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Some hesitation

Region lets outfall tender

There was a brief hesitation on the part of the Capital Regional Board last week to go ahead, full bore, on the letting of tenders for the Ganges sewer installation.

Four tenders were received for the installation of the outfall and directors heard a recommendation for the acceptance of a bid of \$1,508,475 from Tidewater Marine Contracting Ltd.

The provincial legislation confirming the region's authority to install a sewer was adopted on Tuesday of last week, reported executive director Dennis Young and given royal assent this week.

Had it been proclaimed, asked Yvette Valcourt.

It was given royal assent, replied Young, and that is a different process.

K.A.S. Hill, of Esquimalt, was

He urged that the motion to adopt the bid be contingent upon the receipt of official confirmation of the passing of the bill.

There is an element of haste, countered Jim Campbell.

"To postpone this until the next meeting can effectively cause problems in the realization of this project," he warned.

FRIVOLOUS

A challenge of the assertion that

the bill has been given royal assent is frivolous, he added.

"We've been on this matter a devil of a long time," recalled Hill. "Let's get the document!"

The authority still lies in the letters patent, said Dennis Young, executive director. They have not been declared invalid.

A.E. Beasley agreed with Hill and urged caution in proceeding.

If the board is merely awaiting a

Fiander does it again!

Veteran fishing derby winner Bruce Fiander did it again last weekend when he caught the largest salmon in the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club's annual derby.

Fiander, who won \$100 with his 20 lb., 8 oz. fish, won the same derby last year. In last year's Legion derby the three largest salmon were all caught from his boat. And in August, Fiander took the \$100 first prize in the Rotary Club's derby.

Second largest salmon in last weekend's derby was weighed in at 19 lb., 14 oz. and was caught by Hank Doerksen, who won \$50. Largest cod for a \$25 prize was 27 1/4 lb., caught by a Mr. Ferginson.

Winner of the consolation prize, a 12-foot aluminum boat, was Peter Cartwright. Other draw winners were Melcome Fiander, Dennis Scott, Gary Gatez, Rob Luscombe, Greg Hanks and Marilyn Hanks. Prizes consisted of various pieces of fishing tackle.

Service clubs to look at construction of housing

A second questionnaire on housing for seniors is to be circulated on Salt Spring Island, following the formation of a committee to look into construction of seniors' accommodation.

The committee is made up of representatives of three island service clubs, Lions, Rotary and Legion, and will seek to determine what retired seniors will need over the next 10 years.

A committee spokesman said Tuesday that if a need is seen for additional accommodation similar to Pioneer Village, the group has authority to proceed with

document, he can get it, offered Campbell.

Rod McKenzie stated that if he had the assurance of Young that the document is not required, he could go along with the motion.

The document was the formal assurance from the legislature that the bill is now law.

Hill's motion for delay was defeated by 31-17 and the tender of Tidewater was accepted.

Salt Spring Island's Valcourt stated, "I wish to be recorded as most definitely opposed."

Tenders were received from Tidewater; K. Viney Construction Ltd., \$1,603,000; Fraser River Pile Driving Co. Ltd., \$1,817,621; H.B. Contracting Ltd., \$2,312,300.

REVISION

The bids had been checked by H.A. Simons (International) Ltd., said municipal engineer Norman Howard. The Tidewater bid had subsequently been amended to \$1,435,475, he noted. This was occasioned partly by a revised weight design and alternative bedding procedure, reducing the cost by \$13,000 and partly because responsibility for diving to inspect the work will be undertaken by the engineers, H.A. Simons and not the contractors. This takes another \$60,000 off the bill, although it is added to the engineering costs.

The recommendations came straight to the board without being considered by the solid waste management and sewage disposal committee. The procedure was adopted in order to expedite the awarding of the contract.

The contractor is eager to commence work at the earliest possible time, stated the engineer.

At the same meeting the board authorized an expenditure of up to \$70,000 for diving services to inspect the work as it proceeds. A further \$25,000 was approved to H.A. Simons for technical services as the work proceeds.

construction.

The form to be circulated is one provided by the provincial government, which requires that the need for such housing must be proved before funding is provided. There is provincial and federal funding available for the construction and operation of low-cost rental accommodation.

The committee is looking for prompt response in returning the questionnaires, as the funding is available on a first come, first served basis and other communities are considering similar projects.



Geraldine Manning, David English, Glen Corr.

Life is more than warfare, children learn

BY BILL WEBSTER

Children, playing games and trilling laughter through the trees and across a sun-bright lawn, present a peaceful scene in a tranquil setting.

Yet four of the children face violence as a day-to-day constant in their young lives. They live in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

On a sunny Friday afternoon, they are special guests at a garden party hosted by Jim and Verna Hewett of Mariners Way, Mayne Island, to meet and play with Canadian children.

They are visiting families on Mayne Island, sponsored by the Fund for Irish Children, and are being shown that there is more to life than warfare.

The program, to bring children of Belfast to North America for a five-week visit, was started by a Belfast mother, Sarah Hughes, 11 years ago. Over the interim, many Belfast children have been shown the relative peace of life away from Northern Ireland.

BROUGHT UP IN WAR

Mrs. Hughes has a simple explanation for the visits. Many Irish children "have been brought up in war ever since the cradle. They are our next generation (and) if they don't learn about a better life then God help Ireland," she says.

Glen Corr is eight years old.

When his visit to Patricia and Tom Fitzgerald of Mariners Way on Mayne began, he talked of the violence. The boy can explain what a fire-bomb will do to a troop carrier. He knows of death and he has seen destruction.

After only a short time here, he talks of things other than throwing stones and killing.

Mrs. Fitzgerald heard about the program from friends in Victoria. She received encouragement from the late Walter Hunt-Sowrey and decided to offer her home to a child.

SO MUCH HATRED

"It's just so sad that all these poor children are growing up with all that hatred in their hearts," she said.

David English, 11, is visiting with Harry and Christine Forlander. On the day of the garden party, he didn't want to talk about his life in Belfast; he wanted only to enjoy the company of his new friends, the sunshine and of course the

Geraldine Manning, 10, flashes a disarming smile through freckles. She is the guest of Walter and Betty Fudge of Minty Way.

Geraldine sometimes plays a game of bouncing a ball against a wall. With each bounce she chants a child-song:

Turn to Page Two

Resort, hotel owners try to forget June

June was a month most people would like to forget, particularly the tourist industry folks.

While the number of visitors to the Gulf Islands, particularly from other countries, is up slightly over last year, few are staying for any length of time.

Irene Tranter, manager of the Harbour House Hotel in Ganges, expressed the sentiments of most resort operators, "It's the sun, that's it."

She said the tourists generally stayed for the weekend but tended to move on during the week.

The weather, the state of the economy and the postal strike have each in turn bit into the beginnings of this year's tourist season.

BLEAK PICTURE

The Atmospheric Environment Service of Environment Canada, the weather office, at Victoria Airport paint a bleak picture for June.

Essentially the month was cooler, wetter, less sunny and less windy than normal. The average temperature stood at 13.1°C, compared to the normal 14.5°C. The rain fell to a total of 68.1 centimetres for the month, well above the historical average of 29.2 cm.

The wind blew at an average of 8.4 kilometres per hour, slightly less than the normal 10.8 km/hr while the sun shone for only 182.2 hours in June, well under the normal 252 hours.

The manager of the Blue Vista Resort on Mayne Island reports business less than usual. The postal strike has affected its operations.

She said people would phone to confirm reservations which did not reach the resort because of the mail holdup. A number of tourists, particularly from the U.S. didn't understand the necessity of reservations on the ferries.

The owners of the Galiano Lodge have recently purchased the resort and so cannot compare with previous years but are satisfied with the bookings for the rest of the season.

UP 25%

The officials at Canada Customs at Bedwell Harbour on South Pender Island say the number of tourists from other countries is up approximately 25% over last year.

The majority of those visitors come from the U.S. but people from other countries have passed through the customs gate as well.

That fact is borne out by the tourist information kiosk at Ganges. The volunteers there have greeted more than 1,000 visitors from all across Canada and such foreign points as London, England; Lima, Peru; West Germany and even Israel.

The volunteers began keeping track of the visitors June 21 and the results are listed up to July 8.

Life more than warfare

From Page One

"When the war was over, Ian Paisley said,

'I have to go to heaven with a crown upon my head.'

But the Lord said, 'No, you gotta go below.'

There's only room for Tiny Tim and his wee banjo.'

The sectarian violence of Belfast permeates almost all facets of the lives of the children. Many have been recruited as messengers for the terrorists.

