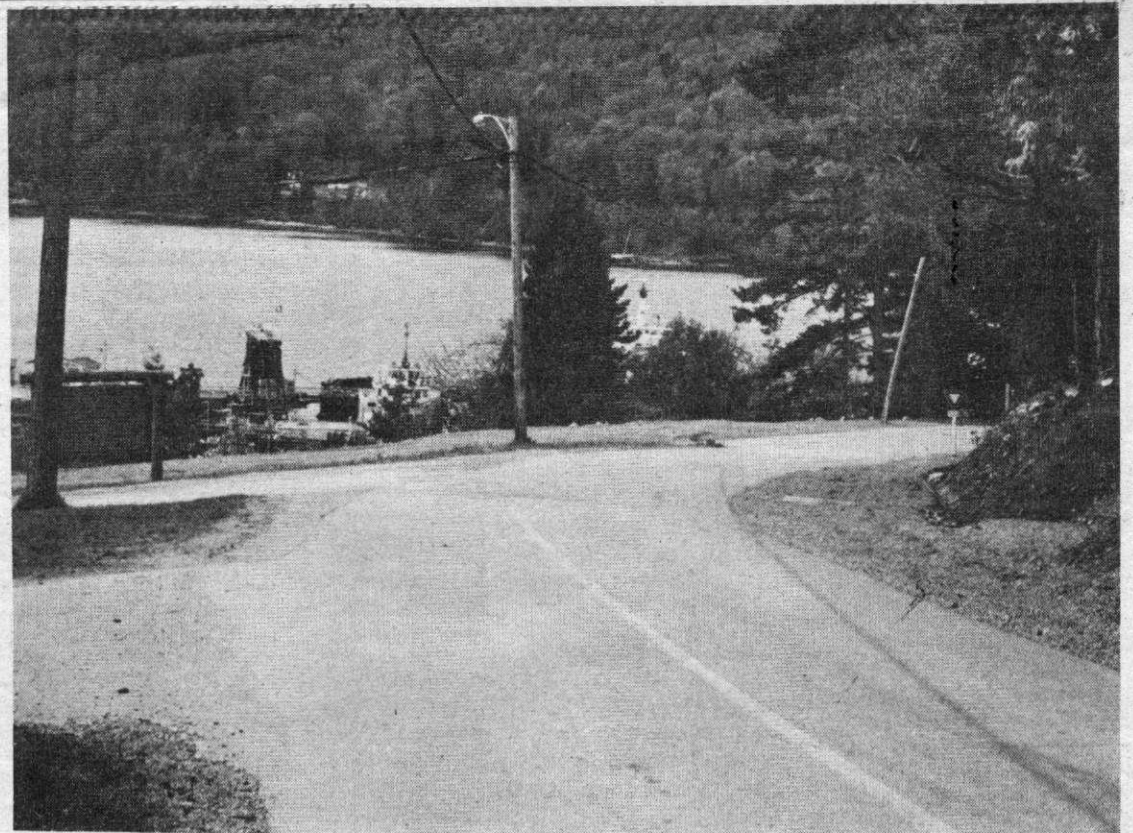
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# Lake zoning and water quality to be examined

The balance between water quality and recreational use of the lakes on Salt Spring Island will be debated when a public hearing opens in Ganges on April 21 to consider amendment of zoning categories to include a new Commercial 4-L zone.

The letter, "L" refers to lakes and provides for a special, restrictive zone to cover resorts and other recreational facilities on the lakeshore of any source of potable water.

On Wednesday evening last week the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce decided to press its opposition to the arbitrary measures in the bylaw and present

the hearing with a brief asking for a relaxation on such activities.

The new bylaw will cancel out the use of lakes for many of the resort uses thus far allowed. Among these are restaurants, hotels and a density of up to 50 persons per acre.

The new measure limits resorts, existing and potential, to a maximum of three units per acre and a maximum size of each accommodation of 40 square metres.

The chamber has already met with island trustees to ask for a relaxation of the measures. The plea bore no success.

### WATER QUALITY

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee explained that the widespread concern over water quality must transcend other aspects of lake use.

On Wednesday evening last week the chamber agreed to continue its pressure on the Trust.

Fred Bruynse, proprietor of Cedar Beach Resort, explained that he bought the property with a careful examination of its zoning and possible limitations.