KEPT INDOORS

But not all have gone the violent road. Parents tend to keep their children indoors and as a result the youngsters gain a false impression of life from television.

An ordinary event, such as a trip to Victoria, causes concern for these children. Glen Corr had to be reassured they would not be stopped and searched at a road-block.

He would not believe, until he saw for himself, that Victoria was not a city with uniformed men bearing arms and guarding every corner.

Walter Fudge sees a difference between Canadian and Irish children.

"Small things mean so much to these children," he said. "The flowers and such, even just being able to walk peacefully down the street.

"They are different from Canadian children, but then they've been through a lot of hardships."

Mrs. Fudge explained why the couple opened their home:

TO KNOW WE LIVE IN PEACE

"I thought it would do some good to have Geraldine over here and go back with the knowledge that we live in peace with each other."

Which is the basic idea behind the visits, as their chaperone Irene Campbell of Belfast said. Campbell, a neighbour of Mrs. Hughes, became involved in the visit program nine years ago.

She is here as part of the Mayne Island group as well as the 81 other children visiting British Columbia families.

The children, when they return home, are encouraged to talk of their experiences with their parents and school-mates.

The young visitors are chosen by a Protestant and Catholic committee from all walks of Belfast life. The main criterion is that the children have never had a holiday or been out of that strife-torn city.

The visits are good because the children, as they grow up, will have happy memories of this, said Campbell.

The fourth Irish child at the garden party was Mrs. Campbell's son Brian. A fifth child, Katherine O'Neil, was visiting in Edmonton, Alberta, for the day.

A SAD NOTE

Even as the sun warmed the party-goers, a sad note hung in the air. Walter Hunt-Sowrey, who had worked so hard to raise money for the visits and who had offered bracing words of encouragement for the host families, had died in

hospital on the very day the children arrived in Vancouver.

The people who opened their hearts and their homes to the children show obvious care and concern for their young charges.

Walter Fudge prepared a message which he hopes will reach people in Northern Ireland.

"From Walter and Betty Fudge living on Mayne Island and hosting a 'Sarah Hughes' little girl from Belfast, to all those in Northern Ireland involved in the violence: For God's sake and for the sake of these and all other beautiful children of Northern Ireland — Lay down your weapons, put aside your hatreds, sit down and talk peace."

On this Friday afternoon, the youngsters visiting from the sectarian violence of Belfast enjoy the sun and the games. The casual observer cannot pick them out from the group of children playing on the lawn. The entire group are merely children.

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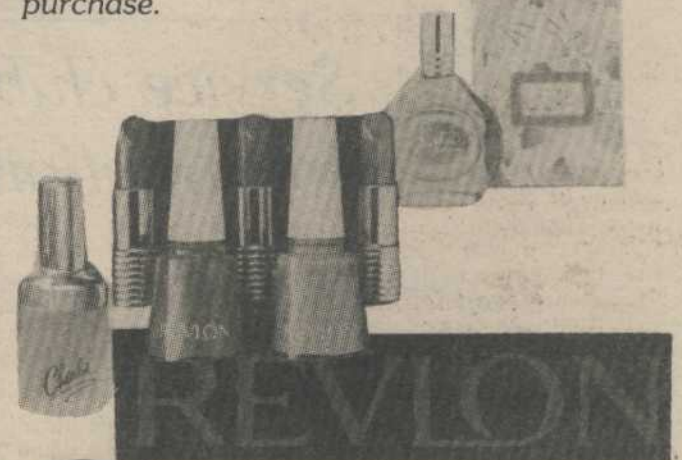
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On Sunday I set up a saw in the carport and on Monday I had a plaster on my finger. A saw finger, I guess.

An islander came home. He arrived in Vancouver and was driven out to Tsawwassen. It was the weekend and sailing times were different, so he missed his ferry. He called the airport. The only scheduled flight had flown to Ganges. So he chartered a plane and flew away to Salt Spring Island. After he left, his companions were leaving the airport when a member of the staff commented that it was a pity he hadn't waited an hour and caught the regular flight. It's a tough job getting to the islands even if it's worth it when you do.

The bath is clean and no fears accompany its use. I heard from lots of readers on how to get the wildflowers and butterflies off the bath. Mostly they recommended nail polish remover. And the final touch came with nail polish remover, followed by ammonia. The butterflies came near winning. Gasping and gagging, the home forces prevailed; but marginally.

Last week the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club inveigled Bob Blundell into editing the club bulletin, Sentinel. And Bob writes of his being shanghaied into the job. So, naturally, I looked more closely. And horror of horrors, what should I find? The Blundell school of spelling has the "Sergeant-at-arms". The Oxford dictionary, which comes from the place they invented it, says "Sergeant-at-arms". And he puts the screws on everybody and all others to toe the line. Then Editor Bob goes on to describe a program committee. But he doesn't really like the spelling. So the next paragraph he makes sure he's right and spells it "programme". Can't that man make up his own mind?

Steeped in chowder, cleaned out of clams, I am still getting fed. Last week I had three ways of making clam chowder and by the time this is all over I'll be looking like clam chowder. But here's another. This is the recipe according to Val Konig, who inherited the recipe from her father-in-law, Bernie Konig of Masset. Must be King of the Klams! "I think you'll like it," says Val. Here goes!

Saute in a skillet:
4 strips bacon in 1" lengths
1 1/2 lbs. clams (chopped or ground)
6 green onions, diced
1 green pepper, diced
1 cup frozen corn
1 cup diced carrots
1/2 cup diced celery
Put this mixture into a large soup pot and add the following:
1 cup clam nectar
4 cups milk
3 potatoes, diced
Let simmer for 2 hours
I deviate from the recipe slightly by using water for most of the cooking time, adding a can of condensed milk during the last 1/2 hour. Result — no curdled milk! I also thicken the soup with a mixture of approximately 1/4 cup flour and 1/2 cup cold water.

I was developing a film, but the equipment was reluctant. Once again, went over the instructions. I was directed to "seize the film" and push it into the film guide: "now turn the reel clockwise with its crank handle until the film is entirely feeded". The German camera industry has been exporting equipment to English-speaking countries for nearly 100 years. Surely they could do better than that?

Property at Colwood

New regional project to take all surplus funds

Inspection services, health personnel and other functions of the Capital Regional District are to have a new home in the western sector of the region.

The board last week approved the purchase of 27 acres of "beautiful land" in the Western community at a cost of \$287,000. The property is to be acquired from the Canadian National Railway.

The region will centralize its offices in the western community and place them all under one roof, explained Director E.A. Lubick, of Langford, this week. The regional district rents accommodation in all parts of the area for building inspection services, health department and other purposes.

Director H.H. Drummond, of Colwood, had earlier told the Local Works and Services Committee that the RCMP is looking for new quarters and might well be a tenant in such a central office unit.

CUT OUT RENT

Lubick told *Driftwood* that the new project would eliminate the rents being paid at the present time.

If the area should one day become a municipality and undertake its own services the facilities could be sold to the new council, he explained. It could be sold profitably at such a time.

Salt Spring Island Regional Director Yvette Valcourt had opposed the sale on two counts.

The funds for the purchase of the new property will be found from the housing starts fund, a surplus of several hundreds of thousands of dollars in the building inspection department.

Valcourt had earlier expressed

the hope that this surplus would be divided among the electoral areas for use in local projects. She had favoured a contribution towards a swimming pool. The decision to use nearly \$300,000 for the purchase of the acreage in the Western Community very nearly exhausts the fund.

SPECULATION?

Her second objection was the suggestion that the land purchase was speculative. If it should be purchased with a view to an ultimate profitable sale to some future municipality, this would

represent speculation in land, she asserted, and the region has no such mandate.

Jim Campbell, of the Outer Islands, was less critical. The new project will not serve the islands, he told the committee during negotiations, but when the fund has built up again it will be the turn of the islands to benefit.

He expressed a "genuine expectation at some future time accumulated funds from that source will be used to serve the Gulf Islands community or other electoral areas."

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
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Short memory

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce will not be in an enviable position should it decide to pursue a matter brought up at last week's meeting.

Once again, the chamber is looking at the Farmers' Market with a critical eye.

It's not the first time the market has been the target of criticism from local merchants, but apparently the chamber has a short memory.

The licensing of market vendors, the restriction of certain vendors and even moving the market out of town have all been discussed at some time or another. But public opposition to any one of those moves has always been vigorous.

The chamber would be well advised to proceed with caution or, better still, not proceed at all.

Plans and the future

When residents of Pender Island sat to debate the future of the island recently they considered the terms of the island's community plan in its relation to commercial development. And the plan provides that no such development should constitute a dominant commercial centre or focus for the whole island.