His precautions have come to nought, he told the directors, with the arbitrary change sought by the Islands Trust.

Lake water reached an all-time low last year when the levels of the lake changed and water consumers were offered a foul-smelling, evil-tasting water that was safe, they were assured, but brought hundreds of complaints.

### New chef



New chef at Fulford Inn is a hotelier of the old school. And that school is the world-famed Vienna Hotel School. Leo Sabata came into the catering business when he was born. His parents owned and operated the Hotel Waldorf in Vienna.

Sabata grew up and was educated in Vienna. He has experience of cooking in the hotels of Munich, St. Tropez, and Switzerland.

He came to Canada in 1962, and his first job was at the Balkan House in Toronto.

For the last five years, Leo and his wife, Anne, owned and operated the Kayan Court Lodge in the North West Territories.

# Barn fire is arson

A Salt Spring Island juvenile has admitted to arson after setting a fire which last week caused \$1,500 damage to a barn and a Volkswagen van on Stark Road.

A barn on the property was slightly damaged and the van, which belongs to a renter, was completely destroyed except for its engine.

The fire occurred April 9 on the property of Miles Acheson.

The Salt Spring Island Fire Department was alerted about the blaze at about 4:40 pm and once on the scene had the fire quickly under control.

Const. Act Mainwaring of Ganges RCMP said that the juvenile admitted to setting the fire, without offering any reason for doing so.

It's believed that the youth used matches to set a box in the barn on fire.

## Red Cross gets \$1,805 on Pender

A cheque in the amount of \$1,805 has gone out to the Vancouver headquarters of the Canadian Red Cross as a result of a fund-raising campaign on Pender Island during the month of March.

This surpasses the total from March of last year by about \$500.

Organizers of the campaign wish to extend their appreciation to volunteers and residents who donated their time and money to helping the Red Cross.

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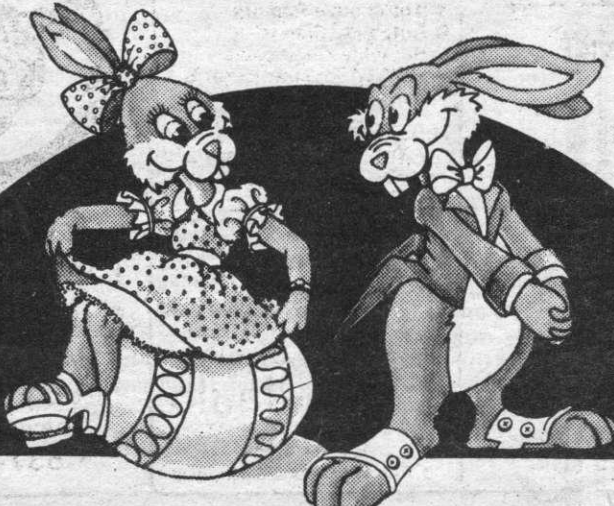
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# Commission looks at pool

## New questionnaire is planned

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has taken the first step towards placing a revised recreation referendum before island voters.

At Monday night's meeting, the commission ironed out final wording of a questionnaire to be circulated in May. Commission wants the answer to a number of questions about recreational facilities.

Basically, what the commission hopes to learn is the facilities that are needed, the facilities that people want and the facilities that people are willing to pay for.

The commission also hopes to determine why the last referendum went down to defeat.

For the past several months, the recreation commission has been quietly going about the business of regrouping its forces and planning a course of action aimed towards introducing a new referendum "somewhere down the road."

### SUMMER RESULTS

Glenn Woodley, commission chairman, said that while a few details have yet to be worked out, the questionnaire will likely be circulated towards the end of May and that the results will be available some time this summer.

He said that the commission hopes to receive a provincial government grant to hire a student for about a month while the ques-

tionnaire is in circulation.

Woodley said that there is no question in his mind that existing recreational facilities are inadequate to meet the needs of the population.

"I definitely think that before it becomes too late that Salt Spring Island is going to need some sort of new recreational facilities or the fixing up of some of the facilities to make them more useful," said Woodley.

### WORTHWHILE

"The only way that is going to come about is for people on the island to join together and give a little bit of their tax money to something really worthwhile, like recreation."

While many advocate renovating existing facilities at Mahon Hall, Central Hall, Beaver Point Hall and Fulford Hall, Woodley suggests that doing so may be throwing good money after bad.