The plan for North Pender provides that each commercial development serve the settlement in or near which it is located.

Supporting the pattern, one resident urged that it was the best defence against a commercial development like Ganges. And he is probably right!

But it is also an assurance that no commercial development will ever reach the point where it can fully cater to the needs of islanders. The provision ensures that Pender residents will always have to look over the water to go shopping if local stores are restricted from growing.

Guardians of the community

On Saturday evening the community feted the volunteer firemen of Salt Spring Island. The annual Firemen's Appreciation Dinner took place in the Legion Hall at Ganges and a large attendance enjoyed the evening's program.

The dinner was arranged by the trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District, but they merely act on behalf of the community. The volunteer firemen dash off to any alarm at any hour of the day or the night. They are the guardians of the community, a bulwark between peaceful security and the tragedy of fire. And there is no one who does not appreciate the value of this service.

Fire Chief Bob Leask subsequently revealed that the firemen guard against more than fire. He spoke of the boat fire recently at Ganges, when a vessel owned by Terry Phipps was destroyed by fire. Mr. Phipps had expressed disgust that someone had stolen the anchor from his empty hull. The anchor is still lying in the fire hall at Ganges, where it was taken for safe-keeping after the fire.

It is for such acts of assistance that the firemen are feted each year by the community.

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on 21 strike	on 22 strike	on 23 strike	on 24 strike	raise 25 the rates	on 26 strike	on 27 strike
on 28 strike	lose 29 a letter	on 30 strike	on 31 strike			

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Letters to the Editor

Curtis' leadership less than impressive

Sir,

I can certainly appreciate and sympathize with Gail Secor's concern about the erosion of our democratic rights. But Gail, can you possibly be surprised about the way our Government has handled the Ganges sewer system fiasco. A referendum you ask for? It certainly seems like a viable democratic solution to once and for all end this controversy. But how short is your memory?

Only last month the Soereds showed their contempt to the Vancouver voters who twice rallied to vote affirmative for a ward system. Did they receive a ward system? No, just whining pathetic excuses from our Soered Government Representatives...so aptly described by Alderman Harry Rankin as "Political Pygmies". The Soereds like to lead us to believe that they are our saviours, staunch defenders of one of the last

bastions of democracy.

In Central American dictatorships they use the same philosophy in their "Elections" as the Soereds use in the "Referendums". We will give you a vote but we don't necessarily have to abide by the results.

Mr. Curtis, so far, your

leadership qualities in the Sewer issue, obviously important to your Island constituents, have been less than impressive. Let's have a referendum now, and respect the results.

DALE GREENE,
Fulford Harbour,
July 10, 1981.

Slaughter of 600 bears makes wedding greater farce

Sir,

This summer's "Royal Wedding" gives me the impression of a tropical island placed in a violent North Sea storm. The people of England are being battered by waves of inflation, unemployment, racism, etc., as they attempt to survive in the cold waters of their system. In total contrast to this is the monarchy displaying their pomp and circumstance which doesn't truthfully represent the turmoil around them. The Monarchy offers the English something to hang onto when what they really need is to let go and accept a change.

I'm glad that we do not have this illusion of hope in Canada. In defending our country we fight for friends, family and the qualities in our society as opposed to the Queen or King. I always believed Canada's values were based in the interest of the human race and its environment, but our allowing the slaughter of 600 black bears for guards' hats at the "Royal Wedding" humiliates these beliefs. This act was not within our rights, but we took it anyway which probably better defines our species than any words like intelligence or mercy.

The World Wildlife Federation of which Prince Philip is president responded that they see no need for concern since the bears are not an endangered species. But why must we continuously abuse life to its limits and then be forced to deal with the problem of that abuse? Is

that an intelligent way to function? And is Prince Philip sincere towards wildlife or is this just a title for his epitaph?

I think we should question our priorities when allowing the slaughter of 600 members of one species for the marriage ceremony of two members of our species. This senseless killing makes the Royal Wedding appear a greater farce than it already is with its cheap gossip and junky souvenirs. But worst yet is the spineless image displayed by the "land of the free".

I couldn't watch the "Royal Wedding" on July 29 because I know the thrill of seeing a wild animal in its natural habitat and thus realize the loss we have ensued. Our country's actions was not fair to you, me or future individuals and with this thought the wedding could only prove a disappointment.

DAVID WOODLEY,
R.R.2 Ganges,
July 12, 1981.

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says the Salt Spring
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of Commerce.

Editor's note: The best advice we can give you is that you spend your quarter on something else or take a more objective view when you read the paper. By taking the latter course you might not see things that don't even exist.

There will be raw sewage in Ganges Harbour

Sir,

A lot of the people I have talked with recently seem to be against "the big sewer". But my reason for writing is not the sellout of our community by those who seek personal profit from selling community heritage. It would and will be very nice to get at the problems created by the way we run our community. Self government for each or all of the islands sounds attractive but at least we can get out of the CRD. It seems an excellent alternative to the loss of democratic and judicial rights we face at the hands of our autocratic provincial government. I guess they feel that we are too small and insignificant a community, that they can ride roughshod over us and teach us that it's better to let Big Brother take care of all us kiddies.

It is not the way we are doing things that brings me to write, it is rather WHAT we are doing. The Big Sewer is a very concrete issue

much easier to control than the interworkings of the capitalist political farce. Now it's obvious that nobody wants raw sewage in Ganges Harbour (even the villains — or do you really care?) AND YET — THE BIG SEWER WILL PUT RAW SEWAGE INTO THE HARBOUR! Yes it is true that conventional sewage treatment plants put out some raw sewage, which I discovered while visiting treatment plants as an urban and regional planning student. The best plants (of that type) have several levels of treatment up to filtration and chlorination.

As a treatment area comes to its maximum development and capacity, the plant becomes hard pressed to handle the load and so less of the sewage is put through all levels of treatment. In addition, during peak periods in this already overloaded system, valves are turned and raw sewage is diverted to bypass the plant entirely.

This process we have seen with the existing systems at the school, hospital and Greenwoods which as they came to capacity, responded by overflowing, thus failing to do their job.

So not only would the Big Sewer cost far more than an acceptable alternative, but the subdivision and development in the Big Sewer service area would soon bring it to capacity and we would have much, much more raw sewage (unprocessed even by inadequate septic fields) in the harbour. We would be worse off than now by far! Not only would we all suffer from the development of Ganges core, from the peninsula opposite Mouat's which should be public park rather than a Big Sewer serviced 40-lot enclave, to the land up the valley around Valcourt's which is fine agricultural land; but

we would find shredded toilet paper from Beddis Beach to Scott Point, and more crap than we would ever care to swim in.

An alternative process which services the needs of the existing problem while tampering the least with the delicate balance of our community is obviously a better choice, one which I believe we made clear but which is not being honoured by our government.

The qualities for which we came to these islands are already under siege. We do not need the alienation from nature and community spawned by over-development. We have good alternatives for handling Ganges sewage, and I feel that people are developing some good ideas about alternatives in how we are governed. Surely we must do something about those in our community who persist in using their power and connections to achieve their wills, at the expense of all, and without due consideration for the will of the majority.

RICE ELKINGTON,
R.R.3 Ganges,
July 11, 1981.

Consider alternative proposal

Sir,

Re: Letter dated July 8 by R.M. Toynbee, W.M. Toynbee and T.A. Toynbee.

I have personally heard the Sewer Alternatives Committee leadership defend you as ethical and community-minded persons who would not use any personal influence to achieve the "Big Sewer" goal for personal gain. I believe you impugn the quality of that leadership by your implication, and it deserves your apology.

Further more, I suggest that if their opinion of you is true, you might consider putting the force of your influence and personalities behind the alternative proposal which will clearly be of equal benefit to the hospital, the school and the downtown centre, and simultaneously is a vitally superior solution in terms of the environment and the general population.

NANCY POOLE,
R.R.1 Ganges,
July, 1981.

Completely false, misleading bilgewater

Sir,

In your issue of July 8 last, the mis-statements and crazy theories in Mary C. Williamson's Food for Thought impels me to pick up my pen to reply to just a few of them.

Under headlines, she said: "In Beautiful B.C. we lose more than one child a day as a result of violence or suicide." Please, Mary C., let us have actual statistics re

these child murders and child suicides of over 365 a year!

Again — and I quote — "As a nation we have just mourned the loss of a hero, yet if we had devoted the time and money and brains to cancer that we've devoted to nuclear research, he need not have died." Never, ever, have I read anything so utterly false, cruel and irresponsible! In nearly every

Beware of dangerous wash from newly raised ferries

Sir,

Many Islanders and visitors will already know about this, but we thought a word of warning to others would be appropriate.

The "raised" ferries on the Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen run, the *Queens of Victoria and Vancouver*, produce a dangerous wash which travels for miles and can easily take one by surprise. This wash is quite different from that of the ordinary "stretched" ferries, or of the new *Queen of Oak Bay*, which create long low waves.

While on a South Salt Spring Island beach behind Russel Island with a small open outboard motorboat and a dinghy, our children were boarding the dinghy with our assistance when three vertical four-foot waves struck us, throwing the dinghy up on the beach, (it would have capsized had we not been there) and filling it with water. The motorboat was pulled from its anchorage and deposited, half-full of water, on the shingle. Naturally, the children were upset.

The following day, at the same time, while out in a larger boat (fortunately a heavy displacement keelboat) we encountered the wash of the *Queen of Vancouver* in open water. Again the three vertical four or five-foot waves with curling tops which hit us with considerable force. Such an encounter in a small open boat could be disastrous.

We would suggest that boaters do not venture into waters exposed to ferry wash in small open craft, or that Their Majesties be persuaded to slow down a little.

Besides, the fuel needed to generate such waves cannot be justified by the extra knot or two of speed.

JEAN AND JOHN McCAW,
R.R.1 Fulford Harbour,
July 10, 1981.

Driftwood suffers same malaise

Sir,

The *Driftwood* in the July 8 editorial has taken to task two politicians who deigned to attack a third politician on the general subject of Salt Spring sewage. Messrs. Skelly and Barber were ridiculed for their position and their regrettable failure to state and reconcile all the facts. Perhaps it is true that Mr. Skelly was dazzled by the "wrongs" and

forgot to look for the "rights" of the matter. Alas, it appears that *Driftwood* suffers from the same malaise, albeit in somewhat different order.

Can it be that our editor is so dazzled by the political ineptness of the NDP, and the purity of Mr. Curtis and the Toynbees, that he has forgotten to look for some of the real issues? There is a real issue about intelligent economic and

technical planning which the Sewer Alternative Committee has consistently addressed. There is a real issue about democratic rights and local determinism which Ms. Secor eloquently described. There is a real issue about potential ecological damage which T. Graham pointed out. There is a real issue about possible illegality which Mr. Tiernan described. And all these references were also dated July 8.

Few can deny that our island must develop a sewage disposal technique. But must we so completely ignore the surrounding issues that we become only one more link in the chain of evidence that man consistently fouls his physical and spiritual world?

JACK POOLE,
R.R.1 Ganges,
July 12, 1981.

One is outgo, other is income

Sir,

Tony Richards' column of July 8 was provocative...to say the most. I am referring to the last item re: 4.1 million dollar sewer cost and the 30 million dollar booty from a boxing match.

It may have escaped you, but the first is OUTGO, the second is INCOME. One is being financed by taxing a small population, the other is an international donation to an obscene sport.

What kind of a comparison were you trying to make?

CAROLINE M. MOORE,
R.R.2 Price Road,
Ganges,
July, 1981.

It should be informative visit

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Two members of the New Democratic Party are planning a first-hand look at the Ganges sewer installation following their attack on the community during the recent Ganges sewer debate in the provincial legislature.

Charles Barber and Robert Skelly will talk with the proponents of the sewer.

They will learn the long tale of the 19-year campaign for a sewer system. They will learn of the reasons for circulating a petition four years ago instead of a referendum on the subject. They will be told of the provisions in the Municipal Act which permit only those to vote on a sewer who will benefit from the service. They will learn that, without special legislation, residents who do not benefit are excluded from paying for such a service and that the entire local burden of taxation will fall on the owners of property in the designated area of the sewer.

They will be told of the common error on the island that the tax burden will be shared by others and they will be assured that it will not.

The two politicians will be reminded that there was, in fact, a poll taken of public opinion in the designated area and that the vast majority of property owners warmly endorsed going ahead

with a sewer.

They will learn that the Capital Regional District was advised that the "downtown area" supported the petition to the extent of 75% and that written support which came in after the petition was closed brought this figure up to 80%. It will probably be explained to them in detail.

During their visit here, the two gentlemen will, no doubt, be assured that there will be no heavy consumption of lake water to get rid of sewage and that, in fact, water is the name of the sewer game. Every additional gallon of water in the system is another headache for the engineers, they will be informed. They may even be reminded that the disposal and treatment of solids filtered and settled out of the sewage are a minor aspect of the scheme and one that matters little.

The politicians may learn that the quality of effluent must reach a standard not required in any other provincial community.

And before they leave for the halls of the mighty, they may even be reminded that soap box oratory whipping up public hysteria and concern is a fine ingredient of parliamentary debate but only contributes to bewilderment and confusion outside those hallowed halls.

It will be an informative encounter.

More letters to the Editor
on Page Six

More Letters to the Editor

It is certainly a time for wisdom

Sir,
I would like to make use of your paper to reply to T. Graham's letter to the Editor published in your July 8th edition.

I appreciate the comments regarding Mouat's policy on magazine sales. The decision to eliminate certain magazines from our racks was made several years ago and we have had no reason to regret it.

Curiously you then go on to equate support for the Ganges Sewer with support for some monstrous form of pornography. Has it occurred to you that those in favour of the Ganges Sewer are every bit as dedicated to the elimination of pollution as you are? Has it occurred that the supporters believe, and with good scientific backing, that the sewer as designed will tremendously reduce pollution in Ganges both on land and along the shoreline and that the marine outfall which causes you such concern will cause no harm whatever to the marine environment?

I was born in Ganges and spent my childhood on the harbour as did my brothers. We fished, swam, rowed and sailed in the harbour at all seasons of the year and developed a deep affection for it. My brother and his family still live on the harbour as does my Mother who has spent virtually all of her 85 years in Ganges at the water's edge.

Knowing this background and knowing that we strongly support

the planned sewer can you seriously suggest we are prepared to sit back and watch "the rape of Mother Nature".

The Ganges Sewer is designed to serve an area stretching from Greenwoods to Harbour Grocery. It is designed to serve existing need and the growth contemplated in the official community plan which was developed by the Islands Trust with strong community support. Yes, that growth will allow some commercial expansion but it will also provide for growth in public buildings such as the hospital, already in need of more beds.

The plan also stresses the desirability of the creation of housing close to shopping and public services. Contrary to some statements of the Sewer Alternatives Committee, the planned sewer is completely consistent with the community plan.

As to the technical merits of the plan what more could be asked for? The sewage will undergo secondary biological treatment followed by ultra-violet disinfection before entering the sea. Chlorination has been avoided due to the possible harmful effects on fish. The three-mile long outfall line diffuses this highly treated water at a point well outside the Chain Islands.

The Sewer Alternatives Committee continues to talk of a threat of pollution but they have not cited a recognized authority that supports this position. On the other hand, you will find many authorities that state the planned system has a huge safety factor built in.

Are you aware that Fisheries

and Environment Canada, the agency responsible for protection of the marine environment and noted for its caution in questions such as this, has taken the following official position? "It is our opinion that the combination of the original provisions of the permit regarding treatment, and the outfall location ordered by the Board, will provide sufficient safeguards to protect the marine resource and its eco-systems".

You have asked that I hear the wisdom of the Sewer Alternatives Committee but frankly I cannot. Wisdom implies a thoughtful, careful, objective approach - something that is completely lacking in the Ganges sewer controversy. The Ganges sewer debate, if you can call it that, has been fueled by lack of information, misinformation, fear, innuendo and personal attack engendering a degree of raw emotion that has created a climate alien to wisdom.

No, I do not think the harbour will suffer from the installation of the Ganges sewer but regrettably the fabric of the community has been damaged by years of attack and counter attack in the pages of *Driftwood*, on radio and T.V., at the CRD and now even at the Provincial Legislature.

I ask you, T. Graham, to consider the suggestion that in this unhealthy atmosphere winning or losing has become everything, while the common objective of Islanders to solve a sewage problem has been forgotten. I agree it is time for a little wisdom.

T. A. TOYNBEE,
Ganges,
July 13, 1981.

Hockey puckus gross outa; a forgotten species of slug

Sir,
For shame, Mr. Richards, for shame! I am appalled! How could you do it? How could you have possibly devoted two pages of your personal and powerful prose to *ariolimax columbianus* (garden slugs) with nary a mention for the grandest, most prolific (asexually speaking), and certainly in some quarters, the most popular slug of all - the hockey puckus grossouta (*sudsdrinka excessus*) - otherwise known to their loyal fans everywhere as the Salt Spring Slugs.