He said that unless a referendum is passed next time around, the cost of providing facilities later on will be beyond the reach of island residents.

Woodley said that commission members are still scratching their heads as to why the referendum last November was soundly defeated.

"We're perplexed about why the last referendum was defeated. We all have our ideas about why it failed," said Woodley.

### SOUTH END

"We thought, for example, that the south end of the island would not support it as much as other areas of the island but it turned out that they supported it better than any other part of the island."

Unlike the last questionnaire, which went out about three years ago, the results from this one will be fed into a computer at the University of Victoria. Doing so will save the commission countless

hours tabulating the results by hand.

### KEY QUESTIONS

Made up of about 15 questions, it will hopefully provide the commission with answers to these key questions:

- What recreation programs are lacking on Salt Spring Island?
- Which facilities are people using?
- What types of facilities do people leave Salt Spring Island for?
- What types of new recreational facilities would people like to see,
- Would you be prepared to approve an increase in property taxes to pay for new recreational facilities?

Woodley also said that Hugh Borsman, chairman of the commission's planning committee, would soon be approaching the department of recreation and sports and the ministry of education along with school board trustee John Zacharias.

They hope to arrange meetings with officials to obtain grants which could pay up to as much as 70% for construction of a swimming pool.

The remaining 30% would be shared by island ratepayers through increased property taxes.

### ONE-THIRD

Woodley explained that the department of recreation and sports may be persuaded to pay up to one-third of the costs of a pool.

Since students in the district would have use of the pool, the ministry of education may provide a grant for another 37%, making for a total of 70%.

The pair are expected to make their presentations to the two ministries some time within the next few weeks.

### AT MOUAT PARK

If a pool is constructed, Woodley said that it would likely be at Mouat Park since the provincial government has already agreed to provide a site for it there.

He said that the commission approached Jim Chabot, minister of lands, parks and housing, after the defeat of the last referendum and that he was still agreeable to allocate the land to the commission for a swimming pool.

"We wrote to Chabot after the defeat of the referendum and he had not changed his position," said Woodley.

"We could still have Mouat Park once we get a referendum through. Whether or not the Islands Trust will go along with us, I don't know."

## Sidney art show for May 2 and 3

Annual show and sale of the Saanich Peninsula Arts and Crafts Society is coming to Sidney's Sanscha Hall. It will be over the weekend of May 2 and 3.

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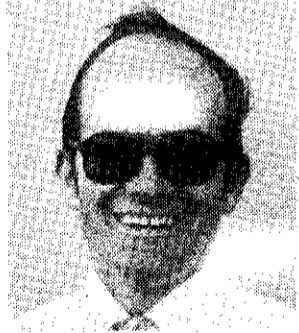
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## NORTH AND SOUTH PENDER ISLAND

### TRUST COMMITTEES

## Notice of Meeting

There will be a meeting of the North and South Pender Island Trust Committees to consider various items of business concerning North and South Pender Islands at the conclusion of the Public Hearings on April 22, 1981 in the North Pender School and Community Hall.

M. LEE,  
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## Islands Trust

### NORTH PENDER ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

## Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the North Pender School and Community Hall, North Pender Island, on Wednesday, April 22, 1981, commencing at 10:00 am.

Proposed North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 16, (being Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1, 1981), is a By-law to amend North Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 5 cited as "Zoning By-law, North Pender Island, 1978" as follows:

- (a) By deleting in its entirety the first paragraph and its subsections 1(a), (b) and (c) of Section 3.15, pertaining to the relationship of lands designated as Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission Act.

The proposed By-law may be reviewed at the Pender Island Post Office, B.C., between the hours of 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Tuesday to Saturday inclusive, and 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Monday. A copy of the proposed By-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C. during the normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30, Monday to Friday inclusive.

M. LEE,  
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## Islands Trust

### SOUTH PENDER ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

## Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the North Pender School and Community Hall, North Pender Island, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1981, commencing at 9:30 am.

Proposed South Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 7, being Amendment By-law No. 1, 1981, is a By-law to amend South Pender Island Trust Committee By-law No. 4 cited as "Zoning By-law, South Pender Island, 1980".

Purpose of the By-law is to:

- (a) Delete in its entirety Subsection 1 of Section 3.15, pertaining to the relationship of lands designated as Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission Act.
- (b) In the Rural 1 (R1) Zone and the Forest and Wildland (F) Zone, to allow for the construction of more than one (1) principal dwelling unit on a parcel in accordance with density provisions established in the by-law and in accordance with the density provisions under the Community Plan for South Pender Island.

The proposed By-law may be reviewed at the Pender Island Post Office, B.C., between the hours of 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Tuesday to Saturday inclusive, and 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Monday. A copy of the proposed By-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during the normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

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Part of an extensive local history research project, three members of the Heritage Day Committee of the Community Arts Council visited the pioneer Kanaka homesteads at Isabella Point. Patty Lawson, Olive

Clayton and Morton Stratton pause above the beach where William Naukana brought his group of Hawaiians ashore on Salt Spring Island in the late 1800's, to establish the settlement.

# Museum opening to feature island pictures

In 1979 a UVic Graduate student, Miss Karen Wonders, Department of History of Art, produced a photographic essay on the subject of the Heritage Houses of Salt Spring Island.

Her work, though most interesting, was of necessity limited to South Salt Spring Island, and the idea thus arose that a more extensive and thorough local effort could produce a photographic show which more closely detailed our early history.

The first meeting of a Committee to discuss this possibility was held in October, 1980, with Olive Clayton, Sue Mouat, Marguerite Lee, Patty Lawson, Josie Clement and Beth Hill in attendance.

Morton Stratton has kindly agreed to join the group to assist with publicity. At later C.A.C. meetings board members have volunteered assistance, which will be most gratefully accepted for the staging of the exhibit on June 20.

**COMBINED EXHIBIT**  
The committee decided to hold a combined exhibit of the work of Karen Wonders and local people.

The time has been all too brief for a complete study, but the committee has been extremely actively involved in attempting first to identify the houses earlier than 1900 and then to collect information about them. They were also distracted by the process of assisting the Farmers' Institute Museum

Committee to acquire an early Bittancourt house as the island's first museum. This will also be opened June 20, as part of a Heritage Day celebration.

The committee is also preparing a guide book to accompany the exhibit, to be illustrated with line drawings by local artists. Other artists may be adding their paintings of the old houses to the exhibition.

At first Marguerite Lee's committee planned to exhibit historical artifacts, but now these will probably be shown in the new museum.

**ENLARGING**  
The Committee applied to the Heritage Conservation Trust for \$750 to cover the costs of enlarging pictures to display size. The photographers will not be paid for their work.

Old photographs are being collected, with the hope that half the show will consist of historic views of the early houses. Under Mr. Spour, senior high school students are making transcripts of tape-recorded interviews with pioneers. Old documents are being xeroxed.

All this invaluable source material will be stored in the Farmers' Institute Museum.

The work of this committee has given the C.A.C. the privilege of promoting an important impetus toward the preservation of island history, a task which has been long neglected on Salt Spring Island.

# Camosun expansion planned

Camosun College plans to open a satellite campus in Sidney in September to provide community education and upgrading programs to residents of the Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands, Finance Minister Hugh Curtis has announced.

"Treasury Board approval has been given for the college to lease space for three classrooms and a seminar room from the Saanich school board," Curtis said, "which will move its board offices from the 3rd Street location to Keating Cross Road in July."

The 5,200 square feet of space in Sidney will cost the college \$37,948 per year, plus an initial \$30,000 for renovation.

Curtis said it is in the interests of the college to decentralize wherever possible, providing educational opportunities to serve the people of the Sooke, Saanich and Gulf Islands school districts which, with Victoria, comprise its college area.

"Facilities planning at Camosun is moving systematically toward the development of two major, comprehensive campuses, at Lansdowne Road and Interurban Road and satellite operations elsewhere in the Capital Region."

# World development and peace

The World Development and Relief Week End will consist of two events, the usual tea and sale, and a concert.

The tea and sale will be held on Saturday, April 25, from 1:30 to 3:30 at the United Church.


The concert, put on by a 50 voice

choir from Cadboro Bay United Church and Gordon Head United Church, will sing on Sunday April 26, starting at 2:30 pm, in St. George's Anglican Church. This promises to be a treat for everyone.