Certainly I'll agree that at times they're "a little nauseating to watch" and there is some truth to the statement that they have, on occasion "got carried away drinking beer." But that's no reason to lump them in with all the others and pass them over as the common garden variety.

How can you ever suggest that they have a fondness for leafy greens when it's a well known fact that their true love is greasy hamburgers, soggy fries, mouldy pretzels and warm beer. Besides -

none of them smoke.

Really, Mr. Richards, you have done a disservice to Slug fans everywhere. Your report is rife with more inaccuracies than a regional director's. May I suggest that in future should you wish to write an expose on Sluggdom, you go right to the source...any local bar between 3 and 12.

NORTSPEWS SLIMY,
Alias Ian Jukes,
Salt Spring Slugs,
July 12, 1981.

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Minister's misinformation less significant than MLA's

Sir,
In an open letter Messers Toynbee have asked the Sewer Alternatives Committee to disassociate itself from the personal accusations made by Mr. Skelly and Mr. Barber in the house, alleging Political patronage against Hugh Curtis in his connections with Mr. Toynbee.

We readily disassociate ourselves from Mr. Curtis because any politician, and particularly a Minister, has a responsibility not only to assure that justice is done to his constituents but that it is seen to be done. And this seems not to be the case.

We disassociate ourselves from Mr. Vander Zalm because of his complete refusal to answer the question, Why will your government not give a referendum to the people of Salt Spring? Also for the way Mr. Vander Zalm misinformed the house, in contending that the rate of 2 1/2 mills for the sewer is low compared to everywhere else. You, Mr. Toynbee, know that the rate is 7.432 mills and so do all the other property owners in Ganges, pensioners included. We cannot believe that the Minister would give this misinformation intentionally but it is also difficult to imagine how the Minister of Municipal Affairs could be so ill informed.

Mr. Barber may have been misinformed on details of your business holdings but his error in simply mixing up Christian names was of far less significance than the misinformation, regarding the mill rate, given to the house by Mr. Vander Zalm.

We assure you that none of our committee members have, or ever intend to knowingly provide

misinformation to advance our cause.

You faulted Mr. Barber and Mr. Skelly for not thoroughly investigating your business connections and your relationship with the Social Credit party. Accordingly the only way we could assure fair treatment to yourself as well as Mr. Barber and Mr. Skelly is to extend the invitation to you, Mr. Toynbee, to appear before our committee so that we may thoroughly apprise ourselves of your business affairs and your relationship with the Soecred Party. We of course include your cosignatories in this invitation and even extend it to the Hon. Hugh Curtis.

We are not responsible for the tactics employed by either political party in the house, thus are under no onus to condone or condemn. However, it would be churlish of us not to acknowledge our debt and gratitude to Mr. Barber and Mr. Skelly as the only ones who stood up for the right of Salt Spring Islanders for a vote, as opposed to all Social Credit members who denied this vote and condoned devious legislation to nullify a pending court decision. For this shame we disassociate ourselves from the Social Credit party in its entirety.

Salt Spring Sewer Alternatives
Committee,
July, 1981.

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Vocal minority maligning, slandering

Sir,
We, the undersigned, are pleased to have read *Driftwood* of July 8 and see that Bill 31 has been passed by the Legislature. This should nullify any further nuisance action.

We, as canvassers, know:
(a) that a petition was taken to all residences, to all persons required to signify a yes or a no;
(b) these residents understood the costs to them or deferment taxes to their estates;
(c) 75% of the voters said yes;
(d) what could be more democratic?

Yet the vocal minority still are maligning and slandering two men, Mr. Tom Toynbee and Mr. Hugh Curtis.

Neither man was involved with that petition. So the story grows and the sewer opponents have lost sight of the legal procedures and the extensive investigations made to install the necessary equipment are forgotten. Every two-bit professional has had their say. That's Democracy.

But slander and gossip are not Democratic. They are untrue and deserve to be called so.

Good manners keep us quiet. We turn the other cheek.

Now we think it is time to stand up for these good men; to say "thank God we've got men who will not slander in reprisal, but keep right on making this a wonderful country and Island."

Let's be proud to speak out for what we know is true, to trample injustice by keep on declaring the truth.

ISABEL GOODMAN,
NITA BROWN,

Ganges,
July, 1981.



Annual picnic

The Gulf Islands NDP Club held its annual picnic Sunday at Ruckle Park on Salt Spring Island.

From left are Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands MP Jim Manly, John Mika, assistant to provincial NDP

leader Dave Barrett, NDP Club secretary Lydia Purser and Fred and Alice Maybee.

The second time!

Who took director's car?

Salt Spring Island regional director was the victim of a towing company last week when her car was removed from a Victoria parking lot.

Yvette Valcourt was taking part in the deliberations of the board when Gordon's Towing received a telephone call from the regional district directing them to tow away a designated white Pontiac.

The telephone call was sufficient authority for the removal of the car from the lot, despite the fact that it carries a valid parking permit on the car, said the director.

The engineering department of the regional offices is responsible for the administration of parking arrangements and transport. There was no trace of a call from the engineering department and Valcourt was convinced by

Wednesday evening that she had been the victim of a hoax.

Her car had been parked against a wall for lack of space in the lot, she explained, but she had been directed on previous occasions to

park in that place.

It is the second time her car has been towed away from the lot, despite assurances by the region that directors' cars may use that lot, she told *Driftwood*.

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**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 the conclusion of the Public Hearing on July 21, 1981, in the United Church Hall, Ganges, B.C.

M. LEE,
 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**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, JULY 21, 1981, commencing at 1:30 pm.**

1. Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 62, being Amendment By-law No. 4, 1981, is a By-law to amend By-law No. 14 cited as "Zoning By-law No. 2, Salt Spring Island, 1978" as follows:

By changing the zoning classification of Lot 11, Range 3 East, Section 1, Plan 5827, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District from Residential 1 (R-1) to the Industrial III (I-3) Zone as shown by the shaded area on Plan No. 1 which forms part of the By-law.

The property is located on Rainbow Road, Ganges.

2. Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 63, being Amendment By-law No. 5, 1981, is a By-law to amend By-law No. 14 cited as "Zoning By-law No. 2, Salt Spring Island, 1978" as follows:

By changing the zoning classification of that part of Lot 2, Section 4, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 23507, shown by the shaded area on Plan No. 1 which forms part of the By-law, from Commercial 5 (C-5) to the Residential 1 (R-1) zone.

The property is located on Kings Lane, Ganges.

3. Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 64, being Amendment By-law No. 6, 1981, is a By-law to amend By-law No. 14 cited as "Zoning By-law No. 2, Salt Spring Island, 1978" as follows:

By changing the zoning classification of Lot 6, Block "A", Plan 1371, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, shown by the shaded area on Plan No. 1 which forms part of the By-law, from the Residential 1 (R-1) Zone to the Commercial 1 (C-1) Zone.

The property is located on McPhillips Avenue, Ganges.

4. Proposed Salt Spring Island Trust Committee By-law No. 65, being Amendment By-law No. 7, 1981, is a By-law to amend By-law No. 14 cited as "Zoning By-law No. 2, Salt Spring Island, 1978" as follows:

By changing the zoning classification of Lot 13, Block "B", Section 1, Range 3 East, Plan 1371, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, shown by the shaded area on Plan No. 1 which forms part of the By-law, from the Residential 1 (R-1) Zone to the Commercial 1 (C-1) Zone.

The property is located on Rainbow Road, Ganges.

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.

M. LEE,
 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Plane moved after 35 years on the beach



Bristol Bolingbroke Mark II perches with its nose in the sand. Tim Lomas, Cliff Spencer, David Maude and Vernon Price volunteered their time to restore the once operating aircraft.

After 35 years of seaside life the battered looking Bristol Bolingbroke Mark II fighter plane will be returned to a more dignified shelter than that which it was afforded by the trees in Fullford Harbour.

In 1946 Harold and Edward Maude invested in airplanes. The Pat Bay flight training base had a surplus of Bolingbrokes and the Maude brothers bought two. A smart looking Mark II was sold to the brothers for \$50. The less sleek and somewhat more scratched fighter plane was sold with a discount of \$15.

The \$35 gem was left to stand on its own at Isabella Point Road on the beach. Its innards were virtually stripped from the plane and as the years passed the Mark II looked sadder and sadder as she became more empty.

The plane rests, nose down, in a secluded clump of trees on the beach off Isabella Point Road. It has been on the beach for 35 years. This week the Mark II will be moved in order to permit aviation experts to put her back together again.

For \$500 the Victoria Interplanetary Society purchased the aircraft and are enthusiastic to have the plane re-assembled.