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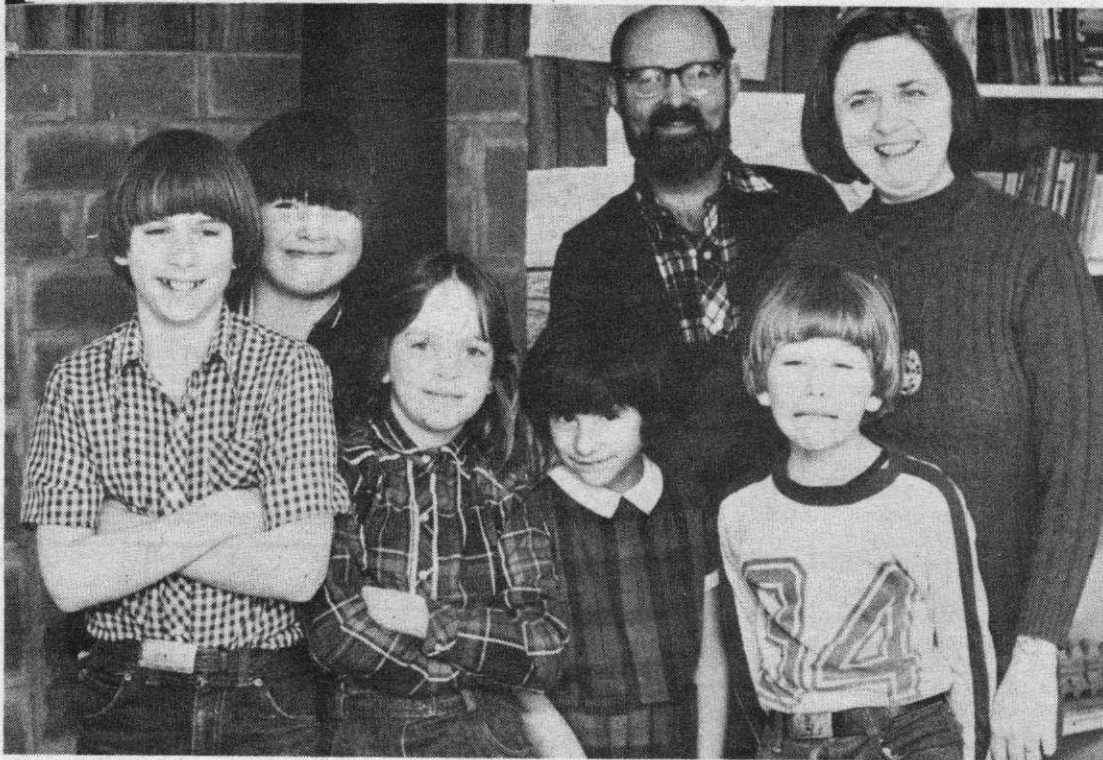
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Geoffrey Hall, Erik Downey, Karelia Hogan, Celle Rikwerda, and John Hall Jr. are seen with the teaching family, John and Kathy Hall.

according to the Hall's own curriculum, and each student pays \$60 a month for his tuition.

The school is not an alternate school, either, because the alternative to the Ganges Hill School is the alternate school adjacent to the Ganges public schools. The school is a private, society-funded school offering a different education that permits a student to work at his own level, at his own speed and at a variety of studies.

Mathematics, grammar, writing, reading, science and French are some of the academic subjects taught at the Ganges Hill School.

Afternoons are spent reading, learning how to sew and craft making. Included in afternoon hand crafts is the music class which involves listening and naming composers or musicians. All five pupils are engaged in learning how to play an instrument and violins and a piano are always nearby for practise.

#### MAINLAND GRADUATE

John Hall graduated from Britannia High School, in East Vancouver, in 1953. He had shown an interest in classical studies since he was 12 years old when the encyclopedias with illustrations of Grecian art and sculpture fascinated him.

At the East Vancouver high school he had been taught French, German, Latin and during the last two years, Greek. Hall's knowledge of languages was impressive when he graduated. He chose to major in classics at the University of British Columbia where he won the governor-general scholarship and graduated with a B.A. in 1957.

During his U.B.C. years he studied the violin and the viola which lead to his performances in a Vancouver Trio and later his achievements in the University of California's String Quintet.

Hall won a scholarship to study in Greece for a year and in 1959 he went to the birthplace of the classics of which he had read extensively.

In 1960 he finished his M.A. at U.B.C. and, with yet another scholarship, he enrolled at Harvard for his doctorate in classical philology, or classical linguistics.

Harvard fees totalled \$2,000 annually. Boarding on campus was only \$350 a year and any extra-curricular activities in the early 60's were inexpensive. Hall would travel by subway into Boston, enjoy

the theatre or orchestra for a mere \$2.50 a ticket and have allowance for an occasional meal off campus.

#### TEACHER

While studying for his PhD he also worked, without salary, as a teacher's assistant in classics at Tuft's University. In 1965 Hall left the eastern States to teach classics at the University of California in Riverside. In 1969 he returned to Harvard to finish up his PhD and in 1970 he taught for a year at the University of Minnesota. By that time he was a married man.

Cathy Hall is a graduate of Templeton University in Philadelphia. She studied psychology and graduated with a degree in anthropology. In Philadelphia, Cathy taught at a parochial school where her sister, a nun, was teaching according to the theories of Italian educator, Maria Montessori.

It was during her time at the parochial school that Cathy began following the Montessori technique of teaching, and has ever since, maintained that it is a more suitable form of teaching and of being taught. The Ganges Hill School employs the Montessori method of teaching as its guideline.

The Montessori method encourages the use of the senses and aims at self-education through guiding a child rather than controlling his activity.

John and Cathy Hall moved west where John returned to the University of California's classics department and where in 1971 he became chairman of the department without holding tenure through professorship.

Life in southern California was good, explains Hall. He liked the university, the standard of living and most of all his work.

#### A BIG CHANGE

But in 1973 a general modification in Californian universities changed the Hall's lives. A cost-accounting was made of the universities in California which resulted in a government-initiated repeal of university funding.

Decisions made by the government prohibited the University of California from maintaining small classes. Hall maintains today, that education and learning should not be cost-accountable.

The funds that subsidized the university were halved in 1974 and as Cathy Hall explained, better

#### BY VALERIE RICHARDS

John and Cathy Halls' home on Ganges Hill is one of the older homes in the Ganges vicinity. Built in 1909, it served as a family home until it was converted into a boarding house.

In 1980 the house saw some changes again, including the addition of a school room. The new room is sunny and well-lighted, and has a cozy heat from a cast iron air-tight. Behind the house are three partially cleared acres which serve five students as a gymnasium.

The additional room is a classroom providing the Ganges Educational Society with a small school.

It began last spring when John Hall investigated the possibilities of starting a private school and received co-operation from the Ministry of Education. The school opened on September 5, 1980, and five children were enrolled. Their instructors are John and Cathy Hall.

#### NOT A FREE SCHOOL

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## Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 8:00 pm on Tuesday the 28th day of April at St. George's Church Hall, Ganges, B.C.

As required by the letters patent of the District the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- (a) To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the improvement district.
- (b) To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the improvement district.
- (c) To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year.
- (d) To elect one Trustee for a term of three years.
- (e) To elect the auditor for the ensuing year.

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# mic career around world

spent, according to California politicians on defence. John Hall, among several other university professors, lost his job.

The Hall family, comprised of Geoffrey, John Jr., John and Cathy and John's father sold their homes and travelled north to spend three months driving between Parksville and Nelson in search of a suitable spot to settle where three generations of the Hall family might advantage. Several times they used the island as a stepping stone between the mainland and Vancouver Island but it wasn't until the third month that they stopped to consider living on the island.

## FREEDOM

When they left California they decided to find a small college near Vancouver or in British Columbia and a semi-rural home where they could enjoy two lives. Although Salt Spring did not meet those demands it fulfilled something else for the Hall's; the ability to be free and independent of government or educational institutes.

Cathy substituted at the Salt Spring School for three years while John gave adult education classes in classics.

In 1980 they decided to open a school in order to provide their children and those children of dissatisfied parents with an available, preferred access to education instead of those already in existence.

Hall left his music book and set aside his lengthy proposition on a village-school community to embark on a carpentry project constructing a school room to accommodate at the most, ten pupils, to meet the plans of the Ganges Educational Society of which there are 14 members.

Hall's introduction to carpentry came when he decided to take his books out from their boxes and have them handy. Throughout the Hall's home bookshelves line the walls.

The Ganges Hill School students have access to the Ganges Elementary School library twice monthly. Several times a month the Ganges Hill school pupils visit the Mary Hawkins library. There are field trips, off-island, swimming and, on-island, horse-back riding.