Director of the project is Cliff Spencer of Victoria.

Spencer explained that the project has received no funding but the society was hoping for some donations later in the fall. Repairing the plane will take roughly 18 months, Spencer reckoned.

But it won't be easy even with a crew on the job. David Maude is involved in the society along with Victoria residents Vernon Price and Tim Lomas. Spencer has lots of help.

The Victoria Interplanetary Society is comprised of 120 members between the ages of 10 and 80. Along with plans for a museum at the Victoria airport the society also wants to provide Victoria with a planetarium.

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Pender Queen renamed

Work well under way on *Pender Lady*

A particular berth at Ladner is a busy place lately as Don Small and Alf Carter work at converting their prized possession.

The pair of Salt Spring Islanders are labouring at changing the *Pender Queen*, which they have renamed the *Pender Lady*, from a ferry to floating living quarters.

Small and Carter purchased the

old wooden-hulled ferry from the B.C. Ferry Corporation in April for \$75,300.

The *Pender Lady* was built in 1923 at the Burrard Yarrow's shipyard and entered the service of the CPR as the *Motor Princess*.

In later years she saw service for the Gulf Island Ferry Co., and more recently with B.C. Ferries. When she originally plied the waters of the Strait of Georgia, she was the first roll-on roll-off motor vehicle ferry.

For the past two years, since being idled, she has sat at the docks in Vancouver.

Small and Carter, with the help of retired engineer Don Cousineau who once worked the ship, have tuned the engines and all systems on the wooden ship are in running order.

They are currently building

accommodations for 20 people on the car deck and expect to have the trailer-like structures completed by the end of July.

When the refit is complete, probably in time for the opening of next season, the *Pender Lady* will be rented or leased as floating living quarters for marine research or other such work which requires her.



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Defrauding government costs \$500

Former owner of the Mayne Inn at Mayne Island has been fined \$500 for defrauding the federal government in 1979.

Pinchin Holdings Ltd. was fined by Judge Fred Giles in Victoria provincial court last week after being told that the government had been defrauded of between \$500 and \$600. The company had applied for a student loan assistance program under the department of labour, where salaries are subsidized.

Court was told that Pinchin had claimed \$1,500 but a later investigation had shown that the company had paid substantially less.

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Not for board

Who pays if director seeks legal advice to challenge board action?

If a regional director disagrees with an action of the board and seeks independent legal advice, who pays?

Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt and Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier, last week, both maintained that the board should meet such costs and that the expenditures should then be charged to the electoral area involved.

The regional solicitor and the ministry of municipal affairs both averred that it could not be done.

The question arose when director Valcourt, in October last year, challenged an opinion from the regional solicitor and asked for assistance in gaining alternative legal advice. She should be able to charge that advice to the board, said Valcourt, because any municipal director could go to his municipal solicitor for advice under parallel conditions and acquire it without charge.

Last week directors learned from executive director Dennis Young that officials of the ministry of municipal affairs were sceptical and had "expressed grave misgivings regarding the appropriateness of such an application".

WOULDN'T APPROVE

Even if supplementary letters patent were submitted by the board to the ministry, it appears they would not receive approval, warned Young.

Regional solicitor D.A.M. Patterson explained that if a municipal director seeks alternative legal advice through his council he is acting, not as a regional director, but as a member of that municipal council. The further action, then, is an action by that municipal council as one function operating separately from the regional board.

When a director from an electoral area seeks alternative advice, he acts as a member of the board. This would mean that the board was paying for legal services to enable one of its own members to contest or attack its actions, suggested Patterson.

"What if the costs were charged to the electoral area?" asked Valcourt.

It would still not be acceptable, irrespective of where the funds might be coming from, responded Young.

The advice did not follow the October motion calling for legal advice, countered Valcourt. The

motion had referred to special levies.

"The board would not pay; the areas would."

She did not press for legal aid beyond gaining advice.

ORIGINAL INTENT

She didn't believe the director should be paid for suing the board, she noted.

The intent of the original motion was to permit the board to raise monies to meet the cost of challenge, she recalled.

The municipal solicitor and the municipal affairs ministry had made it clear that it would not be allowed, commented H.M. Drummond.

It is different for an electoral area, suggested Couvelier. They have no council.

"If an electoral area is going to pay the cost of this service, we should not stop them," he suggested.

It would be "short-circuiting the process of democracy", he feared.

His motion for further investigation was defeated and the matter was filed.

The October motion was rescinded at the call of K.A.S. Hill.

He gave in and got caught Provincial Court is told

A Salt Spring youth learned in provincial court last week his choice of companions had proved less than admirable.

Calvin Wilfred Watt, 18, pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entry arising from an incident at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club last October.

Judge D.K. McAdam gave the youth a suspended sentence and ordered him to serve 50 hours of community service for a one-year probationary period.

Watt had apparently been approached by two juveniles on the day in question and asked to help obtain some beer from the country club.

At first he refused but later changed his mind. While the juveniles entered the closed club, Watt stood watch outside and helped carry away four cases of beer and a bottle of vodka.

The three men then went to the movie house where the alcoholic

beverages were consumed. Watt did not join in the drinking the court was told.

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Galiano pays tribute to pioneer couple

BY TILLIE D. BAMFORD
North Galiano Community Club members and friends put together a wonderful celebration for Dominion Day this year.

After the downpour of rain on Tuesday we all held our breath about Wednesday, but as it happened, the day dawned bright and sunny. Alistair Ross, who had spearheaded the whole thing, breathed a sigh of relief. The members had worked so hard decorating the parking lot with flags and the hall with many paintings and old pictures that had been borrowed from many people on the island. The pictures were covered by glass, with the names under each picture.

This was the first North Galiano celebration ever held for Dominion Day. It was one that will not soon be forgotten.

A parade was formed, starting at the top of Baines Hill and cars were parked on Devina Drive. People lined the road on both sides all the way to the hall. Ken Allen's 1928 Ford Model A touring car led the parade, carrying the guests of honour, Harry and Devina Baines. Devina was entertained in token of her having lived longest on the North End, coming to the lighthouse at the age of 13. Harry came to North Galiano at the age of 16 and later, only 54 years ago, helped his father, the late George

H. Baines, to build what is now the community hall. From 1927 to 1953 it was the North Galiano School.

Harry had also been fire warden for over 30 years.

Baby Smedley hitched a ride and waved all the way along the route.

PERFECT DAY

The celebrations and the day were perfect, except for one small mishap as they arrived at the hall, when Devina, victim of three major strokes in the last few years, experienced a brief difficulty in stepping from the car.

The couple were shown to the seat of honour, where little, brown-eyed, dark-haired Denise Danielle presented Devina with a corsage and Harry with a boutonniere. Both had been made up around a red rose by the island florist, Aini Haksi, of Porlier Pass Drive.

The announcer introduced the couple, despite the fact that they were well-known to the gathering. The Baines had lived a total of more than 100 years on the island, he noted. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary three years ago.

During the afternoon races and games were enjoyed, while the children had ice cream, balloons and soft drinks. Tiny Canadian flags were handed out to everybody, along with copies of

the new words to *O Canada* to help everyone sing it.

REPLICA

Inside the hall was a replica of Race Point Lighthouse on the stage in front of a mural depicting Race Point, done by Alistair Ross. The little lighthouse had been made by Harry for his wife's birthday last year.

A story, *Thumbnail Sketch of Race Point*, written by Devina Baines and printed by Dorothy Ross, hung on the wall close by. Another decoration was a series of cards with the names of former teachers and postmasters at the North End.

The entertainment set up by Joe Fleming consisted of a ukelele interpretation of a Japanese song done by the schoolgirls from Galiano school; a puppet show; *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Audrey Thomas and friends. The little ukelele band was coached by Elizabeth Brinson, Galiano school teacher.

Chicken was served for supper.

Another event followed, when Lorri Annie McLeod arrived with her mother to present a Highland dance in honour of her grandparents.

The afternoon wound up with a sing-song and a guitar special by Greig Gammon. Pat Weaver played the accordion.

The day was featured by the large number who took part and organized it. They were from both ends of the island.