The Ganges Hill school is a private, non-subsidized school. In May the doors will open to the public for a day's scrutiny.



Karelia Hogan sits pensively in her classroom.

## First aid course offered

A first aid course comes to Ganges on Saturday, Apr. 25. St. John's Ambulance from Victoria will be in the Activity Centre from 9-5 to present a concentrated one-day session, Safety Oriented First Aid, with accent on water safety.

This basic course is recognized by the Workers Compensation Board on a par with their Survival Course. It should not be considered as a substitute for the Industrial Course which is much more in-depth and entails many additional hours of study.

Pre-registration is a must. Deposit cheque or money order for \$25 made out to School District 64 in the Continuing Education box, at the school board office or mail it to School District 64, Box 128, Ganges.

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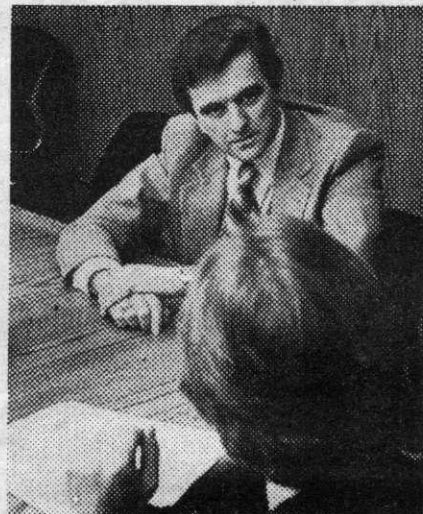
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The regulations concerning termination do not apply to certain industries, due to the nature of work.

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# Of drinking water and sewerage and *Fiddler's* great success

On November 10, 1980, the U.N. General Assembly declared the 80's "The International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade". Declared objectives: "to bring clean water and adequate sanitation to all by 1990". There are 1.8 billion people who do not have safe drinking water and 2.4 billion have no sanitation.

The World Bank estimates half a million people must benefit every day for the next 10 years at a cost of \$80 million a day. An immense sum? Compare this: more than \$15 million a day is spent in the United States on potted plants! (And never forget that \$1 million per minute spent on armaments!)

New Scientist says channelling the money into appropriate projects is part of the problem:

"Urban planners in the Third World tend to prefer flush toilets and elaborate sewerage systems to cheaper pit latrines. When such a system was constructed in Accra in 1970, so few people could afford the cost.... that only 171 households were connected - at a capital cost of \$20,000 each."

Sounds familiar? Studies by the World Bank and International Development Research Centre in Ottawa show that an improved pit latrine, together with good health education, is the cheapest way to reduce disease.

However, Third World countries will undoubtedly be steered towards expensive high-technology options because more and more aid is being tied to the donor countries' products. (Love me, love my plumbing!) Apart from the 25 million people killed each year by waterborne diseases, tens of millions (mostly women and children) spend much of their time and energy carrying water. (We were told at Habitat that the average distance is three miles!) In some parts of Bolivia, for instance, schools close during the dry season so children can spend their entire mornings carrying water for their families.

Clean water alone is not the solution. Ill-health is generated by a complex social ecology of poverty and - however much technocrats may dislike it - only a total approach to curing the causes of poverty can solve the world's health and hygiene problems.

Mauritania is in the news. So is the Anti-Slavery Society! Sounds positively antediluvian, doesn't it! In 1960 the French gave home rule to the Moors in this small North African country of some 950,000 people. It now appears that a least 100,000 live in slavery and another 300,000 are part-time and ex-slaves, discriminated against along with the free black people from the Senegal river area. John Mercer, of the Anti-Slavery Society, warns that unless steps are taken towards social equality, civil war could erupt. Slavery is illegal, but facts bely the official stance.

"The slave community needs

true emancipation coupled with practical agricultural and technical projects, a fair share of the land, education and other facilities."

Sounds familiar? Does it remind you of Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua or El Salvador?

Pray for the latest victims of

## More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

mass murder in El Salvador.

I hope you watched "Man Alive" last week. Mark MacGuigan spoke of "the Vatican" contradicting reports he had received from Canadian Bishops. Which was contradicted by the

## Winter comes back

Winter came back at the weekend and lashed the islands. On Sunday morning the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club was flashing its white sails against a background of white snow on the mountains.