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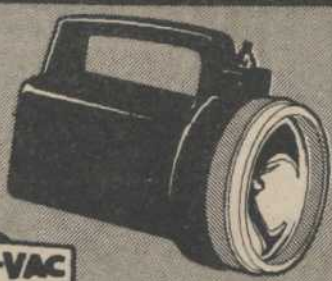
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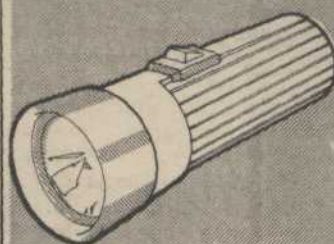
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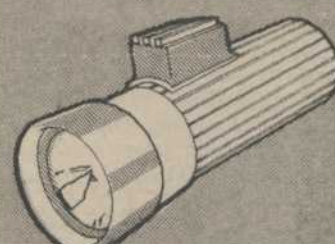
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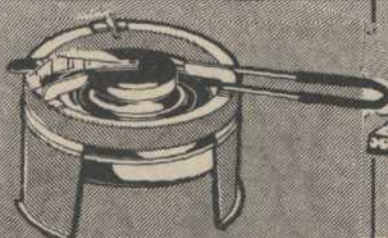
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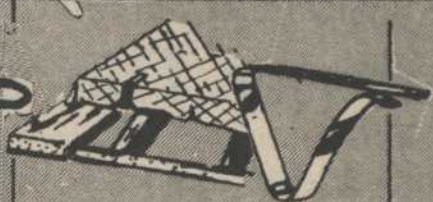
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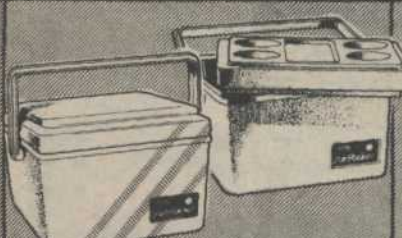
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Demonstrators in Victoria

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Celebrate 91st birthday

To celebrate the 91st birthday of Mrs. Hannah R. Levis (R.N.) of Victoria, a family gathering was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Levis, Salt Spring Island, Sunday, July 12.

Among the off-island guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Demmler with Jeanine and Richard of Toronto (completing four generations present); Mrs. Francie Levis, North Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. W. McAllister, Qualicum Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hughson, Shetland Islands; Mrs. Lena Munroe, Irvine, Scotland; and friends and relatives from the Victoria area.

Nugget folds

Kananaskis Nugget, published in Alberta, has folded.

The Nugget was published by the Scouts of Canada in the Albert park community of Kananaskis Country.

Last week two Salt Spring Island Sea Scouts, David Bremner and Al Innes, brought a copy of the newspaper to Driftwood. It was a souvenir of the Canadian Jamboree this year.

The Nugget appeared six times, offering advice and information to the boys and publishing random views garnered from among the 20,000 taking part.



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North Galiano news

BY DEVINA BAINES
Joy McLeod, with Lorri Anne from Ladysmith, came out in the "Joy's Toy", and Tillie Bamford, from Sidney, also came up to help their parents celebrate their day of recognition.

There were so many visitors that I didn't get their names.

The Ross's had company from Vancouver.

Ken and Gill Allen's young grandson was in the parade as a very impressive robot.

The Woody Coward's also had friends for a few days staying over.

We are glad to report that Beryl Weatherwell is now home from hospital and doing well.

We were sorry to hear last night that Bill Maier is a patient in Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges. We are all pulling for you, Bill and we hope you will soon be home and well again!

"Sammy, thank you for your help" and the many others who helped make one day so wonderful!

Fishing is rather slow around Portlier Pass these days.

We are sorry that we ran out of chickens and a lot of people had to

be refused tickets.

The lucky lamb ticket, drawn by myself, was won by Bernice Burroughs, a newcomer to the island. The Burroughs are building a beautiful home at Shaw's Landing.

Lorri Anne McLeod, in June, went before the Examiner from Scotland and passed her exams. She is now a qualified Highland dance teacher.

Reports from our West Coast and northern fishermen do not seem very promising. Seems like a bad year for salmon fishermen this year.

Sequel to attack on sheep

Savaging of sheep that aroused the late Walter Hunt-Sowrey to write his last observations had its sequel at the last meeting of the local works and services committee of the Capital Regional Board.

The committee approved the payment of \$412 to Mrs. Brannan of Mayne Island following the loss of three ewes and seven lambs to marauding dogs on May 6.

Two of the dogs involved in the incident were recognized and have been, subsequently, taken off the island.

The board failed to approve the payment at last week's meeting and sent the recommendation back to committee.

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A 'dead food', says local woman

Canning and preserving are easy without sugar

The nursery rhyme equates sugar and spice with everything nice but as far as Sharon Puhky is concerned, sugar is not nice.

The Fulford woman is waging a battle against cane sugar which she terms a "dead food."

"It's in everything. You're paying for it; you don't need it and it's not good for you," she said.

Puhky does not use sugar when she preserves fruit or cans other produce of the garden.

The secret is to use the natural sugars of fruits and let them boil in their own water. Most fruits and vegetables are mostly water and it is possible, and more nutritious to cook them naturally, she said.

"It's so simple that people are really surprised at how easy it really is," she claims.

HAS TO DRY

To begin, the fruit is washed and allowed to dry. Any excess water tends to increase the cooking time and dilute the finished product requiring a thickener of some kind.

The dry fruit is cut into large pieces and cooked over a low heat. As it heats up, the fruit releases its water and the natural sugar acts as a natural thickener. The process of thickening occurs as the natural water evaporates.

For rhubarb or other nonsweet fruit, the natural sugar can be



Sharon Puhky and daughter making jam

obtained by adding raisins or other high glucose fruits. Honey does not rate as a good substitution for cane sugar because when heated it becomes a liquid and the jam made with added honey requires a thickener.

Would-be jam makers are urged to experiment with recipes to discover variations which suit them.

"You have to use your imagination," she said. "When something works out well, stick with it."

COOK SLOWLY

Soft fruits, such as raspberries, must be cooked slowly or the results will be mush. Puhky uses a thickener of fruit pulp, arrowroot powder and a small quantity of water to help such fruit gain body and prevent the finished jam from running off a piece of toast.





Jam makers don't need a large garden either, she said. The Gulf Islands teem with wild fruits such as strawberries, raspberries and particularly variations of blackberries.

Her word on cane sugar is, "Sugar is a dead food and it definitely does not act as a preservative. People have become so used to food with sugar added as sweet but it is not flavourful."

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Spraying gravel costs youth his license

A Ganges youth will be walking for the next two weeks as a result of a moment of carelessness.

The juvenile was found guilty in provincial court last week of driving without reasonable consideration of others using the highway.

Judge D.K. McAdam fined the young man \$25 and suspended his driver's licence for two weeks.

The offence occurred when the youth, in a car parked near the movie theatre, drove away at high speed. As the car pulled away, loose gravel thrown up by the rear wheels struck several pedestrians in the area.

In other court action, Norman Valcourt, 18, of Ganges was fined \$50 for consuming alcohol while under-age.

The RCMP had stopped to check a car parked in front of the fish plant on Rainbow Road. Several bottles of beer were found on the front seat and Valcourt

apparently told the officer that he had purchased the beer at a local hotel.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A misunderstanding following a traffic accident landed a Galiano man in provincial court.

Gordon Rutherford was a passenger in a truck which struck a tree on Porlier Pass Road and as the driver of the vehicle attempted

to manoeuvre away from the tree, an RCMP officer appeared on the scene.

In the ensuing discussion, Rutherford refused to identify himself and as a consequence landed in front of Judge D.K. McAdam in provincial court.

The charges against Rutherford were dismissed.

20 year lease for Mahon Hall

Lease on Mahon Hall has been extended.

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission have a 20-year possession of the old Ganges recreation hall.

Capital Regional Board last week confirmed a committee proposal to extend the lease to 10 years with a 10-year option to renew. In 1979 a five-year lease and five-year option was negotiated with the owners of the hall, Gulf Islands School District.

Board was told that the island parks and recreation commission proposes some extensive building repairs and wanted the security of a longer lease.

Built as a community hall to commemorate the Mahon brothers, the hall came into the possession of the school district many years ago and was operated as an adjunct to the Ganges school complex until two years ago.

It is the location of the annual Artercraft exhibition in Ganges.

Canadian chamber head attends Ganges meeting

When the worth of membership in the Canadian Chamber of Commerce was questioned at a meeting in Ganges last week, the president of that group was there to answer.

Stanley Roberts, who had been vacationing here at the time, was a guest of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting at the Harbour House Hotel on Wednesday.

Roberts explained to the meeting that the national chamber, with head office in Montreal, also has an office in Ottawa, staffed by a full-time lawyer engaged by the chamber of commerce.

The chamber, said Roberts, will look at any legitimate problem or concern relayed to it.

He noted, as an example, that a breakwater might be a useful feature in Ganges Harbour. If the Salt Spring chamber were to ask Roberts' group to look into it, the department of fisheries and oceans would be approached to determine whether such a project would meet

with government approval. The national chamber deals with government on the federal level, while provincial chambers work with the provincial governments.

Many of those at Wednesday's meeting expressed concern over high interest rates. Roberts pointed out, however, that the Canadian chamber has economists on its staff who agree that the government's current policy of keeping rates up is an acceptable method of keeping the inflation rate down.

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Gary Sawdon and Cindy Sweet of Youth Project '81

Providing recreation, work for youngsters goal of project

One area of activities for youth which has, to date, met with reasonable success is the summer job search.

When the project started up four weeks ago, Sawdon had information on more jobs than the centre had applicants, but now there are more applicants than jobs.

Sawdon urges anyone with a job, no matter how large or small, to call Youth Project '81 (537-9522) to enable the youth who are seeking employment to earn money over the summer months.

So far, the work for youth has included jobs in construction, gardening, house cleaning or baby sitting.

For recreation, the project takes over Centennial Park each Monday and Wednesday evening from 7 pm. Young people, 18 years and under, can play volleyball,

soccer or other sports.

On the same days, a youth-oriented coffee house operates from the Ganges United Church from 9 pm to midnight.

Other activities planned include off-island trips to Vancouver or Victoria. Sawdon is also attempting to organize a fruit-

picking junket to a farm in the Okanagan Valley.

With a \$300 budget for the summer, Sawdon wants to set a solid basis to expand the project into a full-time centre for youth.

Youth Project '81 operates out of the Community Centre on the Fulford-Ganges Road.

Salt Spring recreational activities are geared to adults and all too often, the youth of the island are left to amuse themselves.

Youth Project '81, co-ordinated by Gary Sawdon, a youth worker from Vancouver, has been set up in an effort to change the situation.

"In recent years there's been such a gaping hole in the needs of youth on the island and the consequence has been an increase in vandalism and such," said Sawdon.

The project, funded by a Canada Works grant, is aimed at determining the wants and needs of Salt Spring youth for leisure activities as well as functioning as a clearing house for summer employment for young people.

Sawdon, 22 and Cindy Sweet, 18, are attempting to reach the 200 or so young people on the island in a search for potential improvement in youth needs.

"This is the first solid attempt to create activities for teens," said Sawdon. "Other attempts in the past have not been too successful."

Old timers' picnic on July 26

Salt Spring Island will be there on Sunday, July 26.

It is the day of the old timers' potluck picnic at Cusheon Lake.

Invitations have been extended to anyone and everyone who was on the island before World War II, and their families. According to Charles Horel there will be 600 to 1,000 taking part.

The reunion will start at 3 pm and close off at 8 pm.

The Horel farm on Cusheon Lake is the target.

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Hole makes memorable trip

A visit to the Gulf Islands ranks as a memorable event and for one visitor, a recent trip to Salt Spring will be difficult to forget.

Walter Sokol, of Viscount, Saskatchewan, lost the contents of his gas tank just below Ganges Hill but no one was hurt in the incident.

Sokol, on Salt Spring to visit his son Len Sokol, was on his way to the Long Harbour ferry when he decided to pull off the road to check the vehicle and trailer one last time.

The problem arose when the

asphalt curb he drove over proved to be higher than the tank on his car.

The curb scraped a hole in the tank and Sokol needed the aid of Ganges volunteer fire fighters to prevent a more serious incident.

The fire crew used a spray from the firehose to cool the area while they caught the escaping gasoline in buckets and small barrels.

After a new tank was installed on his car, Sokol left for home, later than he expected but with something to remember.

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Jamboree in Alberta park

Two Salt Spring Sea Scouts take part

Al Innes was there. And David Bremner was there. They were just two of the approximately 20,000 Scouts who took part in the Canadian National Scout Jamboree at Kananaskis Country park in Alberta.

Both boys are with the First Ganges Sea Scouts. They had a ball.

The only two boys from the islands, they joined forces with a Victoria contingent and went east to Alberta by bus.

The 20,000 Scouts were organized by about 3,000 leaders. There were Scouts from the islands in the west and there were Scouts from the distant east coast. In addition, there were Scouts from other countries, notably the United States.

There were activities every day, all the time, for the nine days they were away.

They went to the Calgary Stampede and Scout Innes came back with a \$20 cowboy hat. Both came back with badges they had swapped and a string of tokens representing the activities in which they had taken part.

BUCKING BRONCOS
The Salt Spring Island

contingent gained immortality. They were two of the group which won the bucking bronco contest. David explained the act.

A barrel is suspended by ropes and each rope is manned by Scouts. A contestant mounts the barrel and the rope-men must jerk the barrel until the rider is thrown off.

They even set records. In forestry.

Three boys climbed a pole about 10 or 12 feet high, wrote their names on a blackboard at the top and slid down to run back to the base line. And all three made the climb, writing and running in 1 min., 10 secs.

It's a big place, Kananaskis Country. There is an area of 300 acres and most of it was taken up by the vast expanse of Scouts. It is so big that the Salt Spring Island Scouts couldn't get to the camp area of the boys from foreign countries. The attraction was to exchange badges.

Accommodation was in tents. They slept three to a tent and enjoyed it. In the week or better they were there, it rained on three days but not all day.

The wind was more trouble than the rain. One night they had winds up to 50 mph. The figure comes from Al and David: they were not

thinking metric when the wind blew. They had one tent take off in the wind, but that was the only casualty.

NON-STOP WEEK

It was a week of non-stop games and events. Like the day they went to the Calgary Stampede. It was a full day until two o'clock in the morning, when they finally got back to camp.

The events were highlights and the games of all kinds filled in to complete the day: and the week.

When they took part in the Klondike events, they pulled the dog sled so fast it fell apart, recalled David, with evident delight.

The sluice box racing included passing a full bucket of water through a square hole in a sheet of plywood; high in the sheet.

Every part of Canada was there as well as Scouts from 15 foreign countries.

They arrived home on Thursday last week, full of memories and reminiscences.

And, of course, they will never go again. The national Jamboree takes part every four years and in another four years both boys will be looking for a job in the summer. It will be somebody else's turn.



Members of the First Ganges Sea Scouts, Al Innes, left, and David Bremner had a ball in Alberta.

Golfing

with Pat Doherty

On Tuesday, July 7, 20 ladies participated in the Marg Frattinger Cup. The nine-hole captain, Anne Sober, came through with flying colours. She parred three holes ending up with a 49. Runner-up was Pauline Elliott.

The Connie Porter Trophy changed hands again. Diana Fraser chipping in on number 3. Apparently if there was a prize for long distance putting Diana would win that also. She might get an argument from Norman Youds on that score though.

The nine-hole ladies are hosting a team from Qualicum on July 23. The ladies would also like to welcome newcomer Eelin Fenner to their ranks.

On the same day the 18-hole ladies started play in the Bank of Commerce Cup. Thirty-two ladies took part in the qualifying round. Mildred Gurney took low net with 64, right on her heels for runner-up spot were Alice Fraser and Dorothy Sneddon with net 65's. The putt pot was a tie between Barbara Maguire and Jean Jefferies who both had 26 putts.

The ladies playing in the 18-hole team matches have really been busy. On June 25 Prospect Lake were at Salt Spring coming out ahead of their hosts by a 28 to 20 score. On June 30 Salt Spring visited Colwood coming out on the wrong side of a 17½ to 6½ result. On July 8 the second inter-island match took place. The results after two games are Galiano 1190, Salt Spring 1138 and Pender 1137. The final game of this competition is scheduled for August 6 at Salt Spring.

In the Shipley Cup on July 11, 70 golfers had a fine day. When all the firing was over it was Helen and Bill Kernaghan coming in with low gross 64, the runner-up spot was a tie between Lois P.C. — Ken Anderson, and Gerry and Gord Alexander with 65½'s. Bruce Hardy took the longest drive for the men on number 7 hole, while Anne Monro waltzed off with ladies' longest drive. In closest to the pin prizes it was Ken Anderson and Kas Black taking the honours.

The next two items on the men's calendar are the Schwenger on July 19 and the Parsons Cup on July 30.

Traffic signs expensive for driver

The traffic signs on Galiano Island should remain in a vertical position and not be knocked over by a truck and the logic of the lesson proved costly to a Burnaby man.

John William Georgeson was fined a total of \$75 and ordered to make restitution of \$70.50 when he pleaded guilty to two counts of public mischief.

The provincial court, last week, was told Georgeson was seen driving a truck which knocked down two traffic signs, including one sign located on a traffic island.

The incident was related to the forest ranger on Galiano who called the RCMP. Georgeson was subsequently located and charged.

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