Bitter winds brought sleet and hail until late Sunday when spring came back.

Freak winter had at least one car in Ganges on Sunday morning with several inches of snow on top. Henry Schwagly lives on the mountain above Ganges.

Vatican spokesman in Ottawa! What sympathy I have to spare goes to MacGuigan - a man who has spent much of his life pursuing lofty aims and espousing high ideals. The dog-eat-dog life of Parliament must be a shock to his gentle kindly spirit!

Did you experience "Fiddler on the Roof"? Once again we must marvel at the wealth of talent and creative energy on this island. If only we could apply those qualities to our every-day affairs! We would have the most ecologically sound sewage system; the most comprehensive recreation facilities and a non-profit community-based transportation system, all built, installed and operated by volunteers if need be, with costs met out of the pockets of those who can afford it, for the benefit of those who can't! And paid employment provided for those who need it.

One-quarter of the island population was involved in "Superstar". An equal portion must have participated in "Fiddler", as cast and audience - and I've heard nothing but raves. Couldn't we harness all that positive energy and direct it to some kind of Affirmative Action?

But then there's the three-quarters who didn't take part - who were too late for tickets or just not interested. That's the majority! And it was a majority which defeated the referendum. Sad to think it may be that majority which elects our "representative" governments!

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# Ganges needs clean-up chamber directors charge

Ganges is unswept, dirty and untidy, it was charged by Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last week, and it is high time the business community took pains to clean it up, director's agreed.

Everyone came in for criticism during the very frank exchange.

Merchants were criticized for failure to sweep up in front of their premises and a garage was criticized for permitting dirty oil to run out on the street. The garbage cans around the community were criticized for permitting students' food to overflow on to the streets; the garbage collection procedure was criticized for its inadequacy and the highways ministry was criticized for sweeping streets too rarely.

The chamber got down to a close look at itself and the directors didn't like what they saw.

And it was decided to do some-

thing about it!

The chamber of commerce will ask Regional Director Yvette Valcourt to help in some regular system of cleaning up in the community.

The ministry of highways will be asked to sweep up twice monthly.

The chamber also approved a letter to the attorney-general suggesting that it is his ministry's practice to employ naughty boys in cleaning police cars.

One speaker reported seeing nine youths busy washing two police cars.

Why not require of young offenders that they clean up in the community which suffers from their depredations, the attorney-general will be asked.

Persons appearing in court are often required to engage in community service as part of the punishment for small offences.

### SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

#### Notice of Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Salt Spring Island at 3:00 pm, on Tuesday, April 21, 1981, in the United Church Hall, Ganges, B.C.

M. LEE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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### Islands Trust

### SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE

#### Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-laws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the United Church Hall, Ganges B.C. on TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1981, commencing at 7:30 pm.

(1) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 56, being Amendment By-law No. 16, 1980, is a By-law to amend By-law No. 14, cited as "Zoning By-law No. 2, Salt Spring Island, 1978" as follows:

By allowing Tourist Accommodation as a permitted use in the Comprehensive Development Zone.

(2) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 57, being Amendment By-law No. 17, 1980, is a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 14 as follows:

The proposed By-law provides for the addition of a new zone to be called the "COMMERCIAL 4-L ZONE" (C4-L). The zone allows for campsites and trailer sites subject to regulations adopted pursuant to the Health Act; cabins and tourist accommodation units; boat rentals; accessory retail use and residential use in association with any of the previous uses. The proposed By-law further provides for a change in the zoning classification for commercial resorts located around designated potable lakes on Salt Spring Island (as defined in By-law No. 14) from the Commercial 4 (C4) Zone to the proposed Commercial 4-L (C4-L) Zone.

(3) Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 60, being Amendment By-law No. 2, 1981, is a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 14 as follows:

The proposed By-law provides for the addition of a new zone to be called the "UPLANDS AND FOREST RETREAT ZONE" (U.F.R.). The purpose of this proposed zone is to govern and limit the development of a retreat centre on the western side of Mt. Tuam on Salt Spring Island.

Copies of the proposed By-laws may be reviewed at the offices of the Capital Regional District, Building Inspection Department, in the Provincial Government Building, Ganges, B.C., during normal working hours of 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive. The proposed By-laws may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust office 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

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